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It's Planting Time!



A long winter has just passed. Spring and summer seem to be taking their time in arriving. There is a lot of moisture in the ground and rain clouds still threaten, but there is a crop that must be planted! After all, it's planting time, and as each day passes, the situation becomes more serious. Not only is the farmer concerned, but also all of those who have anything to do with the crop's production, harvesting and processing. As the days slip by every effort must be put forth to see that the seeds are planted. The lateness of the hour could really become a serious problem . . . But wait a minute!! How seriously are we taking the greatest potential crop failure of all eternity! It is planting time, and as Christians we are to be "labourers together with God . . . God's husbandry". (I Cor. 3:9). Are we placing the same concern on the spiritual as we do the physical? Or when it comes to the spiritual, are we part of the "Silent

Majority"? Are we expecting someone else to do the "planting" or "sowing" that God has meant for us to do? . . . He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Gal. 6:8. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. I Cor. 3:8. The days left to plant seem to be slipping away at a dangerous pace. The signs of the coming of the "great harvest" appear every day. As God's husbandry, let's use our allotted time wisely. Proverbs 11:18 encourages us in that "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

We are warned, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. 6:7. In Hosea 10:12 we are commanded to, "Sow to yourselves in righteousness . . . for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. If we fail in the greatest time of planting ever, our feeble excuses will never hold water. If we feel insignificant we are denying Christ's promise in Acts 1:8 that through the power of the Holy Spirit we shall be witnesses unto Him. If we are ashamed of the work before us or fear man, then we will be ashamed to meet Christ when He returns. (Mark 8:38). If we are negligent in warning the unsaved of the wrath to come, then we are guilty as watchmen who have failed to sound the warning. Ezekiel 33:8. If our failure to be sowers is due to a lack of knowledge of the scriptures, then we have not kept the command to "Study to show (ourselves) approved . . . rightly dividing the word of truth. . . do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." II Timothy 2:15, 4:5.

Yes, it is the planting season! Let us provoke one another to good works and to witnessing both verbally and with our lifestyle. May our motto for the entire planting season be I Peter 3:15. But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear. Let's plant, looking joyfully toward the harvest!



PARKVIEW HAVEN, APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN RETIREMENT HOME, INC. NEED FOR ADMINISTRATOR

We appreciate your willingness to print this information in the Silver Lining and feel it is a privilege to let our beloved brethren throughout America know of our existing need. Therefore, in behalf of the board of directors, we wish to make known that a brother is being sought out for administrator for the home. We are looking prayerfully and hopefully to the church to fill this important position. College degrees are helpful but not a must, as a license is needed, and can be obtained later, if you qualify. If any brother feels direction and interest toward this work, please call or write before April 30, 1984 to:

Nate Gutwein
Francesville, IN 47946
219-567-2443 — home
219-567-9121 — work

Lynn Feller
106 South - 190 East
Valparaiso, In 46383
219-462-2369 — home
219-462-5191 — work

All inquiries or resumes will be carefully and prayerfully considered and answered. May the true spirit prevail in this matter. We trust the Lord will provide.

Board Members
Retirement Home

URGENT NEED FOR A MARRIED COUPLE AT CHILDREN'S HOME

To be able to continue the operation of the Children's Home, there is an urgent need for a married couple to serve as alternate houseparents at the Children's Home at Leo, Indiana.

This is an exciting and challenging opportunity for our brothers and sisters to put to use their God-given talents in working with young people and bringing out the best in them.

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

The qualification requirements for the alternate houseparents are:

1. Must be a brother and/or sister sound in faith, upholding church doctrine and order.
2. Must have the support of his/her home church elder.
3. Must be able to command respect of children, as well as adults.
4. Applicants should be 21 years or older. Consideration will be given to all applicants.
5. A resume is required to be sent with your request for an interview.
6. This position is full-time.
7. Training or studies in child care, social work, nursing profession, counseling or teaching would be helpful. We

have a staff development program and "on the job" training to help you carry out your duties.

8. Additional information concerning duties, salary, insurance and other compensation, can be obtained by writing or calling:

Bro. Uriel Gehring
Box 423
Grabill, IN 46741
(219) 627-5468 or (219) 627-5138

Bro. Oliver Stieglitz
Route 3, Box 321
Grabill, IN 46741
(219) 657-5168

Elder Bro. David Bertsch
Route 2
Grabill, IN 46741
(219) 627-2923

All requests and resumes will be promptly and prayerfully answered.

