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### TRUE REPENTANCE

Bro. George Sinn — Retired from our Latty, Ohio Church

The most important step that we have to do while we live here upon the earth is to repent. Unless it is a true repentance, it has no value, for the Bible teaches we all are sinners; but it also offers us all the opportunity to turn from our sinful life. It is not God's will that anyone should perish, but that all should have eternal life with Him in heaven.

Repentance can not take place until we grow to the age that we know good from evil. This knowledge comes through Christian teaching in the home and the church. By the knowledge of God's word, we become aware of our lost condition. Then, when the soul feels convicted and lost, it realizes the need of regeneration, by acknowledgement, confession, and faith in the shed blood of Christ.

Now confession is made to God. All sins must be confessed such as lying, stealing, offense, slander — all which burden the soul. Man cannot forgive sins, but by bringing the sins to light, it takes the power from

the evil one, which relieves the burdened heart. This, then, proves the honesty of the heart, the desire to be united with the body of Christ. Restitution must be made to all who have been offended.

When we have earnestly and humbly sought our God in prayer for forgiveness, God is willing to forgive all unrighteousness, and to fill the heart with comfort and peace. This peace is the most precious thing that a believer has.

When a soul finds remission of sins, then grace is given from God, so that we are able to overcome all sinful inclination. After having peace with God and man, for a period of time we prove it out, that we are able to maintain our peace, prove faithful, and bring forth fruit.

Then, we desire to be baptized. We are announced before the brothers and sisters, the church, for membership.

The next step is coming before

the members. Each one comes in separately before the church, that is, the brothers and sisters, and gives a testimony of his or her Christian experience. If the brothers and sisters have a good feeling and can be satisfied in heart, then we also feel God is satisfied.

Then the soul is ready for baptism, through repentance; we also make a covenant with God out of a clear conscience. Baptism represents a grave into which the old man of sin is buried by immersion, and a new man arises out of the grave, to a new life as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

After baptism, through prayer and laying on of hands by the elder, the Holy Spirit is sealed into the purified heart. He leads and guides the soul into all truth and righteousness.

We are taught in God's word, which is our true guide, to come out from the world and touch not unclean things, which are the things that the world enjoys and has

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### TRUE REPENTANCE AND WE JAPANESE

Bro. Yōshio Yamazaki — Minister — Tokyo, Japan Church

I read Brother George Sinn's "True Repentance" in the Silver Lining, and it was really interesting and gave me courage to serve the Lord here in Japan. I am really thankful to translate this into Japanese and pass it to our members, seekers, and friends. I truly believe our church members also will be interested and understand

more about what is true repentance.

I also believe this article tells us the most important thing that we have to do while we live here upon the earth, especially our Japanese people.

I am thinking, really it is very difficult to understand what is the true repentance for our Japanese people, because we don't know very

much about sin as the Bible teaches. Accordingly, also we do not know even God's eternal punishment, which is in the future, of course. Probably we do not try to understand it, some do not want to. I am thinking that perhaps those ideas come from the oriental philosophy.

However, when we look to the

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pleasure in.

If we become a child of God after a true repentance, and would again entangle ourselves with these things, we could not expect our Saviour to accept us as a brother or sister when He again returns. . . or if we would be called out of this life. We would not have a promise of eternal life if we reject our Saviour.

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Japanese history, we find many Japanese people were taught and believe vaguely we will be born again some time in the future. For example, in the old times, a Japanese warrior said, "We will be born seven times and try to destroy the enemies," but I believe this is not like being born again or the resurrection we Christians believe. It surely came from the Buddhist religious influence to us; that's what I believe. Even our Japanese people keep up appearances, respect to the traditions, and are proud for the old customs and morals. Also, especially the family system is very strong here in Japan. We can't deny it, even Shintoism is deep in the heart of our Japanese people. But anyway, Japan is very much changed now. We have many new religions here, but all of them come from these two main religious systems. Marriages, funerals and all kinds of Japanese festivals, etc., are connected with Japanese religions.

I think we Japanese people are faithful to such kind of religions because we were born in these customs and family system. When we read the Bible, Acts 17:22-34, we see it is really difficult to preach the Word of God here in our country, the Land of the Rising Sun. Yes, it is very difficult to lead them to the Lord and try to keep them in faith until the end. Brother Ehnle and his family were living in Japan and he tried to get his standard of living as low as the Japanese, and 12 years later our church is standing faithfully. I saw here in our land,

too, if we ask Him in humble heart, He gives us everything which we need.

**In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations; as he had been told, 'So shall your descendants be.'** Romans 4:18. It is good encouragement for me. I surely believe, when we Japanese people give up our worldly pride and look at ourselves as the prodigal son in the Gospel of St. Luke, chapter 15, then we will understand more about sin, and also true repentance, by His guidance and blessing.

In closing, I would ask you brethren, please, especially pray for the missionary work here in Japan, and that the Lord our Father will give us more strong faith before Him, and patience, courage and love through Christ Jesus our Lord.

**APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN  
CHILDREN'S HOME****Bob Cockburn**

It is a beautiful morning today; the temperature and humidity have moderated, the sun is beginning to peek out from behind some clouds, the children and staff have not yet begun to peek out from the homes, and everything seems to be peaceful. With everything so still and quiet, I can look out the window and down the path through the woods behind my office and take a few moments to reflect on a small portion of God's universe. As I enjoy this short time of serenity and beauty, it reminds me that it is nothing compared to what awaits us in Heaven. We should be thankful for the brief opportunities that God provides us to sample what He has in store for those who follow His ways.

Things are coming to life now, so back to work. We have fourteen children in our care right now and we have been turning away so many that are in need that we can only wonder what the Lord has in mind for the future of the Home. The need is great and our brotherhood has been so blessed by the Lord that we can provide for more of these dear children than we are now. Even though we are full, caseworkers are willing to fill out the required forms and go through the necessary procedures just to be put on a waiting list. This has come about

because we offer Christian homes with a mom and a dad to not only provide for the physical needs of the children, but also the emotional and spiritual needs as well. We could not do this without the support of our many brethren and friends and the blessings of God. We thank you and we thank God continually.

The Lord has provided another couple to work with us for a time. Bro. Bob and Sis. Karen Indermuhle (Sardis, OH) and their three children are planning to arrive about the time you will be reading this. We ask for your prayers for them as they begin working for the Lord in their new capacity.

Just as Bob and Karen are settling in, we hope that many of you will get the opportunity to come visit them. Our Sixth Annual Auction and Sale is scheduled to be held on Saturday, Aug. 28. Not only is this an important day in that it has provided monetary resources that are so necessary to provide for the physical needs of our children, it also provides a few days of working together in Christian love and unity.

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Each church representative has received information about the Sale, so if you have any questions, contact him or call us here at the Home (219-627-5138). For those who are donating articles for the Sale, please price them for us. You are the best judge of the worth of the items.

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Please remember our Sixth Annual Auction and Sale to be held on Saturday, August 28, 1982. The crafts and baked goods areas will be open at 8:00 and the Auction of quilts, afghans, comforters, and hand-crafted wood items will begin at 9:00, with the antique auction (with dishes, etc., watches, ivory, etc.) beginning at 1:00. If you cannot be here in person, please be with us in spirit.

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### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

"Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded." II Chronicles 15:7.

This age-old truth which was spoken so many years ago is still an encouraging truth today. So often we realize that it is not we alone, nor you, who undergird us with help and prayer, who work alone in this enterprise; but it is primarily our Heavenly Father who promises help in every aspect if we follow His leading and sincerely try to do His will. Another source of encouragement sometimes comes from the residents themselves. Recently one resident, in her innocence, made a disparaging remark to another resident. The reproved resident, to whom the remark was made, replied with, "I love you. Are you all right?" And then she followed up with a love pat on the head. This example for all of us confirms to us that our "special" people have some unfathomable secrets endowed by Heaven above.

Looking ahead to Nov. 19, our annual Benefit Day, we want to encourage everyone to plan to enjoy the day with us. And in order to make the day a success, of course, we will need your participation in providing us with the sale items, which we have so very much appreciated during the past years. If

you have attended previous Benefit Days, you are aware of the type of beautiful quilts, crafts, toys, children's items, plants, and baked goods which have been sold. What would add a note of special interest to the day would be your unique ideas, which could range from the small items which we do appreciate to pieces of furniture. Among our patrons are many talented people. We welcome you to share those talents with us. Now is the time to do that planning and preparation.

Perhaps it would be of interest to many of you to visit our Physical Therapy Department. To explain its function, it is the rehabilitation of muscles or muscle groups to improve gross motor skills, such as ambulation, stair climbing, balancing skills, and simple coordination skills. This also improves the ability to carry out their activities of daily living. Splinting and bracing are sometimes used to help us achieve the goals we set up for each individual. The ultimate goals are to attain a person's maximum physical potential or to maintain his present abilities. The means used to achieve these skills are range of motion, strengthening exercises, coordination exercises, resistive exercises with the use of weights, patterning exercises, stretching exercises, and gait training on flat terrain and steps. By keeping each patient at his physical best, it allows him to participate in other activities, carry out his duties, and feel his best. Our residents have a wide range of disabilities, which requires some innovative treatments. At the present time, forty residents are receiving physical therapy here at our Home.

Each resident's program is set up to meet his or her individual physical needs. They begin by seeing our Physiatrist, Dr. Flores, for an examination. After he orders the treatment to be given, it is personalized by our staff registered physical therapist, by our physical therapist assistant, and by our physical therapy coordinator. Many different kinds of treatments are implemented. Our aim is not only to improve their physical condition, but also to make this time an enjoyable one when we can show love, while at the same time, instilling

confidence in themselves and their abilities.

Two new residents have been welcomed to our Home recently. On June 29, we became acquainted with Barbara Shaw of East Peoria. The daughter of Charlotte and the late Robert Shaw, she has two brothers, one sister, six nieces, and two nephews. Because she spends her daytime hours at PARC, we have the privilege of her company only in the evenings and weekends. Her favorite food is spaghetti; her favorite pasttime is reading and embroidering. Birthday time is Oct. 17.

On July 13, Rhonda Pullen of Dunalp, IL came to live with us. She is the daughter of Patricia and Ronald Pullen. A brother, Rodney, and a sister, Cindi, make up her family. Latch hooking and watching her brother play baseball are among Rhonda's favorite pasttimes. Her favorite food is pizza. Birthday time for Rhonda is November 4.

It is a pleasure to observe the enthusiasm with which our "family" welcomes a new resident. It always reminds one of the joy experienced in a family when a new baby arrives.

A progressive dinner in the Gridley area, a trip to the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago, and a tour of the telephone company are among some of the current summer activities. We are grateful for the beautiful summer weather. Enjoying the outdoors is so beneficial for the residents.

Charles Dickens once wrote: "Try to do to others as you would have them do to you, and do not be discouraged if they fail sometimes. It is much better that they should fail than that you should."

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### ARIZONA, PHOENIX

Julie Hoerr

June 20, was a beautiful, sunny day for the announcement of Sis. Jody Knochel and Bro. Tom Klotzle's engagement. Bro. Tom is from the Altadena Congregation and the son of Deacon Bro. John and Sis. Lois. Sis. Jody's parents are Bro. Herb and Sis. Joann. They have planned an Aug. 8 wedding, as Sis. Kathy Klotzle, Bro. Tom's twin sister plans to be back from Japan vacationing at that time. Sis. Kathy will be returning to Japan for a third year of teaching. Jody's grand-

parents, Retired Elder Bro. Joe and Sis. Elizabeth Waibel, also will be coming from Michigan. We wish Bro. Tom and Sis. Jody God's rich love and blessings as they begin their walk as one in Him.

We have been blessed with two dear visiting ministers. Bro. Phil Stettner and family (Bluffton) spent some time with Bro. Bill and Sis. Sharon Dotterer, Bro. Phil's sister, and so lovingly shared God's Word with us. On a Wednesday evening we were blessed when Bro. Loren Knapp (Tucson) brought us the message of God's love and our need to put all our trust in Him.

Sis. Lucille Richardson and Sis. Viola Traub are both able to assemble with us again following their surgeries.

The last Sunday of June many enjoyed a fellowship dinner; this will be our last monthly potluck until October.

#### ARIZONA, TUCSON

**Lisa Bauer — Sandy Bauer**

Millie Stichling was in the hospital this month. We all wish her a speedy recovery. Our Bro. Maynard Beery was also hospitalized this month, but we are happy to hear that he is home again and doing better.

Temperatures have been in the 100 to 110 range this month. As we here in Tucson look to the sunny blue skies we are reminded that the love of Christ radiates toward us in much the same way as the sun's light radiates toward the earth.

I stand upon the mount of God

With sunlight in my soul;

I hear the storms in vales beneath,

I hear the thunders roll.

But I am calm with thee, my God,

Beneath these glorious skies;

And to the height on which I stand,

No storms, nor clouds, can rise.

O, This is life! O, this is joy!

My God, to find thee so;

Thy face to see, thy voice to hear,

And all thy love to know.

Horatius Bonar

#### CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA

**Mary Beth Klotzle**

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blot-

ted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;" Acts 3:19. We rejoice with the angels as Clarence Graf, Jr. has been given the grace to repent for his sins and seek the Kingdom of God. Our prayers for continuing grace and strength are with Clarence as he walks the narrow path to life everlasting.

Trusting in faith, our Bro. Tom Klotzle (Bro. John and Sis. Lois) and Sis. Jody Knochel (Bro. Herb and Sis. Johanna), from Phoenix, believe it's the Lord's perfect will to become united as one. We wish them the Lord's blessings as they begin to serve Him together.

We have again been blessed with visitors, and among them were ministering Bros. Phil Stettner (Bluffton, IN) and Harold Schmidgall (Gridley, IL). May God bless all of those who share with us the Words of Life.

#### CALIFORNIA, MAYWOOD

**Ben Ammann**

Sunday June 20 we had visitors Bro. Jim Ringger (Phoenix, AZ) and Jake Ringger (Gridley, IL).

Sunday June 27 we had many brothers and sisters from Phoenix and also members of the Nazarene Church from San Diego, CA. There were about 45 present and we had a pleasant morning service.

June 23 was a sad day for us with the death of our Bro. Alf Larsen, 73. In our small congregation to lose one brother will be felt by us.

July 11 Bro. Doug Kraft (Gridley, KS) and Bro. Phil Strahm (Emporia, KS) were our visitors.

#### COLORADO, DENVER

**Marlene Leman**

God has blessed us with many visitors this month and we are thankful for each one. We can enjoy the beauty of the mountains and all God's creation out here at any time so we appreciate vacation time when others can come to enjoy it too.

Our visiting ministers this month were Bro. Dale Strausheim from Milford, Bro. Bill Gerst from Alto and Bro. John Isch from Indiana polis. It is encouraging to hear the blessed truths of God's word so sincerely brought forth by young brothers, just as we have down

through the years, by our older brothers. May God continue to provide for His people and may He richly bless these dear brothers for their service to us.

We hold our services at the Victory Grange Hall, 2009 Tower Rd., Aurora. Services start at 10:30 and 12:30 with lunch served in between. We encourage anyone traveling in our area to call, or stop in to visit, or if possible, spend a Sunday with us so we can worship together. Our phone number is 303-696-1301.

#### CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE

**Dorothy Viens**

As the time approaches when our beloved elder brethren meet together to consider the ever-present dangers that threaten our precious church, may we all remember them in our prayers and give heed to the teachings and warnings that God, through them, brings to us.

Bro. Warren and Sis. Bonnie Zahner are the happy parents of a baby girl, Alisa Jean, born July 8. They have four boys, Michael, Shawn, David and Johnathan. Grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Pauline Luginbuhl and Bro. Emmanuel and Sis. Clara Zahner. May God grant added grace and strength, even as He has added another responsibility to their lives.

Once again the Lord has reached out and touched the heart of a dear friend, Susan Stomberg, who is willing to surrender her life into the service of the Lord. Susan is the daughter of Bro. Ron and Sis. Judy Stomberg. We wish her God's rich grace as she begins this new walk of life.

Sis. Anna Lanz (Bro. Harold) and Bro. Eugene Kupfes Schmid (Sis. Ellen) have been hospital patients. May they feel God's nearness and strength in their time of recuperation.

"Beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things." Romans 10:15. We enjoyed the visits of ministering Bros. Ken Lawson (Ft. Lauderdale), Walter Hermann (Princeville) and Elder Bro. Norbert Steiner (Croghan). May each one be blessed for their service in the vineyard of the Lord.

One of our recent visiting

ministers brought out the following verse in his exhortation.

Watch your thoughts, they become words.  
 Watch your words, they become deeds  
 Watch your deeds, they become habits  
 Watch your habits, they become your character  
 Watch your character, it becomes your destiny.

Author Unknown

Where are your thoughts leading you?

