

# The Silver Lining

## A LIGHT FOR BELIEVERS

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### *For Those Who Serve the Lord in the Spring of Their Lives*

Bro. Bob Indermuhle — Leo

This is to publicly say that you are appreciated. Many times we dwell on the negative aspects of youth such as fickleness, irresponsibility, and the nature that leads to sin. Those of you who have given your lives to the Lord and repented, not only need our encouragement, but are also our joy. You are hope that can be seen. You are a blessing.

Since you have been obedient to His call, you have sought His will for your life. May He come into you and you into Him to the extent that He is Lord of your life.

As the Holy Spirit, years ago spoke to the church in Revelation, this same Holy Spirit can today speak to us through your lives. You are a new creation in Christ Jesus and we observe your spiritual growth as you become more Christ-like. We can look at you to see His reflection.

As older sheep of the flock, we encourage you to draw close to the group of young people in your area, especially during the early years of your converted life. "A lone straw bends and breaks more easily than when in a bundle." However, there are times you must face the adversary alone, in your daily walk of life, as you commune with the Lord on a one-to-one basis. This will teach you to lean more fully on the only true strength — the Lord Himself.

In conclusion, your strong voices, "hopeful view," obedience, and spring-like nature are a great inspiration!

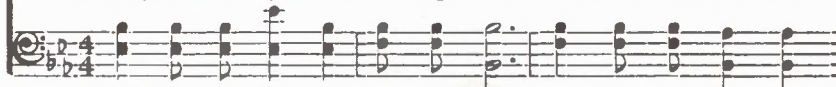
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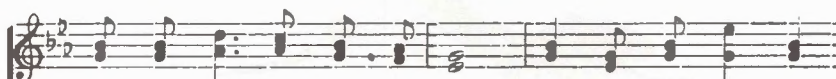
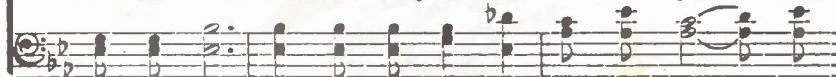
Old Swiss Melody  
Harmonized by M. L. McLaughlin



1. In days of youth seek ye the Lord, His love and truth with
2. The flowers of spring time bright and fair Dis - perse their fra - grance
3. Thy strength and vig - or hope - ful view, Thy zeal and tal - ents
4. You need not hon - or, rich - es, fame This life a - bun - dant
5. In youth - ful days His bless - ing seek, With heart that's ten - der



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# IT IS FINISHED!

Bro. Lynn Stieglitz — Leo

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished: and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost. John 19:30

This past Easter season, I've thought a lot about the final three words that Christ uttered before He died. "It is finished!" At first glance, you would think that Christ was referring to His life here on earth. You might think that He was proclaiming an end to the pain and agony that He had suffered on the cross and at the hands of the soldiers. The past twenty-four hours had been as degrading as possible for the Son of God. It is true, His death signified an end to a lot of pain, suffering and misunderstanding.

But as we take a second look, we realize that Jesus was saying much more. The Greek word for "finished" is "teleo," which is translated in other portions of scripture as make an end, expire, fulfill, accomplish, perform and pay. So now we ask, "What was finished or accomplished?" God's plan was finished! His plan began way back in the Garden of Eden, as soon as He pronounced the sentence of death on fallen mankind. I often wonder if at that point, God didn't turn to His Son and say, "Son, we have to save our creation. If man is to ever be freed from the penalty of sin, it can only be through the shed blood of a pure sinless sacrifice." So God, after declaring that the wages of sin are death (Rom. 6:23) set about to give us freedom from the curse, by dying for us in the form of His Son, Jesus Christ.

When Jesus bowed His head and cried, "It is finished," He realized what a mighty battle had been won. Through that one death, through that one sacrifice, more was accomplished than man can ever comprehend. Christ knew that scripture concerning the suffering of Christ had been completely fulfilled (John 19:28). He knew that Satan's

death claim on man had been paid and Satan had been defeated (Heb. 2:14-15). Christ, the Jew, realized that the curse of the Law and Old Covenant was done away with and all man now had open access to God, the Father (Col. 2:14-17, Mark 15:38, Heb. 10:19-22). But most of all, Christ realized that His death made a way for peace between God and man. Once and for all, redemption, salvation and justification were made available to all men (Rom. 5:1-11).

Let us realize, even as Christ realized, that "It is finished." "Nothing either great or small, nothing, sinner no; Jesus died and paid it all, long, long ago. When He, from His lofty throne stooped to do and die, everything was fully done: Hearken to His cry! Weary, working, burdened one, wherefore toil you so? Cease your doing, all was done long, long, ago. Till to Jesus' work you cling by a simple faith, "doing" is a deadly thing, "doing" ends in death. Cast your deadly "doing" down, down at Jesus' feet; Stand in Him, in Him alone, gloriously complete!"

Gospel Hymns No. 159

It's time for us to claim, by faith, the complete work that was accomplished on Calvary. Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. I Peter 4:1,2

We have a triumphant King whose kingdom is within us. Let's claim His promises and praise Him for His victory.

"It is finished," the battle is over;

"It is finished," there'll be no more war;

"It is finished," the end of the conflict,

"It is finished," and Jesus is Lord!

years, schools, state and county officials, and the church over the past four years, and will miss the opportunities that the future offers here. I have grown spiritually and in the church and have come to know many of you personally. I thank God for this and know that I have been blessed for having been here. I do not know what the future holds for me and my family,

but we trusted in God when we came here, and are trusting that He will provide for us after we leave. Our prayers are for the Home and for the new administrator. With God's help and blessings, the Home will go on providing for the needs of our children.

As many of you are aware, we are constantly searching for people to come and work here at the Children's Home. Two who have answered the call are Bro. Larry and Sis. Vera Baer (Princeville). They are scheduled to arrive in early April to serve as alternate houseparents. This will enable the houseparents to have their days off without us having to depend on the many volunteers who have been so willing to help out lately. Larry and Vera will also help with the children and with the many tasks that need to be done to keep everything orderly. They have a new son, Mark, who will be serving in a public relations capacity (babies can do this in such a cute way).

We will still be in need of a couple as Bro. Bob and Sis. Karen are planning to return to Sardis in mid-August. If you are interested, please do not put off calling or writing after praying about it.

At its most recent meeting the Board voted to set up a building fund that will be kept separate from our general fund. This fund will be used for new buildings and/or for major renovations of existing buildings. If you would like to donate to this fund, please be sure to so indicate when you send in your donation.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Spring beauty surrounds us everywhere! Hopefully, we are not moving so fast that we tend to overlook its presence. Because it bears no price tag, do we underestimate its value? Life does necessitate giving attention to our responsibilities, but it also behooves us to satisfy the hunger pangs of our spirits for beauty. When our Heavenly Father wrote the music for the birds to sing and when He clothes the flowers in their fragile garments, surely He meant for mankind to pause and to draw inner strength and wisdom from nature's beauty. It surely can be of quiet, gentle comfort to the soul.

Attention to responsibilities here at the Home includes the work in the office. A visit to this department finds

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Bob Cockburn

One of the hardest things I have to write about today is the fact that the Board is in the process of finalizing the selection of a new administrator. I have enjoyed the challenge of working with the children, the many staff members that have come and gone over the

it located near the Administrator's office. Bustling with activity, the various tasks in a week's time include: answering the phone, greeting our visitors, typing letters and reports for other departments, handling all incoming mail and delivering it to the various departments. Mail for our 86 residents alone can become heavy, especially at holiday seasons. However, this is very important to our residents, and we encourage you to keep it coming.

Of the six staff members in the office, two of whom are full time, one is the accounts payable bookkeeper. Her duties include: handling all bills, confirming their accuracy and writing the checks in payment; checking and correcting all public aid room care billings; checking and charging the telephone bills to residents and staff; reconciling the various bank accounts each month and keeping a petty cash fund.

The accounts receivable bookkeeper records all incoming money. Memorial contributions are recorded; donors receive acknowledgment and a Memorial Fund account is set up in the name of the deceased. Contribution records are kept and acknowledged. Money received by the residents is deposited into their personal checking or savings accounts. Cautioning and counseling residents on wise spending habits becomes an important part of this department's responsibility. All residents' records are sent to residents' families quarterly.

Personnel records on each of approximately one hundred employees must be kept. Payroll every two weeks must be calculated and checked. Payroll records are kept in detail and paychecks written. Paid Time Off records are kept for each individual employee, allowing them to see at a glance the amount of vacation time which is available. State and Federal tax reports must be filed. Insurance for health and for automobiles must be kept current. The Silver Lining article is to be sent once each month.

Balancing journals and ledgers, compiling, typing and dispersing financial reports and forecasts is another important assignment of the office staff. Keeping abreast of all the changes of state and federal regulations is a necessity. Medical bills must be filed with medicare and public aid, when it is not done directly by the doctor. Public aid is billed for medical

transportation for our residents. All ledger cards for room care expense and for miscellaneous charges must be analyzed and checked for accuracy. A file with up-to-date information must be kept for each resident. The A. C. Times is compiled and typed monthly. Board of Directors' minutes are typed and dispersed. Setting up procedures and job descriptions and keeping inventory and ordering supplies is included among our duties. Add to this partial list of things to do the many, many unexpected interruptions each day, and you will find the reason why this office is the pleasant area that it is — busy and happy to serve the residents and one another. In all of this, we try never to lose sight of the responsibility we feel toward the parents of our residents and to all who so faithfully support the Home. In the office, we are particularly grateful and indebted to our numerous professional volunteers, without whose help our work load would be much heavier. We have the opportunity to witness first hand the manifestation of God's love through His children, who have done so many acts of kindness throughout the years.

#### ARIZONA, PHOENIX Ron & Evelyn Hoerr

And the Lord said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

On Feb. 27, best wishes were offered to Bro. Jim Miess and Sis. Candy Wuethrich on the announcement of their engagement. Their parents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Ann Miess of Morris, MN, and Bro. Richard and Sis. Nola Wuethrich of Francesville.

Our visiting ministers last month were Bro. Raymond Roth (Kiowa), Bro. Henry Dotterer (Rittman), and Bro. Todd Feller (LaCross).

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Henry Schrenk and Sis. Frances Schrenk on the death of their brother-in-law, Bro. James Grivitt. Bro. Henry flew to Chicago to be with his sister. Sis. Frances is in the hospital.

On the weekend of Feb. 19 our Sunday School and young members group journeyed to Tucson for fellowship.

Bro. Allen and Sis. Edith Freed are the happy grandparents of Matthew Lee Freed, born March 6. Bro. Tom and Sis. Cathy are Matthew's parents.

Paul and Carol Doolittle enjoyed a sunny boat cruise to Mexico.

On Feb. 27 we had our monthly potluck supper and singing at the church.

Bro. Ervan Rokey was hospitalized for surgery. Sis. Alice Baumgartner had tear duct surgery. Sis. Shirly Zollinger was a hospital out patient. Sis. Emma Sanders sustained second degree burns on her legs from hot water.

We are sorry to be losing two families from the Phoenix area. The Rob Berry family is moving to the Rittman, OH area. Joe and Wanda Guerra are moving to the Bern, KS church area.

Reminder: Dues for the Silver Lining should be paid in March. This is to notify those who did not hear the announcement in church, but who subscribe to the Silver Lining.

"Preserve me O God; for in Thee do I put my trust." Psalm 16:1

#### ARIZONA, TUCSON

Sandy Bauer — Lisa Knapp

The weekend of Feb. 19-20 was truly a blessing for our small church. The Sunday School and young members

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from the California, Colorado, Kansas, Oregon, Arizona and Washington churches all gathered in Tucson for activities and fellowship. We are thankful that the Lord made it possible for everyone to be together from so many places across America.

Sis. Katherine Hoerr, one of our treasured winter visitors from Peoria, fell and broke her hip recently. We miss seeing her in church and pray for her speedy recovery.

Saturday, March 12 was the beautiful wedding day for Candy Knapp (Bro. Loren and Sis. Evelyn) and Joseph McAndrews (John and Sally). May they feel God's blessings as they establish their new home in Holland. Joe is serving in the United States Air Force and has been stationed overseas.

We in Tucson are noting the coming of spring as the temperatures here rise to the 80's. We would welcome any visitors who would like to share this fine weather with us.

#### CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA Mary Beth Klotzle

Gathering together in one accord,  
 Conversing and singing, praising our  
 Lord.  
 Uplifting, listening, strengthening too,  
 Encouraging each other our best to do.  
 Sharing a thought sent down from  
 Above  
 Feeling unity in spirit, a oneness in  
 love.  
 How thankful we are for the blessed  
 ties  
 The good Lord has brought into our  
 lives!  
 We say our farewells and then we part,  
 Although separated by miles, still close  
 in heart;  
 Refreshed in the Spirit we're ready  
 to go  
 Back into the world, the true Word  
 sow.  
 Let us continue to uphold each other  
 in prayer  
 That each may be worthy to meet  
 Christ in the air,  
 For then again we will gather in  
 one accord  
 Praising forever our King and our Lord!

How thankful we are for weekends of fellowship! The memories are cherished, and often our minds go back to the thoughts and convictions that were shared by which we can still gain strength in needed times. The Bible

class and young members enjoyed the recent trip to Tucson. How special to be with those we know well and to meet new brothers and sisters in Christ. God's blessings to all of those in Tucson who did so much! We've also been blessed with many visitors and want to thank each one who shares with us their time and love. Our privilege of fellowship is one that cannot be described nor appreciated enough.

Terry and LaVonne McCarthy welcome home their first baby, Meghan Colleen. Bro. Carl and Sis. Margaret Kinsinger are overjoyed with their little granddaughter.

All are now safely home from the trip taken to India. It was a long, arduous journey but felt very useful. The brothers are thankful for the prayerful support which was surely felt.

The engagement of Sis. Kathy Klotzle (Bro. John and Sis. Lois) to Bro. Kurt Bahler (Bro. Edwin and Sis. Lois) of Remington, IN was announced. We will certainly miss Sis. Kathy, but trust it's the Lord's will and rejoice with them. May God bless them as they prepare to unite their lives as one.

#### CALIFORNIA, MAYWOOD Ben Ammann

On Sunday, Feb. 20, we at Maywood were blessed to have Bro. Walter Anliker of Eureka to provide us God's Word. Also, Bro. Ray and Sis. Louise Anliker from West Bend, IA worshipped with us.

Our Sis. Fay Fearcy who has lived at Maywood for over 40 years has retired and is now at the Sabetha, KS church home.

On Feb. 22 we heard that Bro. John Dapper passed away in the Eureka Church Home. Bro. Dapper held church services in his home here before the Maywood church was built in the mid 1930's. He served the Maywood Church till he retired in 1976.

We feel Bro. John will be rewarded in heaven for the many years he served our Lord.

#### COLORADO, DENVER Marlene Leman

In February our young folks had the privilege of spending a weekend in Tucson with many other young folks from our other western churches. The fellowship enjoyed was a great blessing for all who attended.

Twenty-eight inches of snow delayed only slightly the first services in

our new church building on March 6. We truly believe that God has opened each door as we came to it and we can feel His blessing as we gather. Our church is located at 280 S. Revere, Aurora. We are now meeting at the church for Wednesday evenings also. The phone number at the church is 303-364-1418. Our phone number is 303-696-1301.

We are sorry to report that Bro. Fred Wahl has moved back to Elgin, IL. We shall miss him greatly, but pray that God will bless him and care for him there, and we hope he'll come back to visit often.

Sis. Elizabeth Jivan and Sis. Katherine Ries were both able to assemble with us after long absences because of poor health. We were so happy to have them with us again and we hope their health will continue to improve.

#### CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE Dorothy Viens

Once again the season passed where we were reminded of the cruel death of our precious Saviour; a death which is able to take away the burden of the sins that laid upon each one of us. But more than His death, we are reminded of His glorious resurrection; that He did not remain in the grave, but was victorious over death, arose from the tomb, and later ascended up to the Father, where He ever intercedes for us. How thankful we should be that we need not remain in our sins, but can apply His shed blood to our hearts and arise in the spirit to a new walk of life, ever looking forward to the day that we, too, can ascend up to be with our heavenly Father and His beloved Son who has done so much for us. As we see new life budding and springing forth around us, may it cause us to serve our God with new zeal and daily renew our covenant with Him.

Our dear Sis. Isabelle Virkler was able to lay down the burdens of this life on Feb. 19. We know that this life no longer held any joy for her and she had a deep longing to go home. We sympathize with her children, Bro. Kenneth Virkler and Sis. Pauline Luginbuhl from here, Bro. Bernard (Naumberg, NY) and Sis. Lois Schambach (Croghan, NY). Her funeral and burial was in Naumberg, NY.

Bros. Fred Zahner and Emmanuel Zahner were hospitalized for surgery. We are ever grateful for God's healing

power and His divine nearness in time of affliction.

Bob and Sis. Lorraine (Ott) Dombeck rejoice at the birth of their daughter, Erin Rose on March 15. Bob, Debbie, Tammy, Stephen and Tory are all glad to welcome their new little sister. Grandparents are Louis and Sis. Matilda (Schneider) Ott, and the John Dombecks.

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**FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE**

**Billie Klopfenstein**

Bro. Bob Meyer and Sis. Lelia from the Bluffton North congregation pleasantly surprised us one recent Sunday morning. Bro. Bob spoke on the story of the prodigal son and reminded us that God rejoices over each one who turns to Him. Each of us needs to pray diligently for those who are not yet saved.

Jim Doublair from Morton, IL is presently living in Ft. Lauderdale and attending services with us. We welcome him and hope he feels at home with us.