"When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up." (Psalm 27:10) There is an ever increasing great number of children who have been forsaken, and only a small number of Christian homes available to provide for them. The Lord needs willing workers to provide for these young souls.

The Children's Home
Board Members

NEWS FROM ROMANIA

Beloved Brethren:

Because of your overwhelming generosity through the World Relief channels, we were able in March and April to provide a food package for each of over 150 families on our list in Romania. May our Lord bless you and reward you bountifully for your love and compassion towards those in bonds and in great needs.

"He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor." Proverbs 22:9.

The Romanian distribution agency and postal service has improved their delivery schedules, as packages are now being delivered in 25 to 30 days from the date our orders are mailed. Confirmation of receipt cards have been returned to us for each package delivered. This is encouraging to us.

Here are a few excerpts translated from the many letters received from loved ones, who have received your gifts:

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IN MEMORY — EDITORS:
HENRY SOUDER
EDWARD SOUDER

Dear Brother:

... I turn to you with a grateful heart to convey our thanks to the dear members of the Apostolic Christian Churches of America, whose generosity made it possible for another gift of love. It is a very good feeling to know that there are many warm hearted people in that distant country, who are moved and inspired by the love of Christ to help their fellow brethren, whom they have never met, in times of great trial and affliction.

We had a very long but a mild winter, not as severe as yours, (in America) spring is not in sight yet as our weather is still cold and wet. I wish you good health, strength and success in your work from the Lord.

With Christian greetings to all,
Melitta L. 4/21/84

Beloved Brethren:

May the holy love of our God and the love of the brethren be among us so that we may remain true to Him always. This is our wish and greetings to you. We inform you by this letter that several food packages have arrived and we feel so unworthy for it as we can never thank every one for it.

Our seven children are well and attend school . . . When you come to Romania, we ask that you come and visit us in our home. Again our thanks to our Lord God and may He reward you bountifully for your thoughtfulness and love toward us. Greet you all in love! We enclose a photo of our family.

K. and L.

Dearly Beloved Brother in the Lord:

We wish to thank our God and you for remembering us. We feel so unworthy of your love which was prompted of the Spirit of the Lord. May He richly reward you here on this earth and much more in the Heavens above! This is our wish from the heart. All the brethren here greet all the brethren there.

J. Gy and wife

Dearly Beloved:

Let us continue to remember these our beloved brethren in our intercessory prayer, that God may continue to sustain them amidst the many trials and hardships of life.

Andy Hunyady

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Uriel Gehring — Jane Stieglitz

It is the time of year we remember our Saviour's suffering, death and

resurrection. The scripture gives much more time and space to this aspect of Jesus' sojourn on earth than his birth. What a price He paid to purchase us from sin and death. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23. Our Sunday School class gave us a very meaningful presentation of the Easter story, and it seemed their faces all beamed with a heavenly glow. We saw their faces as those of angels as we felt the Master's presence. It is so precious to see our youth participate in church related activities, and to sense their serious approach to these grave matters. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6. We should all read Isaiah, chapter 53, where the "suffering servant," Jesus our Saviour is described, hundreds of years before the actual event took place (another assurance that scriptural prophecies are fulfilled.)

On Sunday, April 22 our Leo Church commemorated the resurrection of our Lord by gathering together at the Fellowship Center for sunrise services. Our spirits were dampened by the news that Bro. Uriel had been taken to the hospital just prior to the gathering. We had reason for concern and the Gehring's cheerful and enthusiastic contributions were missed. It caused us to even more so anticipate the time of Christ's return when pain, sorrow and suffering will be no more. "O death where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" I Cor. 15:55

During our worship service the rain beat heavily on the window panes, the sky was dreary and the wind chilling, but our hearts were warmed by the eager participation of children and adults alike to express in song, verse or word the victory over sin and death that is ours through the life of Christ! We pray for Bro. Uriel's return to good health.

Each one of the children and staff enjoyed their Spring Break. . . a time away from school, homework and their regular duties at the Home. Thank you, each of you, individually and as a church, who hosted them for this period of time. They have brought many special memories back with them. Please continue your friendships with them.