**FLORIDA, SARASOTA**  
**Doris and Diane Rocke**

The engagement of Sis. Elaine Schambach and Bro. Tom Gudeman was made known. Their parents are Bro. William and Sis. Cora Schambach, Elgin, IL and Elder Bro. Wendell and Sis. Marcella Gudeman, Francesville, IN.

Visiting us this month were ministering brothers Paul Eisenmann (Burlington, IA), Wayne Kilgas (Fairbury, IL), Joe Schrock (Congerville, IL). We also thank Elder Bro. Ben Maibach for his service of love.

We were privileged to hear the testimony of our new sister in faith, Barbara Mashburn. May peace and love ever abide in her heart.

Bro. Chris Leman and Sis. Vera Martin are attending services again. We pray God will bless them during their recuperating hours. May they feel His presence at all times.

We enjoy the fellowship of the many visitors who are vacationing these summer months.

**ILLINOIS**  
**BLOOMINGTON, NORMAL**  
**Shirley Denick**  
**Charlene Knobloch**

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness. Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me. For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me. Psalm 31:1-3

Once again we rejoice as the Lord has worked in the heart of

another dear soul, Tom Keely. May God's grace and blessings be with him on his new journey.

Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Helen Zimmerman have moved to Fairbury. Their contributions to our church have been greatly appreciated. We wish them many blessings in their retirement; they will surely be missed in our congregation.

Visiting ministers were our Elder Bro. Dan Koch (Tremont), Bro. Earl Kilgus (Remington, IN), and Bro. Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville). We thank each one of them for sharing God's Holy Word.

Our prayers and sympathy are with Bro. Dick and Sis. Jan Gudeman. Walter Hari, Silverton, OR (Sis. Jan's father) passed away July 1, after a long illness. May God comfort their hearts with his presence in their time of sorrow.

His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,  
 His power no boundary known unto men;  
 For out of His infinite riches in Jesus  
 He giveth and giveth and giveth again.

Annie Johnson Flint

**ILLINOIS, BRADFORD**  
**Shirley Kieser**

Grant us, Dear Lord, that "I will" and "I do" are words that grow deeper and more meaningful, too.

Helen Steiner Rice

The lives of four people have been changed by taking the second most important step in life, marriage. We surely wish them God's blessings and love and guidance as they begin their lives together. Nate Stoller and Sherrill Stahl were married June 26. Bro. Nate and Sis. Martha Stoller and Lloyd and Betty Stahl are their parents. Mark Fritzenmeier and Pam Kieser's wedding date was July 17. Their parents are Bob and Delores Heilman and Bro. David and Sis. Shirley Kieser.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Bob and Sis. Becky Joos as three of Becky's aunts and an uncle were killed in a tragic fire. This terrible event is proof once again that we never know where the end of the world will come for us.

Ron and Tammy Wagenbach and

Paul welcomed into their hearts and home a new little son and brother, Gary Alan. We're happy to have a new family and welcome them, as they recently moved here from Tremont.

Our visiting minister was Bro. Don Manz, Junction, OH. We thank him for his efforts on our behalf.

There is much cause for rejoicing as four more souls have given their hearts to the Lord in repentance. They are Carol Kieser (Bro. David and Sis. Shirley), Mary Ann Kieser (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Wilma), Joni Leman (Bro. Marv and Sis. Jane) and Leslie Fehr (Bro. Larry and Sis. Carol, West Bend). How can we thank the Lord enough for His mercy and love?!

**ILLINOIS, CHICAGO**

**Kathy Schlatter**

"No man is an island. . ."

John Donne

Our Creator made a universe which is interdependent, one being on the other. Not one creature is able to exist without another physical creation for food, for companionship. Man is no exception. Even the wind, which we cannot see, when it blows, changes something in our world. The sun shines, the rain comes, and we are affected. Perhaps what happens seems to be a terrible disaster — perhaps good fortune. We are asked to thank God for whatever has happened, knowing that He sees all the dimensions and far-seeing effects of an event. We have such short sight. We need to humbly rely on each other, rejoicing in one another's strengths without being cast down, even when our own efforts (by comparison with another) seem weak. The more closely intertwined we are, the more the fabric of the church glorifies His name. After all, we want to be part of a holy garment, not of a garment full of holes.

Where does faith begin? "...faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17. We are so well provided for, that brethren chosen by God would preach His word, that our faith might be increased. We appreciate our own ministering brethren, as well as those who have made a special effort to visit from a distance: Bro. Paul Gasser (Akron, OH),

Bro. Arnie Gerst (Taylor, MO), Bro. Wayne Anliker (Forrest) and Bro. Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton, IN). May the Holy Spirit continue to give them His blessed instruction and inspiration.

Our children have enjoyed several activities recently, for the Sunday School picnic was July 11, and we were all blessed in being together. Then for two weeks (Mon., Wed., Thurs. evenings), we have had Bible School. Of course, a lot of effort from many parents and teachers made it spiritually profitable—with any glory to God. I must confess to feeling like another mother who said, "It takes so much time that I'm ready for it to be over, but then, I'll also miss the fellowship." The children would be glad, I'm sure, if it lasted much longer.

We are becoming acquainted with Bro. Brian Moser, from Roanoke, who is attending DeVries Institute, with its emphasis on electronics. School may get tougher and time longer that it has so far, so we pray that Christ our Lord and we as His Church may be a network of love and support for Bro. Brian, as we enjoy his youth and enthusiasm.

Sis. Sara Adams became ill while visiting her sister in Ohio and was hospitalized. We pray for His mercy to sustain her and His love to give her strength to endure.

In his short season of serving the Lord, Leo Grimm left us his assurance that he was not afraid to die and a prayer of thanks to the Lord for his severe trial of illness. Leo was born Feb. 21, 1915, and died June 27, 1982. All our ministering brothers were involved in his funeral service here in Chicago Wed., June 30. His nephew, Bro. Arnie Gerst, conducted a short service that evening in Taylor, MO. Leo was laid to earthly rest in Taylor church's cemetery. His wife, Barbara, and three sisters, Sis. Marie Butikofer (Taylor, MO), Sis. Sarah Gerst (Oakville, IA), and Sis. Rose Steffen (Elgin, IL) survive. To all the bereaved, but especially to his helpmate, Barbara, we wish the Lord's comfort, grace, wisdom, that it may be well with their souls.

As we are getting a very brief introduction to the computer, we learn if its strict adherence to the letter of the "law" (program). The computer

will do only what it is told, in an exact order. If it is told incorrectly, it will either show an error or give "garbage data." It cannot leap to an understanding of the mind of a man, to do what he meant for it to do. Therefore, we are glad that God gave man much more than a program for living. Yes, we are taken step by step, but He utilizes our talents and idiosyncrasies to introduce each step necessary for us—at the exact time. He created us that we might not only understand the letter but also grasp the spirit of His plan for our salvation.

In a sermon, we were given someone else's experience with a computer. There seems to be a great deal of trouble in using a particular program. Finally someone read the manual—and discovered that the program in question would erase if not used at least every three days. Perhaps we need to re-examine our spiritual program if we think Wed. evening and Sunday are enough spiritual stimulation. Are we erasing—or gaining valuable input day by day?

#### ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK Melba Funk - Joan Waldbeser

On the weekend of June 26 and 27 we heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptism of two precious souls, Bro. Steve Walder (Bro. Melvin and Sis. Irma) and Sis. Darlene Kaeb (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mary Lou). We are so thankful for each one that is added to the fold. Bros. Perry Zimmerman (Forrest) and Robert Walder (Congerville) were here to help with this most important work.

Also on June 27, we held our Church picnic at Kaufman's Timber, which was enjoyed by all.

Other visiting ministers this month have been Bro. Bill Gudeman (Elgin) and Bro. Todd Feller (LaCrosse). We truly appreciate the efforts of these dear brothers and enjoy having them visit us.

We have had much sadness in our community lately. On June 24 our dear elderly Bro. Ben Neukomm passed from this life. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Esther (Frintz) Neukomm, three daughters, Sis. Carolyn Hari, Mrs. Virginia Ehman, Mrs. Susar Hodel (Racine, WI), one son, Bro. Alvin Neukomm (Morton),

two brothers, Louis and Joe Neukomm, 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

On July 11, Brenda Young, 16, daughter of Sis. Kate and Harvey Young, was involved in a tragic car accident which took her life. She would have been a senior this fall at Cissna Park High School. Also surviving are one sister, Sis. Lisa Kaufman, two brothers, Douglas and Nathan, at home, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Slagel Sr. (Fairbury) and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young.

There's One who hears you when  
you pray,  
So put yourself in His hands to-  
day  
Trust in His goodness, lean on  
His love,  
And know that His blessings will  
come from above.

J. Harold Gwynne

Hospital patient this month has been George Winger, who had eye surgery and is doing very nicely. Sis. Tillie Rudin was also hospitalized and is home again.

Bro. Harry and Sis. Mattie Bauer wish to express their sincere and humble thanks to the many friends, relatives and brethren who remembered them with beautiful congratulatory cards and notes, telephone calls, prayers, beautiful floral arrangements, monetary gifts and others. They also thank all those who helped in any way to make their 50th wedding anniversary such a joyous occasion. A special thanks goes to their children and their families who hosted the event and above all they thank their Heavenly Father for granting them life together these fifty short years. It is a day they will always remember.

#### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE Shirley Ifft — Carol Craig

To Be A Christian  
I wondered what the Christian Walk  
could be?  
I found that it's the one I walk with  
Thee...  
That when my feet can find Thy  
path each day  
That I am Thine forever, come what  
may...

I wondered what the Christian Way  
could be?

I found that it's the way Thou  
showest me. . .

And when I seek on godliness to  
feed

I only have to ascertain it as a  
Christlike need. . .

I wondered what the Christian Life  
could be?

I found that it's the life I live in  
Thee. . .

So when my days and nights con-  
form to Thy True Word

My heart and soul are filled with  
wisdom they had never heard. . .

I wondered, as I waited for some  
time

To understand the Walk, the Way,  
the Life now mine—

And then I realized — these joys  
that thus remain

Are what make me a Christian —  
praise be His holy name!

Jessyca Russell Gaver

We wish Cindy Zimmerman (Bro. Sam and Sis. Luella) and David Lee God's love and blessings as they were joined together as husband and wife. May the Lord's love dwell in their home, for we know that the most essential element in any home is God.

A precious son, Mark, was welcomed by his parents, Vern and Jeannie Williamson. Little Mark's grandparents, who were also happy to receive him, are Bro. Bob and Sis. Doris Williamson and Jim and Evelyn Thompson of Gibson City.

We held our annual Sunday School picnic this month. Although the day was hot and humid, everyone, young and old, enjoyed the fellowship and singing. Several classes gave examples of what they learned about God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Sis. Pennina Miller has been in the hospital. We are looking forward to seeing her smiling face in church on Sundays.

Our young brothers and sisters sing for our older brothers and sister quite often. One older brother told the young group a story of a young man who felt that he carried such a heavy cross and he wasn't sure if he could go on. One day he met an old man who made crosses of

varied sizes and weights. The old man encouraged the young man to put down his cross and try out a new cross. The young man tried out all the crosses in the room to see which would fit him better and would make his life easier. Finally the young man told the older man, "Thank you, I've found the cross that I can bear." He picked up his old cross and walked cheerfully out the door. This story can be an example to us that the Lord know just how much we can bear and that everyone is given the cross that is just right for them. Like the young man, sometimes our cross seems too heavy to bear, but as we look at other people and their cares and trials, we see that the Lord knows just how much we can carry and we can go cheerfully onward knowing that our cross is just right for us.

#### ILLINOIS, ELGIN

Ruth Ann Getz

"And the Apostles and elders came together for to consider this matter." Acts 15:6.

Our faith is increased in knowing that the elder brothers of our time come together to find God's direction in much the same way that the elders of the first church came together.

As our elder brothers come together at their annual conference this month, we pray and trust that the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ will be abundantly revealed.

Bro. Tim Aberle (son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Frieda - Tremont) and Sis. Candi Weiss (daughter of Bro. Paul and Sis. Joyce) were united in holy matrimony July 4. Bro. Nathan Steffen spoke of the "purity of heart" necessary with each party preceding a "marriage of faith". It is surely a beautiful premise on which to build a life together. May God bless their marriage richly. Bro. Al Aberle (Tremont), Bro. Wayne Miller (Fort Scott) and Bro. Nathan Stoller (Bradford) came to share the joy of this young couple and we were blessed by their ministry.

Death has brought tears and sorrow to various friends and brethren. We do not understand the process of grief totally, but we know it is very real for those experiencing it and so we sincerely ask the Lord

to extend his comforting hand to each of these individuals.

Among those who have suffered loss are Bro. Dick and Sis. Jeannette Kilgus in the death of Jeannette's aunt, Victoria Retter (Louisville, KY), Sis. Sarah Kellenberger in the death of her nephew, Curtis Mohrman (Alexandria, MN) and Sis. Rose Steffen in the death of her brother, Leo Grimm (Chicago, IL).

In our own congregation we sorrow with Martha Lohbauer in the death of her dear husband, Ed. Ed passed away July 1 at the age of 80 and was the son of Conrad and Rosa Trittenbach Lohbauer. He will be sorely missed.

Carl Schmidgall, 86, passed away July 3. He was born in Grosshochberg, Germany and had lived in Elgin since 1923. His wife, Rose Wewetzer Schmidgall preceded him in death.

We are happy to have Jon Lee Schmidt (son of Bro. Jerry and Sis. Judy, West Bend) living in Elgin and attending the Elgin congregation. We extend a warm welcome.

The engagement of Bro. Kevin Kilgus (son of Bro. Dick and Sis. Jeannette) and Sis. Denise Zimmerman (daughter of Bro. Leland and Sis. Lorraine, Eureka) was made known to our congregation on July 18. We rejoice with these young people and their families. May God bless them richly.

Sis. Carol Leman and Nan Stettner were hospitalized for surgery this past month and are recuperating at this time. Sis. Kate Williamson and Art Getz also were hospitalized. Art remains hospitalized at this time and is seriously ill. Times of illness often bring us in close communion with the Father. What a comfort it is to know that He is available in all our times of trouble!

Bro. Joe Gerst (Iowa City), Bro. Bill Gerst (Alto), Bro. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka) and Bro. Dale Frank (Oakville) visited us on July 18 and shared the Word with us. What a sweet fellowship we share in the Lord! We cannot prize it too highly.

Bro. Brad Gudeman, Bro. Tom Schambach and Sis. Leann Schambach have been chosen as Sunday School teachers. We are thankful

God provides faithful believers through whom he then speaks to our precious youth.

A new little son was born to Glenn and Shirly Schifferer on June 23. Bryan, Cindy, Benjamin complete the family. Ed and Sis. Dorothy Schifferer are the happy grandparents.

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

We rejoiced with Bro. Mike Schmidgall as he was added to the family of God. His parents are Bro. Marvin and Sis. Dorothy. With us the Sunday of his baptism were Bro. Bill Hodel, Roanoke and Bro. Mike Rinkenberger of Congerville. We thank the brothers for serving us.

Sis. Elizabeth Gudeman, a resident of the Home for eleven years, was called out of this life quite suddenly on June 27. She had been ill for just a few days. Our sympathy goes to her son, Bro. Don. She also is survived by a brother, John Neuswanger and two sisters, Hannah Woerner and Elvira Perdelwitz.

We enjoyed Bro. Uriel and Sis. Judy Gehring visiting us on a Wednesday evening. We received many worthwhile teachings from Bro. Uriel.

On June 22 another soul's earthly life was finished. Bro. Joe Schlupp passed away after being in ill health for some time. His widow, Sis. Viola survives as well as one son, Joe, Jr., one daughter, Minnie Lodge, six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one brother, John and three sisters, Sisters Barbara and Elizabeth of Roanoke and Ida Wengert of Eureka.

Bro. Larry and Sis. Marilyn Leman have a new baby boy born June 30. He is Trent Jacob, a brother to Holly and Timothy. His grandparents are Bro. Milton and Sis. Carolyn Leman and Lee and Sis. Mary Swadley of East Peoria.

We truly appreciated the visit of Elder Bro. Dale and Sis. Judy Eisenman of Chicago along with our other welcome visitors on Sunday July 4. We especially thank Bro. Dale for serving us the whole day.

Sis. Anna Baer wishes to express her thanks and appreciation for the cards, gifts, and all the love and kindness shown to her in the hospital and since returning to her

home. A special thanks goes to the elders and ministers for their visits and prayers. She asks for God's blessings on all who remembered her.

First time parents are Bro. Robyn and Sis. Janet Rocke whose son, Benjamin Neil, was born on July 12. His grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Marge Rocke and Bro. Sam and Sis. Aldine Leman.

"Life is like a ladder; each step is either up or down."