Bro. Al Schneider was hospitalized for observation for a few days.

Sis. Minnie Zehr has made a remarkable recovery from a badly broken ankle. It is good to see her helping out in the kitchen once again.

Each Sunday evening during the winter season we meet in our Fellowship Hall for a hymn sing. Bro. Sandor Bako from Akron, OH also showed slides of life behind the Iron Curtain at a recent gathering.

In some areas you know Spring is arriving when trees bud and robins appear. Here in Ft. Lauderdale, we realize Spring is imminent when our seasonal visitors begin departing for their northern homes. We appreciate each visitor and miss their presence.

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**FLORIDA, SARASOTA**

**Doris and Diane Rocke**

faith closed her eyes Feb. 25 at her home, just after leaving the breakfast table. She had been confined in her home the last month. She was fortunate to have her husband, Burley, and her daughter-in-law at her side. He feels very thankful that he could help in her last moments. During our last visit before her illness, she expressed deep concern for her family, but testified of having an inner peace. Sis. Irene willingly gave so much, helping with love and concern. We were having a picnic at Bro. Robert Norr's and we asked for a recipe. Instead, she brought all the ingredients. On their 60th anniversary, they surprised guests with dinner in their home. Her kindness will not be forgotten. Services were held by Elder Bro. Ben Maibach and Bro. Homer Reinick. May love and comfort from God the Almighty be showered upon Burley and his family.

Bro. Sam Slagel suffered a heart attack and is improving slowly. May God send his healing power. Sis. Marie Martin has been fitted with an artificial leg and is learning to walk. May God continue to add his courage and patience as they both wait for progress.

Our building expansion plans were delayed a few weeks but now have passed all hurdles for zoning and building permits. We are all anxiously looking forward to starting construction next week. We expect it to take three to five months. Any volunteers would be appreciated and should contact Bro. John Heiniger. We trust the Lord will work in the hearts of brethren to provide the needed labor and gifts of love.

Visiting ministers this month were Bros. Bill Gudeman (Elgin, IL), Gene Leman (Wolcott, IN) and Edwin Bahler (Remington, IN). We extend our sincere thanks.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks for all the love, prayers, gifts, food, flowers, cards and phone calls at the passing of our loved one, also for all kindness shown in this time of bereavement. We especially want to thank Bros. Ben Maibach, Glenn Price and Doug Sabo for their words of comfort during visitation and the funeral. May God richly bless each one of you for your deeds of kindness.

Sis. Louella Jacobs, Wayne  
and Family

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**ILLINOIS  
BLOOMINGTON — NORMAL**

**Charlene Knobloch  
Shirley Denick**

A precious little boy was born to first-time parents, Bro. John and Sis. Emily Maurer. Aaron Louis came into this world on Feb. 24. Grandparents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Ann Maurer and Louis and Jean Kieser, of Boca Raton, FL.

Our dear brother in faith, Kevin Knapp was put into the ministry. As Bro. Kevin goes forth in his new task, we ask for your prayerful support. With God's grace he will be provided with an abundance of godly wisdom so our great and almighty God can speak to us through him.

The Lord has blessed us with many good teachings through his word this past month. Visiting ministers were Duane Kilgus (Fairbury), Earl Kilgus (Remington, IN), Jim Plattner (Princeville), Bruce Leman (Roanoke), Merle Bucher (LaCrosse, IN), Carl Wyss (Washington) and Elder Bros. Dan Koch (Tremont) and Don Sauder (Roanoke).

Reminder: Silver Lining dues of \$6.00 are due in April for our congregation. Please see your correspondent.

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**ILLINOIS, BRADFORD**

**Shirley Kieser**

Love of all gifts is the greatest . . . Zions Harp No. 37. There were many gathered together to witness the vows of Bro. Mark Kieser and Sis. Cathy Ehnle. Elder Bro. Dave Kieser stressed the importance of love and kindness to each other everyday. May God bless them as they walk life's pathway hand in hand. Bro. Louis and Sis. Martha Kieser and Bea Despain are the parents.

Our thanks and appreciation go to visiting ministers Bro. Hartzel Kaisner (Washington), Bro. Gary Anliker (Elgin) and Bro. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington).

We rejoice with Bro. Jim and Sis. Helen Knobloch as their daughter, Debbie has turned to the Lord in repentance. We wish her much grace and spiritual strength in her battle of faith.

Mixed emotions were felt by many at the farewell singing for Bro. George and Sis. Esther Kieser. We're happy for them and ask God's blessings as they move into their new home in

Princeville, but we'll miss their presence and support in the Bradford congregation. Our love and prayers go with them.

Our Bro. Bill Elsasser fell in his home and has been in the hospital. May God be near him and his wife, Vi.

### ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

#### Kathy Schlatter

The step of faith that the priests took into the Jordan (Joshua 3) had to be taken first before the waters would part. So when the news is due in Leo there has to be a beginning made — not just in thinking but in doing and writing. The seed who only thought about pushing forth towards the earth's surface would never make it. Suppose it thought long and earnestly about the heaviness of the dirt above it, all that it had to wriggle through, and the strength it would take to eventually break through the surface — a seemingly impossible task, even with the impetus of life God gave it. We need to make the long-range commitment and to be aware of the seriousness of our task. But good intentions do not, by themselves, bud and blossom. Stepping forth to action moment by moment, day by day, yields spiritual growth. If you're like me, the message is: don't shudder and worry in anticipation of tough days or weeks. Pray and begin. The Lord gives enough strength for each upward thrust (however small) toward His light and toward the bearing of mature fruit.

Our visitors, each so precious in support of our church and ministry, included these ministers: Bro. Dale Strassheim (Milford, IN) and Bro. Jim Hoerr (Peoria). The Lord has provided tremendous blessings for us as Christians through the willingness of our ministering brethren to travel to other congregations and share His Word. May the Lord reward them richly.

Gene Lehman has undergone bypass surgery for the heart. To him and his beloved wife, LaVirra, we wish a recovery lightened and enriched by the prayers and love of others. We miss their gathering with us for worship. May strength and courage and wisdom continually be given them, according to His will.

Death and accident bring grief, but they can be reminders: of our remaining reasons for thanksgiving; of our hope for beyond the grave; of having no promise, any of us, for tomorrow here

on earth. Bro. Jim Grivet was born in LaSalle, IL, on Dec. 24, 1900, and died March 11, 1983. He married Martha Schrenk in April, 1942. Sis. Martie survives, as do two brothers: Louie of Crystal Lake, and James of Ft. Wayne, IN; and three sisters, Anny Coyne, Madison, WI; Mary and Lucile Polster, LaSalle. The funeral service on March 13 in Chicago was followed by interment in the Schrenk family plot near Mansfield, OH, on Tues., March 15. Bro. Jim's meakness and patience spoke to us after his death, as well as during his life. Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann read from Rev. 14:12-13: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God; and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." He spoke of Bro. Jim's concern for Sis. Martie but otherwise his detachment from the things of the earth and his being ready to let go. As we picture Bro. Jim where "palms of peace abounding are gently cooling us, hot from the strife," (Zion's Harp No. 170, verse 3), we are reminded of his focus and conversation on the Christian example of his mother-in-law, his repentance, and God's goodness to him. Our hearts ache for Sis. Martie; we invoke His soothing voice and loving arms to hold her close. May we be led to give what she may need before she has to ask.

I am often overwhelmed by my inadequacies, as a Christian and as a teacher. I believe that most often I am least effective when I "play it safe." An institute speaker recently spoke of the importance of taking the risks. The Bible certainly encourages us to reach out and share another's burdens, to confess our own sins, and to fellowship. What good are we if we are vessels that do not respond to the specific needs of others? "No man is an island, no man stands alone . . ." (John Donne, paraphrased in song).

On the other hand, I, perhaps as we all, am sometimes tempted to pat myself on the back because "the person before didn't organize as well," or "I did such a good job," with the emphasis on I. You know all the rationalizations and forms: "if I do have to say so myself, I'm doing better than . . ." But we are taught if I am able to do

anything it is only through the sacrifices that Christ first made and that many around me have made. Sometimes those earthly sacrifices (by my husband and child, my parents, relatives, brethren, friends and colleagues) laid the groundwork for other policies and steps to be taken that made the time right for what I did. Perhaps I was given credit; yet it truly was not all my doing. My (dare I say "our") debt is great to those who have affected me (us) in so many capacities, beginning, of course, with our hearts and lives and strength owed in full to our Lord. "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." Jude 20,21.

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

#### Mother's Love

You can't define a mother's love:  
It's faith and hope and power.  
It's wisdom and unselfishness,  
Protection hour by hour.

You can't define a mother's love:  
It's prayers, true and sincere.  
It's tenderness and sympathy  
A smile, a dream, a tear.

You can't define a mother's love:  
It's faith that never grows dim,  
And through a mother's love is found  
The path that leads to Him.

Carice Williams

On the weekend of March 5th and 6th, Bro. John Isch (Indianapolis, IN) and Bro. Bob Pflederer (Morton) were with us to share their trip to Israel, via a slide presentation. It was a very interesting and educational evening. We were richly blessed the following day as the two brothers expounded the word

Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

Romans 6:4

Other visiting ministers this month have been Bro. Bob Beebe (South Bend, IN) and Bro. Joe Gerst (Iowa City, IA). We are so thankful that these brothers are willing to bring to us the precious word of God.

The engagement, and coming marriage of Emily Harri to Vernon Bucher of LaCross was made known on March 13. We wish them God's blessing in their future life together.

Hospital patients have been Bro. Jake Funk, who is now home again, and Bro. Sam Hari, residing at the Fairbury Home. Bro. Sam fell in his room and was badly bruised, requiring a few days in the hospital.

We were saddened at the death of Sis. Emma Geyer, age 82, on March 7. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bro. Joshua, two brothers and three sisters. Surviving are a brother-in-law, Alf Geyer of Forrest, sisters-in-law, Lillie and Emilie Geyer of Cissna Park.

Also, Bro. Henry Hodel, age 78, passed away quite suddenly on March 8. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Laura, three daughters, Doris Jacob of Cissna Park, Betty Lithgow of Hoopeston and Brenda Kimmel of Bowling Brook; a son, Dr. Kenneth Hodel of Chesterfield, MO; two brothers, Bro. Sam of Peoria and Bro. Robert of Beason; five sisters, Lena King, Margaret Mancusco, Mary Vogel, Esther Unsicker and Edna Hofbauer; and 15 grandchildren.

#### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

Carol Craig — Kay Roth

How often we wish for another chance  
to make a fresh beginning,  
A chance to blot out our mistakes and  
change failure into winning —  
And it does not take a special time to  
make a brand-new start,  
It only takes the deep desire to try  
with all our heart  
To live a little better and to always  
be forgiving  
And to add a little "sunshine" to the  
world in which we're living —  
So never give up in despair and think  
you are through,  
For there's always a tomorrow and a  
chance to start anew.

Helen Steiner Rice

Ken and Jane Studebaker are thrilled with the new arrival in their family, little Rachel Leann. Her older brother, Benji and sister Becky gladly receive her into their hearts also. Rachel's grandparents are Paul and Shirley Studebaker of Eureka and Bro. Ed and Sis. Mary Steffen. May the Lord bless their little family as they grow in stature and love.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Bro. Gerald Sutter (Taylor, MO) for bringing to us the precious Word of God.

Our hospital patients this month were Bro. Glenn Knapp and Mahlon Zimmerman. We pray that God will grant them strength as they recover.

Bro. Virgil Funk would like to extend his thanks to all who remembered him in their prayers and with cards during his illness. May God bless each of you for your loving deeds of kindness.

#### ILLINOIS, ELGIN

Ruth Ann Getz

Acts 20:17-38 was the scripture basis for meditation at the funeral service for our retired Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger, whose loving spirit went to a better home March 8.

This scripture records the beautiful farewell of the Apostle Paul to his flock and it was especially fitting for the occasion as this same scripture was also ministered to us in Elder Bro. Herman's final sermon spoken on September 6, 1981.

After telling us "Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." (verses 26 and 27) and warning us with "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock." and "Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn everyone night and day with tears." (verses 29 and 31) and finally building us up with, "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." (verse 32), he told us of his conviction to retire from the eldership.

We are so thankful that these important words which lingered with us have again been reinforced by our dear Elder Bro. Nathan Steffen.

We, who are the benefactors of his

many years of counsel and example, sorrow because we will see his face no more as we walk this pilgrim way. None-the-less, we also rejoice in the hope of some day being with the "white robed throng" when the days of parting will be past.

To his dear wife, Sis. Della, and to his children we wish to extend heartfelt sympathy and trust that supporting prayer has carried them thus far in their time of bereavement.

Both Sis. Della and her family desire to express appreciation for the many expressions of love bestowed on them by so many.

Bro. Jerry and Sis. Kay Cargill have also felt the sharpness of the sting of death in the passing away of her mother, Sis. Alice Polk (Detroit). Likewise may the prayers of many be a support to them now.

We are so vividly reminded that there is a time to be born as well as a time to die, because three of our families have been blessed with dear little children. May their search for direction in rearing these little ones ever be directed heavenward.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Jeanne Schambach welcomed Clint, born Feb. 25, to their family. That family also includes Eric, Todd, Stacia, Joni and Megan. Bro. Bill and Sis. Cora Schambach and Bro. Richard and Sis. Lyle Schock are the grandparents.

Jordan Dean was born to Bro. Dean and Sis. Carol Steffen on March 3, and is their first child. Bro. Earl and Sis. Kathryn Steffen and Bro. Wayne and Sis. Pearl Miller (Ft. Scott) are the grandparents.

John and Paula Schmidt also were blessed with a new little daughter, Anne Laura, born March 16. Clay and Rachel complete their family. Grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Alma Schmidt, and Paul and Ann Garbarino.

Kenneth Schurter (son of Harvey and Sis. Ruth) and Karen Bassett (daughter of Ivan and Darlene, New Douglas, IL) were united in marriage some time ago and now are residing in New Douglas. We wish them a long and happy marriage.

The engagement of Bro. Brent Klopfenstein (son of Bro. Dick and Sis. Judy) and Sis. Juli Umland (daughter of Sis. Beverly, Gridley) was made known to our congregation. May the spirit of God dwell richly in their lives that they might go forward serving Him together.

Stan Schrock (son of Bro. Melvin and Sis. Ada Mae) and Karen Eggebrect (daughter of Ron and Wilma, Elgin) also have betrothed themselves to one another. An April 9 wedding is planned. For them also we wish much happiness and may they ever seek the Lord for their direction.

Sis. Edna Bolliger has moved to a new address: 1199 Fleetwood Dr.; Apt. 203, Elgin, IL 60120.

Even though we know Bro. Fred Wahl will be missed in the small group that gathers in Denver, we are happy to welcome him back home.

Sickness and misfortune have been the lot of many of our loved ones and our hearts go out to each. We are trusting that the Lord, who is able, will keep each one, and abundantly provide his grace and strength. Those who have suffered affliction are: Sis. Rose Goll, Sis. Mary Jane Hirschey, Sis. Lydia Jenny, Sis. Dorothy Kellenberger, Sis. Mary Leuthold, Sis. Pam Steinbis, Arlene Dalhauser, Kim Metzger, Margaret Gould, Bro. Matt Hein and Julie Schubert (mother of Sis. Carol Kellenberger).

#### ILLINOIS, EUREKA Melba Mangold

We have enjoyed the visits of ministering Bros. Don Wagenbach (Washington), Glenn Dill (Tremont), Leroy Hartman (Peoria), and Dale Frank (Oakville). Hearing the Word is a blessing for which we should always be grateful.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Ed Roche, Sis. Ruth (Bro. Ben) Schumacher and Helen Swing at the passing of their brother, Lester. His funeral was held Feb. 21.

Bro. John Dapper of the Home passed away Feb. 22. His services and burial were at Princeville. His widow, Sis. Julie still lives at the Home and we sympathize with her in her loss.

Feb. 27 was the wedding day of Sis. Susan Prather and Bro. Larry Steffen of Elgin, IL. We pray God will bless this young couple as they establish their new home together. We will miss Sis. Susan as they will be making their home in Elgin. Their parents are Bro. Jack and Sis. Milly Prather and Bro. Earl and Sis. Kay Steffen. Among our visitors on this day were Elder Bro. Nathan Steffen (Elgin), Bro. Walter Steffen (Milford, IN) and Bro. Wayne Miller (Fort Scott, KS).

Our best wishes are offered to Bro.

George and Sis. Ruth Martin who have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Their children hosted a family dinner in their honor.

Bro. Carl Knapp has been in the hospital for some time. He now had surgery which we hope will bring relief from his suffering. Sis. Nelma (Bro. Dick) Eastmas has had surgery and is recovering well. Sisters Karen (Bro. Mark) Hangartner and Ann Leman (Bro. Dave) have been hospitalized but are home again.

As we approach the Easter season we are reminded of Christ's suffering and pray for his submissive spirit. "Nevertheless not as I will but as Thou wilt." Matthew 26:39 This spirit would surely lead us aright.

#### ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

##### Carol Bazzell — Joann Zehr

We were reminded of Christ's suffering and death as we partook of Holy Communion on Mar. 5. How well it is for each of us to examine ourselves in the light of His word, and to trace our Lord's steps to Calvary. Truly, we are humbled as we, in our weakness, try to grasp the love that Jesus has for us. We thank Elder Bros. Loren Stoller (Latty) and Perry Zimmerman (Forrest), who shared this blessed evening with us.