School will be out here May 25. We plan to continue our summer program again this year. We have a need for

teachers (or those being trained in the teaching profession) to assist in summer school. The children are tutored in the areas of Math, English, Reading, Spelling and self expression through writing. Classes will be held about two hours per day. We plan to hold classes from middle of June to the middle of August. One or two assistants per week would be desired. Please contact Sis. Jane Stieglitz, P.O. Box 151, Leo, IN 46765, if you are interested in lending your services. We are interested in other projects, which you may have to offer that would benefit the physical, emotional or spiritual growth of the children. Thank you for your continued support of the Home.

Jay Ice's address is: Jay Ice c/o Tom Gaunt 0050 CR 34, Kendalville, IN 46756.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

The observance of Mother's Day touches a tender chord here at our Home, as our residents think wistfully of someone very precious to their hearts. Were it possible, each one would want to express their gratefulness, as did Anne Campbell in the following:

"For all the weary steps you took for me
When I was much too young to understand,
For midnight vigils and for sympathy,
For the cool touch of your remembered hand,
For your low voice that echoes down the years,
For patience and unshaken boundless trust,
For happy laughter and for healing tears,
For swift decisions that were always just,

For memories of days spent by your side,
For hours of harmony achieved through you,
For little rooms your presence sanctified,
For high ideals and childish dreams come true,
For health of body and for strength to press
Forever forward on life's painful way,
For all my heritage of happiness,
I thank you, Mother dear, on Mother's Day.

Such wise insight into the years of solicitude reminds mothers of the many prayers for wisdom beyond their own. Patience, a sense of humor, a strong faith and the ability to see children's problems from their standpoint were among the pleadings. When they were too small to understand instruction, they needed examples. (What a responsibility!) Soon they needed to be taught to live courageously. Gradually they had to learn that man's real character is what he is when he is alone in the dark and that the value of their lives is measured by the service that they give. (And how our residents do help each other!) Inevitably the time came when mothers had to release the young hand's clasp, and how fortunate it was if that hand could safely and quickly be placed in the hands of God the Father who promises to guide and sustain. Looking back, mothers think humbly of their efforts, and they continue to pray for the welfare of their dear children.

Now your children are entrusted to our care here at the Home. No one can ever replace a mother's genuine love, but love them we do. How else can it be explained when a lump arises in our throats and tears want to well up in our eyes as we watch the loaded big brown bus lumbering down the road on its daily run? Or why do we pause in deep thought as we observe a young aide walking arm in arm with your child, as they go singing down the hall? Or why do we spontaneously utter a prayer of thanks to mothers and fathers for their nurturing love, which has made your child here so respectful and mannerly? Thank you, mothers and fathers! We appreciate you.

With joy, we welcome our newest resident, Nancy Wernli from Madison, KS. Her mother and father, Betty and Roy Wernli; her brothers, David, Paul, John and James; and her sisters, Barbara and Mary, make up this loving family. Nancy enjoys hamburgers, French fries and coke as her favorite foods; music and singing are her favorite pastimes. Birthday time for Nancy is December 17. We look forward to many happy times with Nancy here at the Home.

Faithful volunteers from Princeville have again come to help the residents color eggs and have an egg hunt as a combination birthday observance for the April birthdays and for Easter.

Thank you, sincerely, for your much appreciated efforts.

Though Spring is slow in making its appearance, a few brave flowers are blooming beautifully. Scripture says there will always be "springtime and harvest".

Speaking of parental love reminds us that we have a greater capacity to love each other when we have God's love in our hearts. And in love's service, the wounded serve especially well.

ALABAMA, ATHENS

Joan Schrenk

God's handiwork is so beautiful. I've never seen so many blooming trees and flowers as there are in Alabama in the early spring. Dogwoods, pink and white, along with the red bud cover the countryside, while beside the houses are the beautiful azaleas. I read my Bible in the morning at the kitchen table and can see 5 dogwoods in bloom and redbirds flying all around. It's a blessing just to meditate and take in the beauty.

We continue to have company, as the northern people are returning from their winter vacations. We thank all of you for remembering us with your visits and prayers. May God bless each of you.

God has called one of our dear brothers home and his daughter asked me to put this in the Silver Lining:

The death of our husband and father.