Apples of Gold

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**ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY**  
**Carol Bazzell - Joann Zehr**

On June 27 the engagements of Bro. Don Kaisner (Bro. Merle and Sis. Marge) to Sis. Leona Fehr (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kathryn) and Bro. Allen Gerber (Bro. Earl and Sis. Esther) of Forrest to Sis. Marcia Fehr (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kathryn) were announced. Leona and Marcia are sisters and are planning a double wedding on Aug. 29. May God richly bless these young couples in their future lives.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held at our Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 27. It is always an enjoyable evening spent together with our children and parents.

Bro. Clarence Dietrich (Silverton, OR) accompanied the body of Sis. Margaret Wanner to her last resting place in Fairbury. Sis. Margaret, 86, died June 19 and services were held here on June 23. She has two surviving sisters, Sis. Sarah Baer (Dunlap) and Mary Kuntz (Normal). Another dear one, Sis. Mary Kilgus, 83, was laid to rest on July 2. She is survived by two brothers, Bro. Sam (Francesville) and Bro. Henry (Fairbury). May God comfort the families.

Bro. Rod and Sis. Beth Steffen moved July 15 to the Bay City, MI area. Bro. Rod was transferred there by his company. We will certainly miss them here in Fairbury and wish them God's nearness. Our congregation had a farewell singing for them and Sis. Beth has handed us the following note:

"Rod and I would like to say a special thanks to each of you for all the love and kindness you've shown us these past two years. We will miss you very much but will always remind ourselves that you're really

only a prayer away. May God bless you richly."

As a reminder to our congregation, the Silver Lining collection is now due.

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**ILLINOIS, FORREST**

**Jan Bachtold - Kathy Leman**

We thank Bro. Clarence Deitrich (Silverton, OR) for ministering the Word to us. May God ever strengthen these brothers and grant them grace to bring forth the true Word of God.

We think of our dear Bro. Harvey Leman (Sis. Leona) who is hospitalized at this time. May God be his source of strength and comfort.

The engagement of Bro. Alan Gerber (Bro. Earl and Sis. Esther) to Sis. Marcia Fehr (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kathryn) was made known. Also engaged are Sis. Holly Zimmerman (Bro. Al and Sis. Carolyn) and Bro. Glen Steidinger (Bro. Ivan and Sis. Kathryn). May God be with these couples as they plan for their weddings.

Kirk Farney (Bro. Roger and Sis. Janet) and Christine Van-Wassenhove took their wedding vows on July 10. They will make their home near Chicago.

Our friend, Ed Wenger (Sis. Renee) has been taken into the fold of Christ. May God grant him grace to stay true to His Lord. Bro. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna) was here to assist in this important work.

Bro. Ed and Sis. Renee Wenger were blessed with a little bundle, Nathan Albert. His sisters, Sara and Rachael, welcome him home. Sis. Nathalia Wenger is his grandmother.

Sis. Louise Zimmerman (Bro. Sam) was hospitalized and is back home again.

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**ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD**  
**Verna Hartter**

"To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you." I Peter 1:4.

We were recently reminded to "accept and enjoy the inheritance God has provided for us, and don't wait until it is too late." Again, we wish to sincerely thank our visiting ministers: Bro. Carl Wyss (Washington), Bro. Marvin Stieglitz (Leo,



IN), Bros. Jim Leman and Gene Bertschi (Roanoke) and Bro. Ed Ringger (Gridley).

On July 11, Sis. Becki Hohulin (Bro. Bill and Sis. Lydia) and Bro. Jim O'Shea (son of John O'Shea of Chicago) exchanged wedding vows in a beautiful ceremony. The ceremony was performed by her grandfather, Bro. Ed Hohulin, and Bro. Ed Ringger, Gridley. May God richly bless them with his wonderful faith, peace and love, as they begin their life together.

We have two new little babies in our congregation. They are Gina Niole, born on June 29 to Bro. Kent and Sis. Janelle Kloter. She has a sister Gwen and brother Warren. Grandparents are the Ed Rinkenbergers of Gridley, and Bro. Edmund and Sis. Lorine Kloter. Brad Wiegand was born on July 15 to Bro. Rick and Sis. Sue. He has a brother, Curt, and his grandparents are Bro. Keith and Sis. Pauline Roth, Congerville, and Bro. Dan and Sis. Verla Wiegand.

Our dear Sis. Louise Teubel passed away at the Apostolic Home in Eureka, on June 30. Services were held for her on July 3. Survivors are one daughter, Ann Hasty of Mackinaw and one son, William of Eldridge, IA, five grandchildren and one brother Hans Eglin, in Switzerland. We do treasure her many kind deeds of love shown to us through the years.

#### ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY Carol Klopfenstein

A new life has brightened the hearts and home of Bro. Keith and Sis. Linda Zimmerman. Their baby boy was born June 20 and his name is Andrew James. Andrew has a sister, Jessica, and his grandparents are Bro. Floyd and Sis. Marge Meiss of Gridley and Mr. and Mrs. John Zimmerman of Fairbury.

Dennis and Janet Ellis are also the happy parents of a baby boy. Dain Allen was born June 25 and has a sister, Tisha. His grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Mary Gramm and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ellis, all of Gridley.

Our hospital patients were Nicholas Hendren, son of Marlin and Sis. Debbie Stoller Hendren and Karin Keifer, daughter of Bro. Larry and Sis. Barb Kiefer.

Recently we heard that we should not live for earthly destinations, but for each day of our pilgrim journey. At times we are tempted to say, "When I get my health back, I'll be a different person", or "When I'm out of debt, then I can be happy," or "When I'm married, my life will be better," or "When my children are grown I won't be so impatient or easily provoked." Each day of our life is an important, significant time God has given us. Every day is a precious gift of God. We will rejoice and be glad." May we as the Apostle Paul, be able to learn that in whatsoever state we are in, therewith to be content. (Philippians 4:11) The one destination that we should live for and prepare for each day is our heavenly home.

#### ILLINOIS, MORTON

##### Phyllis Farney - Joann Roecker

Bro. Ervin and Sis. Leona Leman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 19. We wish them God's richest blessings as they continue to walk down life's pathway together toward their Heavenly Home. A reception was hosted by their children at the Roanoke Apostolic Christian Fellowship Hall.

We had church potluck on June 19 at the Morton Apostolic Christian Fellowship Hall. We enjoyed delicious food and had wonderful Christian fellowship with one another. We were privileged to have Bro. Ben Maibach with us. Bro. Ben spoke on what the Apostolic Christian Church is doing in Missionary works and efforts. We wish to thank Bro. Ben for telling us of the many ways our precious faith is helping those in need of spiritual and physical help. Bro. Ben also ministered God's Holy Word unto us on Father's Day. May God bless him for his labors of love.

Sis. Anna Stoller was sweetly called Home to be forever with the Lord. Her funeral was held on June 28. May the Lord comfort and bless her family and friends.

We extend sympathy to the Hirstein family during their time of bereavement. Clay Rupprecht was the husband of Anna Hirstein.

The family of Sis. Leah Hoffman wishes to thank all for the acts of love and kindness shown to their dear mother during her illness and

passing. We are very grateful to you and wish you God's blessings.

We wish Sisters Debbie Braker, Christine Kaiser and Tammy Garber and Bro. Ted Witzig God's richest blessings as they will lend themselves in the Lord's work of teaching our children.

We thank Bros. John Steiner (Oakville, IA) and Bro. Paul Eisenmann (Burlington, IA) for ministering God's Holy Word unto us. May our Heavenly Father richly bless them for their labors of love.

The following loved ones have recently spent some time in the hospital: Emma (Robert) Ackerman, Anna Huette, Janet Simpson, Lou (Bro. Henry) Binkley, Sis. Esther Yentes and Sis. Louise Stoller. May we remember these loved ones and all who are ill or shut-in in our prayers.

Sis. Mary Getz was called Home after a short illness. Funeral services were held on July 17. May our Heavenly Father richly comfort and bless her family and friends.

#### PEORIA, ILLINOIS Mary Plattner Mary Ann Plattner

All the way my Saviour leads me;  
What have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt His tender mercy  
Who thro' life has been my guide?  
Hymns of Zion No. 21

June 27 was a special day in our congregation. We heard the announcement of the engagement of Sis. Jan Hoerr (Bro. Don and Sis. Velma) to Bro. Scott Stickling (Bro. Ben and Sis. Sharon). In the afternoon we witnessed the wedding of Sis. Becky Feucht (Bro. Walter) and Bro. Tom Hoerr (Bro. Tom and Sis. Jeanette). We pray the Lord will bless these two couples as they walk life's pathway together.

We were blessed this month with several visiting ministers. They were Bro. Noah Herman (Tucson), Bro. Harry Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale), Bro. Elmer Witzig (Gridley, IL), Bro. Ken Schneider (Remington), Bro. Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit), and Bro. Marshall Heinold (Washington). May the Lord richly reward each one for serving our congregation.

We have two new baby boys in

our congregation. Jason Ray was born to Bro. Rod and Sis. Judy Getz. His grandparents are Bro. Mel and Sis. Margaret Getz and Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn Metzger (Lester, IA).

Luke Gangloff welcomes home his new brother, Adam. Adam's parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Jill Gangloff. His grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Wilma Honegger.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Paul Heinold. His funeral was July 15.

Our prayers are that the Lord will grant a speedy recovery to our Sisters, Mary Plattner and Lorene Joos, who were in the hospital a few days this month.

Sis. Susie Zeller, who has not been able to assemble with us for several years, will be 92 years old on Aug. 28.

Sis. Sophie Hoerr wishes to thank everyone for their many prayers, beautiful cards, and flowers that she received while in the hospital and at home. It was greatly appreciated and may God bless everyone for the love that was shown unto her.

#### ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

**Arlene and Arlys Martin**

"Let us be as watchful after the victory as before the battle." — A. Bonar.

Visiting ministers who shared the Word with us have been Bros. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park), Perry Zimmerman (Forrest), Merle Kaisner (Fairbury), Roy Sauder (Peoria), Dan Koch (Tremont), Don Sauder (Roanoke), Dave Wiegand (Urbana), and Fred Knapp (Congerville).

On July 11 we witnessed the baptisms of two new brothers and one new sister in Christ. They are Bro. Ed Martin, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Edna Martin; Bro. Dean Herrmann, son of Bro. Noah and Sis. Evalyn Herrmann; and Sis. Deonne Baurer, daughter of Bro. Art and Sis. Joy Baurer.

On June 27 the Prairie Choristers of Roanoke sang at our Fellowship Hall. The evening was very pleasant and Christ-honoring.

Robert Herman Baaer was born on June 23 to Bro. Ray and Sis. Janina Lou Baer. Kerry, Wanda, and Cyrena welcome him into their family. Grandparents are bro. Her-

man and Sis. Mary Baer of Princeville and Sis. Marilyn Schieler of Wolcott, IN.

Gabriel Jay Grimm was born on July 7 to Bro. Jay and Sis. Kathy Grimm. Grandparents are Bro. Earl and Anna Lou Grimm of our congregation and Jerry Ladd and Kathy Ladd of Metamora.

Mark Alan Baer was born on July 10 to Bro. Larry and Sis. Vera Baer. Grandparents are Otto and Eleanor Baer of our congregation and Bro. Virgil and Sis. Bernice Frieden of Lamar, MO.

Bro. Silas Leuthold had eye surgery on June 15. He is recovering.

Sis. Lucille Knobloch has surgery on July 16 and her husband, Bro. Ed went to the hospital on July 20 with pneumonia. Both have recovered and are worshipping with us again.

#### ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

**Joyce Hodel — Carol Rumbold**

The end of summer is nearing; it seems to come sooner each year but with it also comes a beginning for many! The daily routine of mothers, school children, college-bound youth, and others will change and bring new responsibilities and experiences. May your ambitions rise to meet them and may God be with you in every direction.

Father's Day weekend brought joy to the Father's heart. Three lost souls were found; they gave their testimony of faith on Saturday. It is always a joy to have visiting ministers. Elder Bros. Bob Grimm and Edwin Ringger were there along with Bro. Francis Rother and Bro. Art Bauer. We thank them for assisting our Elder Bro. Don. Matt Fehr (Bro. Ben and Sis. Helen), Becky Stoller (Bro. Rich and Sis. Barbara), and Lynn Sauder (Elder Bro. Don and Sis. Wilma) are now part of our flock and together we will keep our eyes on the Shepherd.

Our friend, Carl Fehr, passed away and we share the loss with his wife, Agnes. He is an uncle of our Bro. Walt Fehr.

We are thankful Bro. Harlow Blunier is home recovering from surgery. The Master's Healing Hand is just a prayer away.

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#### ILLINOIS, TREMONT

**Dorothy Wagenbach — Phyllis Lang**

On June 27, our congregation, young and old, enjoyed a blessed evening of fellowship and food at our Sunday School picnic. It is an evening we look forward to every year in June.

We extend our thanks to Bro. Noah Herman, Bro. Vernon Leman, and Bro. Walter Anliker for ministering to us this past month. We are thankful for the power of God's Word as it came forth and the fellowship of these brothers and their wives. May the Lord be their rich rewarder.

We will miss Pam deVries, from the Netherlands, who is a foreign exchange student. She has been living with the Fred and Ruth Endress family during the school year. We pray for the Lord's blessing on the Endress home for the kindness shown Pam.

Bro. Levi Sauder, now residing in Restmor Home with his wife, Clara, has suffered a stroke. We pray that the Lord will strengthen Bro. Levi each day anew. We were happy to have them brought to church during the past month.

A daughter and first child, Amber Marie was born to Al Nimmo III and Debbie Tittle Nimmo on June 24. Grandparents are Al Nimmo, Jr., and Mary Lou Frank Nimmo and Gene and Rhoda Tittle. Great-grandmother is Sis. Bernice Frank and great-grandfather is Al Nimmo. A daughter, Ashleigh Kay, was born to Timm Frank and Jeanise Martin Frank on June 30. Grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Aldene Martin and Sis. Bernice Frank. She has two brothers, Matthew, 7, and Nikklaus, 5.

#### ILLINOIS, URBANA

**Cheryl Joos**

**God Is Love**

God is love; his mercy brightens  
All the path in which we rove;  
Bliss he wakes and woe he lightens;  
God is wisdom, God is love.

Chance and change are busy ever;  
Man decays, and ages move;  
But his mercy waneth never;  
God is wisdom, God is love.

E'en the hour that darkest seemeth,

Will his changeless goodness  
prove;  
From the gloom his brightness  
streameth,  
God is wisdom, God is love.

He with earthly cares entwineth  
Hope and comfort from above;  
Everywhere his glory shineth;  
God is wisdom, God is love.

John Bowring

We always feel blessed when we have visiting ministers who share God's love with us. We appreciated Bro. Kenny Weerts, Bro. Ed Alt, and Bro. Duane Kilgus for their labors of love.

During the school year, Wednesday evening Bible Study meets at the Union on campus. Periodically we will be meeting at the church located at 702 E. Mumford, Urbana. We welcome visitors to come and worship with us. These services will begin September 1.

Greg and Lela Leman have moved here from Bay City, MI. We welcome them and their two daughters, Rachel and Jessica, to our congregation, and wish them God's blessings in their new home.

**ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON**

**Mary and Joan Schick**

We have so much to be thankful for. In these summer months, some are vacationing with their families and others are staying home, working in their gardens, bringing in the fruits of their labors. Let's all thank God for the beautiful summer He has given us.

We appreciate our visiting ministers who brought us the Word this month. They were Bro. Phil Stettner (Bluffton) and Bro. Jim Byrd (Roanoke).

We extend a warm Christian welcome to Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Mary Kaisner and their children, who have moved to our area from Detroit, MI. May God warm their new home with His love and peace.

Sow a thought, reap an act;  
Sow an act, reap a habit;  
Sow a habit — reap a character;  
Sow a character, reap a destiny.

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**INDIANA, BLUFFTON**

**Gayla Baumgartner**

**Tammy Gerber**

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

Bro. Dan and Sis. Jackie Kerschner were blessed with a son, Kellan Scott. Kyann welcomes her little brother.

Gyrkin Aiery was the name given to Bro. Ernie and Sis. Robyn Schwartz's second son. Tiercell welcomes his new brother.

Bro. Jim and Sis. Jan Schwartz welcome into their hearts and home their first child, Rachelle Beth.

By God's love and direction Lynn Gehring (Bro. Claren and Sis. Joyce) and Linda Brown have announced their engagement. They are planning a September wedding.

Believing it is the Lord's will, Deb Frauhiger (Bro. Tom and Sis. Rose) and Rob Moon announced their engagement and are planning to be married on Aug. 28.

On July 11, Sis. Leonda Pfister (Bro. Ted and Sis. Rose) and Lynn Stieglitz of Leo (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Joan) were united as one in the Lord. May the Lord be with them as they start their lives together.

Visiting ministers this month were: Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski), Kenneth Knapp (Taylor), Hary Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale), Dave Bertsch (Leo), and Marvin Stieglitz (Leo). May God richly bless them for their labors of love.

"Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; Save me, and I shall be saved: For Thou art my praise." Jeremiah 17:14.

Those who were in the hospital are: William Moser, Sr., and Mary Moser (John). Our thoughts continue to be with those who are sick and shut in.

After faithfully serving the Lord, Bro. Herman Strahm went to his blessed rest. May his family feel the comfort of the Lord.

**INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE**

**Jacki Huber**

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

lightly rent apart."

Hymns of Zion No. 79

Two weddings were held on June 19, and we pray that their "union of hearts" shall stand through grace in Jesus, as the words of the hymn bring out.

Ken Anliker, son of Bro. Chuck and Sis. Margaret Anliker, was married to Erin DeRudder; and Carol Wuethrich, daughter of Bro. Leon and Sis. Mabel Wuethrich, was married to Michael Appleby. We wish them God's nearness in their lives together.

The engagements of three couples were also announced. Our Sister Mim Wuethrich (Bro. Dave and Sis. Barb) was engaged to Bro. Tim Gudeman (Bro. Jim and Sis. Lois Ann). Tim and Mim are both living in Indianapolis.

Bro. Tom Gudeman (Elder Bro. Wendell and Sis. Marcella) and Sis. Elaine Schambach (Bro. Bill and Sis. Cora from Elgin, IL) also plan to be married. Tom and Elaine are both living in Sarasota.

Sister Carla Gutwein (Bro. Carl and Sis. Y'Vonne) and Bro. Chris Wuethrich (Bro. Chris Lee and Sis. Ruth) are also making wedding plans. It is wonderful to see how God leads His children to live their lives together.

Babies sure do brighten our lives, and four Francesville families can attest to it.

Brad and Nancy Wuethrich rejoice with their fifth child, Brad Wesley. The grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Barb Wuethrich.

Bro. Rod and Sis. Donna Gutwein welcome Dustin Timothy into their home where an older sister and brother are also enjoying him. Sister Mary Gutwein is Dustin's grandma.

Larry and Carol Wuethrich named their second girl Lauren Elizabeth. Lauren's grandparents are Bro. Leon and Sis. Mabel Wuethrich.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Deb Cook are happy with the little bundle God entrusted to them. Joshua Robert is their third child. Herb and Sis. Suzanne Cook are the grandparents.

Bro. Ben Anliker was in the hospital this month, but we're happy to say he is back with us.

We enjoyed a blessed week of Vacation Bible School from June 21-

25 and sincerely thank each of the ministers who came to share with us. We've rejoiced in five souls turning to the Lord since then!

The brothers who spoke to us were: Monday—Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL), Tuesday—Bro. Marshall Heinold (Washington, IL), Wednesday—Elder Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield, IL), Thursday—Bro. Uriel Gehring (Burlington, IA), and Friday—Bro. Ed Alt (Cissna Park, IL).

We were happy to have Bro. Uriel Gehring with us through Sunday, and thank him for lending himself to proclaim God's word to us.

Sunday evening, June 27, the children gave a program in word and song, telling us what they learned in their individual classes at Bible School.

Many also gathered together recently to watch slides and listen as Elder Bro. Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO) told of his interesting experiences in India, along with other brethren. It was heartwarming to see the smiles of people who had so little materially, yet possessed and appreciated life's greatest treasure—the Lord Jesus. Bro. Roy was also with us on Sunday for which we are thankful, and pray that God will bless him for taking time to be with us.

#### INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS

Lynn Klopfenstein — Bobbi Erb

We are thankful that God has touched the hearts of two more precious souls. Debbie Neunschwander (Bro. Chuck and Sis. Doris) and Luz Vernon were recently added to God's family. Luz, a student at Indiana University became acquainted with our fellowship through other brothers and sisters in the Bloomington area. During the summer months she resides with her parents in New York City. Her love for the fellowship and the Word has been an inspiration to everyone.

The final touches are being completed on the new addition of Sunday School rooms, dining room, and fellowship area. We welcome all to attend whenever convenient.

Second time parents, Bro. Kent and Sis. Bobbi Erb, and Anisa are adjusting well to the arrival of little Kyle William, born July 6.

#### INDIANA, LACROSSE

Lu Ann Feller - Connie Knobloch

"For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole" (John 5:4).

It is with much joy and thanksgiving we can report that eight dear friends have turned their lives over to the Lord. They are Lee and Jeannie Nuest (Bro. Gene and Sis. Norma), Marsha Bucher (Bro. Garry and Sis. Lois), Marlene Meiss (Bro. Roland and Sis. Jo), Todd and Mike Betts (Bro. Vic and Sis. Cheryl Heinold), Judy Gudeman (Bro. Don and Sis. Mary), and Dennis Weiss (Mr. and Mrs. Richard).

"When we seek Thee, let us find Thee; May our pleading voice be blest; In our midst Thy light be kindled; May our souls find peaceful rest." (Zion's Harp No. 48)

Emily Jo Frank is the latest addition in our congregation. She is the first child of Bro. Scott and Sis. Elaine. Emily's grandparents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Lea Frank and Bro. Earl and Sis. Elsie Zimmerman, Eureka.

We were thankful that Bro. Sam Schlatter (Junction, OH) could share his ministry with us. May God continue to bless the unselfish efforts of our ministers.

Our dear sister, Melva Bucher (Marti) passed away. What an encouraging example of faith she showed our congregation during her ten-year battle with kidney illness! We sympathize with her loving husband, Bro. Vernon, and her children, Bro. Garry, Sis. Rita Furrer (Bro. Don, Wolcott), Bro. Nile (Bluffton), Bro. Steve (Washington), and Bro. Clint (South Bend). Sis. Melva has many close relatives and friends who feel her loss, but we have confidence that she has her reward with Jesus.

Once someone was seeking the answer to "What think ye of Christ?" Youth replied, "I am too young to think." Manhood said, "I am too busy to think." Maturity said, "I am too anxious to think." Old Age replied, "My habits are so fixed I cannot now think." Death said, "It is too late to think." Eternity replied, "I have forever to think." (Author Unknown)

How thankful we should be that the day of grace is yet here and salvation can be obtained through Jesus' shed blood. When He returns, all may be prepared. Let's encourage each other that this may be our lot.

"We wish to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt feeling of gratitude to our many, many brethren and friends who shared with us during the years of illness and at the time of death of our dear departed one.

Thank you so much for the cards, gifts and above all, the prayers. May the God of love bless each and every one as He alone can do."

Your least in faith,  
Vernon Bucher and family

#### INDIANA, LEO

Mrs. Phil Schlatter

Mrs. Al Frautschi

Summer is vacation time for many. Some may have seen the beautiful and famous Sequoia trees growing on the slopes of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Among them is the 272.4 ft. General Sherman Tree which may be the oldest living thing on earth. It is estimated that it has been growing for about 3500 years. It was about 1500 years old when Christ was born.

Among these great Sequoias in the Mariposa Grove in Yosemite National Park there has stood a large plaque which says in part: "In the presence of such majesty, well may fretting men pause to ponder values and consider the ironic limitations of three score and ten."

"Actually, one is almost stunned as he recognizes the length of the life of these trees and then realizes how short is the span of man's life on earth! It is sort of a glimpse into the beginning of eternity — a word beyond the grasp of our finite minds. Well may we pause to ponder its meaning.

Shall we allow ourselves to be caught under the pressure of time and give no thought of the long hereafter?"

(Taken in part from a Letourneau College paper by William Blaine)

Visiting minister, Bro. Robert Pflederer (Morton, IL) challenged us to memorize scripture, thus having the comfort of hiding His

Word in our hearts.

Bro. Lynn Stieglitz and Sis. Leon-da Pfister were united in marriage, July 11, at Bluffton. We wish them His rich blessings and welcome Leonda to our Leo Congregation.

Bro. Doug and Sis. Sue Kellenberger were blessed with a baby son, Joshua Douglas, who joined their family of daughters, Rachel, Rebecca, and Jessica. Grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Lyla Schock, and Bro. Freeman and Sis. Lucille Kellenberger, Elgin, IL.

We wish an early recovery for Bro. Lester Meister who has been a hospital patient.

A Christian should strive to do God's will, nothing more, nothing less and nothing else.

#### INDIANA, MILFORD

Marcy Haab — Gwen Steffen

Anew, Lord, we are bound to Thee

Through thy blest sacrament,

Which we partook.

That joined in heart and hand;

To Zion's realm and holy land

We journey on.

Zion's Harp No. 200

Elder Bros. Don Sauder, (Roanoke, IL), and Jesse Beer served Holy Communion to our congregation on June 26. Bro. Eugene Bertschi (Roanoke, IL) was also present and ministered to us on Sunday.

Bro. Bob Pflederer (Morton, IL) was inspired by God to bring us His message on July 18. We appreciate the fact that God can use these earthen vessels to spread His holy word.

Our congregation extends sympathy to Bro. Ted and Sis. Inez Brooks following the death of Bro. Ted's sister. The father of Gwen Weisser died recently, and we also extend sympathy to Gwen and Herman. May each of them feel God's nearness and be comforted.

Todd Beer, son of Bernie and Peg recently entered the Air Force Academy in Colorado. May the Lord be his guide.

When I was crushed with sorrow  
I bowed in deep despair.  
My load of grief and heartache  
Seemed more than I could bear.  
Twas then I heard a whisper  
"You to the Lord belong."

Then Jesus took my burden  
And left me with a song.

Sonia Tinkey (Don and Sis. Ginny Hoover) has felt the relief from the burden of sin and has found the inner peace and joy that only He can give. Peace — a peace which unbelievers cannot know, and a peace that cannot be taken away.

Stacy Schieler (Sis. Sue and Bro. Will) and Ginger Price (daughter-in-law of Sis. Kate and Bro. Glenn Price) have realized that Christ truly died for them. They, as we, were unable to see the cross He carried or the blood that spilled from His side, but they realize that as sinners they too, helped to crucify Him. They realize that it was all our sins Christ bore as He climbed that lonely hill. How grateful we are that each has the opportunity to realize that "He died for me." Let us each ever concentrate more on Him and less on ourself as we grow and mature spiritually.

Sis. Shari and Bro. Ron Beer have been blessed by the birth of their first child. Little Kristen Ann arrived June 26, and she has brought added joy into their home. How fortunate she is to have parents who will teach her of the opportunity of salvation.

A Dozen Ways to Celebrate Joy:

Complete what you start.

Enlarge your interests.

Lough a lot.

Express gratitude to a friend.

Be kind, thoughtful, and caring.

Read the Bible every day.

Accent the positive.

Tell a friend you love them.

Extend a helping hand.

Jot down every morning five

reasons to be happy.

Overlook pettiness and jealousy.

Yield your life to God.

Velma Daniels

#### INDIANA, REMINGTON

Annette Bahler — Beth Virkler

A few months back, we had two sisters, Eva and Piroška, from Budapest, Hungary, visit our congregation. In listening to their way of life under a Communist government, there was much gained. Reviewing the history of this east European church, we can read that an Hungarian blacksmith

heard of Bro. Froelich and went to Switzerland to seek him out. He spent some time with Bro. Froelich, was converted, then carried the Gospel back to Hungary. These first workers of the faith didn't have transportation and had to do all their traveling on foot. They were poor people but very zealous with the Gospel and sought to tell more and more people what they knew about Jesus Christ. The faith expanded quickly in East Europe. During World War II the church was closed for a short period of time when the Communists took over. The government persecuted the brethren there in many ways. The brethren didn't have a comfortable way of life but survived and kept the faith. Their physical suffering and poverty only helped to spread the faith further. In Hungary today things have changed somewhat, to the extent that Hungary is one of the most liberal Communist countries. According to recent reports, students are allowed to obtain and read their own Bibles, but there is no promise of this freedom in the future. About 10 % of the population own a car. The rest of the people depend on public transportation. Our brethren are able to work in factories, offices, and cooperative farms. They are not allowed any supervisory, teaching, or government jobs. One of the visiting sisters told of her experience in getting a job. She had gone to school for teaching and when she applied for her job, she was told she could be accepted only under one condition. . she had to sign a paper which stated, in effect, that she did not believe in an Almighty God nor would she mention His name to the students or teach them anything about God. This sister had to politely refuse that job stating that she would not deny her Saviour. Her life is much more blessed now as she makes her living as a seamstress in her home and she has the time to stop and fellowship with visiting brethren, being secluded from the oppressive influence of the government. With the oppression that our Hungarian brethren face, they seek to spend more time together in fellowship. They depend on one another in building their homes and help each other out by laboring together. It is

common for the brothers and sisters to go visiting very often without a specific invitation and they often have several singings a week in their homes and churches. The young brethren spend spare time playing hymns together on their stringed instruments. They warmly welcome any American brethren to consider them while visiting Europe and we pray that we can benefit from their perseverance of faith under a godless government.

#### INDIANA, SOUTH BEND

**Karen Lehman - Nancy Lehman**

Who made the golden sun rays?  
Who gives us day and night?  
Who spreads abroad the heavens?  
Who made the stars so bright?  
This is a weighty question wherever  
man may trod,  
Some people say it's nature,  
But I will call it "God."

Henry Beer

Bro. Henry Beer (Milford) introduced his new song book "A Legacy in Song" to our congregation. Truly God works in the hearts of man to be able to bring out such true inspiration.

Our dear Bro. Louis Gerber passed away after a lengthy illness. He was a faithful member for 57 years. Survivors are his wife, Sis. Emma Lou (Zimmer); two daughters, Mrs. Maynard (Deloris) Alderfer and Mrs. Harold (Verdene) Huhnke, both of Wyatt; a son, Louis W. (Bremen); seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, seven sisters, and seven brothers.

He will be deeply missed by our congregation as we always enjoyed his contribution in singing German songs.

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Ken Hoerr (Peoria) and Bros. Wendell Gerber and Bob Meyer (Bluffton). Also we're blessed in having other visitors from near and far, for which we're very thankful.

#### INDIANA, VALPARAISO

**Mary Huber - Claudia Thomas**

As we all gathered around the word of God to be reminded of the great sacrifice He gave to all mankind, we could truly say that God is merciful. We at Valparaiso had the privilege of partaking in

communion this month and to be visited by Bro. Ed Frank (LaCrosse) and Bro. Andy Virkler (Bay City, MI). We thank them for bringing the Word to us.

The angels are rejoicing over our new convert, Wendy Miller, the daughter of Bro. Terry and Sis. Bev Miller. May God continue to be the lamp unto her foot steps throughout eternity.

We also have another new baby. She was born to Bro. Todd and Sis. Evie Ames. Her name is Barbara Ann and she is truly a joy to have around. May God bless her parents and grant the love that Jesus gives to teach her throughout life.

#### INDIANA, WOLCOTT

**Laurel and Kris Widmer**

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held July 11. With this also comes our Sunday School promotions. Bibles were presented to our seventh graders and hymn books to the ninth graders.

Ministering Bros. Bill Hodel and Jim Byrd (Roanoke) shared the day with us July 18. We enjoyed getting to know them and appreciated their spending time with us.

Sis. Viola Kyburz was hospitalized for therapy but is able to be home again.

Bro. Sam Furrer would like to thank everyone for the many cards and wishes he received for his 84th birthday.

#### IOWA, BURLINGTON

**Edith Massner - Kim Salek**

Summer is here, and with it vacation and visiting time. Our congregation size swells and dwindles accordingly. We enjoy our visitors and thank them for spending some time with us. It is such a blessing to be able to travel and feel comfortable in a congregation not our own. Truly this is the love we are to have one of another. Among our visitors has been ministering Bro. Bill Gerst (Alto) and his family. As always we thank Bro. Bill for his efforts in bringing forth the Word.

We have also had some children hospitalized this month. Rachel Massner (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Gail) had her tonsils removed and is home recuperating now. Also Jason Stoecker (Jan) has been spending some time there with severe flu.

A Minister recently quoted a short verse from Proverbs 23:7. "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he ..." Not a very long passage, but one with much thought to it. How do our thoughts run during the day? Maybe this could be the answer as to why our days sometimes seem extra long or tiring. The Bible also then gives us the directive as to where our thoughts should be, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." (Phil. 4:8).

#### IOWA, ELGIN

**Eleanor Butikofer**

Greetings to you in Christ's name. Due to excessive rainfall the farmers were a little later than usual in getting some of their corn planted. However, the weather has been ideal and the corn crop is doing very well. As a matter of fact, to look out over a field of waving corn stalks is a delightful sight. May God be praised for His many gifts to mankind. The flower gardens with their pink, white, and red petunias are gorgeous.

This is hummingbird time. Very soon now, depending on where you are, you may see these delightful birds. Some hummers do return to their previous season's location. Some folks put out nectar feeders. Hummingbirds are great pollinators of certain flowers such as fuchsia. Speaking of birds, we have just recently put out a thistle seed feeder for the finches. I have heard some, but as yet I haven't spied any stopping to feed. We also see delightful cardinals, woodpeckers, jays and nuthatches eating at our regular feeding stations.