Believing that God has directed the paths of our young brothers and sisters, we are happy to announce three engagements. On Feb. 20, Sis. Marsha Moser (Bro. Lloyd and Myrna) and Bro. Nathan Fehr (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Norma) announced their engagement. Also, Sis. Jill Bachtold (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Vi) and Bro. Richard Wenger (Sis. Nathalia and the late Bro. Albert), Forrest, were announced the same day. Sis. Gwen Kaisner (Bro. Merle and Sis. Marge) and Bro. Kirby Knapp (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Laura), Forrest, made known their engagement on Mar. 6. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5)

The past month we have appreciated the words of truth expounded to us from visiting brethren. We thank Bros. Greg Rassi and Lenard Meyer (Chicago), Dan Stoller and Earl Kilgus (Remington); and Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL).

"I say unto you that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth . . ." (St. Luke 15:7). We rejoice with our new sister in faith,

Judy Dohman, as she brought forth her testimony of faith and was baptized Mar. 16. We have the promise that God will stand by her and her husband, John, in the duties of their small children. Her parents are Sis. Alma Bolliger and the Bro. Jay Bolliger, Tremont. Elder Bro. Dan Koch and Bro. Charles Sauder were with us.

We are happy to welcome into our congregation Bro. Gary and Sis. Cindy Herr and their family. They have moved from Princeville to a farm near our community. We wish them God's blessings as they make their new home here.

#### ILLINOIS, FORREST

##### Kathy Leman

We appreciate the visits of ministering brothers Ken Hoerr (Peoria), Gene Lehman (Wolcott, IN), Hartzell Kaisner (Washington) and Loren Strahm (Gridley, KS). We have such an important duty in our life to hear and do the Word of God.

Our hospital patients have been Bro. Ray Wenger, Sis. Dorothy Bachtold (Carl), Robbie Mueller (Bob and Sis. Elaine), Todd Zimmerman (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Nancy) and Sherrie Schmidgall (Sam). May God, who knows all the needs of all, restore health as He wills.

The engagement of Bro. Rich Wenger (Sis. Nathalia) and Sis. Jill Bachtold (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Vi) of Fairbury has been made known. Also Bro. Kirby Knapp (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Laura) is engaged to Sis. Gwen Kaisner (Bro. Merle and Sis. Marge) of Fairbury. We wish these couples God's blessings as they plan their future as one in the Lord.

We rejoice with our friend, Judy Kemp (Bill) as she gave her testimony and was baptized into the fold of believers. We pray that God will bless her in her new life in Christ. How God must rejoice when a soul will leave the enjoyment of the world to follow Him.

Bro. Harold and Sis. Clara Honegger wish to thank all the loved ones who so kindly remembered them on their 50th wedding anniversary.

A thought for Mother's Day: "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, shall be praised. Proverbs 31:10, 30

Announcement: A beige hooded trench coat approximately size 10 has



been hanging on the ladies coat rack for quite some time. If anyone is missing a coat fitting this description, please call (815) 692-2997 or (815) 657-8870.

### ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

**Bev Joos**

"The Lord again has given His council and His will . . ."

Zion's Harp No. 138

We wish to thank Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley) who assisted in the reading of the Elder Conference Memorandum on faithfulness. We are ever grateful for our elder body in whom the Holy Spirit can reveal and clarify the Lord's will.

There's nothing like a baby boy to bring parents special joy! Bro. Mark and Sis. Sue Hinrichsen were blessed with the arrival of little Steven Alan on February 23. His "big" brother, Todd, is as excited as his happy grandparents: Bro. Hans and Sis. Arlene Hinrichsen (Goodfield) and Bro. Roy and Sis. Ann Maurer (Forrest).

We were deeply touched and uplifted as two dear souls, Bro. Carl and Sis. Minnie Knapp made their vows to the Lord and were baptized on March 16. Sis. Minnie has been in failing health and Bro. Carl has been devoted to her care. We pray that God will grant them strength and comfort for each new day. Our prayers have been answered and we are so thankful that God has touched their hearts. The words of the hymn still linger — "Now it is accomplished; I'm no longer mine; Lord, I will forever and always be thine . . ."

Zion's Harp No. 209

The following poem and message was submitted by Sis. Clara Nohl for her dear father, Bro. Josh Nohl. On March 10 Bro. Josh, a pillar of our congregation, celebrated 100 years of life. We pray that our Heavenly Father will ever be at his side.

Friendship is valuable;  
a gift to cherish —

Friends with whom we meet  
and labor

. . . friends among the aged  
and youthful;

. . . friends of higher rank and  
station.

. . . find a place within my heart.

When at last these ties are riven;  
When we're called to go on high;  
O, how sweet to meet in heaven,  
Friend, forever, you and I.

A "Special" thank you is extended to

all for the added blessings shared with me through your presence, gifts, cards and prayers in observance of my century milestone. God bless each one as only He can!

Joshua Nohl

We thank Thee for endowing mothers with compassion and true warmth.

### DEAR MOM

No one is as thoughtful as you,  
No one cares the way you do,  
No one gives so freely her time,  
No one lives a life so sublime.  
No one sacrifices more precious hours,  
No one shows more respect for God's powers,  
No one prays for us more sincerely,  
No one demonstrates kindness so clearly,

No one — but YOU, MOM!

### ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY

**Carol Klopfenstein**

"Kindly heaven smiles above When  
there's love at home.  
All the earth is filled with love when  
there's love at home.  
Sweeter sings the brooklet by, Brighter  
beams the azure sky;  
O there's One who smiles on high,  
When there's love at home."

Hymns of Zion No. 64

May God's grace and favor be with those who are looking forward to the tender ties of marriage, and may His love abound as they establish their home as husband and wife. Sis. Kathy Schlipf (daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marjorie) is engaged to Bro. Edward Wyss of Washington (son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Lydiann). Bro. Jeff Gramm (son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Nola) is engaged to Sis. LuAnne Hoerr of Taylor (daughter of Bro. Lewis and Sis. Ruth). Sis. Julie Umland (daughter of Beverly Buckley and Ned Umland) is engaged to Bro. Brent Klopfenstein of Elgin (son of Bro. Dick and Sis. Judy). Edward Schlipf (son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marjorie) is engaged to Peggy Sargent of Lancaster, CA.

March 6 was the wedding day for Jeff Stoller (son of Art Stoller and Ruth Wiggins) and Peggy Meiss (daughter of Bro. Floyd and Sis. Marge).

Our hospital patients have been: Bro. Ray Meiss, Sis. Julia Schlieler, Jake Ringger, Bro. Joe Rinckenberger

and Bro. Ed Stoller.

The family of Bro. Silas Kiefer wish to thank everyone who remembered them with prayers, kind deeds, cards and other gifts of love since their loved one passed away on Jan. 3. May God bless you all.

### ILLINOIS, MORTON

**Phyllis Farney — JoAnn Roecker**

We are happy to announce the engagement of Sis. Cinda Honeg (Don and Sis. Millie Bigger) to Bro. Steve Galbraith (Wayne and Marlene Galbraith). They are both from Morton, and we wish them God's blessings.

Sis. Faye Pfister wishes to thank everyone who so kindly remembered her with prayers, cards, plants, flowers and visits. May God bless all who were so kind.

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Sis. Doris Michael upon the passing of her mother, Sis. Bessie Martin, (Princeville, IL). May God comfort and bless her family and friends.

Bro. Roger and Sis. Dawn Kaiser welcome into their hearts and home their first daughter, Carrie Dawn. Carrie was born Feb. 22. Adam and Bryce helped to welcome her home. Carrie's grandparents are Bro. Warren and Sis. Till Kaiser and Gordon and Joyce Spangler.

The family of Sis. Nettie Huette wish to thank everyone for their prayers and expressions of love and sympathy during the illness and subsequent passing of their loved one. May God bless you.

Sis. Marge Kaufman was relieved of her suffering and was called Home. Her funeral was held on March 13. May God comfort and bless her husband, Ben, her family and friends.

We gathered together on Saturday evening, March 12, to hear the memorandum. We were so lovingly reminded of our high and heavenly calling and our Christian duties. May each one of us continue to uphold our most precious faith and have a closer walk with our Heavenly Father. May we be ever prayerful for our beloved elder brothers, that God's will may be done.

Sis. Mary (Aupperle) Roecker wishes to extend her heartfelt thanks for the prayers and many acts of kindness shown her while in the hospital and at home. May God bless all who were so kind.

We welcome Louis Weishaupt as our

new brother in faith and wish him God's blessings as he walks the narrow path of life. We heard his testimony and witnessed his baptism on March 15.

We want to thank Elder Bros. Edwin Ringger, (Gridley, IL) and Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL) for being with us and sharing God's Holy Word. May the Lord bless them for their labors of love.

May we continue to pray for our loved ones who are sick or shut-in. The hours grow long when one cannot go in and out.

### ILLINOIS, PEORIA

Margo Marx — Susi Herman

#### The Seven Words Of Jesus On The Cross

Out on to Calvary's hill,  
Where Jesus died I'll go,  
To hear the words He speaks,  
To see Him in His woe.

How great the pains, O Lord,  
Afflict Thee on this day;  
"My God, my God," He calls,  
"Forsake Me not I pray."

No vengeance fills His heart,  
For them I hear Him plead;  
"They know not what they do;  
Forgive them for this deed."

Now Mary weeps for Him;  
In love He soothes her lot;  
"See, Mother, thine own son!"  
"Thou friend, forsake her not!"

The thief in penitence  
Is pardoned ere he dies:  
"Today shalt thou yet be,  
With me in Paradise."

"I thirst," He cries in pain,  
For there is no distress,  
Which Christ, the Friend of Man,  
Endured not at His death.

He bows His head and cries,  
"'Tis finished, all is done,  
O God receive my soul."  
Life's victory is won.

Zion's Harp #89

As the beautiful Easter season has passed, let us again be reminded of the price that was so dearly paid for each one of us.

Our dear Sis. Carrie Steigle of our Peoria Apostolic Christian Nursing Home celebrated her 102 birthday on

March 5. She is the oldest member in our congregation.

The Lord has blessed first-time parents, Sis. Patty and Bro. Chris Kummer, with a precious daughter, Bethany. The happy grandparents are Bro. Harry and Sis. Loretta Eisenmann and Laszlo and Helena Kummer.

Little Nathan Lee was welcomed into the hearts and home of Bro. Greg and Sis. Beth Herman. Also thrilled with the new arrival are grandparents Bro. Paul and Sis. Rhoda Meister and Bro. Howard and Sis. Nancy Herman. Chad and Michelle are very excited about their new brother.

Hospital patients this month were Bro. Dan Messerli, Sis. Anna Thomas, Albert Heiniger and Fred Fletcher. May God heal each of them according to His will.

Susi Getz passed away on Feb. 22. Our sympathy goes to her nieces and nephews.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Bro. John Dapper of Eureka on Feb. 22. Our sympathy goes his daughter, Sis. Julie Dapper.

It is strengthening and a blessed privilege to have visiting ministers share services with us. Recently visiting were Elder Bro. Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO) and Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL). We thank these brothers for sharing the Word of God with us.

Because of the unusual amount of requests for recordings of the combined choir hymn sing in Peoria Church on Sunday evening, March 20, we wish to make this suggestion.

Please mail us your name and address and we will send by return mail a cassette recording of the entire program.

If you feel moved to do so, you can make a small donation by cash or check made out to the Apostolic Christian Church.

Please mail this request to me at this address:

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831 W. Hanssler Pl.  
Peoria, IL 61604

### ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE Arlene and Arlys Martin

Things God never does:

- Never breaks His covenants (Jud. 2:1; II Sam. 23:5; Is. 55:3; Matt. 26:28)
- Never suffers the righteous to be moved

(Ps. 55:22; 121:3; 125:1-2; II Tim. 2:19)

- Never leaves nor forsakes His own (Heb. 13:5; Matt. 28:20; Deut. 31:6)
- Never permits them to be overcome (Prov. 10:30; Is. 26:3-4; Rom. 8:37)
- Never lets them be ashamed (Jo. 2:26-27; Ps. 71:1; II Tim. 1:12)
- Never allows them to perish (Jn. 10:28; 6:35; 11:26; 3:16; Jude 24:25)
- Never will let His kingdom be destroyed (Dan. 2:44; II Pet. 1:10-11; Heb. 12:28)

Visiting ministers have been Elder Bro. Don Sauder (Roanoke), Bro. Leroy Huber (Eureka) and Bro. James Byrd (Roanoke).

We wish Bro. Larry and Sis. Vera Baer and their small son, Mark Allan, God's blessings when they move to Leo April 1. We believe it is God's will that they serve as alternate house parents at the Children's Home in Leo.

We welcome Bro. George and Sis. Esther Kieser, Bro. Randy Kieser and Bro. Stan and Sis. Margie Schick to our congregation. The Kiesers formerly worshipped in Bradford, and the Schicks moved here from Washington.

We shall miss Sis. Bessie Martin. She passed away on Feb. 20. Sis. Bessie was born on Feb. 27, 1900, and married Bro. Chris Martin in 1924. He passed away on Nov. 16, 1973. Surviving are four sons, Bro. Ervin, Bro. Nathan, Bro. Ellsworth and Gerald of our congregation; four daughters, Alice Metzger (West Bend, IA), Sis. Janet Schubert (Peoria), Sis. Doris Michel (Morton) and Sis. Arlene and Sis. Arlys (Princeville); 21 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are three sisters, Ida Koehler (Prophetstown), Sis. Leila Elsasser and Lavina Sloan of our congregation.

The family of Sis. Bessie appreciates all the kind acts and generous gifts given to her during her illness and at the time of her passing.

Sympathy is given to the family of Bro. John Dapper. Bro. John passed away Feb. 22 at the Eureka Apostolic Christian Home where he resided. He was born Sept. 18, 1901, in Hungary, and married Julia Erhart in 1921. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Julia (Eureka Apostolic Christian Home); three sons, John (Philadelphia, PA), Bro. Dale (Yorda Linda, CA) and Bro. Ernest (Gibbon, MN); three daughters, Lavina

Muehlhauser (Carlsbad, CA), Sis. Christine Locher (Maywood, CA) and Sis. Julia Ann Dapper of our congregation; 10 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Bro. John was a minister in our Maywood, CA church 42 years before he moved to our area.

The family of Bro. John wants to thank everyone who with kind words and deeds helped to ease the burden of sorrow in the loss of their husband, father and grandfather.

### ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

Joyce Hodel — Carol Rumbold

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

Psalm 103:2

Three young families are feeling the blessings and benefits of the Lord — a "new life" in their home! Bro. Rich and Sis. Julie Lindberg have a new son named Matthew Dean. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lindberg and Bro. Jerry and Sis. Jane Schumacher. Ross Jeremy has three brothers, Ryan, Rory and Regan, waiting for him at home. Bro. Randy and Sis. Jan Martin are the thankful parents and grandparents are Bro. Lyle and Sis. Mary Lou Martin and Bro. Walter and Sis. Marian Blunier. Bro. Bob and Sis. Ann Knepp rejoice over their first daughter, Jodi Lyn. Jodi has two older brothers, Jason and Jeremy. Grandparents are Bro. Ralph and Sis. Ruth Knepp and Bro. Dick and Sis. Mabel Getz.

Our Sis. Mary Aeschleman passed away and we feel the loss when a soldier of the Cross leaves the congregation. Bro. Joe Aeschleman and Sis. Mary Lou Martin will miss their mother. She was a resident of the Roanoke Apostolic Nursing Home.

Bro. Everett Hari and Bro. Ken Hoerr brought the Word to us this month and we appreciate their serving us and the help they give to our home ministers.

Hospitalized this month were Sis. Laura Weyeneth and Sis. Martha Martin. Our prayers are ascending to the merciful heart of God. Bro. Lee and Sis. Em Scherer offer heartfelt thanks to all the loved ones who cared and sent cards of love. Bro. Lee was having tests at St. Francis and Mayo's Clinic.

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### ILLINOIS, TREMONT

Dorothy Wagenbach  
Carolyn Bolliger

This month we were blessed with the visit of three ministering brothers, Tim Zimmerman (Gridley, KS) Kent Heimer (Taylor, MO) and Vernon Wettstein (Congerville). We do appreciate their efforts in bringing us God's Word.

We are happy to report that Rebekah Meister, daughter of Bro. Mike and Sis. Dorothy has been released from the hospital and is now recuperating at home.

Bro. Will Beutel was also home from the hospital for a few days and has now entered Restmor in Morton for a time. We wish him God's healing power that he may be well enough to return home again soon.

Bro. C. B. Pflederer recently submitted to surgery and is now convalescing at home.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 23, Elder Bros. Josh Broquard and Art Bahler kindly assisted Bro. Dan Koch in presenting to us the results of the 1982 Brotherhood conference. We are thankful for the love and concern our brothers have for us.

On Saturday, March 12, the Tremont Church hosted the brethren who attended the annual Hail Aid meeting. We enjoyed the visit of those who spent the weekend with us and attended our monthly hymn sing on Saturday evening.

Sis. Iva Getz would like to thank everyone for all the cards, gifts and visits she received while she was recuperating from her accident.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Sis. Lila Moser on the passing of her mother, Sis. Cora Boehning of Francesville, IN.

February 21 was the wedding day of Peggy Koch, daughter of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Annie Koch to Darryl Stoecker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Stoecker of Pekin, IL. We wish them God's blessings in this important step.

Sis. Esther Schmid had recent eye surgery and is happy to be at home again.

"I want to sincerely thank each and every one who remembered me on my 80th birthday with cards and gifts. May God bless you!"

Mary Baurer

Many from our congregation were privileged to attend baptismal services in Fairbury on Wednesday evening,

March 16, for Judy Dohman, daughter of Sis. Alma Bolliger. We wish Sis. Judy God's richest blessings.