We need the prayers of those we love and do so appreciate all the nice things that were done at the death of our Dear Daddy. May God bless every one that had a part in the funeral. A special thanks to Bro. David Bertsch, and Lavoyd Moore for the funeral service. Daddy had just made plans to fly to Peoria, but God had a better plan for him. He took him home to live in heaven. So may we ever do what the Lord will have of us. Pray for us,

Sis. Anis and children
of Bro. Henry Perry

ARIZONA, PHOENIX

Ron and Ev Hoerr

Bro. Ervan and Sis. Ione Rokey were honored at a reception for their 40th Wedding Anniversary given at the church by their children. May the Lord continue to bless this dear couple.

Sis. Gladys Fisher and her son, Rod, flew to Denver for the funeral of her nephew, Paul Anderson, Jr.

Sis. Sharon (Bro. Bill Dotterer) flew

to Bluffton, IN to be with her brother, Bro. Phil Stettner when he was ordained as elder of the Bluffton North Church. We wish the Lord's blessings on Bro. Phil as he undertakes this caring position.

Our visiting ministers have brought many timely teachings. We are grateful to Bro. Bob Pflederer and Bro. Len Meyer for being with us.

Bro. Keith Kaufman has moved to Denver where he has found employment. Though we miss him, our dear Lord is truly as close as we want Him to be.

On April 6, "Our cup runneth over," with rain, the first measurable amount since January 1.

On Palm Sunday, it was our joy and privilege to "Break the Bread" and "Drink of the Cup", as the Lord directs us in Matt. 26:27, 28. Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach and Deacon Bro. Noah Herman (Tucson) served us Holy Communion.

Also on Palm Sunday, Bro. Joe and Sis. LaVina Dotterer travelled to Altadena for the baptism of their first grandchild, Elaine Graf. Bro. Bill and Bro. John and their families were also present for this special event.

We are glad to see Sis. Minnie Farny back in church on the first day of Holy Week. We've been missing Paul and Carol Doolittle.

Now the Lord of Peace Himself give you Peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all. II Thess. 3:16.

ARIZONA, TUCSON

Sandy Bauer — Lisa Knapp

On April 8 we had our monthly fellowship supper with a hymn singing afterwards. Everyone enjoyed breaking bread together and raising our voices to Christ in song.

Our dear Sis. Tillie Aldrich is still recuperating at home from her illness. We wish her the Lord's support and strength at this difficult time.

Yet in sorrow I find comfort;
In the dark, I trust my God;
For my good He but intendeth,
Gratefully His help I'll laud.
When o'er me the floods are passing
And the roaring waves are lashing,
This I know: The Lord is light,
He will help me by His might.

Zion's Harp #157

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to Your Reporter

CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA**Mary Beth Klotzle**

On Palm Sunday, Beckie Witzig (Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary) and Elaine Graf (Bro. Virgil and Sis. Marilyn) were baptized and welcomed as sisters in Christ. Our hearts rejoice with them as their old selves are now buried and they continue onward to Heaven. We wish them both His presence, grace and power as they face each day. May their lives ever be as shining lights for Jesus Christ our Lord.

God truly does hear and answer prayers. Sis. Anna Jevremov (Bro. Victor) was able to return home after undergoing surgery and therapy and is again assembling with us. It is certainly a miracle, yet we ought not be surprised as "with God all things are possible". Matt. 19:26.

The Lord's healing power was also with Bro. Albert and Don Kaisner (Doris) as they, too, are able to worship at church again. They wish to express their gratitude and appreciation for all of the prayers, gifts and cards during their recent hospitalization and surgery. Bro. Albert's new address is:

Santa Anita Convalescent Hospital
5522 Gracewood Avenue
Temple City, CA 91780

We are saddened with the passing of a dear older sister, but we can find comfort and rejoice that Sis. Clara Vintch has finished life's course and gone to be with the Lord. May He comfort her family in times when her absence is felt.

How appropriate it is to have a day set aside that we call Mother's Day. So often our moms set aside their own activities, tasks and time to give their attention to their children. May God bless all mothers for their love and care, and may He help each of them to be a true Christian light and example for their children to look up to, respect and learn from. Loving parents will always be appreciated.

Many thanks are offered to Bro. Greg Rassi (Chicago) and Bro. Bill Dotterer (Phoenix) for bringing God's Word to us. May God bless them.

COLORADO, DENVER**Marlene Leman**

In March a number of us were able to go to Lester to hear the testimony and witness the baptism of Leroy Wulf and several others. We were privileged to learn to know Bro. Leroy when he was living here and made his beginning in

faith. How wonderful to greet him as our brother-in-the-Lord.