Partaking of the Lord's Supper is, according to scripture, essential in the life of a Christian. It is to remind us of how our Saviour died to save us.

Recently, Elder Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville, IA) was here to assist our Elder Paul Butikofer in serving communion. It was truly a blessing to have him in our midst.

The following people are to be congratulated on their recent graduation from the North East

Iowa Technical Institute located at Calmar, IA. The first one is Marcy Banwart from West Bend, IA. She is the daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Phyllis. Her course was in accounting.

Milton Schneider, son of the LaVerne Schneiders of Elgin, was graduated as an industrial electrician. May God's blessing always be with them in their endeavors.

Bro. Paul and Sis. Mildred Butikofer very graciously hosted the annual Sunday School picnic. It was well attended and very much enjoyed. It was held at their home, and since the weather was ideal the picnic took place outdoors. It was very nice and we thank them for their efforts.

#### IOWA, GARDEN GROVE

Eileen Funk

Even though we are small in numbers, we are His remnant!

We enjoyed the visit of ministering Bro. Paul and Sis. Joyce Gasser (Akron, OH). His message was an encouragement to us to not be troubled by so many things in life—as Martha was. There is one thing that is needful in life—to love the Lord and serve Him. This will help us with our priorities. This doesn't mean that we should become careless, but that we should put things in their proper place. We are to love the Lord with all our heart, strength, soul, and might—that's total commitment! May we all have total commitment for our Lord!

Our monthly potluck and singing was enjoyed by all and shared with Bro. Rod and Sis. Naomi Moser (Oakville, IA) and Beth Monson (Amherst, NH). We enjoyed Bro. Rod and Sis. Naomi's slides of Ecuador. It makes us so thankful for our country and all of God's rich blessings.

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#### IOWA, IOWA CITY

Susie Gramm

As children of a living God, we have an unending responsibility. We must not live for ourselves, but for the glory of our Creator. Our goal and constant desire should be to become more like the Savior.

#### More Holiness

More holiness give me;  
More strivings within,  
More patience in suffering,  
More sorrow for sin.  
More joy in His service,  
More purpose in prayer.

More gratitude give me,  
More trust in the Lord,  
More pride in His glory,  
More hope in His Word.  
More tears for His sorrows,  
More pain at his grief,  
More meekness in trial,  
More praise for relief.

More purity give me,  
More strength to o'ercome,  
More freedom from earth-stains,  
More longings for home;  
More fit for the kingdom,  
More used I would be,  
More blessed and holy  
More Savior like thee.

Hymns of Zion No. 101

Our thanks to Bro. Lenny Meyer (Chicago), Bro. Bruce Leman (Roanoke), and Bro. Jon Schmidgall (Oakville) for visiting our congregation and bringing us God's Word. We welcome visitors any time!!

#### IOWA, LESTER

Alice Metzger

Among the many blessings of summer are the visitors who come to spend some time with us. We appreciate so very much the ministers and those who accompany them. Recent guest ministers were Bros. Duane Metzger and Noah Gerber (West Bend), Simon Wagenbach (Tremont), Don Wagenbach (Washington), Roger Aberle (Sabetha), Virgil Metzger (Champaign), and Ben Wysong (Sabetha). On the weekend of June 27 we were blessed to have Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, Bro. Bill Emch, Bro. Lloyd Kraft, and those who accompanied them from the Lamont and Gridley congregations. This was a special time as we heard the testimony and witnessed the baptism of Denis Knobloch, son of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Irene. We are happy to embrace him as a brother.

On July 2 a precious girl was born to Bro. Wes and Sis. Esther Moser. Trixie Jean has a brother and her grandparents are Bro.

August and Sis. Martha Feucht and Elder Bro. Leo and Sis. Leona Moser.

Those who have been recently hospitalized were Sis. Elizabeth Nester and Pat Metzger (Don).

#### IOWA, OAKVILLE

Jerilyn Wagenbach

On June 27, Kent William was born to Bro. Jon and Sis. Julie Schmidgall. He has two brothers, Mark and Brian. Grandparents are Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Marian Schmidgall, and Bro. Bill and Sis. Leona Wulf (Lester). We pray that each child born into the church will someday find their way to the Lord, that they may be "born" into the "family of God".

"What therefore God hath joined together, let now man put asunder." Matthew 19:6. We witnessed the marriage ceremony of Sis. Lora Massner and Bro. Ken Wuthrich (Pulaski) on July 11. Their parents are Bro. Eric and Sis. Norma Massner, and Bro. Russell and Sis. Karoline Wuthrich (Pulaski). We wish many blessings for this couple, and the Lord's comfort and nearness for Sis. Lora as she leaves our congregation and enters another. Among our visitors for the wedding were ministering Bros. Carl Wyss (Washington), Kenny Knapp (Taylor) and Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski).

Other visiting ministers the past few weeks were Bro. Bill Gerst (Alto), Bro. Simon Wagenbach (Tremont), and Bro. Joe Gerst (Iowa City). May God reward each one for his efforts.

#### IOWA, PULASKI

Mary Wiegand - DeAnn Wuthrich

Once again we have been blessed with several visiting ministers this past month. Among them were Bro. Kent and Sis. Jan Heimer (Taylor, MO), Bro. Bill and Sis. Verle Funk (Garden Grove, IA), and Bro. Glenn and Sis. Sally Funk (Garden Grove, IA). We sincerely want to thank these brothers for their deeds of kindness.

Bro. Roger and Sis. Nancy Musselman have been blessed with a new little son, Andrew John, born on June 24. He has four brothers to welcome him home—Matthew, Mark, Michael, and Aaron. May God

bless them with their bundle of joy. Grandparents are Sis. Irene and Howard Musselman (Pulaski, IA) and Bro. Cleo and Sis. Esther Rinkenberger (Pulaski, IA).

On July 11, 1982, Bro. Kenneth Wuthrich and Sis. Lora Massner were united in marriage at the Oakville, IA church. Their parents are Bro. Russell and Sis. Karoline Wuthrich (Pulaski, IA) and Bro. Eric and Sis. Norma Massner (Oakville, IA). May God's blessings be upon them as they establish their home in our area.

Hospitalized patients this month were Susie Schaer and Michael Musselman. Both are home now and doing well.

#### IOWA, WEST BEND

Emma Mogler

As our ministers ascend to the pulpit, we always pray that each soul's needs could be met as we listen to the Holy Word being expounded. That opportunity is given to us every Lord's Day, and many times we are not thankful enough. Our "home" ministers perhaps feel that they labor thanklessly even as does a parent to a child; the feeling brings to mind "a prophet without honor in his own country." For whatever reservations they may feel, we pray that they may know that we do appreciate their works which are for our benefits, even in areas where we are totally unaware. We pray that they can trust, as we do, that God will bless them in the end as only He can and will.

Our visiting ministers this past month were Bros. Leland Plattner (Zapata), Leroy Messner (Winthrop), Dale Moore (Elgin, IA), and Joe Gerst (Iowa City). We thank them for coming and for their willingness to speak the Word that we might be fed and nourished.

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted ..." Acts 3:19. Thus is the call still put forth, and we rejoice that Leslie Fehr (Bro. Larry and Sis. Carole) has answered that call. We are grateful to the Lord that the door of grace is yet open, and pray that others might seek to enter in. Leslie is employed in Illinois at this time.

The home of Roy and Angie Metzger was blessed with a little boy,

Dallas Roy, on June 30. Grandparents are Bro. Silas and Sis. Della and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Chrischilles. In Psalms 127:3 we read, "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord ..." Truly they are a valuable gift for which we should be grateful.

Three couples were joined in the bonds of matrimony. On June 12 Janece Schmidt (Bro. Ivan and Sis. Evelyn) and Jay Schwartzkopf of Stuart were married. Then on June 26, Lynn Schmidt (Bro. Dwaine and Sis. Lucille) and Craig Anderson of Humboldt were united as one, as were Leo Banwart (Bro. Albert and Sis. Betty) and Tami Samek of Hawkeye. May the Lord bless each of these couples as they walk life's pathway together.

Those who have submitted to hospital stays this month are Mona Haverman, who is still confined to the hospital with a blood clot in her lung, her brother, Shon Bruellman, who met with an accident and had to have his spleen removed, and their grandfather, Bro. George Bruellman, who has had surgery and is doing well at home at this time. It seems that God always provides.

#### JAPAN, SHIODA

Vicki Ramseyer

"He who influences a child affects generations to come." Mary Jess.

Before I came to Japan over a year ago, God gave me this simple little quote to remind me that all He expected me to do here was to plant and water, and that it was His job to give the increase. What a blessing to see the fruits of the many who have labored here over the years. Our Sunday School seems to be growing in number every week. One of the classes has prayed every Sunday for over a year for more students. One little boy in that class has really taught us a lesson in faith. When the numbers first started increasing he looked around with a big smile and said, "We prayed for more kids to come to Sunday School!" Please pray with us that God will continue to give the increase, not only here but wherever His word is taught.

July 11 was the day that all of our children got together for the Sunday School picnic. The words to the song "Shall We Gather at the River" took on special meaning, even in

Japanese, as we stood near the river and sang.

We were blessed once again with visitors from America. Bro. Owen and Sis. Lois Ann Bahler, and two of their children, David and Lynn, (Rockville) stopped for a short three days on their way home from a tour of China. We hope their visit was as much of a blessing to them as it was to us.

#### JAPAN, TOKYO

Marie Inoue - Yoshio Yamazaki

Time goes quickly as six months have already passed of this year. Our days of spring were hot and cool and now we are having our rainy season with cooler days. This season is very important for our rice farmers, and we thank God for very blessed days of His love and mercy. Recently we had an older couple from Taiwan visit our church. They were visiting friends in this area and looked around for a church to attend. They seemed to enjoy the things of the Lord and said they attend church every Sunday in Taiwan. Taiwan used to be the property of Japan and now it is Nationalist China. Most Taiwanese over 50 can still speak Japanese as this couple could.

Bro. Owen and Sis. Lois Ann Bahler (Rockville) visited us on July 4 along with their children, Dave and Lynn. The ties of Christian fellowship are precious. That day Matthew 4 was read and meditated upon concerning the temptations of Jesus by Satan. Our local ministering brother mentioned along with this that he attended the visitation of his deceased aunt a week ago.

When one attends visitations and funerals in Japan you are always asked to burn an incense stick and bow to the deceased person to show reverence to them. Our brother explained to the head of the house that being a believer of the Christian faith he does not burn incense and bow to deceased ones. Relatives are often offended at such refusals, and our believers here are faced with this type of situation over and over.

The brother then mentioned that the Word gives us specific instructions that we worship and serve only the Lord God. It takes grace from God to explain to rela-



tives or whatever situation we may encounter that our service and dedication is only to God.

As Matthew 4:10 reads, "...Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve."

#### KANSAS, BERN

Linda Esslinger

We appreciate having these visiting ministers: Bro. Kenneth Weertz (Cissna Park, IL), Bro. Leland Plattner (Zapata, TX), and Bro. Wayne Miller (Fort Scott).

Sis. Emma Hanni, Sis. Mavis (Louis) Meyer, and Jamie Menold (daughter of Sis. Louise and Bro. James) were hospitalized.

On July 11 a daughter, Leann Lanea, was born to Bro. John and Sis. Connie Lehman. She is welcomed home by Natalie, Kristen, Timothy, and Lori. Grandparents are Bro. Edward and Sis. Leola Lehman and Bro. Wayne and Sis. Pearl Miller (Fort Scott).

We extend our sympathy to Miriam (Clayton) Strahm, Sis. Marjorie (Morris) Edelman, Sis. Helen (Leroy) Meyer, Sis. Joann (Fred) Edelman, and Bro. James Menold at the loss of their mother, Dorothy Menold.

August is vacation month for our Sunday School. It will resume on Sept. 12. This poem is dedicated to Sunday School teachers, and all other teachers.

Please, Grant Me

Dear God, please grant that I may have

A heart that's most sincere,  
To show these children  
That I'm truly glad they're here.

Grant me the patience to endure  
The many things they do,  
And may my mind remember,  
I once did these things, too.

Grant that my arms may shield  
them  
When their hearts are filled with  
fear.  
Help them to know, no matter  
what,  
That I'll be standing near.

Within my hand may I possess  
A love that has no end,  
To show each child I ever touch—  
I want to be his friend.

Gigi Predmore

#### KANSAS, FT. SCOTT

Jamie Marti

July 10 was the wedding day of Lisa Sinn and Bill King. Lisa's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sinn of Ft. Scott and Bill's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wilford King. We wish them God's blessings as they start their life together.

We welcome convert Nancy Tubel to our congregation. She has moved here from Pulaski, IA, and is a very welcome addition to our young group.

#### KANSAS, KIOWA

Janice Bahr - Gay Farney

"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 Bible clearly indicates that true piety in the home makes a tremendous and lasting impact upon children.

When America was expanding its frontiers in the great western areas of this continent, five young men from Pennsylvania left their homes as pioneers. After many years, one returned to visit his parents. He had become a strong and radiant Christian. When asked why he had not followed in the footsteps of his four companions who had chosen sinful ways, he replied, "Because I carried in my heart a picture of my Christian home. As we sat down to breakfast the last morning we were together, my father and mother were keenly aware that the intimate ties between us would soon be broken. Conversation was therefore at a minimum. After our meal, Father took down the old family Bible (as was his custom) and started to read a favorite passage. He didn't get far, for his eyes were soon blinded by tears. Mother finally finished the chapter, but she too had to stop from time to time as a lump kept forming in her throat. Then we all knelt to pray. When Father began to weep again, Mother reached over, put her loving hand on my shoulder, and in trembling tones asked the Lord to keep me in His care. The vision of that morning in my godly home and the memory of that tender petition has steered my right. I couldn't bear the thought of breaking the hearts of my Christian

parents and dishonoring the Savior they had taught my to love."

The above story from Our Daily Bread should ring true for many of us whom God has blessed with Christian parents. Sometimes I tremble when I consider where I might be had I been reared in a home with ungodly parents, and I just humbly bow in praise to God that I was so blessed.

Our dear Sis. Gay Farney was hospitalized overnight this month with problems, but we are very thankful she is out and in our midst again.

Thought: Children seldom falter who have had a family altar!

#### KANSAS, LAMONT

Mary Isch

"This Cup is the blood of the new  
Cov'nant  
Which for many sinners I have  
shed;  
There-in lies the promise and the  
power  
Of each one who unto sin is dead."

So the blood which flowed on  
Calvary's mountain,  
Unto full salvation is the fountain  
And this Cup reminds us of the  
blood,  
Which for sin was made a  
Cleansing flood.

His blood purifies the congrega-  
tion  
Of His children, whom He did  
atone,  
Whom He loved sincerely ere  
creation.  
He to them says: "Ye are Mine  
alone!"

Constantly His Church He is  
adorning,  
And His faithfulness is new each  
morning.  
His good spirit giveth He as seal,  
As His sacred promise reveal.

These words again inspired us with new zeal to serve our Lord and God more fervently as Bro. Art Bahler and Bro. Sam Anliker served us Holy Communion on Saturday evening, June 19. It was a most solemn and reverent occasion as we greeted each one with renewed love and spirit.

"O man, I beseech you do not treat God's promises as if they were Curiosities for a museum; but use them as everyday sources of comfort. Trust the Lord whenever your time of need comes on."

C.H. Spurgeon

"Go to the depths of God's promise,

And claim whatsoever ye will;  
The blessing of God will not fail thee,

His Word He will surely fulfill."

How can God say no to something He has promised?

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#### KANSAS, SABETHA

Clara Steiner - Judy Hartter

We thank Bro. Roy Grimm (Taylor) for showing his pictures of India. It is interesting to see what is being done in other parts of the world. We cannot appreciate enough the blessings that are ours to be living in this land of plenty. We also thank Bro. Roy for bringing us His Word on Sunday.

Also visiting us this month were Bro. Harvey Grimm, Bern; Bro. Mark Bahr, Detroit; Bro. Kenneth Weerts, Cissna Park; and Bro. Albert Aberle, Tremont. May the Lord bless them all in their work.

Sis. Mary Hartter passed away June 30. Surviving are three sons, Bro. Lester Hartter, Bern, Bro. Virgil Hartter, Sabetha and Clyde Hartter, Topeka; five daughters, Sis. Eloise Bahr, Sabetha, Sis. Marie Grimm, Bern, Erma Nell Priest, Raytown, MO, Helen Lobnitz, Denver, CO, and LaVonne McGinty, Overland Park, KS; 39 grandchildren and 52 great-grandchildren. Also surviving is a brother, William Meyer, and a sister, Emma Edelman, both of Sabetha. Services were held Saturday, July 3. Burial was in the Sabetha Cemetery.

Frank and Sis. Julia Krogmann are the parents of a daughter born July 2. She has been named Nicole Marie. She was welcomed home by a brother, Joshua and a sister, Rachel.