### ILLINOIS, URBANA

Cheryl Joos

#### THE CREATOR

Who floods the earth with glorious dawn  
And awakes the world with nature's song?

Who paints the desert's many hues  
And arches sky with heavenly blues?

Who sends the sunshine and the rain,  
Blossoms flowers and ripens grain?

Who gently drops the sun to rest  
Cradled safe in a brilliant nest?

Who safely draws the shades of night  
Against the muted rays of light?

Who puts the drowsy world to bed  
And listens while the prayers are said?

He even knows the sparrow's fall  
For He is Father of us all.

Ona Foley Meens

Our visiting ministers this month were Bro. Jim Byrd (Roanoke), Bro. LeRoy Hartman (Peoria), Bro. Byron Stoller (Gridley), Bro. Ed Alt (Cissna Park) and Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington). We always appreciate the messages our faithful ministering brothers bring to us.

Bro. Bill Blunier has taken a job in Leo, Indiana and will be leaving our congregation. We wish him God's blessings as he begins a new path in life.

### ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

Lily Schick

Another precious little soul has arrived in this world; Drew is the second son of Dave and Sis. Linda Fehr. His brother, Shane, now has a playmate. The grandparents are Bro. Rich and Sis. Madelaine Fehr, Roanoke, and Bro. Earl and Sis. Kathryn Steffen of Elgin, IL.

Ministering Bro. Glen Funk from Garden Grove, IA was with us one Sunday. We thank him for lending himself in the Lord's service.

Having been in the hospital for a short stay, our Bro. Emil Gnehm is

home again. We pray that our Heavenly Father will bless him with renewed health and strength.

On March 13, Sis. Rita Wyss and Bro. Loren Klopfenstein were united in holy matrimony. Believing faith brought them together, we pray their lives will ever be bound with that three-fold cord. The parents are Bro. Carl and Sis. Lydianne Wyss (Washington) and Bro. Bill and Sis. Nancy Klopfenstein (Leo, IN). Among the many guests that came to share the blessed occasion with us were Elder Bro. Dave Bertsch from Leo and our own dear Elder Bro. Roy Sauder of Peoria. The ministering Bros. were John Bollier, Leo; Carroll Gerber and Phil Stetner, Bluffton; Russ Wuthrich, Pulaski; and Marvin Schmidgall, Eureka.

Having first committed their lives to Christ, Bro. Ed Wyss and Sis. Kathy Schlipf will be taking the second most important step in life together. Their engagement was announced the Sunday of Bro. Ed's sister's wedding. The parents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marjorie Schlipf (Gridley, IL) and Bro. Carl and Sis. Lydianne Wyss (Washington). We wish Bro. Ed and Sis. Kathy God's richest blessings as they plan their life together.

"I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Luke 13:5

Feeling God's hand of love bringing deep conviction upon her heart, Grace Klaus turned to Him in repentance. How we rejoice along with all the angels in Heaven that a soul has turned her back on sin and has chosen to serve the Lord. May she ever feel His abiding love and grace. Her parents are John and Betty Klaus of Japan.

When I awoke and looked outside this morning the world was transformed! A beautiful white snow was drifting down to the already snow-covered Earth. The trees, bushes, fences and everything looked like they had been coated with a pure white frosting. Yes, we thought winter was gone and spring, here to stay. Just as we can't predict the weather, we know not when Jesus Christ will return to receive His own. The door of grace is yet open and souls can turn to the Savior, though it may be the eleventh hour. They, too, can be transformed and clothed in robes of snowy white. If only more of our dear friends would surrender their all at the foot of the cross while there is yet time. Those of

us who are redeemed, need to keep ourselves "... unspotted from the world." James 1:27

When we read in the Old Testament about the journeys of the children of Israel through the wilderness, we can learn from their experiences. We know that basically what God asked of them, He asks of us; that we totally submit our all to Him, letting Him lead us wherever or through whatever He will, knowing that He has our soul's welfare in mind. This world we live in now is as a wilderness to us His children. We have different shortcomings and temptations than the children of Israel. The devil strives to distract us from the narrow way, causes us to look back, murmur, and complain. It behooves us to always be watchful and prayerful.

Truly God was often grieved with the children of Israel, but Moses would intercede on their behalf. We, too, being the imperfect humans we are, also fail from time to time. We have our Savior Jesus Christ to intercede for us. How fortunate we are to have free access to the teachings of the whole Bible and to live under the dispensation of grace!

#### INDIANA, BLUFFTON Linda Kipfer — Jan Ringger

#### A PRAYER FOR SPRING

Father-God,  
Today, in my yard, I raked away  
The accumulation of dead, soggy  
leaves,  
And guess what I found?  
Pale, waxy crocuses and green spears  
Of tulips and daffodils piercing their  
Way to the sunlight —  
The beginnings of the garden  
I'd planned when I planted them.  
Lord,  
You had big plans for me, too  
When You planted me in Your garden,  
This lovely world.  
Today I am reminded that it is time  
For me as well to push through  
The debris of winter —  
My shabby habits and attitudes —  
So that I can grow and show the world  
Your gifts and graces.

Guidepost

As our winter season fades and spring approaches, we are filled with renewed hope and zeal to examine our walk of life, ridding ourselves of those habits and attitudes that would hinder

a close walk with God. Two of our dear friends have experienced this cleansing, as Jeff Gerber (Bro. Leon and Sis. Mary K.) and Scott Gerber (Bro. Larry and Sis. Pauline) were baptized and added to our brotherhood. Ministering Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington-Normal) and his family assembled with us and shared in the joy of that day.

Jonathon Barry was born on Feb. 22 to Bro. Barry and Sis. Imogene Isch. Nathan, Jerome, Aaron and Miriam welcome him to their family. Grandparents are Bro. Ervin and Sis. Anna Isch and Bro. Wilmer and Sis. Ida Steffen and great-grandmother is Sis. Minnie Isch. Bringing much joy to her parents, Tim and Angie Pfister, Megan Marie was born on Mar. 16. Grandparents are Bro. Tom and Sis. Barb Pfister and great-grandparents are Bro. William and Sis. Elizabeth Pfister.

Bro. Von Heyerly remains hospitalized in Indianapolis after suffering severe injuries in an accident. We pray that his condition may steadily improve and that God will be near his wife, Sis. Diane, their three children, and his parents, Bro. Cliff and Sis. Helen.

Other loved ones hospitalized this month include Bro. Herman Steffen, Sis. Martha Kipfer, Bro. Alvin Gerber, Bro. Don Gerber, Sis. Lydia Steffen, Sis. Lucinda Sauder, Michael Caffee (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Becky), Bro. Roger Kaehr, Bro. Charles Kaehr and Bro. Luster Heyerly.

#### WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE

What a day that will be when my Jesus  
I shall see,  
And I look upon His face,  
The One who saved me by His grace;  
When He takes me by the hand,  
And leads me through the Promised  
Land,  
What a day, glorious day that will be.  
Gospel Hymns No. 831

Sis. Judith (Gerber) Pfister, widow of Bro. Walter, passed from this life on Mar. 5 at the age of 83. Although physically blind for the past 40 years, she now has the joy of seeing her Savior face to face. Surviving are three daughters, Sis. Evelyn (George) Ringger, Sis. Lucille (Ernie) Isch and Sis. Rozella (Don) Gramm (Gridley, IL); 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Alfred Kipfer of Sebring, FL, died following a long illness. We extend our sympathy to his family which includes several of his brothers and sisters in our congregation.

Our love and prayers are with Bro. Bill and Sis. Dianna Tonner and their children, as Sis. Dianna's father, Carl Hirsche, was called Home.

**INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH**  
**Gayla Baumgartner**  
**Tammy Gerber**

On Feb. 20, Sis. Gayla Baumgartner and Bro. Steve Gerber announced their engagement. Their parents are Bro. Galen and Sis. Joyce Baumgartner and Bro. Harry and Sis. Lois Gerber. They are planning a June 12 wedding.

"My Lord an offering do I bring;  
 My heart I give to Thee.  
 I gladly give this heart of mine,  
 Which Thou doest ask of me."

Zion's Harp No. 163

We were privileged to hear the testimonies and witness the baptisms of two sisters, Vivian Steffen (Bro. Bob), and Sis. Tami Gerber (Bro. Dale). We wish them much grace and happiness in their walk of life.

Bro. Gary Maibach (Rittman) was our visiting minister this month. May God richly bless him for bringing forth the Word.

**INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE**  
**Jacki Huber**

We want to wish Bro. Pierre (Pete) and Sis. Catherine Neihouser a belated but heartfelt congratulations. They celebrated their 50th anniversary earlier this year. Marriage in the Lord is a beautiful experience, and with God guiding it, marriage does get "sweeter as the years go by", as does our walk of faith.

Along the same line, we rejoice with Sis. Candy Wuethrich (Bro. Rich and Sis. Nola), as her engagement to Bro. Jim Meiss (Phoenix) was announced. Candy has been living in Phoenix the past several months. Bro. Jim is the son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Ann Meiss (Morris, MN).

We've been blessed with three visiting ministers this past month. They were Bros. Harold Gramm (Morris, MN), Ken Schneider and Dan Stoller from Remington. We're always happy to have visitors and thank these broth-

ers for sharing God's Word with us.

Sis. Velda Overmyer was hospitalized this past month. We're glad she is back home and pray that her strength will be renewed.

A dear sister, Cora Boehning, recently passed from this life. Sis. Cora was 95 years old — the oldest sister in our congregation. We extend sincere sympathy to her family as we know she will be missed, but yet rejoice that her earthly pain is ended to rejoice eternally. May we all strive for that same end.

The annual business meeting was held on March 2, and brothers were elected to fill various offices. The results were as follows:

Sunday School Superintendent - Bro. Wendell Anliker, Sunday School Teacher - Bro. Mike Gutwein, Trustee - Bro. Dennis Leman, Ushers - Bros. Brad Wuethrich and Todd Denton, Fellowship Center Trustee - Bro. Larry Leman, Missionary Committee - Bro. James Bogart, Board of Directors - Parkview Haven - Bros. Earl Anliker and Harold Gutwein.

**INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS**

**Lynn Winslow — Judy Dubach**

Often you cannot get at a difficulty so as to deal with it aright and find your way to a happy result. You pray, but have not the liberty in prayer which you desire. A definite promise is what you want. You try one and another of the inspired words, but they do not fit. You try again, and in due season a promise presents itself which seems to have been made for the occasion; it fits exactly as a well-made key fits the lock for which it was prepared. Having found the identical word of the living God you hasten to plead it at the throne of grace, saying, "Oh Lord, Thou hast promised this good thing unto thy servant; be pleased to grant it." The matter is ended; sorrow is turned to joy, prayer is heard.

Try all your keys! Never despair! God leaves no treasure house locked against us!

A joyous wedding day was celebrated by Bro. Todd Erb and Sis. Marylyn Pattee in Francesville on Feb. 13 as they were united in marriage by Bro. Wendell Gudeman and assisted by Bro. John Isch. They plan to make their home here, and we wish them God's blessing in their life together.

Bro. Jeff Fritz, son of Bro. Harold

and Sis. Sherry Fritz, has announced his engagement to Sis. Carla Bradtmueller of Leo. Congratulations!

Those who have been hospitalized here were Sis. Edie Mayer, Natalie Fiechter (Ray and Carol), Brad Gerber (Dwight and Lucille, Bluffton), and Bro. Von Heyerly (Bluffton) and Bros. Chad and Bud Kaehr (Bluffton).

Bro. Ed Bahler of Remington visited us this month and we thank him for coming.

**INDIANA, LACROSSE**

**Lu Ann Feller — Connie Knobloch**

Believing it is the will of God, Bro. Vernon Bucher has announced his engagement to Sis. Em Hari of Cissna Park. We wish them and their families God's blessings in this undertaking.

Bro. Tom Bucher (Sis. Cheryl) and Dan Nuest (Bro. Elvin and Sis. Jan) both had recent knee surgery and they are recovering well.

Ryan Dale Fischer joins his three sisters in Dale and Mary Ann Fischer's family. His grandparents are Bro. Phil and Sis. Mary Troxel.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." (Ps. 139:23-24). What stirring words these are to us as we prepare for the Communion of our Savior Jesus Christ! May He bless us as we partake of this holy commemoration.

**INDIANA, LEO**

**Thelma Schlatter**  
**Marjorie Frautschi**

Our congregation has been richly blessed by the visits and ministry of Bros. Steve Gutwein and Chris Huber, Francesville; Dale Strassheim, Milford; Uriel Gehring, Burlington, IA; and Roy Wieland, Bay City, MI.

We welcome Sis. Rita, bride of Bro. Loren Klopfenstein to our church and fellowship. She is the daughter of Bro. Carl and Sis. Lydiann Wyss, (Washington, IL). Loren is the son of Bro. William and Sis. Nancy Klopfenstein. Many attended the wedding on March 13 and asked God's blessings upon the young couple.

Judy Garman, daughter of Louis and Sis. Ruth Garman, and Mark Stockert were recently married. May the blessing of God's leading be theirs as they establish their home.

For several long time shut-ins, days must often be lonely and difficult. To

Sisters Adele Conrad, Bertha Steiner, Elizabeth Pulfer, Mina and Rosa Bertsch these lines by Annie Johnson Flint could be encouraging:

"Here is comfort; 'I am with you  
always, The faithful and the  
true,  
And I will never leave you nor forsake  
you,  
The long, hard journey through;'  
For Jesus Christ is present help and  
refuge,  
Not far, but very near;  
Our Light, our Guide, our Shepherd,  
our Counselor,  
A Savior . . . who is here."

It's a privilege of Christians to scatter a bit of sunshine through letters and visits. Read His words in Matt. 25:36.

Bro. Henry Beer, Milford, gave us an inspirational evening presenting his latest and very beautiful book which is appropriately titled, "A Legacy in Song."

There was excellent participation in and attendance at the Easter program recalling His agonizing sacrifice on the Cross and His glorious resurrection.

Though we talk about gifts and talents, most of us tend to sit back in our spiritual rocking chairs, shake our heads, and conclude that we have no special ability for His service. It's been wisely said: "Use what talents you possess. How silent the woods would be if no birds sang except those that sang best!" Only one talent? Use it for His glory!

#### INDIANA, MILFORD

Gwen Steffen — Marcy Haab

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Heb. 4:15

Many of our congregation have wrestled with the pain, fear, and struggle of an uncertain future as they faced illness. Total dependance on God and His infinite love and wisdom causes a suffering one to cast his cares upon the Almighty God and trust Him completely. Hospital patients were Bro. Elmer Haab, Sis. Esther Getz, Sis. Melba Hunsberger, Sis. Frieda Ruch, Karlye Beer (Jack and Donna), Heidi Beer (Bro. Phil and Sis. Millie), and Chad Beer (Bro. Lee and Sis. Sandy). May each of these families respond as God

would desire; by surrendering to His will and feeling His strength and nearness.

Bro. Uriel Gehring (Burlington, IA) and his family visited our congregation. We are always thankful for the brothers who allow God's work to be done through them as they teach from His Holy Word.

Staci Schieler (Bro. Will and Sis. Sue) has felt the peace and forgiveness of sins resulting from her belief in the resurrected Christ. She awaits baptism.

#### BLESSED IS THE WOMAN . . .

Blessed is she who acknowledges her need for God;  
For she will receive His presence and support.

Blessed is she who hungers for closeness to Jesus Christ;  
For she will be filled with His compassionate love.

Blessed is she who is thoughtful of the needs of others;  
For her own needs will be filled.

Blessed is she who learns the lessons of sorrow;  
For she will be comforted and will give courage.

Blessed is she who keeps her heart unblemished by envy;  
For she will be content.

Blessed is she who brings God's peace to others;  
For serenity will come to her also.

Dorothy L. McFadden

#### INDIANA, REMINGTON

Annette Bahler — Beth Virkler

Many years ago, a minister, a man of God, beginning his sermon, leaned over the pulpit and said, with a solemn air, "Friends, I have a question to ask. I cannot answer it. You cannot answer it. If an angel from Heaven were here he could not answer it. If a devil from Hell were here he could not answer it." Deathlike silence reigned. Every eye was fixed on the speaker. He proceeded: "The question is this: 'How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?' " (Heb. 2:3).

Perhaps many souls who read such words try to forget such a charge laid upon them. It is not pleasant to think upon the realities of life and eternity

with an unprepared soul. Our human minds cannot comprehend many of the facts of hell but Jesus is asking us to believe in it. Jesus spoke more about Hell in the scriptures than he did about Heaven.

It is related of an atheist who was dying and he appeared very uncomfortable, very unhappy and frightened. Another atheist who stood at his bedside said to him: "Don't be afraid. Hold on, man, hold on to the last." The dying man said: "That is what I want to do, but tell me what to hold on to?"

Upon reading such an account of a dying soul, how we rejoice who have had our souls washed in the blood of the lamb and the thought of death brings the peace of Jesus Christ to hold on to.

Proverbs 8 was meditated upon by Bro. Kenneth Weerts of Cissna Park, IL. Such words of life refreshed our souls in this chapter. "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil, pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the forward mouth do I hate. I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord. But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death." (Proverbs 8:13, 17, 34-36).

Bro. Kurt Bahler and Sis. Kathy Klotzle announced their engagement on March 13. Their parents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Lois Bahler and Bro. John and Sis. Lois Klotzle of Altadena, CA.