"And never let my purpose falter,
O Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
But keep me faithful to Thine altar
Till Thou shalt call me from my post.
So unto Thee I'll live and die,
And praise Thee evermore on high."
Zion's Harp #41

In our absence, Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago) came to minister to our congregation. This faith that we share is truly a blessing. We trust God will be your rich rewarder, Bro. Dale, for the love and support given us and for your service to Him.

"Now the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." Romans 15:13.

Mike Martin has testified that he has the "peace which passeth all understanding" in his heart and desires to be baptized. God-willing, he will be given opportunity to give his testimony and be baptized as our dear brother-in-faith on the last weekend in May.

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock." I Peter 5:2-3. How thankful we are that we have dear elders who abide by God's word. Elder Bro. Nathan Steffen (Elgin, IL) came to read and discuss the memorandum from the Conference held in Gridley, IL. May God bless you and reward you, Bro. Nate, for your untiring service to God and us all. "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble." I Peter 5:5.

Silver Lining dues for the folks in the Denver area are due in May.

CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE
Michelle Virkler**LOVE**

"... Love of all gifts is the greatest ..." Zion's Harp #37. Isn't love a wonderful feeling? It means sharing and caring; giving and forgiving; going out of your way to do "something special" for someone in need. What a

very special faith we have. I wonder if we realize how fortunate we really are. May we always hold fast to that "First Love", when we decided to give our all to God and serve him the rest of our days.

Our Love shall not diminish
Nor fade nor wax away
Bind us till life we finish
And in the grave we lay

Earth's trials and temptations
Make true love manifest
To gain for us salvation
And Heaven's joy and rest

Pure Love leads to perfection
Joy of our soul and guide
Gives us true satisfaction
And leads to heaven's light.

May our new converts who have buried their sinful lives and have now erected a covenant with our loving Savior, walk in the spirit of love, joy and peace. We rejoice when we can greet new converts with a holy kiss and our hearts and minds are bound in love and unity. Our six new sisters and brothers-in-faith are: Cherie Galat, Bonnie Reutter, Jane Gerber, Lynn Gerber, Jeffery Gerber and Douglas Schneider. We heard their testimonies on Saturday evening, April 14 of how God performed the miracle of transformation in their hearts and gave them peace. Then on Sunday, April 15, they received baptism, rising to a newness of life and experiencing the joy of our loving Savior.

Showers of Blessings continued on Sunday evening as we broke the bread and shared the cup of wine, rejoicing as we pledge to renew our Christian walk with God.

To break the bread we now have
gathered
In covenant to drink Thy wine;
As brethren we unite together,
That unto death we might be Thine,
This promise we, with heart and will,
Give grace our promise to fulfill.

Zion's Harp #25

We were blessed abundantly to be so well served by Elder Bros. Robert Beyer (Naumberg, NY), Norbert Steiner (Croghan, NY) and Edward Frank (LaCrosse, IN). We thank them (and their wives) for serving us and we trust that the Lord will richly reward

them for their kind deeds. Other visiting ministers with us were Bros. John Klotzle (Altadena, CA), Simon Wagenbach (Tremont, IL), Ed Aeschleman (Philadelphia, PA) and Duane Farney (Croghan, NY).

We want to especially remember our dear members who were ill this past month or were hospitalized: Bro. Harold Lanz, who was hospitalized and is now recuperating. We miss him in our congregation and trust he can assemble with us soon. Bro. Urban Luginbuhl is battling with his illness and has put on his armor of faith. May Bro. Urb feel the prayers of all those who love him and we plead to God to watch over him and protect him in his tender hours of weakness.

More than hearts can imagine or minds comprehend,
 God's bountiful gifts are ours without end,
 We ask for a cupful when the vast sea is ours,
 We pick a small rosebud from a garden of flowers,
 We reach for a sunbeam, but the sun still abides,
 We draw one short breath, but there's air on all sides,
 Whatever we ask for falls short of God's giving,
 For His greatness exceeds every facet of living.

Helen Steiner Rice

Our entire congregation was saddened by the sudden passing of our dear Sis. Emma Hoffman, who peacefully passed from this life to that eternal home she was awaiting on April 10. Memorial services were held on April 13. Sis. Emma was such a good example of meekness and had a gentle, loving spirit which will be missed by all. Sis. Emma had three daughters, Sis. Aline (Bro. Ernest) Ballasy, Sis. Janet Goric and Sis. Lois (Bro. John) Klotzle (Altadena, CA); two sons, Walter and Bro. Edwin and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her husband, Bro. Alfred, and a son, Robert, preceded her in death.