Lana Joyce was born July 14 to Sis. Arlene and Bro. Rodney Grimm. She also was welcomed home by Wanda, Wayne, Kent and Kara.

Bro. Willard Bahr is in a hospital in Topeka.

Darin Grimm (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Ruby) has been wearing a cast due to a broken arm, and David Wysong (Bro. Ben and Sis. Janice) has had the chicken pox.

Sunday School will be discontinued for the month of August for summer vacation and will resume after Labor Day.

#### KANSAS, WICHITA

Priscilla Frank

As Independence Day is in this month, many of us will celebrate our Country's freedom with our family and friends. We are grateful to our forefathers for the battles fought, the victories won and the joy of freedom or in one word, Liberty.

It goes without saying that liberty is never won without a price. The price of shattered homes, broken bodies, our loved ones killed: all to ensure freedom for the loved ones and the future of their homeland. As I think of the many it has taken to preserve our nation, I'm even more amazed at the greatness of one—Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ too, paid the price for his loved ones and the future of His homeland. He sacrificed years of His home life, suffered bodily, and then gave His all to die for us. He paid the price for our spiritual freedom. Praise Him! May our hearts explode with praise even as our land does with fireworks. May it go as high and be as beautiful unto Him (our Heavenly Father). Truly, He alone is worthy of our praise.

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#### MICHIGAN, ALTO

Jane Grawburg

We extend special love and Christian greetings to everyone.

We are very happy that Renee Steffen, daughter of Bro. Aaron and Sis. Loretta, and Carol Schlatter, Daughter of Bro. Ott and Sis. Pat, with the grace of God have found peace in their hearts. We ask that God watch over these dear souls now as they await baptism.

Our warmest congratulations go to Jim and Julie Blough on the birth of their new daughter, Amanda Kay. Amanda has one brother, Nick, and two sisters, Laura and Joanna, at home. Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Eloise

Blough and Gordon and Joan McCaul are the happy grandparents.

Kenneth (Peny) and Sis. Denice Oesch have moved to North Dakota. We pray that God will watch over them and provide them with the richest of blessings.

#### MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

Linda Ramseyer

Jim and Sis. Cindy Sochacki have been blessed with their first child, a daughter, Rachel Leigh. Her grandparents are Henry and Sis. Helen Meylan.

Our visiting minister this past month has been Bro. Floyd Wieland (Detroit). We are glad that Bro. Floyd was able to come and minister God's word to us.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with those who have been hospitalized recently. Ginger (Neil) Mosher has had surgery and we hope that she is recovering well. I neglected to mention in the past month that Bro. Robert (Sis. Marian) Knochel had surgery. We are glad that he is once again able to assemble with us.

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

Hymns of Zion No. 218

The Lord has called Sis. Faye Wackerle home to be safe with Him after many years of suffering with a lingering illness. Sis. Faye is survived by her husband, Bro. Frank, one daughter, Sis. Julee (Bro. Dennis) Fehr of Niantic, IL, and two sons, Barry of Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, Canada, and Randall of Bay City. She is also survived by four grandchildren, two sisters, Edna Blohm of Kawkawlin and Lydia Snyder of Bay City, and several nieces and nephews. Our prayers and thoughts are with Sis. Faye's family as they continue on life's pathway.

#### MICHIGAN, DETROIT

Helen and Bonnie Popp

Faith in Tomorrow

We know not what the future holds  
None can know what comes tomorrow;

It may bring peace and love and  
joy,  
Or it may bring pain and sorrow.

We each must live with faith and  
hope  
And with a heart that under-  
stands  
That God will furnish every need.  
He holds our future in His hands."

(from Shields of Faith  
by Roy Z. Kemp)

And so He holds the future for our minister—Bro. Hartzell Kaisner and his family, who are moving from the Detroit area. It is expected they will be away for approximately two years and will make Washington, IL their home church. We offer a special prayer of gratitude for all the fellowship we have had with this dear family, and wish them God's blessings and guidance each and every day.

It is with gladness in our hearts that we lift up a special prayer on behalf of those in our congregation who have found a need for repentance. Walt and Hilda Bauer and Harriet Orcsik have discovered their need. May these dear souls find a rich measure of grace and strength in Jesus as they seek to walk closely with Him.

#### Reassurance

The Lord is with me. He will ever  
shield  
And comfort me, supply my every  
need.  
No good thing will the Lord with-  
hold, but yield  
The best to me. He clothes me; He  
will feed  
And nourish me. His words have  
grace and power  
And they sustain me each and  
every hour.

(from Shield of Faith  
by Roy Z. Kemp)

It was a privilege to have ministering brother, Robert Beebe from South Bend with us recently. We appreciate his visit and sharing of God's Word with us.

We wish a special prayer upon Louise Polk and Brian Tyler as they walk through life together as husband and wife. They were

married on Saturday, July 17.

#### MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS

Deb Tilbury

On June 27 we were blessed with two visiting elders. Bro. Leroy Huber from Eureka and Bro. Harold Messner of Winthrop brought us God's Word. We were privileged to be able to partake of Holy Communion. Bro. Alpai Moser of Morris was also able to assemble with us this month. We thank them all for their labors of love.

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#### MINNESOTA, MORRIS

Jan Schock - Rhonda Zeltwanger

"What a grand world this would be if we could forget our troubles as easily as we forget our blessings." It seems it is so easy to grumble and complain, but we truly have an abundance of blessings. Our Bible says we should be "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Eph. 5:20.

We have been blessed with several visiting ministers this month. They include Bros. Ken Lawson (Fort Lauderdale), Gene Lehman (Wolcott, IN), Todd Feller (LaCrosse, IN), Edwin Bahler (Remington, IN), Elder Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS), Roy Luginbuhl (Rockville, CT), Dale Wulf (Lester, IA), Merle Kaisner (Fairbury, IL), and Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman (Forrest, IL). We truly give thanks to God for guiding them safely to us and home again. We enjoy our many summer visitors so much. It is so good to meet and greet old friends and to meet new ones.

We have two dear young souls who have decided to turn their lives to the Lord. They are Shane Jones and Ruth Koehl (Bro. Ernest and Sis. Gladys). It warms our hearts to see the smiles of true happiness that the Lord lights on the faces of these new converts as they seek their peace in Him.

Our thoughts and prayers go to our hospital patients this month. Sis. Thelma Dogotch is home again, but Bro. Don Luthi remains in the hospital. We should each say a prayer for him that if it could be

God's will, he could be relieved of some of his suffering and pain.

#### MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

Carol Messner — Mary Lou Schmidt

"And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed." Deut. 31:8. Elder Bro. Leo Moser and his wife of Lester were with us over the 4th of July. He spoke on the true meaning of Independence Day. How our soldiers were willing to give up their lives so that we could enjoy the freedoms we have today—especially the freedom of religion! Bro. Leo also pointed out how Christ was so willing to give up His life so that we could enjoy the freedom of salvation!

The following weekend, Bro. Edwin Bahler and some of his family shared beautiful Christian fellowship with our congregation. Bro. Edwin ministered unto us from St. John 8:12. Then spake Jesus again unto them saying, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Bro. Edwin and his family live at Remington, IN.

We thank these dear brothers for their efforts and may the Lord richly bless them.

The following poem was submitted to us in memory of Bro. Jim Messner, who passed away last year on the 4th of July.

God looked around His garden  
And he found an empty space  
And then looked down upon this  
earth  
And saw a tired loving face.

He put his arms around you,  
He lifted you to rest:  
God's garden must be beautiful  
For He only takes the best.

It grieves our hearts to lose you  
But a solace here we find  
Because in life you sought the Savior  
The greatest treasure God gave to  
mankind.

As we loved you, so we will miss you  
In our memory you'll be near  
Loved, remembered, thought of  
often  
God will help to dry our tears.

All the pain and grief is over  
Every restless tossing past  
You are now at peace forever  
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Bro. Ray Messner, Darlene Schmidt, and Faye Messner were our hospital patients this month. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

The Dan Messner reunion was held on July 3, with many in attendance! It is really a special time when we can all get together every two years.

The engagement of Michael Messner, (Bro. Mike and Sis. Joyce) to Cheryl Johnson, daughter of Charles and Fay Bye of Gaylord was made known.

Kevin Messner, (Bro. Gerald and Millie) and Connie Rath, daughter of Elden and Marlene Rath, also announced their engagement. We wish both couples God's blessings.

I want to thank each and every one who remembered me with prayers, cards, and gifts during my recent illness and stay at the hospital. I will always treasure the love and many kindnesses shown to me and my family!

In Christian Love,  
Mary Lou Schmidt

### MISSOURI, LAMAR

**Becky Hohulin - Sandra Marti**

"And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also." I John 4:21.

Do we love each and every brother and sister in our congregation, as much as we say we love the Lord Jesus Christ? This question was asked to us all on July 11 when we were privileged to have Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington, IL) and his wife visit us here in Lamar. His message gave us much food for thought, and may God richly reward him for his labor of love here on our behalf.

Another blessing sent from Bloomington, IL to us here in Lamar is Ryan Huber. Ryan is going to school in Tulsa, OK and worships with us on weekends. We certainly welcome him. He is an added blessing to our little congregation.

We enjoyed the blessed privilege of fellowship of kindred minds on the weekend of July 4, as we had the single groups from West Bend, IA,

Forrest, IL, Fairbury, IL, and Fort Scott, KS. We thank them for coming and hope that they will soon return to visit us again.

In the hospital this month was Jim Kibler. He is at home now after having surgery. May he feel God's nearness as he continues to recuperate.

### MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS

**Becky Gudeman**

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20. We are few in number, yet what comfort we find in this verse.

Our prayer is that the Lord will bless our visiting ministers for their endeavors to us. We thank Bro. Edmund Kloter and his wife, Sis. Lorene, and those who traveled with them from the Goodfield congregation. We also thank Bro. Wendell and Sis. Marcella Gudeman (Francesville) and the many visitors with us that day. It is a real blessing to have the opportunity to fellowship with these loved ones.

Services are held the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the Ben Franklin Motor Hotel, 4645 N. Lindbergh Blvd. Please contact Dan and Becky Gudeman at 314-275-2227 for any further information.

### MISSOURI, TAYLOR

**Loida Hodel**

When someone does a kindness; it always seems to me; That's the way God up in heaven; would like us all to be...; For when we bring some pleasure; to another human heart;; We have followed in His Footsteps; and we've had a little part; In serving Him who loves us—; for I am very sure it's true; That in serving those around us; We serve and please Him, too. (Helen Steiner Rice)

Our thanks and appreciation to Bros. Wayne Miller (Ft. Scott, KS) and Marvin Leman (Bradford) for giving of themselves in ministering God's word to us. "One hour of real communion with God is worth more than a lifetime of everything else." (Waterbury)

We are thankful to God for His love and patience towards all of His people, especially at this time when we could witness another soul who

could repent, at what would seem the 11th hour. We rejoice with the family of Leo Grimm (Naperville, IL) formerly of our area, 67, who can now feel their prayers have been answered. Short funeral and burial services were held on Wednesday evening, June 23, here at Taylor. Leo is survived by his wife, Barbara and three sisters, Sis. Marie Butikofer (Taylor), Sis. Rose Steffen (Elgin, IL), and Sis. Sarah Gerst (Mediapolis, IA). May each one look to God for His comfort and appreciate the hope that the family circle will be complete in Heaven.

Hospital patients were Carol Bezler, surgical, and Gavin Haab (Bro. Paul and Sis. Kathy) emergency treatment for a severe bee sting. "Life's shadows are lifted by the wings of prayer." (J. Sexton)

"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God." (I Cor. 4:1). Overwhelming support was given to Bro. Arnie Gerst, formerly from the Chicago congregation, to continue to minister God's word, and we welcome him, Sis. Marjorie and their son, John, to "The Little White Church on the Levee".

### NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY

**Ed Aeschleman**

Sunday, July 4, was a day of beautiful weather and a day of true blessings. Ministering Bro. Lee Bahler came with his wife and others from Rockville and a number of other visitors from Illinois and Indiana also worshipped with us. The good and holy word was complemented by the close Christian fellowship enjoyed by all.

Sis. Mary Diggelman underwent eye surgery and is presently convalescing at home. We are confident that God will hear the many prayers offered for a good recovery.

### NEW YORK, CROGHAN

**Alice Virkler**

On Sunday, July 11, we assembled with the Naumburg congregation to hear God's word expounded by Bro. Gene Lehman of Wolcott. We thank Bro. Gene and his family for visiting us and sharing the Truth with us.

Our Sunday School children, teachers and parents enjoyed the annual weiner roast at Whitaker Falls Park on Saturday evening,

July 10.

Our hospital patients this month have been Bro. Ted Virkler, Bro. Bernard Martin for eye surgery, Sis. Elvera Martin and Gilbert Widrick. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each one.

#### NEW YORK, NAUMBURG

Rachel Snyder

Sis. Barbra Bachman (104 years) is in the Lowville General Hospital. We wish her well and hope her stay will be short.

Sis. Viola Karcher, from Watertown, has had to go into the hospital to have tests.

The Lord gave us many blessings on July 11 when Bro. Gene Lehman (Wolcott, IN) visited and ministered to us. Croghan assembled with us for the occasion. We thank Bro. Gene.

Graduation time is here again. We wish to give congratulations to Annette and Sis. Ann Schulz. We wish them rich blessings in their future lives.

#### OHIO, AKRON

Joyce Gasser

"And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." Luke 14:23. The Greek word 'anagkazo' translated 'compel' means to necessitate, constrain by all means such as by force. Compulsion was necessitated to fill this Lord's house. Paul sets the example by using persuasion. "...persuaded the Jews and the Greeks." Acts 18:4. "...This fellow persuadeth men to worship God ..." Acts 18:13. "...This Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people..." Acts 19:26. "...persuading them concerning Jesus ... from morning till evening." Acts 28:23. "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..." II Cor. 5:11.

Daniel Glenn Pamer is the little baby boy making Bro. Steve and Sis. Arles Pamer a new Dad and Mother. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Gene Pamer and Bro. and Sis. Donald Walder.

Visiting ministers giving us inspiring sermons were: Bro. Roy Luginbuhl (Rockville, CT), Bro. Don Manz (Junction), and Bro. Walter

Rehklau (Toledo).

Bro. Walter Rehklau's daughter, Sis. Marie, and her husband, Bro. Charles Kieser, and family have been attending Akron church. Bro. Charles has been a doctor in radiology at Cleveland Hospital, but has accepted a position in his profession at Peoria. We are sorry to see the Kiesers moving away from our congregation, but we know the Lord is with them in their plans.

Sis. Evelyn Walker, who had surgery, and Sis. Edna VonGunten who was hospitalized, are both home recuperating. There are three injured ankles in our group: Jean Weisman tore an ankle ligament and their son, Richard, hurt his ankle in a swimming mishap. Craig Graf, son of the John Grafs, fractured his ankle in a bicycle accident.

#### OHIO, COLUMBUS

Andy Hunyady

"He who has the Holy Spirit within himself and who possesses a tender conscience notices every little departure from what is right. Yes, whoever is fully under the guidance of the Holy Spirit feels all such things. Even tho it is not actually a sin, still he realizes that it is not good and that it is not helpful, so he discontinues if for he knows that one must give account for all acts of no value." S. H. Froehlich

Visiting brethren always bring joy and added blessing into our small circle. We thank Bro. Eugene Pamer, Akron, OH, for ministering unto us out of God's divine word. We also welcome into our family circle my sister, Margit (Hunyady) Miklos from Romania. Despite the language barrier with our families, it is a very happy reunion indeed. During her three month visit she will spend her time in part with us and also with my brother George and his family in Akron, OH. This is her first return visit to her native America after 61 years of absence. She brings many greetings from the dear brethren in Romania.

#### OHIO, GIRARD

Karen Laparo

On August first, Bro. Rudy Graf (Akron) was with us as we partook of the Holy Communion.

May we in perfect love be found  
When we Thy table, Lord, surround,  
Keep soul and body purified;  
Thy blessings, Lord, be multiplied  
Upon this feast.

Once again we wish to thank all who have blessed our small congregation with their visits. It warms our hearts to feel the Christian love and fellowship. Visiting song leaders have been Bro. Denny Neiman, Bro. Ken Maibach, Bro. Ron Gasser, and Bro. Dale Hartzler, all of Rittman.

Sis. Mina Emch has been hospitalized with a hip injury, but is home again and recuperating nicely. May God's loving hand ever be upon her. We hope she will soon be able to assemble with us again.

#### OHIO, JUNCTION

Les Manz

Among our visitors this month, we were pleased to have Bro. Walter Steffen and Bro. John Steiner to read God's Word to us and then explain it to us as the Spirit directed them. Most probably, the majority of us don't appreciate enough how blessed we are to have ministers whose sermons are Spirit inspired and not aimed at those whose pocketbooks are paying their salaries. This is just one of the many examples of the precious heritage our parents have preserved for us. Having found this precious house of faith, let us not look for a better or bigger or more glamorous "house" but by the grace of God, let us all work together to keep the "house" which we have inherited in good shape. I believe an ambitious goal should be to have this house in as good repair as we found it when our children want to "move in". A "stretch goal" which we should strive toward is to even have it in better repair.