Bro. Stan and Sis. Beth Virkler are thankful parents of Joel Andrew, born on March 23. Grandparents are Bro. Andy and Sis. Maxine Virkler of Bay City, MI and Bro. Ed and Sis. Lois Bahler of Remington.

#### INDIANA, SOUTH BEND

Nancy and Karen Lehman

As I think of Easter, I can't help but remember as a young girl, going to church on Easter morning. No other Sunday in the year was as special as Easter. I remember getting an Easter basket full of easter eggs and chocolate bunnies, but as I grew older those Easter Sundays meant a lot more. I learned what sacrifice, unselfishness and love meant. God had so much love for us that He gave up His only Son to die on the cross for your sins and mine. He was willing to bear the cross and

wear the painful thorns on His head. We feel so unworthy, yet thankful, for Jesus' sacrifice for our sins.

Alas, and did my Savior bleed? And did my Sovereign die? Would He devote that sacred head, for such a worm as I? Was it for crimes that I have done, He groaned upon that tree? Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree! Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut His glories in, When Christ, the Mighty Maker, died for man the creatures sin. But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe: Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'Tis all that I can do!

Tabernacle Hymns No. 295

We're happy to have Sis. Mattie Clauss back home after an extended winter vacation. Each one of our small flock means so much to us and are sorely missed when gone for any length of time. We're thankful the Lord has brought her back safely.

Be prayerful for our shut-ins this month as we have several who are unable to fellowship and worship with us. May God comfort and console them in their needs. "It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect." Psalm 18:32.

We were blessed with many visitors and welcome them any time they are in the South Bend area. A special thanks is extended to Bro. Walt Steffen (Milford) who willingly labored in our congregation while our minister traveled to other churches. May God bless him in his labor of love.

Reminder: Silver Lining dues of \$6.00 are due in April for our congregation. Please see your correspondent.

### INDIANA, VALPARAISO

Vera Nuest — Jill Hitz

God draws forth praise from His creatures by unfolding Himself in His works and ways. The more He manifests Himself, the more He is to be praised. The contemplation of God must ever have this blessed result. Permanent praise will be the condition of that soul that keeps God continually in view as He is revealed in Jesus. Let us retune our hearts to Jesus' name, and sing His praise with a louder and more lofty song. "Praise ye the Lord; for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is fitting" (Psalm 147:1). It is becoming, it is appropriate, and it is right. Try

this, and you'll find that praise . . .

Pleases the Lord,  
Raises your spirit,  
Arouses your productivity,  
Instills confidence and peace,  
Stimulates enthusiasm, and  
Expands and extends your vision.

"Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing." (Psalm 100:2). "Sing unto Him a new song." (Psalm 33:3). Let hallelujahs fill our hearts, our homes, and our houses of worship. "Praise ye the Lord!"

(RBC Discovery Digest)

Warren and Candy Koehl have welcomed Lindsey Nicole into their home and lives. Trisha and Stephanie are thrilled with a little sister.

Our hospital patients this month have been: Bro. Willis Feller, Sis. Tillie Heinold, and Irene Nuest. We entrusted them into the Lord's care, knowing He careth for His own.

Sunday, Feb. 20, our little congregation experienced our first wedding. Sis. Wendy Miller (Bro. Terry and Sis. Bev) and Bro. Dean Feller (Bro. Todd and Sis. Karen) of LaCrosse, spoke their wedding vows to each other. Bro. Elmer Schmidt (Wendy's grandfather), Bro. Todd Feller (Dean's father), Bro. Bob Grimm, and Elder Bro. Ed Frank were with us for this special and blessed day.

Bro. Ken Hoerr (Peoria) spent a Sunday with us. He read and meditated on I Corinthians 13. This is such an encouraging chapter.

### WHAT IS LOVE?

It is silence — when your words would hurt.

It is patience — when your neighbor's curt.

It is deafness — when a scandal flows.

It is thoughtfulness — for other's woes.

It is promptness — when stern duty calls.

It is courage — when misfortune falls.

It is natural to love them that love us, but it is supernatural to love them that hate us. LOVE NEVER FAILETH (I Cor. 13:8). Apples of Gold

We invite you to come and worship with us. We love company!

### INDIANA, WEST LAFAYETTE PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Deb Anliker

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in

the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." Psalms 32:8

This past month Bros. Merle Bucher (LaCrosse), Rod Huber and Mike Thomas (Valparaiso) and Bob Meyer (Bluffton) met with us to share God's Word. May these brethren, and all those who travel to worship with us, be richly blessed for all their efforts.

College weekend will be April 9 and 10 at Purdue. Saturday we will meet at the First Church of the Nazarene in Lafayette, with registration from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Sunday we will be at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in West Lafayette. Anyone is welcome to come and share this weekend with us.

"Oh, let me live as if He died

But yestertide;

And I myself had seen and touched  
His pierced side."

Unknown

### INDIANA, WOLCOTT

Elaine Bahler — Lorene Furrer

"While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." Gen. 8:22. How thankful I am we have this promise of spring each year, the season of rebirth of God's creation. What a joy it is to see all things new again.

Also new are two sweet baby boys. Lee Dustin was born to Larry and Lynell Blume on Feb. 18. He'll get lots of help from big brothers, Brian, Brent and Derek. Grandparents are Bro. Glenn and Sis. Norma Blume and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marilyn Bahler (Remington).

Dave and Merri Schieler are enjoying their first child. Alex Robert was born on Feb. 26. Paternal grandmother is Sis. Marilyn Schieler.

We have enjoyed having the Remington Church assemble with us for several Sundays. A special thanks to the ministering brothers who shared the Word with us.

Sis. Marilyn Schieler is home once again from the hospital. We pray that she will continue to progress. Bro. Sam Furrer has been in the hospital also.

Our congregation extends its sympathy to Bro. Richard Stoller and Sisters Norma Blume and Frances Bahler on the loss of their brother, Ervin Stoller.

Spring also means Easter and once

again re-living Christs' supreme sacrifice for us on the cross. Our Easter program was on March 30. It isn't until we are older that we can appreciate the songs and poems so faithfully learned.

### IOWA, BURLINGTON

**Edith Massner — Kim Salek**

As we approach the Easter season, it once again is time for us to pause and reflect upon this very special time. Once again we hear the Easter story, of pain, rejection, ridicule and death. How thankful we are that the story goes on, to life; the life of our risen Lord and Saviour. Through His death and resurrection we may truly live. It is an old story, one we all know so well and strive to teach our children diligently. It is a story we love dearly that reaches deep into our hearts and grips us with the realization of the depth of His love in this freely-given gift of His life and blood. We have done nothing to deserve it, and we can do nothing to earn it. Our precious Saviour has done it for us. We need only to accept His gift and allow Him to work in our hearts and souls the wonderful work of conversion.

This month our Elder Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville) spent two Wednesday evenings with us. Bro. Rod Huber was also with us on a Sunday morning to share the Word with us. We again, as always, extend our thanks to these faithful servants for sharing the precious Word with us.

John Taeger, father of Bro. Richard Taeger, was in the hospital recently. He is home now and slowly recuperating. Sis. Lu Landess spent some time in the hospital. We were happy to see her back in church.

Many of our members who go south for the winter have returned home. We are happy to have them home safely.

### IOWA, ELGIN

**Gloria Frieden**

On March 10, Sis. Lena Schupbach was visited by several callers who came to wish her well on her 104th birthday. Sis. Lena continues to live at home with her niece, Sis. Ruth Schupbach who lovingly and faithfully cares for her.

Sis. Lena was born March 10, 1879 in Sardis, Ohio. Her parents were Bro. Fred and Sis. Elizabeth Grimm Schupbach. When she was 8 years old, she came to Iowa with her parents and

three brothers, Fred, William and Albert and they settled on a farm approximately 5 miles southeast of Elgin. Her sister, Marie, was born after they came to Iowa.

When Lena was 15 years old she repented and was baptized in the Turkey River by Elder Bro. Chris Gerber from Fairbury.

Many times during Lena's younger years, she was called to a home to assist with the birth of a child or to help the sick. She was always willing to assist where there was a need. Throughout the years she also enjoyed gardening and working outdoors. Although her strength is failing her along with her eyesight and hearing, Lena still enjoys company and the touch and kiss from a child brings a special smile to her face.

Lena longs for the day when she can lay her armor down and is often heard saying the words to an old hymn, "Im Himmel Ist Ruh" (In Heaven Is Rest).

Lena wishes to thank everyone who remembered her on her birthday.

Our visiting minister during the past month was Bro. Noah Gerber. May God grant His servants a special blessing for feeding us so faithfully from the Word of Life.

### IOWA, GARDEN GROVE

**Eileen Funk**

We were thankful for the opportunity to listen to the tapes of our Brotherhood Conference.

On March 20, we were richly blessed having Elder Bros. Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS) and Lester Harter (Bern, KS) and their wives fellowship with us. They served us the Lord's Supper-Communion. We wish to thank you for your labors of love. Also visiting us that weekend were Bro. Albert and Sis. Marajeon Eldelman and their 5 children (Gridley, KS). We enjoyed our monthly potluck with them. It was truly a blessed time of fellowship. It is necessary for us to assemble together. It keeps us in remembrance of God's things!

We are beginning to make plans for Vacation Bible School. We have a sister from Illinois that is planning to come and help us. But, we could use one more teacher and are wondering if there would be a brother or sister available for two weeks — beginning May 31. If interested, please contact Sis. Sally Funk, 1013 N. Church, Leon, IA 50144, 515-446-6147.

### IOWA, LESTER

**Alice Metzger**

The Sunday School students were witnesses to a special event on March 13 when the archives of the church were placed in a copper box for posterity. Two ministers and members of the building committee explained each item that was selected and told of the founding and history of our faith. The archives will be cemented beneath the pulpit of our new edifice.

Visiting ministers were Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer and Bros. Earl Banwart and Wayne Fehr. We appreciate the messages and pray God will bless them.

On Feb. 27, Megan Elaine was born to Bro. Brad and Sis. Theresa Kellenberger. She has a brother and a sister and her grandparents are Bro. Henry and Sis. Elaine Kellenberger and Bro. Virgil and Sis. Marie Hartter, Sabetha. Bro. Arnie and Sis. Myra Wulf became first-time parents on March 5 when Monica Rose was born. Her grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Leona Wulf and Elder Bro. Leo and Sis. Leona Moser. Brandon Charles was born on March 12 to Mike and Deb Metzger. He has one brother and his grandparents are Sis. Flora Metzger and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Berg.

Bro. Wilbert was hospitalized after being injured in a farm accident. Bro. Harlan Wulf underwent surgery. We are happy to see both brothers back in church and doing well.

### IOWA, OAKVILLE

**Jerilyn Wagenbach**

"And this is the promise that He hath promised us, even eternal life."

I John 2:25

### NEW LIFE

Mother Nature tiptoes in  
On cold and barren earth,  
And, with a warm and tender touch,  
She calls new life to birth . . .

With a kiss of sunlight,  
She coaxes sap to flow,  
And crocuses to push their blooms  
Through slowly melting snow . . .

She takes her springtime palette,  
And, with strokes so sure and true,  
She colors brown grass green once  
more,  
And paints the heavens blue . . .



Songbirds bid her springtime call  
To fly back home, and then  
Join the endless cycle  
To renew life once again . . .

And, as she calls new life to birth,  
As only Nature can,  
She reminds us of the promise  
Of God's Eternal Plan.

Alice Joyce Davidson

"Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not." II Corinthians 4:1

The Word of Life has been shared with us by several visiting brethren. Worshipping with us have been Bro. Kent Heimer (Taylor), Bro. Rod Huber (Valparaiso), Bro. Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville) and Bro. Karl Westfall (Francesville). May we pray for our ministers that they faint not as they strive to bring us the message of truth.

#### IOWA, PULASKI

Mary Wiegand — DeAnn Wuthrich

"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

Luke 15:10

We certainly do rejoice with Kenny Teubal (son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Wilma Teubal) and Tony Rinkenberger (son of Bro. Ron and Sis. Janice Rinkenberger) as they have decided to turn their lives to our Lord and Savior. We wish them much grace and strength in their repentance.

Sharing God's Word with us this past month were Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley, IL) and Bro. Willis Wiegand (Goodfield, IL). We want to especially thank them for their deeds of love, and for the wonderful message they brought to us. What would we do without their guidance and words of encouragement?

#### IOWA, WEST BEND

Elma Mogler — Polly Zaugg

We had a blessed weekend when Bros. Alphi Moser and Floyd Schmidgall from Morris were led to graciously expound the Word of God to us this past month. May we always find something in each message to fill our thoughts and minds as we walk this path of life. "But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word." Acts 6:4.

Our heavenly Father has plucked a precious little flower from this earth. The home of Jerry and Joy Metzger was saddened by the death of Justin Jay, their newborn son. Grandparents are Bro. Silas and Sis. Della Metzger and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Zimmerman.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Jessie Fehr and her family in the loss of her brother Roy Blackburn. Along with this we extend our sympathy to Bernard and Alice Metzger, who lost her mother, Sis. Bessie Martin of Princeville. May God comfort those who have lost loved ones.

Jon Lee Schmidt (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Judy) and Robin Fain (Mr. and Mrs. Willard Fain, Afton, IA) have announced their engagement. Jon has been assembling with the Garden Grove congregation which is close to his employment.

Eldon Banwart, son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Edna, is repenting of his life of sin and seeking peace with God and man. We rejoice with him and pray God will provide grace to him each day.

God has placed responsibility in the home of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Rose Grimm as they were blessed with a daughter, Joleen Kay. Jordon and Dawn welcome her home as well as grandparents, Bro. Clifford and Sis. Rosene Grimm and Bro. Albert and Sis. Betty Banwart.

Bro. Noah Anliker is hospitalized at this time. Bro. Clarence Zaugg had the misfortune of breaking his ankle. May God grant a speedy recovery to them.

At this time of year when we remember our Mothers, we would like to share this poem with you.

#### MOTHER'S WISDOM

"You are what you think,"  
My mother would say,  
As she spoke words of wisdom  
For work and for play.  
"Think mean, and you'll surely  
Turn out to be mean.  
Have thoughts that are pure,  
And your mind will be clean."

I've tried to remember  
While traveling life's way  
The wisdom that Mother  
Would use in her day.  
It's still just as sound  
As a chain's strongest link:  
"Remember, my child,  
You are what you think."

Carice Williams

#### JAPAN, SHIODA

Judy Luginbuhl

"Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing."

Psalms 100:2

Signs of Spring's presence are becoming more evident as each day passes. People are anxiously looking forward to and talking about each little change as nature shows its perfect work in every budding flower and tree. How mightily our Creator, Lord and Savior is manifested through the intricate details woven into the smallest petal of a flower. The courts of His perfect creation are joyfully shouting His name!

At this time of rejoicing, 13 of our children are graduating from kindergarten to first grade. They will be performing a play about Paul and Silas' experience in prison with the focus on singing praises and prayer to the Lord. Our prayer is that this theme will continue to be a part of their lives as they are exposed to the elements of their world, very different from the Christian teachings they have learned and come to believe today.

Sis. Morie Uchida has returned home to her family after an extended stay in the hospital with a broken hip. We join the family with thanks to the Lord for her recovery.

We were recently blessed with the fellowship of the Utsuki family: Bro. Saburo, Sis. Shizuko, Noboko and Sis. Hiroko. What a special joy to have Sis. Hiroko with us, attired in her usual bright, cheery smile and bubbling personality, radiating her love and joy in the Lord.

We have also been privileged to benefit from the fellowship with Bro. Robert and Sis. Betty Steiner from Rittman, Ohio. We are thankful for the time they could spend in Shioda and share some very special, memorable times with us.

Thank you for the many prayers we are receiving for our Father's work to be done in Japan.

"For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."

Isaiah 55:12

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**JAPAN, TOKYO****Yoshio Yamazaki — Marie Inoue**

Our hearts were saddened as we laid our friend Toyomi Utsuki, 48, to rest on Feb. 19. She passed away following heart surgery and leaves to mourn, her husband, Akira, and son, Jun, 14 years old. Bro. Saburo and Sis. Shizuko Utsuki also are bereaved in their beloved daughter-in-law's death as well as sisters, Yoshiko and Hiroko who may be known to the brethren. Services were held for her in our Tokyo Church with Elder Bros. Willis Ehnle and Akito Inoue officiating.

Our beloved Sis. Hiroko Utsuki returned to Japan to attend the funeral and will stay about a month until she returns to NY City to be with her sister, Tomoko. Her fellowship brings special joy to us.

Recently we were taught in the Word from I Cor. 13 that the Bible definition of charity includes much more than the meaning given in the dictionary. The Bible says that if we have God's love in our hearts, we will "... bear all things, believe all things, hope all things and endure all things." (verse 7). Sometimes God does not allow us to have "our" way, but by His grace we can trust Him and serve Him with joy. We especially think of this portion of scripture and remember the Utsuki family in our prayers as they, and we all, prayed earnestly for the healing of our loved one and it was not granted. Our believers have not had a Christian heritage and therefore have not seen many living examples of those who had stood firmly during severe trials of faith. We live in a world of imperfection and someday we will understand God's perfect ways.

Our special guests at this writing are Bro. Bob and Sis. Betty Steiner (Rittman). Betty has been a pen pal to Akiko Arai of Japan for 33 years! This was their first meeting. Akiko hopes to take them to Hokkaido for a few days to view dairy farms similar to one the Steiner's operate in Ohio. We deeply appreciated their visit and part in our worship services.