Note: Although January was collection month for our congregation, those still wishing to submit their subscription fee of \$6.00 may do so through their correspondent.

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FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE Billie Klopfenstein

South Florida, for the past several days, has been experiencing severe thunderstorms and several inches of rain have fallen. This morning the sky is again blue, the sun is shining and the birds are chirping. We miss our sunshine when it vanishes for a short time.

Our Elder Bro. Joe Braker and his wife were with us for a few days recently. One Wednesday evening was set aside for Holy Communion. Bro. Joe was assisted in serving the Lord's Supper by Bro. Harry Sutter. We appreciate so much the time that Bro. Joe spends here helping us in many ways. Our church is rather isolated, and although Morton is just a phone call away, having our elder in our midst on occasion is good for all of us.

Our congregation has voted unanimously to begin a remodeling project. Our numbers are growing and we have quite a few small babies so we need to enlarge and modernize the nursery. A new roof on the church and new carpet in the sanctuary is also on the agenda.

"Where hast thou gleaned today? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee . . ." Ruth 2:19. For Naomi and Ruth, the past was tragic and the future uncertain. But the question at evening was, "Where hast thou gleaned today?" Life is lived fruitfully one day at a time. Our Lord taught us to pray for one day's bread. It is vain to regret or boast of the past. Worrying over the future is harmful. We must "act in the living present." Yesterday is a cancelled check; tomorrow is a promissory note; only today is cash in hand, and it should be spent wisely.

Daily Prayer: Give us this day, bread, strength, courage and light sufficient for the day's needs, and wisdom to live each day at its best. Amen.

FLORIDA, NORTH FORT MYERS Marie Keller — Elsie Troxel

THE LOVE OF JESUS

It is so high you can't go over it.
 It is so low you can't go under it.
 It is so wide you can't go around it.
 You must go in at the door.

(Sung by the Eastern Echoes)

Visiting ministers this month with beautiful messages of the Word of God were Bro. Doug Sabo (Sarasota, FL),

Bro. Joe Schrock (Sarasota, FL), Bro. Harold Schmidgall (Gridley, IL) and Bro. Art Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN) and their families. We want to thank all the brethren who gave of themselves these past winter months in ministering, song-leading, teaching Sunday school, kitchen help or whatever services were done to make everything go smoothly with love and fellowship in our little church.

Our last Sunday service for our winter season this year was on April 8 by our dear Bro. Art Gudeman who so faithfully gave of himself (and his wife, Sis. Mary) throughout the winter season. Bro. Art gave us two beautiful, inspiring sermons which left us all filled with an abundance of faith, hope and love in our hearts. Bro. Art spoke in his last sermon that the faith of our fathers, we dare not pollute it; we dare not dilute it; but preserve it for our next generation. It is always a joy to see brethren come, and sadness fills our hearts when they leave. We closed with the song "Blest Be the Tie", Hymns of Zion #156. We are still in the process of getting our church building started.

A TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS

God made the world so beautiful;
 He made the sunset, too,
 And to make it look more youthful,
 He made the rain and dew.
 And then He made the lovely trees,
 To shade us from the sun,
 He made the flowers, birds and bees,
 But life had just begun.
 The lovely world looked lonely
 In spite of all its charms,
 So He made a little mother
 With a baby in her arms.
 He gave her strength to shield it,
 He gave her Mother's love.
 A Mother is God's greatest gift
 To earth from up above.

Author Unknown

FLORIDA, SARASOTA Doris and Diane Rocke

Bro. Dan Kurchev has been assembling with us again and expresses his thanks to everyone for their deeds of kindness and love to him.

Bro. Henry Breitweiser has returned to his home from a hospital stay for surgery. We are happy to hear of his nice recovery.

Our son, Kenneth, is still laid up and will be entering the hospital after Easter for back surgery. May God lift him

and his wife, Carol, over the shadows of this illness that they may find a rainbow of promise.

On March 26, a potluck dinner following afternoon services was enjoyed by over 200. Later at 6 p.m., a full sanctuary heard the dedication of the new addition by our Bros. Ben Maibach, Art Gudeman, Glenn Price and Doug Sabo.