Bro. Sam Schlatter brought out a very good point in a recent sermon when he reminded us that salvation is not a result of good works but good works are a result of salvation.

With the approaching conference, many prayers will be offered that God's will can be accomplished. May God grant each of us grace that we can show our love to Him by supporting the conference conclusions, even if it takes some sacrifice on our

part.

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**OHIO, LATTY**  
**Patty Riggenbach**  
**Cheryl Wenninger**

Glory be to God in heaven, Praise to  
 Christ, our Savior great!  
 By the power of Thy Spirit A new  
 man Thou didst create.  
 Angels see in joyous rapture God's  
 own Word in deed fulfilled;  
 And amid our glad embraces Is the  
 child of God revealed.

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

Out of water and of Spirit Thou, O  
 child, art born today;  
 You've escaped the old oppressor, In  
 God's covenant you'll stay.  
 Of one vine we all are branches; Of  
 Christ's body members we;  
 And for Satan's gall so bitter,  
 Streams of life our drink shall  
 be.

"The New Birth from Above"  
 Zion's Harp No. 34

Our congregation would like to  
 welcome four new souls into our  
 blessed brotherhood in Christ. Bap-  
 tized the weekend of July 18 were  
 Rhonda Stoller (Bro. Justus and Sis.  
 Ruby), Michaela Nolte (former ex-  
 change student from Germany  
 staying with Bro. Lee and Sis. Mary  
 Eisenmann), Gary Sinn (Bro. Ray  
 Sis. Ann), and Todd Sinn (Bro. Walt  
 and Sis. Renee ). How precious a  
 time we all enjoyed as we listened to  
 the testimonies of these young  
 people who wished to turn their  
 lives around and serve their Lord  
 Jesus. May they ever be a light to all  
 those around them, wherever God  
 directs their paths. Ministering  
 brothers who were with us for the  
 weekend were Elder Brother Andy  
 Vierker (Bay City), Jim Rinken-  
 berger (Bluffton), John Steiner  
 (Oakville), Walter Steffen (Milford),  
 and Bill Schlatter (Junction).

Other young people from our  
 congregation who have made known  
 their desire to live for our dear Lord

and Savior and have found peace  
 with God and all man are waiting to  
 share their testimonies with us.  
 Those converts announced as having  
 peace and anticipating baptism are  
 Kathy and Jerry Plummer (Bro. Rex  
 and Sis. Ann), Jody and Jason  
 Williamson (Bob and Sis. Janet),  
 David and Scott Gerber (Roger and  
 Sis. Eunice), Kirk Stoller (Bro. Darl  
 and Sis. Iva), Bruce Rosswurm (Bro.  
 Dick and Sis. Eileen Whitman), and  
 Rocky and Monica Martinez.

Another joyful occasion for our  
 congregation was the witnessing of  
 marriage vows between our Bro. Bill  
 Eisenmann (Bro. Lee and Sis. Mary)  
 and Sis. Carol Stoller (Bro. Delmar  
 and Sis. Marguerite) on June 27.  
 Bro. Henry Dotterer (Rittman) was  
 with us and ministered to us during  
 the day. We pray for a special  
 blessing for Carol and Bill as they  
 have become one in the Lord.

We were privileged to have three  
 visiting ministers over the July 4  
 holiday weekend. Preaching the  
 truth to us were Bro. Mike Rinken-  
 berger (Congerville), Bro. Dan  
 Stoller (Remington), and Bro. John  
 Isch (Indianapolis). We appreciate  
 hearing God's Spirit through these  
 brothers.

On July 11 the Sunday School  
 children, their teachers, and their  
 families gathered at the fellowship  
 hall for the annual Sunday School  
 Picnic. What a joy to know that  
 these children are being taught of  
 God's love and His wonderful plan of  
 salvation at an early age. We thank  
 God for blessing the teachers with  
 the special gift of teaching His word.

Hospital patient Bro. Nathan  
 Ringer is assembling with us again.  
 We are happy that God has healed  
 his body.

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**OHIO, Mansfield**  
**Lucille Groh**

"Now faith is the substance of  
 things hoped for, the evidence of  
 things not seen." Hebrews 11:1.

One year at Camp Mack in In-  
 diana, the speaker gave an  
 illustration of faith and it went  
 something like this: There was a  
 child in a burning building and the  
 child was standing at the window.  
 The only way to escape the fire  
 was to jump into the arms of his  
 father who was several stories

below. The father was standing with  
 open arms to receive his child but  
 the child had to let go of the window  
 and jump into the pleading father's  
 arms. Until the child could let go and  
 grasp hold of faith to jump from the  
 window he was doomed to perish. So  
 it is with our lives today, if we do not  
 grasp hold of faith and trust the  
 Father above we, too, cannot be  
 saved.

The Charles Sauder family,  
 because of job transfers and school,  
 for the first time is separated by  
 many miles. Douglas is in Atlanta,  
 GA, Bro. Russell in Toledo, OH and  
 Bro. Stanley and Sis. Judy in Peoria,  
 IL. But the faith that has sustained  
 and kept this family together in love  
 through the years will help them  
 now. Though they are separated by  
 many miles, prayer will bind them  
 close at heart. As they go on bended  
 knee to the Heavenly Father, they  
 will be bound as one family again  
 and by putting everything in the  
 Lord's hand, they can be sure that  
 "All things work together for good."  
 We, too, as the family of God miss  
 these dear ones and will welcome  
 their return when it is the Lord's  
 will and way.

In need also of our prayers are  
 loved ones who have been  
 hospitalized this past month: Bro.  
 Kenneth Sauder, Bro. Martin  
 Kleshinski, Bro. Richard Banks,  
 Bro. Byron Rice, Sis. Dorothy Ger-  
 ber, Sis. Louise Sabo and Sis. Ruth  
 Weiss. May they feel God's healing  
 strength and comfort.

On June 20, Bro. Douglas Sabo  
 and his family visited our  
 congregation from Sarasota, FL. On  
 June 27, Bro. Harold Kraft from Ft.  
 Scott, KS visited us and brought us  
 many good teachings from the Holy  
 Word.

July-11 was a cloudy day and it  
 was doubtful whether the Sunday  
 School picnic could be held, but the  
 weather turned out favorably and  
 many enjoyed an afternoon of  
 fellowship at Sis. Katherine and Sis.  
 Linda Morrison's.

Bro. Mark and Sis. Jeannine  
 Masters are the parents of a new  
 baby girl born June 30. They named  
 their new little daughter, Deann  
 Kaye. Bro. Jim and Sis. Clara (Sabo)  
 Zimmers are the happy grand-  
 parents.

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**OHIO, RITTMAN****Janette Blough - Florence Hartzler**

We thank our visiting ministers, Bro. Dan Stoller (Remington, IN) and Bro. Fred Knapp (Congerville, IL) for ministering to us. May God bless them richly.

How thankful we are that Debbie Steiner has turned to the Lord in repentance. We wish her much grace and may she find that peace that passes understanding. Debbie is the wife of Don Steiner and daughter-in-law of Willard and Sis. Marian Steiner.

July 7 was the day funeral services were held for our dear Sis. Ella Widmer who resided at the Apostolic Christian Nursing Home. Sis. Ella had given her life to the Lord at an early age and lived to be 98 years old. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Fred, and by one sister, Sis. Emma Bucher, also of the Apostolic Home.

July 10 was the wedding day of Debbie Zollinger and Mark Steiner. Debbie's parents are Bro. John and Sis. Marge Zollinger and Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steiner. We wish them much happiness.

Bro. Art Riggensbach and Jeff Lanz, son of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Diane Lanz, were hospitalized for surgery. We pray our Lord will place His healing hand on them so they can once again return to good health.

Mary Elizabeth is the new little daughter of Bro. Jerry and Sis. Martha Bauman. Big brother Matthew will help his mommy care for Mary. Sis. Marie Bauman is her grandmother.

Bro. Gary and Sis. Terri Zollinger and their children, Bridget, Ben, and Joseph, have moved to Sardis. May the Lord bless them in their new surroundings.

**OHIO, SARDIS****Joyce Indermuhle**

We have enjoyed our visitors this summer. A special thanks goes out to all our visiting ministers who shared their time with us. Bro. Vernon Wettstein (Congerville, IL) and Bro. John Steiner (Oakville, IA) each spent a Wednesday evening with us.

All involved received a blessing the weekend services were held in West Virginia. We want to ask a

special blessing on Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL) for sharing God's Word with us. Some special thoughts were shared that weekend. It was a blessing to learn that we don't go to annual memorial church services to worship the church building. We go because we love Jesus Christ and are living in His love. The building is just a shell kept up that we might gather and praise Him.

We have completed our Bible School classes. We thank the brothers who came and taught us. Bro. Ben Hartzler (Rittman, OH) was with us the first week and spoke about our liberty as a Christian. Bro. Pete Baltic (Mansfield, OH) taught the second week. We learned many ways to distinguish between or discern the spirits. Our last class was taught by Bro. Ben Blough (Rittman, OH). He spoke about brothers and sisters working together in love.

As school takes up again let's pray that our children can enter back into the school world and let their lights shine. Help them to never hesitate to stand up for God's will.

We have had a great blessing welcoming a new family to our congregation. Bro. Gary and Sis. Terry Zollinger, Bridget, Ben and Joseph have settled here in Sardis and we wish them God's blessings, as they have already blessed us.

**OHIO, TOLEDO****Josephine Rehklau  
Mary Ann Weigele**

Bro. Dan Fetter is now living in the Apostolic Christian Nursing Home in Rittman, OH. May God bless him in his new home.

**Anywhere With Jesus**

Anywhere with Jesus I can go to  
sleep,  
When the dark'ning shadows  
'round about me creep;  
Knowing I shall waken, never more  
to roam,  
Anywhere with Jesus will be home,  
sweet home.

Hymns of Zion

This was one of the songs that were sung by a few who gathered at his home on Sunday before he left for Rittman later in the week.

Sis. GERALYN (Bro. David) Beard is

in the hospital having had surgery. We wish her a good recovery.

Bro. Al and Sis. Mary Ann Weigele recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Kristi, to Brian Wareham from Findlay, Ohio.

REMINDER: Silver Lining dues of \$6.00 are due from our congregation this month.

**OREGON, PORTLAND****Barbara Moser****Burdens Are Things  
God Turns Into Wings**

"Oh for the wings of a bird," we cry,  
To carry us off to an untroubled sky  
Where we can dwell untouched by  
care

And always be free as a bird in the  
air—

But there is a legend that's very old,  
Not often heard and seldom told,  
That once all birds were wingless,  
too,

Unable to soar through the skies of  
blue—

For, while their plumage was  
beautifully bright  
And their chirping songs were  
liltingly light,

They, too, were powerless to fly  
Until one day when the Lord came  
by

And laid at the feet of the singing  
birds

Gossamer wings as He spoke these  
words:

"Come take these burdens, so heavy  
now,

But if you bear them you'll learn  
somehow

That as you wear them they'll grow  
light

And soon you can lift yourself into  
flight"—

So folding the wings beneath their  
hearts,

And after endless failures and  
starts,

They lifted themselves and found  
with delight

The wings that were heavy had  
grown so light—

So let us, too, listen to God's wise  
words,

For we are much like the "wingless  
birds,"

And if we would shoulder our daily  
trials

And learn to wear them with sunny

smiles  
 We'd find they were wings that God  
 had sent  
 To lift us above our heart's  
 discontent—  
 For the wings that lift us out of  
 despair  
 Are made by God from the weight of  
 care,  
 So whenever you cry for the "wings  
 of a bird"  
 Remember this little legend you've  
 heard  
 And let God give you a heart that  
 sings  
 As He turns your burdens to "silver  
 wings".

Helen Steiner Rice

We are happy to have Bro. Brad Getz from Elgin, Ill. with us for a few weeks while he attends school out here. We pray that God will bless our time together, even if it is just a short time.

Let us never forget the many blessings that God provides for us each and every day of our lives. One of these blessings is to be able to travel many miles and be able to greet brethren of like faith. When we travel and see so many different types of people and observe the things that they do and say, then we should humbly thank God for His Glorious Plan of Salvation and for our Heavenly call. Let us treasure this all the days of our lives.

#### OREGON, SILVERTON

Rosa Lee Kuenzi

On Sis. Margaret Wanner's eighty-sixth birthday, we sang one of her favorite hymns, "We'll Never Say Good-bye in Heaven," Hymns of Zion No. 122. We didn't realize that our last good-bye this side of heaven would soon be spoken. Less than a week later, on June 19, 1982, our dear sister laid down her well-worn armor...the last battle fought. We miss her very much and cherish the precious memories that will long linger in our hearts. Memorial services were held on June 21 at the Silvertown Apostolic Church. Ministering Bros. Clarence Dietrich and Ed Knecht conducted the service where many of the brethren from the Silvertown and Portland congregations, numerous nieces and nephews and friends gathered to be comforted by the good and Holy

Word that "Aunt" Margaret clung to so strongly so many years. She was such a good light to us all and a stalwart soldier of the cross. The concluding services and interment took place at Fairbury, IL on the 23rd. We extend our sympathy to all those who were near and dear to her who mourn her passing.

We also want to express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Walter Hari, Silvertown, OR who died July 1 after a long illness. We know he will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends. Our prayers and thoughts are with these dear ones who have lost their loved one: his wife, Ida; sons, Howard and Dale of Salem; son, Phillip and daughter-in-law Sis. Sharon of Hubbard; son, Harold and daughter-in-law, Sis. Linda of Silvertown; and daughter Sis. Jan and son-in-law, Bro. Dick Gudeman of Bloomington, IL and 10 grandchildren.

We have been enjoying many visitors this summer. The love and fellowship shared with these dear travelers is long remembered. If you are planning a trip to the Northwest, plan to visit us in Silvertown.

#### PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA DEVAULT Delores Rapp

The weekend of June 26-27 will long remain in our memories. We had the privilege of attending the memorial services of the church in New Martinsville, W. VA. It was an experience that should be enjoyed by all.

Evening services were held on Saturday at Sardis with Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann as the visiting minister. Sunday morning we joined many cars winding their way seven miles up the mountainside to the little white wooden church sitting high on a mountain top overlooking valleys and peaks for miles around. It is difficult to imagine the hardships our forefathers must have faced in their travels as they made their way up that mountain, only to enter a church lacking in all the modern-day amenities. Their desire to assemble in this remote spot to hear the word of God surpasses all understanding.

About 200 brethren and friends who attended from Akron, Bluffton,

Chicago, Fairbury, Mansfield, Philadelphia, Rittman, Rockville and Sardis filled the church to overflowing. Many of us sat outside on chairs under the protection of a canvas while others chose to sit on the hillside. The children, sitting on blankets, found shelter from the sun under the trees in the little cemetery.

We sang for almost one hour and I thought, "Surely our voices blending in praise to the Lord must be carrying many miles over the valleys. Hopefully some needy soul would hear and find comfort in the music."

During the fellowship hour a delicious lunch was provided by the Sardis families and many new acquaintances were made.

The afternoon service found Bro. Dale Eisenmann noting that he and his family had been shown the church years earlier when it was empty. However, to be gathered on this day with brethren of like faith gave new meaning and appreciation for this little church.

Bro. Dale also stated that the building had fallen into decay because of neglect over the years. Finally, the Sardis church decided it should be saved as a memorial to our past heritage. With the help of the Rittman brethren, they set about to put the Lord's house in order. "Just as in our Christian walk of life," stated Bro. Dale, "we, too, must keep our house in order or we will fall into decay as did this old church."

Many friends from the area joined us and shared their memories of being brought to this church as children by parents and grandparents. One elderly lady commented how as a child, eight years old, she helped her mother scrub the wood floors on hands and knees using homemade soap. Each person had his or her own special memory and it was interesting to hear their stories.

As we bid farewell to brethren and friends, it seemed that a part of us remained on that mountaintop and the blessings derived from being there exceeded our deepest expectations.

Many thanks should be given to the Sardis church for their labors of love. A day like that doesn't just



happen without the cooperation of many willing hands.

Several weeks ago ministering Bro. Bill Schlatter and family (Junction, OH) visited Bro. Ed and Sis. Nancy Aeschleman during midweek so we were not privileged to have Bro. Bill minister to us.

Three of our five families were absent during a two week interim so we were grateful for our guests from Ft. Lauderdale, Gridley, Roanoke and Rockville.

If ever you are in the area and unable to find our church on Phoenixville Pike close to the intersection of Rt. 29, Devault, PA, please call us. The number at the church is 215-296-4860.