**KANSAS, BERN****Linda Esslinger**

In the hymn "The Covenant of Grace" (Zion's Harp No. 163), we sing of giving our whole heart to the Lord and that He may live there forever. We enjoyed a blessed weekend on Feb. 19 and 20 when Sharon and Gordan

Grimm gave their testimonies and were baptized. Gordan is the son of Sis. Marie and Bro. Harvey Grimm. Sharing with us God's Word at this blessed time were visiting ministers Bro. Joe Stoller (Princeville, IL), Bro. Al Langhofer (Wichita) and Bro. Bill Emch (Lamont).

Sis. Sarah Meyer, after having a light stroke, is recuperating rapidly at a local nursing home, and is expected to return home shortly.

Sympathy is extended to Sis. Sarah, Sis. Amanda and Bro. Roy Meyer at the passing away of their sister-in-law, Alice (Mrs. Fred) Meyer.

Bro. Ed Lehman was hospitalized.

**KANSAS, KIOWA****Gay Lee Farney — Janice Bahr****MOTHER**

Mother, you have left this earth,  
and your face we no longer see!  
But knowing you have found  
sweet rest  
Does to our hearts bring glee —

God's plan for you has been  
fulfilled;  
Your trials and cares are no more,  
And may it ever be our lot  
To meet again on yonder shore  
Pain and suffering shall be  
gone from your face;  
Sorrow and grief shall never be found  
Many lonely hours and heartaches  
erased —  
Only joy and peace shall abound!  
So, mother, we do think of you  
As your face we no longer see;  
And may we prepare for that  
meeting again,  
That to our hearts shall bring glee.

In Memory of Sis. Emma Diel

Our dear Sister Emma Diel has entered into rest with our Heavenly Father. She was loved by many as a mother, friend, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. Sister Emma was 96 years of age. We wish to extend our love and sympathy to her family.

Our Sis. Sophia Kircher has had a lengthy stay in the hospital this past month. She is now home, and was able to assemble with us Sunday.

This past Sunday, we had services at the Kiowa Manor. We pray for God's blessings on each of these souls.

**KANSAS, LAMONT****Jill Luthi**

"Be patient therefore brethren, unto the coming of the Lord." James 5:7

Just exactly what does the word patient mean? In the dictionary PATIENT means enduring pain, delay, etc. without complaint. Do we realize the vast capacity of calm endurance our Lord and Saviour has with us? Are not we being tested daily on patience? How do we rate? Let our Lord each day and each hour test us! Are we obeying His Word, and following His commandments and teachings? Where do we stand when it comes to the fruit of the Spirit? LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONGSUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITH, MEEKNESS AND TEMPERANCE.

"For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise."

Hebrews 10:36

If we really want to be OBEDIENT to God as children of His, we must follow very few commandments and teachings.

1. SERVE HIM — Deny yourselves, take up His cross and follow Him. Search the scriptures daily. Always keep the communication line open between the Lord and yourself by fervently praying unto Him.

2. BE THANKFUL — We must count our blessings each day (Our vocations, homes, food, clothing, etc.) Most of all be forever thankful that we live under a benevolent government where we can freely go to and fro. We are allowed the freedom to have a Bible whether at home, at work, or traveling. What is a greater blessing than to read the Word of God whenever we wish? Think of the countries where no Bible is permitted. We must ever ABIDE by His Word!

3. BE MEEK and HUMBLE — "Meekness is the noblest virtue . . . Though it does not stand in favor with those of a proud behavior. Yet 'tis more than precious gold, more than fame and wealth untold." How the verses in Zion's Harp No. 186 — HUMILITY, are so true!

"He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He openeth not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to a

slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth." Isaiah 53:5

4. BE PATIENT and KIND — towards one another, whether friends, family members, or as Brothers and Sisters in Christ. How easy it is to become impatient and the tongue, as the smallest member, can say things it shouldn't. "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth." James 3:5

"In your patience, possess ye your souls." St. Luke 21:19

Our congregations of Lamont and Gridley were richly blessed with the presence of Elder Bro. Don Sauder of Roanoke Saturday, March 12, as both he and Elder Bro. Sam read the memorandum. How our hearts were stirred! "I write not these things to shame you, but as beloved sons I warn you." I Corinthians 4:14. Each of us were truly admonished as the letter was expounded before us. One verse seems to say it all in I Thessalonians 5:14:

"Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men."

We thank Bro. Don for being in our midst both Saturday evening and all day Sunday. May the Lord ever be with our Shepherds and reward them.

Those of us who were unable to hear the Conference tapes last fall want to thank our Elder Bro. Sam for coming to be with us and let us hear the tapes in Emporia. How we yearn to be more FAITHFUL by hearing the exhortations of our Elders.

Hospitalized during the last writing was Emma Enz. Since then Emma has been released and is at the Golden Age Lodge Rest Home in Burlington. Emma has found the need for peace with God since her move to the home. May we never cease to pray for those old or young to "repent and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19.

Our prayers are with Emma. May she ever feel the presence of the Lord each hour. Does not this example make us tremble when we think of the last day the Lord shall be patient at calling

us? May the unconverted heed His call while there is yet time — and very little of it!

Also hospitalized at this writing are Sisters Carrie Gleichman and Eva Emch, medical reasons. May His healing hand ever be with them so that they again can assemble with us.

#### KANSAS, SABETHA

Clara Steiner — Judy Hartter

Bro. Rodney and Sis. Joleen Edelman are the happy parents of their first child, a son, Brett Clifford, born Feb. 25. Grandparents are Clifford and Sis. Barbara Edelman and Sis. Betty Schmidt from West Bend, IA.

A new little son, Bryan Alan, was born Feb. 20 to Tony and Sonia Cole from Topeka, KS. Bryan's grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Phyllis Strahm. Also, first-time grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Tillie Menold to little Daniel Joseph, son of Bro. Ron and Sis. Lynette Menold from Tremont.

We welcome Sis. Faye Pearcey from Los Angeles, CA into our area. We hope that she can feel God's love and nearness as she settles in her new apartment at the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha.

The engagement has been made known of Randy Edelman (Clifford and Sis. Barbara) to Cindy Hittle of Sabetha. We wish them God's blessings as they plan their life together.

We are so thankful that Bro. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park, IL) and Bro. Gene Marti (Lamar, MO) have visited us and have shared God's precious word unto us.

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#### KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

The evening of March 2 was a blessed evening when Bro. Steve Rinkenberger conducted a Bible study on the fundamentals of a spiritual life. Other ministering Brothers assembled with us that evening were Elder Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha); Elder Bro. Sam Anliker (Lamont); Elder Bro. Lester Harter, Bros. Alpha Strahm and Harvey Grimm (all from Bern).

Singings were held at Bros. Steve Schrader and James Wernli's on February 23 and at Sis. Cheryl Miller, Sis. Jana Meyer and Chris Strahm's on March 19.

Bro. Kevin and Sis. Denise Kilgus

extend their heartfelt thanks for the cards, gifts and prayers of love received while Denise was hospitalized and during her recovery. May God bless each of you.

#### KANSAS, WICHITA

Priscilla Frank

March has brought both happiness and sorrow to some in our congregation. We once again rejoice with Bro. George and Sis. Anne Greiner as they were blessed with a new granddaughter last month. Lora Renay was born unto Frank and Anna Greiner Feb. 19. Jennifer also welcomes her little sister home. We wish them all God's blessings as they enjoy watching her grow.

We express our sympathy to Bro. Dick Payton for the loss of his mother, Mary Ellen Colline. We know no one can replace a mother, but we pray God will fill the vacancy with His love.

#### MICHIGAN, ALTO

Jane Grawburg

"FAITH IS THE KEY TO HEAVEN"

"Oh, Father, grant once more to men  
A simple, childlike Faith again,  
Forgetting color, race, and creed  
And seeing only the heart's deep  
need . . .

For Faith alone can save man's soul  
And lead him to a higher goal,  
For there's but one unfailing course —  
We win by Faith and not by force."

Helen Steiner Rice

A couple of weeks ago, we were privileged to hear the tapes of the General Conference held last August in Princeville, IL. We heard how vital faith is in every part of our lives. Without it, our lives would be so shallow and so empty — we would be as nothing. Let's try ever so earnestly to keep the faith we now have and strive to become stronger in it.

We wish to thank the brethren attending the General Conference for the love and concern they have for all of us. We appreciate their shepherding and we pray that, by the Grace of God, their precious work may continue.

We warmly welcome Bro. Elmer and Sis. Delila Schrenk as they have returned from their winter home at Zapata, TX. We also want to extend our deepest sympathy to them in the loss of their brother-in-law, Bro. Jim Griffin (Chicago, IL).

We extend a fond farewell to our friend, Paul Rinehardt, who has been worshipping with us for quite some time. Paul will be in the service of our country for the next few years. We wish him God's blessings.

#### MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

##### Linda Ramseyer

The Lord has been with two dear souls as they were joined together as one. On Feb. 27, Sis. Debbie Ramseyer and Bro. Ed Graf were married. Parents of the couple are Bro. James and Sis. Marlene Ramseyer and Bro. Carl and Sis. Kathy Graf from Akron, OH. We pray that the Lord will bless them during their married life.

We were glad to have Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH) visit us and minister God's Word to us. It is always a blessing to have brothers who are willing to come and lend themselves for the Lord's service.

Our thoughts are with two sisters who have been hospitalized. Sis. Edith (Bro. Daryle) Wieland recently had surgery and we are thankful that she has once again been able to return home. Sis. Louise Lambert has been hospitalized and our prayers are with her during her time of illness.

#### MICHIGAN, DETROIT

##### Dawn Bahr

"Thine is the glory, Risen conquering Son." How precious this thought is to all of us, that we serve a risen Lord, who is Conqueror over death and hell. Our Sunday School once again brought us the beautiful Easter story — one that we never tire of hearing. Truly it is a story that brings many different emotions upon us. We feel burdened as we go with Christ to the garden. There He pleaded that He could be spared from the very reason for His coming, yet was able to say, "Not My will, but Thine, be done." We feel the agony, the shame, and the torment He endured as He was put through a cruel trial and was nailed to the cross. We feel sadness and grief at His death; and despair that it was our sins that nailed Him there. But how we rejoice in the knowledge that He arose, conquering death, and paving the way for us, that we can have a hope of spending eternity in heaven with Him. What love!

"Where God in truth abides, where two join hand and heart, we find a threefold cord, not lightly rent apart."

We rejoiced with Bro. Milan and Sis. Joyce Germaine as they exchanged wedding vows on March 6. Parents of the happy couple are Mike and Lucile Germaine and Bro. Wallace and Sis. Helen Ramsier (Mansfield, OH). We welcome Sis. Joyce into our congregation and pray a special blessing on them as they begin their walk together, serving their Lord.

Little Jeffrey Kujawa, infant son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Darlene Kujawa, was hospitalized for a short time. We are thankful he is now home and doing well.

We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Sis. Alice Polk, who passed away March 18. Sis. Alice had to endure much suffering and pain during her final months, and longed to go to meet her Savior. May her loved ones find comfort in the knowledge that she has reached her heavenly goal.

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#### MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS

##### Deb Tilbury

We would like to thank Bro. Alpai Moser (Morris), for being with us on March 6 and sharing God's wonderful teachings with us. May he be richly blessed.

Richard Miller has been a hospital patient this past month. We pray that he will be able to return home soon. Maxine Larson has been layed up and may be having surgery in the near future. May God be with her.

#### MINNESOTA, MORRIS

##### Rhonda Zeltwanger — Jan Schock

Gwen and Tim Gramm are the happy parents of their first child. She is Savannah Marie. Bro. Harold and Sis. Ila Gramm and Bro. Art and Sis. Sandy Nohl, all of Morris, are the grandparents. Little Savannah was hospitalized with pneumonia, but is home and doing well. Tim and Gwen have peace in their hearts and are awaiting baptism, hopefully in March. They have many reasons to be thankful to our dear Lord and Saviour.

Craig Schmidgall and Joenne Miller are engaged and are planning an August 6 wedding. Sis. Mabel Schmidgall and the late Bro. Frances Schmidgall of Morris are Craig's parents. May God bless this union. Our sympathy and prayers go to Bro. Bob and Sis. Gwen

Feuchtenberger in the death of her brother. May the Holy Comforter give them strength and understanding.

"You are what you eat" is a common phrase right now. Recently one of our ministering brothers pointed out that this is true spiritually as well as physically. Matt. 12:35 says, "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." If we feed our minds on the Word of God, we will have the good treasure and our lives will show it. We must constantly be feeding our spiritual bodies or they will be weakened and tempted by the many things which are not edifying. I recently read that in homes where the Bible is read daily, the divorce rate is 1 in 1500. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any praise, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Philippians 4:8.

Our dear Sis. Lizzie Schmidgall recently celebrated her 90th birthday and we wanted to include a short biography this month. She is an asset to our church and her friendly smile is appreciated by us all.

Sis. Lizzie Schmidgall was born on February 7, 1893 at Sherburn, MN to George and Sis. Eliza Metzger. She moved with her family to Jasper, MO during her school years and then to Lester, IA. Sis. Lizzie turned to her God when she was 15.

She married Bro. John Schmidgall on February 23, 1913 in Lester, IA. After two years in Lester, the couple moved to Hancock where she has lived ever since. Sis. Lizzie had 17 children of which 13 are living. Her husband, Bro. John, passed away April 9, 1964. To date she has 78 grandchildren, 72 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

She had one son, Bennie, who was killed in action in World War II on March 3, 1945.

She enjoys traveling and visiting her children in different areas. She has a daughter and a son in Phoenix, AZ where she frequently spends her winter months. Sis. Lizzie has her own home in Hancock where she still does her own housework. She is thankful to God that He continues to bless her with good health. Her prayers as she states

so often, are that "she will be found true and worthy when the Lord calls her home."

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks for all the lovely cards, gifts and kindnesses received for my 90th birthday. Also thank you to all who came to the open house. God bless each and every one.

Mrs. John (Lizzie) Schmidgall Bro. Noah and Sis. Shirley Nohl have a new granddaughter. She is Melissa Lynn. They and their daughter, Betty, are thankful for this healthy little bundle. May God bless them and guide them as they train up this precious child.

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**MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY**  
**Janice Lehman**

**A MEMORY SYSTEM**

Forget each kindness that you do as soon as you have done it.  
Forget the praise that falls to you, the moment you have won it.  
Forget the slander that you hear before you can repeat it.  
Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer, wherever you meet it.  
Remember every kindness done to you, whatever its measure.  
Remember praise by others won and pass it on with pleasure.  
Remember every promise made and keep it to the letter.  
Remember all the happiness that comes your way in living.  
Forget each worry and distress, be hopeful and forgiving.  
Remember good, remember truth, Remember Heaven's above you  
And you will find through age and youth  
True joys and hearts to love you.  
Anonymous

As vacation time approaches, we encourage anyone to assemble with us if you plan to be traveling through Kansas City. Services are every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. We also meet every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. The address of the church is 301 W. Blue Ridge Blvd. Directions to this location are to exit I-435 on to State Line Road. Continue south for three miles, turn left on West

Blue Ridge Blvd. and go east for ¾ mile.

**MISSOURI, LAMAR**

**Becky Hohulin — Sandra Marti**

Once again it is that time of year that we plant seeds in the fertile soil and then wait for them to bring forth fruit. Isn't it true that we are sowing seeds every day of our life? Those seeds will surely grow, so we must constantly strive to sow seeds that will bear good fruit and not evil.

Sis. Edna Frieden was a surgical patient this month. We're thankful that she has recovered and is again assembling with us. Our prayers go out to Sis. Rose Widmer who is a hospital patient at this time.

Joshua David is the name chosen for the second son of Ed and Jane Braker. He was born March 1, and was welcomed home by Shawn. Sis. Cecile Braker is his grandmother.

**MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS**

**Becky Gudeman**

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:26-27

As the Easter Season approached, we were reminded of some of the precious words Jesus spoke of before His crucifixion. And having just partaken of Holy Communion, we once again feel that renewal within our hearts and pray the Lord will continue to teach and guide us here in St. Louis.

We certainly thank the ministers who were with us this past month: Bro. Carl Wyss (Washington) and Bro. Harold Schmidgall (Gridley). Many traveled with them from their respective churches and we ask the Lord's blessing on each of them for their kind efforts.

Services are held at the Ben Franklin Motel, 4645 N. Lindbergh Blvd., the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. For more information contact Dan and Becky Gudeman at 314-275-2227. We welcome any who can attend.

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**MISSOURI, TAYLOR**  
**Loida Hodel**

Easter, so beautiful! Glorious skies seem forever blue,  
As all nature, revived and pulsating, burst forth anew —  
Symbolizing, through each tiny seed rising up from the sod,  
The glorious resurrection of Christ, the Son of God.  
Eastertime means life anew, and we, just like flowers,  
Redeemed shall rise from the dust,  
Eternal life is ours!

E. Adams

Congratulations to Bro. Robert and Sis. Emma Dee Hoerr who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in February with a family dinner and small reception. Robert is the son of Sis. Rose and the late Bro. John Hoerr and Em is a daughter of Sis. Carrie and the late Dave Massner of Ft. Scott. They are parents of five children all living in the Taylor area. May God grant "Bob and Emma Dee" many more years together.

"Every day is a 'good' day; some are just better than others!" We enjoyed many spiritual blessings through our guest ministers. Bros. Paul Gasser (Akron, OH); Lenny Meyer (Chicago, IL); and Ben Wysong (Sabetha, KS). May God bless them and their families for their visits.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Ecc. 12:1. What a refreshing privilege to hear the testimony of the love of God, His conviction of sin and the wonderful peace He gave to our friend, Dawn Haerr (Bro. Norman and Sis. Sally). Then on Sunday to witness baptismal service and welcoming our new Sis. Dawn into the fellowship of God and "The Little White Church on the Levee".