A QUOTATION FROM PSALM 84

"How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord Almighty, my King and my God." May we ever place ourselves near the altar and worship in reverence.

Recent visiting ministers were Bro. Robert Meyer (Bluffton), Bro. Marvin Stieglitz (Leo), Bro. Floyd Wieland (Detroit), Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago), Bro. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington) and Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit). Bros. Joe Schrock and Homer Reineck have bid farewell as well as many brethren who continue thru the winter with service to our church. May God bless the efforts given by all.

Bro. Ben announced Holy Communion to be held on Good Friday evening and the necessity of spiritual cleansing. We believers with peace of heart and mind do believe in the resurrection and victory. Soon nature will have revealed to us the almighty power of our God as a resurrection of death to new life and beauty is beheld in the wonder of Spring.

June is collection month for Sarasota. Please pay your reporter rather than direct as in the past.

GEORGIA, ATLANTA

Charmin Sellers — Nancy Foltz

Bro. Lenard Meyer (Chicago) and Bro. Ralph Garber (Morton) were our visiting ministers on March 25 and April 8 respectively. We appreciate their taking the time to come and share the Word of God with us and pray that they are blessed for their efforts.

We appreciate all visitors who have stopped to worship with us and invite anyone traveling in the area to stop. Scheduled services are each 2nd and 4th Sunday at the Ramada Inn, I-75, Marietta, GA. For information, contact Don Sellers at 404-923-0721 or Nancy Foltz at 404-451-9191.

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ILLINOIS BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL Jan Gudeman — Shirley Denick

"And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me."

"Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." Luke 22:19, 20

What a blessed and solemn hour of Communion we spent with our Lord, recalling His suffering and death. We were reminded earlier of the importance of preparing our hearts in order to be ready for this sacred event. We thank Bro. Don Sauder (Roanoke) for assisting Bro. Dan Koch (Tremont) in this holy time.

Jesus, keep me near the cross, There a precious fountain
Free to all, a healing stream, Flows
from Calv'ry's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross, Be my glory
ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find Rest
beyond the river.

Hymns of Zion #155

We thank the following ministers for their services this month. They are Bros. Elmer Witzig (Gridley), Glenn Dill (Tremont) and Willis Wiegand (Goodfield).

ILLINOIS, BRADFORD Shirley Kieser

When we think of Mother, we think of authority, mainstay, originator, nurturer and most of all caring and love. Lord help us, we who are Mothers, in this awesome task.

Graduating from high school are Jeff Dietz (Bro. Ken and Sis. Mardel), Sis. Denise Duckworth (Bro. Don and Sis. Deloris), Kevin Eberle (Ron and Sue), Rita Ehnle (Bro. Ed and Sis. Verla), Ross Elsasser (Bro. Duane and Sis. Doreen), Mike Elsasser (Bro. Jordan and Sis. Sharon), Bill Endress (Sis. Lois), Sue Kieser (Bro. Loris and Sis. Martha), Cissne Knepp (Bro. Ken and Sis. Judy), Angie Knobloch (Bro. Marv and Sis. Diane), Mark Knobloch (Bro. Jack and Sis. Nancy), Paul Knobloch (Bro. Jim and Sis. Helen) and Wendal Stahl (Sis. Charlotte). May they seek guidance and further instruction from

the Lord in the days and years ahead. College graduates are Sis. Mary Ann Kieser (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Wilma) and Sis. Sharlene Kieser (Bro. David and Sis. Shirley). They are both in the nursing field.

We experienced the solemn rite of Holy Communion, with Elder Bro. Art Bahler (Fairbury) and Bro. Joe Stoller (Princeville) conducting the service. Other visiting ministers and their families were Bros. Ken Knapp (Taylor), Russel Wuthrich and Doug Schock (Pulaski) and Earl Gerber (Forrest). We thank each one for their generous love and efforts.

We sympathize with Bro. Loris and Sis. Martha Kieser and family in the death of her father, Bro. Silas Leuthold who served many of us as a father for many years.

Sympathy is also extended to Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna, Bro. Ed and Sis. Verla, and Robert and Jean Ehnle and their families in the death of their mother, Julie Ehnle, of the Peoria Home.

Our best wishes go to Keith Endress and Diane Troxell who were married March 10. Their parents are Sis. Lois Endress and Earl and Eileen Brandenburg (Princeville).