## Silver Threads

### Influence

Drop a pebble in the water,  
And its ripples reach out far;  
And the sunbeams dancing on them  
May reflect them to a star.  
Give a smile to someone passing,  
Thereby making his morning glad;  
It may greet you in the evening  
When your own heart may be sad.  
Do a deed of simple kindness;  
Though its end you may not see,  
It may reach, like widening ripples,  
Down a long eternity.

J. Norris

### The Friend Who Stands By

When trouble comes your soul to try  
You love the friend who just stands  
by;  
Perhaps there's nothing he can do  
The thing is strictly up to you  
And there are troubles all your own  
And paths the soul must tread alone  
Time when love cannot smooth the  
road  
Nor friendship lift the heavy load  
But just to feel you have a friend  
Who will stand by until the end  
Whose sympathy through all  
endures  
Whose warm handclasp is always  
yours  
It helps some way to pull you  
through  
Although there's nothing he can do  
And so with fervent heart you cry  
God bless the friend who just stands  
by.

### My Father's Bible

I often think of childhood days, when  
round the table, there,  
Our father oft would read God's  
word and lead in earnest  
prayer.  
And near the table on a shelf there  
was a little nook,  
Where father laid his spectacles and  
kept the sacred Book.  
And when the evening meal was  
past, unto the shelf he'd go,  
And read to us from God's good  
Word, that we its truths might  
know.  
And peering o'er his spectacles, he  
watched if we took heed—  
God's Word commanded reverence,  
in thought and word and deed.  
Oh, would that men might in these  
days evaluate God's Word,  
And use it in their walk of life as  
their shield and Spirit's sword.  
Those children of the former day are  
women now, and men;  
Still read the book their father read,  
and heed it now, as then.  
— Bro. Henry Beer

### My Neighbor

I planned it, oh, so many times  
To visit her next door  
I said, "tomorrow, I shall go.  
I should have gone before."  
But when the morrow came  
There was so much to do  
I said, "Oh, surely I'll find time  
When all my tasks are through."  
And so the days sped quickly by  
She lived next door a year  
I know that she was lonely there  
I am so sorry, dear.

For, Oh last night an angel came  
On mighty wings he sped  
And little children whisper low,  
"Your neighbor now is dead."

I've taken roses to her now,  
She's sweeter than I guessed  
Almost it seems she's sleeping  
there,  
Her hands across her breast.

I think somehow she understands  
I've prayed to be forgiven!  
And maybe she will seek me out  
If I can reach her heaven.

Author unknown

### Shining Hour

Tell me again of days gone by,  
Help me recall the sound and songs,  
What matter if we can't return,  
Back to the place where the heart  
belongs!  
Waste not your sighs on years  
grown old,  
Weep not for faces of the past,  
Speak not again of long lost dreams,  
And sands of time that flow too fast!  
Within the power of all men,  
The vision of a shining hour,  
In every memory there clings,  
The sweetness of a faded flower!  
And what the heart has loved the  
most,  
CAN NEVER BE MISLAID OR  
LOST!

Grace E. Easley

### The Goal

Often the goal is nearer than  
It seems to a faint and faltering man,  
Often the struggler has given up  
When he might have captured the  
victor's cup.  
And he learned too late, when the  
night slipped down,  
How close he was to the golden  
crown.  
Success is failure turned inside  
out —  
The silver tint of the clouds of  
doubt —  
And you never can tell how close  
you are,  
It may be near when it seems afar;  
So stick to the fight  
When you're hardest hit —  
It's when things seem worst  
That you mustn't quit.

George Webster Douglas

### The Fortunes of Father

The fortunes of father  
Are found close at hand,  
Precious as gems dug  
From deep in the land.  
But the treasures a dad  
Keeps the nearest at heart  
Were not fashioned and sold  
In the jeweler's mart;  
For the gold and the  
Diamonds lighting his eyes  
Are gifts from the Giver  
Of all paradise;  
The fortunes of father  
Are found in the ones  
He can proudly point out  
As his daughters and sons!

To the young fathers today, I'd like to dedicate these verses in Deuteronomy 11:18-21.

18. - "Therefore shall ye lay up these words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

19 - "And ye shall teach your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down and when thou riseth up.

20 - "That your days may be multiplied and the days of your children, in the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth."

### Let Me Be A Giver

God, let me be a giver, and not one  
Who only takes and takes  
unceasingly;  
God, let me give, so that not just my  
own,  
But others' lives as well, may  
richer be.

Let me give out whatever I may hold  
Of what material things life may  
be heaping,  
Let me give raiment, shelter, food,  
or gold  
If these are, through Thy bounty,  
in my keeping.

But greater than such fleeting  
treasures, may  
I give my faith and hope and  
cheerfulness,  
Belief and dreams and joy and  
laughter gay  
Some lonely soul to bless.  
Mary Carolyn Davies

### Everyday Prayer

Let me be a little kinder, let me be a  
little blinder  
To the faults of those about me; let  
me praise a little more.  
Let me be, when I am weary, just a  
a little bit more cheery.  
Let me serve a little better those  
that I am striving for.  
Let me be a little braver when  
temptation bids me waver.  
Let me strive a little harder to be all  
that I should be.

Let me be a little meeker with the  
brother that is weaker.  
Let me think more of my neighbor  
and a little less of me.

Author Unknown

### Sermon . . .

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all excited about it because the Word says that it is going to be increased.

But, beloved, as we know these things are taking shape and form and we see it on every hand, it would seem that it would arouse us and cause us to become alert when we see that it is happening, so that we do not follow in that path and in their footsteps. Because the crown is not yet ours, dear ones.

So the Apostle Paul had his struggles in life. He even said it not as though he had already attained it, neither that he was already perfect, but that now he was going to press onward and forward reaching forth to that eternal goal. (Philippians 3:12, 14). He realized that he stood on the threshold of a new life, and that now the battle begins. That is true, dear ones.

When we arise out of the waters of baptism and are overwhelmed with joy and the divine love of God, then we enter into the enemy's territory and battlefield. There the enemy is going to assail us. He has one objective and it doesn't matter how he does it; to mislead us and get us off the track — the narrow way — and lead us onto the broad way again. The Saviour said there was a great multitude walking on the broad way. There are only a few walking on the narrow way.

So, dear ones, that should arouse us. That should stir our "pure minds by way of remembrance." II Peter 3:1. We should realize that we are living in and surrounded by a world of evil, ungodliness and unrighteousness. Sin prevails on every hand. But God is with us and we need not fear. That should be our comfort. If God is with us, we have to be with Him. We have to walk with Him.

The apostle here mentions, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, in a loving manner, "by the mercies of God." Romans 12:1. Isn't it marvelous? It humbles us. We feel ashamed sometimes to think that

this high apostle, in the spirit of meekness and lowliness, talks about the mercy of God. If we recall, he said one time that his ministry (the ministry of the apostle) was based entirely upon the mercy of God. So it is evident and it just seems as if this apostle never wanted to forget the experience he had when he experienced the mercy of God when he was an outcast, we might say. He was a belligerent man. Even though he was righteous in his own estimation, he was far from God. God had to deal with that man with drastic measures. Then when he experienced that mercy of God, he rejoiced. Heretofore, I believe, he cried out, "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Romans 7:24. He knew where he was going. After God opened his eyes and revealed to him the truth, then he experienced the mercy of God. To experience the mercy of God is the most marvelous thing that we will ever experience.

But having experienced this, then it is another thing to keep it within the confines of our hearts and our souls. Never forget that mercy that God showers upon us. If ever you are in trouble... if ever you become discouraged in life's pilgrim journey, stop and think a few moments about the mercy that we receive. Had it not been for His mercy to us, who were sinners and far from Him, we would not be assembled here this morning. Our hearts would not be overflowing with joy and love when we meet and greet one another. Now we sit together as in heavenly places around the Word of God, and feel the presence of God among us all because of His mercy. He wanted to remind us and he said, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God ..." Romans 12:1. Beautiful, dear ones! It really should humble us and I hope that every one of us can just reflect back a moment and refresh ourselves with the memory of that great mercy that we experienced when we were brought under judgement for our life of sin. We felt God's righteous judgement, beloved, and what mercy He extended unto us! Not that we deserved it, not that we loved Him, but that He loved us, dear ones, and paid the price.

Now he calls upon us, "that ye

present your bodies a living sacrifice ..." Romans 12:1. We want to. We should want to. I hope every dear brother and sister wants to contribute something to Almighty God for our redemption.

We don't owe our flesh anything. It is what has caused us all the trouble even before we were converted and today yet as brethren, our flesh now and then wants to rise up, and go the other way. It's never been converted. That's why we are in a constant battle, dear ones. The battle is going to rage until we take our last breath.

In speaking with a dear old brother, who is suffering the infirmities of the body, just this morning, I said, "You have something in your heart that you haven't lost." Then he said, "I hope I never lose it, but the enemy wants to take it away." I do not know how old he is, but he is older than I am. That is true, it doesn't matter how old we are. When we go to the bedside sometimes of a dear old brother or sister, we have to hear from their trembling lips, "The enemy wants to disturb me." Unashamed is the devil, dear ones. So we are in a conflict, but we have some good instructions. He said that we should now present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy (holy!) acceptable unto God. (Romans 12:1). Not our own thinking. No. It has to conform with the Word, my beloved hearers. There has to be the testimony in our hearts that the Lord knows us.

We hear people say, "I know the Lord." Well, that isn't too important. The thing that really counts is if we have a testimony in our heart that the Lord knows us. He wants us to have that testimony. We have a right, dear ones. I think every convert can testify (when they bring forth their testimony) that they know that the Lord knows them as one individual. They have experienced it. It is another one of those marvels of salvation, beloved. Now when we think of this, it might occur to some, "Well, that is going a long way—when we offer up ourselves as a living sacrifice. We should be holy, conforming to the Word of God, and directed by the Holy Spirit that indwells us...and it says, 'which is your reasonable service.'" Romans 12:1. Not

unreasonable. It is only our reasonable service that we owe to the Lord.

The apostle said one time that we are no more debtors to the flesh. (Romans 8:12). We are debtors to the Lord. The way to cancel the debt, I have often thought, is when we are obedient, humble children walking in the footsteps of the Lord. That is easy by the grace of God, beloved. He mentions here, "Be not conformed to this world." Romans 12:2. Now we have come out from among the world, and so there is a possibility, dear ones, that again we can go back into the world, or we would not read this Scripture, "Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:2. You know the human mind is something that no man can change, dear ones, but God can. This is conversion, dear ones. We repent, but God converts the individual. That is a miracle. To change the mind's thinking, attitude, lifestyle, all the way through into a new individual. To put off the old man and to put on the new man, (Ephesians 4:22), and now to walk in the ways of truth and righteousness.

"Be ye transformed", means to be changed from a child of the enemy to a child of God, a child filled with the divine love of God and whereby now, (as we mentioned) his joy is in serving the Lord and walking with the Lord. It should be our joy! It is a privilege when we can witness for the Lord. To be an example in our walk of life, dear ones. We have a wonderful privilege, dear sisters and dear brothers, if we let our light shine. When we let our light shine, God is glorified. We can hardly grasp it, but God is glorified! Thereby the world can see our good works. That is what we want to do. That should be our objective and aim, for after all, we are ambassadors of the Lord. We are ambassadors for Christ. We want to represent Christ in this life and time. Marvelous! What a wonderful opportunity we have!

"Be not conformed to the world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..." Romans 12:2. With this new mind, beloved, we are then able to "prove what is that good, and acceptable, and per-

fect, will of God." Romans 12:2. Only then, with a renewed mind, can we have the mind of Christ. We read that "we have the mind of Christ." I Corinthians 2:16. It truly humbles us, beloved. God works in and through His children here in this lifetime. So we have a solemn responsibility, beloved, to preserve our most precious faith. We can read in Hebrews of the fathers of faith and it really humbles us to think what they sacrificed and offered up to preserve this faith that we enjoy and take for granted so often, dear ones.

We older brethren who have long fought this fight and have been in the struggle, have seen a great change, beloved. I often think that we are permitted today, in this twentieth century, to enjoy the most pleasant (in one sense) time of life that this world has ever known. We have it so nice...perhaps too nice. Isn't it true? We have it so nice...we live in abundance...we live in luxury. I hope that it will never be our downfall, dear ones. It is not yet proven. The end isn't here. How far the enemy is going to be successful through the deceitfulness of riches to lead us in the wrong direction, is yet to be proven. But it has been proven that affliction and suffering won't drive us away from the Lord; but will draw us to the Lord. The devil failed. Now he is using the other method. That is to be seen.

But, dear ones, we do well to abide by the simple teachings of God's Holy Word. He goes on throughout this chapter that we have read together and reminds us of our duties as believers, one after the other. There are twenty-one verses contained here and he concludes the whole matter by saying, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:21. It isn't for nought. There is evil on every hand but he said, "but overcome evil with good." If God be with us, we need not fear. We can be the overcomers. The overcomers will inherit the land of promise, dear ones.

To that end, may God grant us the grace as pilgrims that we can be that example for our blessed Saviour, who gave His all on the cross, that we might be His and share in His glory in the realms above.

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## SERMON BY ELDER BRO. SAMUEL ANLIKER, LAMONT, KS

### Text: Romans 12

I am glad that we did not write the Scripture, dear ones. It was only through the inspiration and the guidance of the Holy Spirit that this Word was written. So again this morning we are privileged to listen to what God has to say and reveal to us through the reading of this Scripture. Truly it humbles us.

I believe that we have to admit that we have work to do, every one of us, in our daily walk of life and in the household of faith if we are going to fulfill the words of this Scripture. Now it isn't impossible or it would not be written. What is contained in the Bible is possible. With man, we know, it isn't possible.

There was a time in our lives when this Scripture would have been repulsive to us and we would have immediately said, "It is impossible, and that's asking just entirely too much for any man to stoop down and to serve each other, to love each other and to bear each other." But the hymn writer said (and we sang together) that we need not fear; that if God is with us, then all things are possible. That is true today.

The apostle realized that and he experienced that. Not within himself . . . no . . . he didn't have the ability. He could not; for he wrote one time that the things that he wanted to do, he couldn't do. The things that he didn't want to do, those are the things that he did. (Romans 7:15, 18, 19).

We look back, my dear brothers and sisters, and realize that we were in the same shoes. We should never forget that. I hope we don't. It was rather humiliating when oft time we resolved that no more were we going to do it. We knew it wasn't right and we were going to become master, only to find within ourselves

that we couldn't do it. We were a victim to Satan. . . slaves unto the devil. . . sold unto sin.

God knew it, beloved. That is why He sent Jesus Christ into the world to usher in a new dispensation that a new generation of people could be born into this world who could do these things that are recorded in the Scripture. Not only that they could do it, but the beauty of it all is that they would rejoice in doing these things that seem so impossible, and to the world, seem foolish. But to the believer, the born-again child of God that has been converted, not only does he want to do it, but as he fulfills the Scripture and is obedient to the Word, then he rejoices. There is a joy in our hearts, because our life "is hid with Christ in God" and the world cannot see it. (Colossians 3:3).

We really can't convey it one to another, can we? It's impossible. We just can't tell people what has happened. Oh, in a few words, yes. But the experience of that joy when we were overwhelmed, beloved, we just can't explain it!

We heard last evening from the lips of a dear soul who had reached her allotted span of time and she was bubbling over with joy. She couldn't express it! You could see it in the countenance of her face; and it was far beyond her expectation! It's common with us who have experienced it. That is why we pity the world. We pity our children and our beloved friends who gather with us that they can't see it or taste it.

Beloved, this whole work is just as He told Nicodemus. He compared it to the wind; and we can understand that. (John 3:8). We don't see it . . . but we can hear it. We see the power of it but we can't reach out and get a handful. That is just the way this great salvation is. I

have often thought that it is such a beautifully illustrated parallel. (John 3:1-8). But we can see the results. Isn't that right? I praise the Lord for it!

It is just as the Lord said to the woman there at Jacob's well: "...Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:13, 14. That is the way it should be. The believer—the born-again child of God, should be bubbling over with joy! It should show forth in their countenances whether or not the love of Jesus is in their hearts! It is marvelous!

I'm sorry that we can't even impress it upon our own children and our other loved ones. We would just like to enfold them in our arms, beloved, and reveal to them this great mystery of godliness, but we can't do it. For some reason, God has reserved that for Himself; and for a good reason. If you and I were to bring it about, beloved, I am afraid we would have it so messed up that no one would find it. So God has reserved it . . . God has to reveal it.

Now having found this most precious pearl...this gift...this joy...this peace that passeth all understanding, we cannot sit back and fold our hands and think, "We have it made," because we have not yet attained unto that goal. We are still poor struggling pilgrims here in this wilderness of time surrounded on every hand with every sort of ungodliness and unrighteousness. It is on the increase; we can't stop it. We'd like to stop it but we can't do it. We need not to frustrate ourselves and become all alarmed and

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