"Since those sacred days of heav'nly blessing,/ I can conquer over passions strong;/ Over discontent and dark depression;/ Heav'nly pleasure fills my breast with song."

Zion's Harp No. 182

Tom Cottrell had knee surgery on March 4 in Columbia, MO and is home again for which we are thankful. "God's love will meet my every need. When God said 'Whosoever', He included 'ME'!"

"When pure and upright hearts,/ By flames of love ignited,/ Are by the

bonds of faith/ More firmly yet united,/ The light of hope beams forth/ In radiance far and nigh,/ Invites us to partake/ The blessings from on high."

Zion's Harp No. 79

We are happy to announce the engagement of our Sis. Louanne Hoerr (Bro. Louis and Sis. Ruth) to Bro. Jeff Gramm (Bro. Robert and Sis. Nola) of Gridley, IL. May God guide and bless them as they make plans for their marriage in June — the second most important step in their lives.

We will miss our dear Sis. Marie Butikofer who will leave March 21 for Florida to be with one of her daughters, Sis. Ruth and Bro. William Cottrell. "Aunt Marie" to most of us is a ray of sunshine and inspiration, as she so faithfully continues to be such an active part in our World Relief projects, even though her health is not always good and the golden years of life are approaching.

#### HANDS

Two grateful hands to thank the Lord  
Whose blessings never cease,  
Two gentle hands to ask that God  
grant all enduring peace.  
Two faithful hands to glorify  
the Father and the Son —  
Two willing hands to toil until the  
Master's work is done!

Author Unknown

David and Sis. Marijane Foote wish to thank everyone for the prayers and gifts extended to them during their great loss when their home and contents were destroyed by fire.

"And now abideth faith, hope and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." I Cor. 13:13

#### MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

Carol Ann Messner  
Mary Lou Schmidt

WHAT GOD HATH PROMISED!  
God hath not promised skies always  
blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives  
through.  
God hath not promised sun without  
rain,  
Joy without sorrow, peace without  
pain.

But God hath promised strength for  
the day,

Rest for the laborer, light on the way;  
Grace for the trial, help from above;  
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

"The Lord is good to all."

Psalm 145:9

We have had many hospital patients this month. Sis. Darlene (Darrel) Schmidt and Florence Gutknecht have had surgery. Sis. Carrie Messner and Bro. Walter Messner have been hospitalized for various reasons.

Our Junior and Senior Bible Class sponsored a pancake supper for all members and friends of our Winthrop congregation. We all had a good time, and enjoyed the love and fellowship. May God bless them for their deeds of kindness, love and respect they bestowed unto all.

With Mother's Day approaching, we would like to submit this poem for recognition of all mothers.

God knew all the things that a mother  
should be —

Understanding, thoughtful, and wise;  
With an infinite patience, with insight  
and skills,  
And laughter to shine in her eyes.  
So He took all these things and He gave  
them to Mother!

Author Unknown

We extend our sympathy to the Bro. Ernest Dapper family in the death of his father, Bro. John Dapper (Eureka, IL). May God comfort the family in their loss.

We wish to thank each of you for your kind words of sympathy and expressions of love extended to us in the recent loss of our father and grandfather, John Dapper, in the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka, IL.

The Ernest Dapper Family

#### NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY Ed Aeschleman

Ministering Bro. Lee Bahler, along with others from Rockville, visited Union City on February 27. Our small congregation is appreciative of this support. We all enjoyed the Holy Word as brought forth as well as the opportunity for fellowship with the brethren.

#### NEW YORK, CROGHAN Alice Virkler

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for  
her price is far above rubies.

The heart of her husband doth safely  
trust in her, so that he shall have no  
need of spoil.

Strength and honour are her clothing;  
and she shall rejoice in time to  
come.

She openeth her mouth with wisdom;  
and in her tongue is the law of  
kindness.

She looketh well to the ways of her  
household, and eateth not the bread of  
idleness.

Her children arise up, and call her  
blessed; her husband also, and he  
praiseth her."

Prov. 31:10, 11, 25-28

These beautiful words were read and meditated upon as a source of strength and comfort for the family of Sis. Huldah Farney at services held on Feb. 28 by Bros. Floyd Graves and John Widrick. As the family looks back on the life of their dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, they have many memories of the times spent with their loved one. She will also be missed in our assembly, as she was always present when we gathered for Sunday service, mid-week service, or for world relief sewing. She was taken out of this life on Feb. 25, after only a few hours of sickness, at the age of 86. Our sympathy is extended to her children, Sis. Louise (Larry) Purvines, Sis. Bernice (Bro. Leland) Hirschey, Bro. Niles, Kenneth, and Bro. Don, all of our locality. She also was loved by 38 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren.

As we approach the time of Mother's Day, the above words seem most fitting for our dear sister who was truly an example of a mother and grandmother which should be followed by each of us.

As our Heavenly Father takes loved ones from us, we also rejoice when little ones are added to families. Niles, Jr. and Barb Farney have welcomed their first child, little Amy Elizabeth, born on Feb. 21. She will also be loved by her grandparents, Bro. Niles and Sis. Polly Farney, and Joseph and Martha Kalamas.

Sis. Leona Farney has been able to return to the home of her son and daughter-in-law after having been a hospital patient following surgery. Bro. Dave Schamback was a medical patient and Sis. Lena Virkler is a medical patient as this time after she fell in front of her home and injured her arm. Elder Bro. Norbert Steiner was unable

to be with us two different Sundays following complications from a cold. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each of our loved ones who suffer afflictions of the body and are unable to assemble with us.

We enjoyed an evening of fellowship with the Naumburg congregation on March 16 for a covered dish supper and song service.

### NEW YORK, NAUMBURG

#### Rachel Snyder

Sis. Isabell Virkler, 92, of Rockville, CT, widow of Bro. Harvey Virkler, died Feb. 19. Her home was formerly in Castorland, NY. She is survived by two sons, Bro. Kenneth (Christine) of Rockville and Bro. Bernard (Carolyn) of Castorland; two daughters, Sis. Lois (David) Shamback, Beaver Falls, NY and Sis. Pauline (Robert) Luginbuhl of Rockville; a brother, Norman of California; and several grandchildren. Services were held in Naumburg Church by Elder Bro. Robert Beyer and Bro. Leland Hirschey. Burial was in the Naumburg Church cemetery.

A son and daughter of Bro. Leland Hirschey are engaged to be married soon. They are Martha to Joseph Arilla of Mass., son of Mr. and Mrs. Constantino Arilla and Martin to Linda Plana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Plana, Wisc. Linda lives in Watertown, NY. We wish them God's blessings.

Sis. Betty Herzig has had to spend a few days in the hospital for tests. Also, Sis. Maude Pelton and Sis. Iva Poling have had to spend a few days in the hospital. We are glad that they are able to be home again. Sis. Rosella Schulz is in the hospital. We hope it won't be long till she can be out again.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Hulda Farney's family. May God be with them in this time of sorrow.

### OHIO, AKRON

#### Joyce Gasser

Bro. Ed Graf was united in marriage to Sis. Debbie Ramseyer of Bay City. Parents of the newlyweds are Bro. Carl and Sis. Kathy Graf and Bro. James and Sis. Marlene Ramseyer. They will be making their home at Defiance, OH. We believe that as they continue to keep the Lord Jesus first in their hearts, God will continue to bless them with joy and happiness.

Our hearts are rejoicing about the desire of Gary Graf to change his life,

believe and turn to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation. Gary is the son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Kathy Graf. The Lord is ready to give grace and strength, and we pray for Gary to freely draw it from God.

Sis. Juliet Graf will have reached her four score years on May 1 and will have joyous reasons to observe her 80th birthday.

A welcome goes to Sis. Louise Spangler who has been coming to worship with us. It is a joy to have her in our midst.

Sis. Bethi Graf had the mishap of falling and her knee was injured.

Bro. Stanley Francis, 78, passed away after several years of illness. Bro. Stanley is survived by his wife, Sis. Ann; children, Stanley, Jr., Frank and Mary Ann Hurst; eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; a brother, Walter, who lived with them and helped care for him; and five sisters.

Our visiting ministers were inspiring to us: Bro. Alfred Bahler, Bro. Harold Emch, Bro. Henry Dotterer and Bro. Delbert Indermuhle. Elder Bro. Joe Ramsier assisted Bro. Rudy Graf and Bro. Gene Pamer in sharing with us the general conference conclusions.

### OHIO, JUNCTION

#### Les Manz

A special welcome goes out to Sis. Deb Ramseyer Graf whose wedding vows to Bro. Ed have brought her to worship with us. Bro. Ed (Bro. Carl and Sis. Kathy, Akron) has been co-oping in our area while attending school in alternate sessions near Bay City. We believe it was the love of God which brought them together and as their marriage grows in His love, surely He will bless them. Sis. Deb comes to Junction from Bay City (Bro. Jim and Sis. Marlene).

Wedding vows were also spoken by Kevin McKay and Judy Manz (Bro. Ben and Sis. Carolyn) and Chip Etter and Barb Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn). Chip and Barb will be making their home in this area, while Kevin and Judy will be attending school in Ada, OH. We surely want to ask God's blessing on these two young couples as they begin their lives together.

Serving His Word to us in the ministry this month was Bro. Larry Wenninger from Latty.

Having ended a very interesting career as a seamstress and boarding house operator in 1969, Mary Suttor

retired to be with relatives here at the Junction Church. In 1975, at the age of 88, God touched her heart and she surrendered her life to him in repentance and conversion as spelled out by His Word. No doubt, she was often thankful to Him for being merciful to her and redeeming her soul. Now, at age 96, she has taken her last breath and by His mercy, she was allotted time to work out her salvation on this side of the grave. Sis. Mary was born in Woodford County, IL, on Feb. 27, 1882 and died in the Parkview Haven Retirement Center in Francesville on Feb. 27, 1983. She was preceded in death by her sister, Sis. Lena (Bro. Henry) Manz, and two brothers, Ben of Defiance, OH and Bro. Ed of Eureka. Sis. Beatrice Hans of Paulding, OH, a sister, is the only surviving family member. We trust God's comfort will be with her during her time of sorrow.

### OHIO, LATTY

#### Patty Rigenbach

#### Cheryl Wenninger

Several of our loved ones have met with accident or been hospitalized. They are: Sis. Beulah Stoller (Bro. Roy); Sis. Maria Heffner; Louis Kupfersmith; Joshua Sinn (Bro. Stan and Sis. JaNahn); and Sis. Gloria Grant (Bro. Phil). We pray that they can feel God's healing hand upon their lives.

Sis. Ellen Stoller (Bro. Willis) has been chosen for the World Relief Committee. May the Lord bless her in this important work.

### OHIO, MANSFIELD

#### Lucille Groh

"And the angel answered and said unto the women, fear not ye for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified, He is not here for He is risen . . ."

Matt. 28:5-6

What beautiful words, He is not here for He is risen!

The women left at first light that morning,  
Walking through spring flowers in bloom;  
In their sadness they didn't even notice  
They were rushing to get to the tomb.

They carried some sweet-smelling spices  
That were used in preparing the dead.

He whom they loved had been crucified;  
Ever since they had been filled with dread.

The tomb had been carved in a mountain;  
A massive stone was used for the door.  
When reaching the site, both were afraid  
Because the stone wasn't there anymore.

Trembling, they inched their way forward  
To take a closer look inside;  
"Someone has taken the body," they exclaimed,  
And both broke down sobbing, and cried.

An angel spoke to the two women  
"I bring you greetings on this fine day.  
The Lord is not here. He has risen.  
Come and see the place where the Lord lay."

These words have stood throughout the years,  
Bringing real hope to all who would hear.

Jesus rose from the dead as He promised;  
Only believe and you, too, can share.  
Thomas D. Fender

How thankful we are that Jesus was willing to bear the cross for you and for me. Our dear friend, Marvin Beer, son of Bro. Rex and Sis. Marilyn Beer, has found that beautiful peace only comes from believing that Jesus died. Marvin will have the privilege to give his testimony to the church at a later date.

The weekend of Feb. 26-27, the Milford, IN choir visited our church and shared with us a beautiful program of songs and praise. We thank them for coming and sharing their love with us.

March 6, 1983 was the happy wedding day of Sis. Joyce Ramsier and Bro. Milan Germaine (Detroit). We wish them God's richest blessings as they share life's pathway together. Bro. Wallace and Sis. Helen Ramsier are Joyce's parents and Mike and Lucille Germaine are Milan's parents. Many visitors were here for the joyous occasion, among whom were our Elder Bros. Joseph Ramsier (Rittman) and Rudy Graf (Akron), who officiated at the wedding service. Also, Bro. Mark Bahr (Detroit) served us that day.

May God comfort those who have been ill and hospitalized this past month. Sis. Ruth Weiss, Sis. Helen Sferro and Linda Sauder were all hospitalized this past month. Sis. Pat Beer (Bro. Kenneth) had the misfortune of breaking a bone in her foot.

On March 9, our dear Sister Martha Fuhrer could close her eyes and go to her heavenly home which she had so longed for and prayed for after suffering for an extended period of time from cancer. Even in her suffering she could be a witness and an inspiration to those around her and never complained of her lot. Before her last illness and often in the evening as she would go home from mid-week church services, she would admire the beautiful sunsets and remark of their beauty and then would add, "If the sunset is this beautiful, what will the sunrise be like?"

She is survived by two sisters, Sis. Naomi Cordrey and Sis. Nellie Groh and a number of nieces and nephews. May the Lord comfort those dear ones who remain.

The family wishes to thank everyone who helped during the illness and death of their loved one.

#### OHIO, RITTMAN Janette Blough

We are happy to report we have four dear, dear souls who have turned to our Lord in repentance. They are Dan and Virginia Widmer (son and daughter-in-law of Bro. Harold and Sis. Carol Widmer), John Bauman (son of Sis. Marie Bauman) and Jennifer Hartzler (daughter of Bro. Vince and Sis. Jane Hartzler). May these dear ones find the true peace of God.

We have two couples who have become first-time parents. Bro. Alph and Sis. Denise Maibach have a little boy named Amos Michael. His grandparents are Bro. Alpha and Sis. Helen Maibach and Bro. Rudy and Sis. Brenda Zollinger. Trudie Melvene is the name of the little baby girl who has come to the home of Bro. Tom and Sis. Diane Hartzler. Trudie's grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Marian Hartzler and Bro. Russell and Sis. Melvene Stoller of Latty. May our Lord bless these families with their new children.

Ron Stoller and Teri Berlin are engaged to be married. Ron is the son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Eileen Stoller. May our Lord guide them as they plan their lives together.

Those from our congregation who were hospitalized were Bro. Vic Bauman, who was injured in a van/tractor-trailer accident, Bro. John Steiner, Sis. Nina Gasser and Sis. Jenny Bauman. We pray our Lord may restore these loved ones back to good health.

We wish to thank Bro. Ken Schneider from Remington for ministering to us.

#### OHIO, SARDIS Joyce Indermuhle

The Easter observances have come and gone. Those days we set aside to remember Christ's suffering, death and resurrection are full of pain and yet joyful memories of the One who did so much for us. Let us all strive to remember each day of the year, each hour of the day, that which we have been spared from so unselfishly by our risen Lord and Savior.

The days seem to be marching right on into summer. Our area seemed to escape winter this year. Our snows were few and not severe. It amuses one to hear predictions of all kinds, and follow through to see which ones really take place. In our world of predictions we have one place to look for infalable truths. God's Word instructs us about the past, present and future. The one promise, which we all can trust and believe is certain to happen is recorded in God's Word and should put strength in all our hearts, "In my Father's house are many mansions . . . and if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also."

John 14:2-3

Oh, that we may all be ready when He comes.

#### OHIO, TOLEDO Mary Ann Weigle Josephine Rehklau

Sis. Julia Grant and Sis. Geri Beard both spent time in the hospital recently. We pray they will soon be back in better health.

Our Sunday School children presented a program on Palm Sunday of recitations, Bible readings, and songs pertaining to the Easter story.

In going through some Easter music recently, I came across a song that seemed to sum up the crucifixion. The verses read:

"They bound the hands of Jesus in the Garden where He prayed. They led Him through the streets in shame.



They spat upon the Saviour so pure  
and free from sin; They said, "Crucify  
Him; He's to blame."

Upon His precious head they placed  
a crown of thorns; They laughed and  
said, 'Behold the King.' They struck  
Him and they cursed Him and mocked  
His holy name. All alone He suffered  
everything.

When they nailed Him to the cross,  
His mother stood nearby; He said,  
'Woman, behold thy son!' He cried, 'I  
thirst for water,' but they gave Him  
none to drink. Then the sinful work of  
man was done.

To the howling not He yielded; He  
did not for mercy cry. The cross of  
shame He took alone. And when He  
cried, 'It's finished,' He gave Himself  
to die; Salvation's wondrous plan was  
done."

from "Ten Thousand Angels"  
by Ray Overholt

### OREGON, PORTLAND Barbara Moser

Sometimes I feel like cryin'

When I remember Jesus praying in  
Gethsemane  
And know He shed for me great drops  
of blood

Oh, what agonizing prayer the  
Saviour must have suffered there.

Sometimes I feel like cryin'

When I remember how my Saviour  
was betrayed by all  
In dark Gethsemane, in Pilate's hall.  
Oh, alone He stood, without a friend  
to help and comfort Him.

Sometimes I feel so helpless

When I remember how the soldiers  
mocked and beat on Him.  
A crown of thorns they made, a cruel  
cross  
Oh, how much the Saviour must have  
suffered there for you and me.

Sometimes I feel like cryin'

When I remember how He struggled  
up the Calvary road  
And fell beneath the load He bore  
alone.  
Oh, He walked that awful road that I  
might walk on streets of gold.

Sometimes I feel like cryin'

When I remember all the agony of  
Calvary,  
And know it was for me that Jesus died.  
Oh, how deeply Jesus must have  
loved to give His life for me.

Sometimes I feel like shoutin'

When I remember Jesus rose again  
triumphantly.

Oh, what a victory o'er sin and death.

Oh, because He lives, I, too, shall live  
for all eternity.

Sometimes I feel like shoutin'

When I remember Jesus' promise to  
return some day

To take His children home. Oh, what a  
day!

Oh, how can I help but sing when I  
remember all He's done?

E. L. Clark

On Sat., March 5, we all gathered to-  
gether at the church to listen to the  
conference tapes. I wonder if we are all  
aware of the tremendous blessings of  
being able to hear these dear brothers.  
We live so many miles apart and some  
never have the chance to meet and  
greet the brethren back east. May we  
always pray that God will continue to  
lead and guide these brothers in their  
faithful desire to help us with guide-  
lines for our daily lives.

On Sun., March 13 we all enjoyed  
our monthly potluck with a few of the  
Silverton families. After the meal, we  
enjoyed singing to the Lord. What a  
blessed way to spend a Sunday  
evening.

With all the airlines coming up with  
special rates, it would be wonderful to  
have brothers and sisters come and  
spend a few days with us in Washing-  
ton and Oregon. Please keep us in mind  
when making your vacation plans.

### OREGON, SILVERTON Rosa Lee Kuenzi

It is Springtime in Oregon, so please  
allow this Oregonian to describe the  
beauty around us. The sparkling snow-  
covered peaks of Mt. Hood and Mt.  
Jefferson, in Oregon, and Mt. Adams,  
Mt. Rainier and Mt. St. Helens, to the  
North in Washington, have been in  
breathtaking display on the sunny  
clear days that we have been enjoying  
this past week. (You say you were here  
and it rained? True, but showers bring  
forth flowers.) And we have been en-  
joying a lot of beautiful flowers already  
this year. The bright pink, red, white,  
yellow, lavender and blue of the first  
flowers have been lovely as, one by one,  
they have appeared this past month.  
Maybe you will recognize a few of the  
names: Camellia, Daffodil, Violets,  
Crocus, Daphne, Forsythia, Azalea and

all of the flowering trees like Plum,  
Cherry and Quince. Perhaps we should  
bring this enthusiastic description to a  
close before someone thinks they have  
picked up a garden magazine by mis-  
take. Seriously, though, Spring is a  
wonderful time of year. It renews our  
hopes after winter hardships. It re-  
minds us that once again God's prom-  
ise to Noah after the flood, is being  
kept, as all His promises will be kept.  
"While the earth remaineth, seedtime  
and harvest, and cold and heat, and  
summer and winter, and day and night  
shall not cease." Gen. 8:22. The hymn-  
writer also makes a spiritual compar-  
ison to spring which helps us remem-  
ber to worship the Creator and not the  
Creation in verse three of our Hymns of  
Zion, Song No. 166 . . . "Even as the  
Springtime flowers grow beneath the  
sun's warm rays, so the Lord by His  
own powers makes us garlands for His  
praise; He invites most lovingly: Little  
children, come to Me! All should truly  
know Him ever, call Him Brother, Lord  
and Saviour."

We were happy this past month to  
have had visitors from California, Illi-  
nois, Indiana, Iowa and Ohio. Included  
was Min. Bro. Duane Kilgus (Fairbury,  
IL). We sincerely thank Bro. Duane for  
ministering the Word unto us during  
his stay.

Our monthly Sunday night hymn-  
singing was held at the home of Bro.  
Paul Dettwyler and Sis. Esther Dett-  
wyler.

Note: March is Silver Lining month  
for the Silverton area. This will be our  
first renewal at the new rate of \$6.00  
per year.

### PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA Ed Aeschleman

While we enjoyed a generally mild  
winter in the east, a snow storm late in  
February left almost two feet of snow in  
the Philadelphia area. Fortunately,  
warm weather followed and it melted  
quickly and now the Crocus is already  
making a spring appearance.

My mother, Sis. Mary Aeschleman,  
passed away at the age of 92 in  
Roanoke on Tuesday, February 22.  
The kind words and prayers of many  
offered on behalf of the family are  
greatly appreciated.

Address Changed . . .

Give Old and New Address  
to Your Reporter.

## Silver Threads

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one  
any day!

I'd rather one should walk with me than  
merely tell the way.

The eye's a better pupil and more will-  
ing than the ear,

Fine counsel is confusing but  
example's always clear.

I soon can learn to do it, if you'll let me  
see it done;

I can watch your hands in action, but  
your tongue too fast may run,

And the lecture you deliver may be  
very wise and true,

But I'd rather get my lesson by ob-  
serving what you do;

For I might misunderstand you and the  
high advice you give,

But there's no misunderstanding how  
you act and how you live.

Edgar A. Guest

### REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY

(Guideposts, Author Unknown)

What once was called the sabbath  
is now a long weekend.

What once was called a holy day  
is thought of as a holiday.

Strange, isn't it, how we alter things,  
forgetting — or ignoring —  
the reason for their being?

O Lord, You said  
The sabbath was made for man,  
And so it is;  
But now I work so hard at play  
I tire myself for labor days.

Remind me, Lord,  
Tell me again,  
That even You required a time  
to rest and be renewed.  
Now when I hurry through the sabbath  
day,

Stop me!  
Stop me and let me know  
That You, the mighty God,  
expect a great deal more from me  
than just a fleeting nod.

### Sunshine In the Soul

There's sunshine in my soul today,  
More glorious and bright  
Than glows in any earthly skies,  
For Jesus is my light.

There's music in my soul today,  
A carol to the King,  
And Jesus, listening, can hear  
The songs I cannot sing.

There's springtime in my soul today,  
For, when the Lord is near;  
The dove of peace sings in my heart,  
The flow'rs of grace appear.

There's gladness in my soul today,  
And hope and praise and love,  
For blessings which He gives me now,  
For joys "laid up" above.

O there's sunshine, blessed sunshine,  
When the peaceful, happy moments  
roll;  
When Jesus shows His smiling face,  
There is sunshine in the soul.

### Sermon . . .

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thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." God wants us to consult Him, to be thankful, and to make our requests known. Many verses in Scripture teach us how we should pray. We need to pray repeatedly but not mechanically.

It was said of the Pharisees that they thought that would be heard for their long prayers. It isn't going to do us any good just to say the same thing over and over and over again. We should ponder upon what we are saying when we are praying to God. We need to pray in faith. We have to be careful that we aren't praying for something that we want and don't really need.

Often our prayers are of gratitude and they should be. We should thank God for supplying our needs, both earthly and spiritually. We should pray for others. I believe that every one of us is concerned for those who are without, for our own loved ones and for our friends and neighbors. We need to be concerned for all mankind, for everyone. There are about four billion (4,000,000,000) people upon the earth today, and every one of them has a soul. Do we remember them? Do we hold up their cases before our merciful God? I believe it is necessary to think about the needs of others, to do what we can to help them, to provide for them, and certainly to hold their condition before our good and great God.

We need to pray in faith, and the Word tells us that we need to pray

according to God's will. It isn't going to do us any good, and in fact, it may harm us, if we ask of our own desires for something which really wouldn't be good for us. We have to ask according to His will. In making our requests known to God, this will somewhat temper our prayers and direct them into the right channels. When we pray or when we ask for something, are we asking in a selfish way or would our desire be according to God's will?

I believe that in requesting, begging and beseeching God to draw other souls, we are on safe ground insofar as asking according to His will. The Bible tells us that it is not His will that any soul be lost or perish, but rather that everyone would be saved.

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:7. I believe that people have been deprived of almost everything but life itself, imprisoned with practically nothing except the peace of God. God was with them and the nearness of God was theirs. They did not let either the prison bars or physical suffering sway or deter them.

Many souls have lost their lives, some in a very cruel manner, in defense of their God and of their Lord Jesus Christ. Yet, we believe that they had the peace of God. To them, the peace of God was the most valuable thing in this world.

Anyone who has felt the condemnation of God because of his sinful condition and has fallen upon that Rock, which is Jesus Christ, becoming broken and then receiving the gift of peace into a previously troubled heart, realizes that the peace of God is the most valuable thing that is available today. The world strives for peace, but Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27.

There is a peace which this world strives after. We believe that there is an honest effort to achieve peace among the nations. We are not convinced that the leaders of all nations really want peace. They want their own way; they want possession or mastery over other lands and nations. But we want to give as much credit as we possibly can to those who are earnestly striving for peace. They haven't been very successful.

If we believe our historians, and I believe we can, the years since our Lord's appearance that the world has spent in peace, with no armed conflict at all could be counted on the fingers of our two hands. There hasn't been much peace in the world.

There is also much unsuccessful searching for inner peace. People turn to all kinds of things to achieve some sort of inner rest. Some simply claim the right to do anything that they want to do. They give themselves license to commit just about any sin imaginable. That doesn't bring peace.

The peace of God is the absence of condemnation, the knowledge that we are right with Him. We are at rest even though the world about us is turbulent, even though our outward circumstances are depressing or oppressing.

Before our reconciliation with God, there was within us the condemnation which was brought about by the nature of sin into which we were born and by our own committed sin. All of us have to acknowledge this as we grow to the age of accountability. When the price for this sin, paid by the Lord Jesus Christ, is received and applied by us, the condemnation is lifted. God forgives us and holds nothing against us any more. Our record is clear and we are at peace.

Won't it be wonderful, after this earth's trials are over, when we enter into eternity where there will be another kind of peace? It will be a peace that will be undisturbed for ever and ever.

I think that one of the most wonderful things about heaven will be that the enemy of our soul will not be there. I think that the best thing about heaven is that the Lord, along with many of our loved ones, will be there, but the absence of the enemy of our soul would make any place a pleasant place to be. Added to that is the presence of the One who died for us.

"The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, which we frequently read of in the Word, should be sought by any of us who don't have it, valued above all else by those of us who have been granted it, and retained by us at all earthly cost. There is nothing that is worth more than the peace of God. If we have that, we have all that is really necessary. If we don't have that, we have little of real value.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are

honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Phil. 4:8. Often times, the enemy will come to us with troublesome thoughts. He will come to us with evil thoughts. If we are not on guard, we will find ourselves very quickly feeding a thought which is not wholesome and which can really be evil.

We can't help it if a thought comes to us that isn't right or is downright evil. As we have often heard, "We can't help it if a bird flies over our head, but it is our fault if we permit it to nest in our hair." It's the same way with an evil thought. We can't help it if one passes through, but we have to strive very mightily and seek God's help so that it will do just that. Evil thoughts come and go very, very quickly.

These, then, are the things that we are to think about: things that are true, true in God's eyes. Poor troubled Pilate asked the question, "What is truth?" John 18:38. There are perhaps numerous definitions, but in another place in the Scripture, the question is answered very briefly and accurately and to the point. "Thy Word is truth." John 17:17. So, those things which are true according to God's Word are the things that we should think about, the things that our Father in heaven and our Saviour would value.

There are all kinds of ideas. There are all kinds of thoughts. There are all kinds of theories. Many things are presented to us in a very convincing way, but any doctrine, any thought, or any way which does not conform to or stand upon the Word of God should be automatically and immediately rejected by us.

"Whatsoever things are honest . . ." We are told in more than one place that we should do that which is honest in the sight of all men. There is respect even in the world for honesty. If we aren't honest, we aren't trustworthy.

We need first of all to be honest with ourselves. We had to be honest with ourselves before we could repent and come to God. We had to know ourselves and be honest as to what we really were in the sight of God, which wasn't very good.

We have to be honest with God, and we have to be honest with our fellow men. We have the power within our

hands to deceive our fellow men, but we would not want to do it. We can't deceive God. "God is not mocked." Gal. 6:7. We shall reap exactly what we sow. We wouldn't want to deceive our God, anyway, or our fellow men. We should be honest and upright on the inside as well as on the outside.

"Whatsoever things are just . . ." Justice is very closely related to honesty. "Whatsoever things are pure . . ." There is a great deal of impurity today. Again, there are many applications to these words. We need to get down upon our knees and ask God how these words apply to the situations which confront us. Certainly "pure" would mean the opposite of something which is defiled or contaminated. This refers first of all to our thoughts, to our words, and to our conduct. We should keep them pure, clean and holy.

"Whatsoever things are lovely . . ." Whatsoever is good in God's eyes. "Whatsoever things are of good report . . ." Do we find more satisfaction in a report that is good concerning someone than we find in hearing some ill report? Even though it may be accurate, do we find joy in that type of thing? We shouldn't. We should weep with those who weep or have misfortune, and we should rejoice with those who rejoice. We should cultivate an attitude of finding satisfaction in good reports and good news about others.

"If there be any virtue (Godly virtue), and if there be any praise, think on these things." Our speech, our conduct and our general walk of life begin with what we think. Therefore, let us think after a manner in which God wants us to think. God loves us all. He loves us more than we deserve to be loved, but He expects certain things of us and has a right to demand them. If we are to enter into His eternal realms, we have to follow His Word.

The Lord Jesus paid the price. He paid a price which we couldn't pay ourselves, but we have to apply His gift. Our Lord suffered terribly and was willing to serve His Father in heaven regardless of the cost to Himself. Are we any greater than our Master? Can we expect to be disobedient and still gain salvation?

We also have to be willing to sacrifice, sometimes even to suffer, to permit God to fit us into the place that He has in mind for us upon the earth. Then, He will have a place prepared for us in heaven.

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## SERMON BY ELDER BRO. DANIEL KOCH OF TREMONT, IL

Text: Philippians 4:4-11

"I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Phil. 4:11. It is a wonderful blessing from God to be content with our lot and portion, whatever it is. We live in a world which seems to be requiring or even demanding more and more all the time. Yet, the Word of God does not tell us to expect much of this world's goods. Whatever comes our way from our good God after we diligently fulfill our duties here, should be accepted by us with thanksgiving, received as a blessing from Him, and used in a way that would please Him. We are expected to be content with such possessions as we are blessed with.

The Bible tells us that "Godliness with contentment is great gain." I Tim. 6:6. Godliness would seem to be aptly defined as being in the state that is after the likeness of God. We know that God's ways are as far above us as the heaven is above the earth. We know that He is the Supreme Being, Master of the universe, and Bishop of our souls. We cannot expect to be exactly like Him, but we should try to be like His example and His Word. We should be Godly in our manner, in our conduct and in our thinking. If we can do this, we surely will be content. What a wonderful blessing.

We have all observed people. It seems that acquiring more and more doesn't bring satisfaction, and sometimes it adds unrest. On the other hand, we have all seen people with little of this world's goods who were peaceful and contented. How fortunate they are.

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice." Phil. 4:4. It would appear from this that if everything we had were taken away from us, we should still rejoice to have the Lord. In such circumstances, most of us would have difficulty rejoicing, but that is what we are suppose to do. We aren't supposed to be attached to the things

of this world. Our most valuable possession should be the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. We should be thankful. We should rejoice.

"Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand." Phil. 4:5. There can be various interpretations insofar as the word "moderation" is concerned. We often hear that we should be moderate in all things, but we have to be very, very careful that we use the word "moderate" properly.

The word moderate means exactly what it says. We don't doubt that we should be moderate in all things. It is possible to be too extreme this way or too extreme that way. The Bible does not preach or teach the extreme, but a middle course. However, we want to be very careful. A middle course doesn't mean a moderate amount of sin or evil. God does not want us to tolerate evil or to embrace sin. We have to be very careful that what we feel is "moderation" isn't a way that is too lenient or too severe.

We should study the Word and we should do what we can to learn what is meant. We should sincerely and uprightly try to apply it, but we have to recognize the fact that only God knows exactly what is moderate, for instance, in every case. However, I believe that if we sincerely want Him to reveal His will and His way, He will do so.

"Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand." I suppose "the Lord is at Hand" could be applied in more than one way. If this Word, which was written perhaps two thousand years ago, included the words, "the Lord is at hand," how much more aware must we be?

When we make decisions about our conduct or about courses which we should take, when we consider the things which we think and the things which we say, we should remember that the Lord's coming is very near.

Also, "the Lord is at hand" could very well mean that the Lord is around us, by us, and observes us all the time. Whether we are alone or whether people are around us, God knows what we are thinking and what we are saying. He knows what we do.

We are not alone insofar as His observation is concerned. This should cause us to be reverent and careful, not unduly tense or nervous. We should just be aware of the fact that God is by us and observing us. He wants us to please Him, and He wants to receive us into heaven one day.

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Phil. 4:6. We have to be careful about how we apply these words. "Be careful for nothing" doesn't mean that we shouldn't care for anything at all. It means we should not be unduly anxious about our physical needs and the things which surround us.

Too much of the time, I would have to place myself first insofar as being weak in this area. We all worry too much about what is going on around us, and about our circumstances; we trouble ourselves. We would be far better off if we depended more upon God.

Sometimes we wonder, "Did we really let God have His say about this, or, did we follow our own will and way?" It's very easy, when making a decision, to conclude that it is what God wants us to do. If we aren't careful, it can simply be what we want without due consideration as to what God wants.

Are we really willing in all our decisions, both great and small, to say, "Let Thy will be done?" If we can sincerely feel that in our hearts, and follow that course, it will be well with us.

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