We were happy to hear the engagement of Sis. Dawn Leman and Bro. Dean Herrmann (Princeville). Their parents are Bro. Marv and Sis. Jane and Bro. Noah and Sis. Evalyn. Mary Ann Ehnle and Alan Knobloch (Princeville) are also engaged. Their parents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Verla and Bro. Ed and Sis. Francis. We wish them God's blessings as they plan for the future together.

Bro. Sam and Sis. Lucille Kieser would like to express their thanks and appreciation to all for the cards, gifts and expressions of love to them as they had the privilege of commemorating 50 years together. As God has blessed them may He bless your acts of love.

The family of Julie Ehnle wishes to gratefully acknowledge all those who remembered their mother with gifts, cards and visits in the past months and for the many kind expressions of love and sympathy extended the family at the time of her death. May God bless each one of you.

ILLINOIS, CHICAGO Kathy Schlatter

Taking one's parents to one's workplace where they can meet fellow col-

leagues and see where one's working life is spent is a precious privilege. Because of a faculty potluck recently, several of my fellow teachers met my parents. After the weekend one drew me aside. She volunteered that during her chat with my mother she was reminded of one of their hymns, "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me", because that beauty was exemplified in the serenity of my mother's face. I was touched, and I shared the comment (and my agreement) with my mother. I am also extremely thankful for all of our Christian mothers, of the body and of the Spirit. I have been privileged to have the best of Christian mothers biologically, but I have seen the spiritual reflection of Christ's love in sisters' countenances, walks and conversations across the nation. From this beauty, (as today I saw three generations, grandmother, mother, and daughter) does the Lord bring forth His fruit. "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." II Tim. 1:5.

We were grateful for the special ministry of Elder Bro. Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI) and Bro. Arnie Gerst (Taylor, MO). May we remember the sacrifices of our ministering brethren in time and physical and spiritual energy. Then, though we do not provide for them monetarily, let us make sure we help these brethren who have a lifetime of specific responsibility. We can fulfill their needs through our drawing close and giving visible tangible messages of love and support (staying awake in church, responding to sermons humbly, keeping their children, doing the many positive things we already do, and cutting down on the few but unforgettable hurtful things we do, consciously or not.)

Palm Sunday was a forerunner of victory for Christ, though victory came in a form not well-recognized by many in that day. May our beloved Sunday School children's program likewise be a foretelling of testimony to come. The children testified in song together of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection and the meaning thereof. We hope that each participant in the future will come individually to confess Christ's new life in his or her life before the church.

Sis. LaBeth Metz and Bro. Dale Dunham became husband and wife in

the Lord, Sun. March 25. Our tears of farewell to Sis. LaBeth are also tears of joy for their union. We know that the Lord has greater work for them together than either one could do alone. They are at home in Grand Rapids, MI, in the Alto congregation, in the shadow of the Almighty.

Our dear departed Sis. Miriam Lockwood was a Pfalb from West Bend, IA. I gave incorrect information earlier. I so much appreciate the sister who set me straight. We do need each other.

Once upon a time two couples were staying overnight at a third couple's home. All three were converted, and the fellowship was beautiful. Even though the two couples from away had never met, spiritual conversation flowed freely, joyously. In the course of their discussion, one brother asked the other couple who the elder of their congregation happened to be. He was amazed when he found out that they were talking with the elder and his wife. I think there are several morals to the story, which I believe we may each apply to ourselves as individuals, relating certainly to humility in ourselves and others, the need for fellowship we all have, and our blessedness as Christians within our beloved church.

"He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Phil. 2:8

ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

Wilma Walder — Joan Waldbeser

On March 25, Sis. Karol Rinkenberger and Bro. Tom Stock announced their engagement and approaching marriage. Parents of the couple are Bro. Wm. and Sis. Marge Rinkenberger and Bro. Lester and Sis. Arlene Stock.

Marvin Steffen and Rhea Watts were married on February 23 at Marco Island, FL. The parents of the couple are Bro. Eldon and Sis. Melba Steffen and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Simmons (Mt. Hermon, LA).

Kathy Ehman, daughter of Bro. Richard and Virginia, was married to Ahmed Hadi (Champaign, IL) on April 3.

Sis. Sophia Funk is now residing at the Eureka Apostolic Christian Home. We wish her God's nearness and blessings in her new home.

Hospital patients this month were Jay Martin, Franklin Rocke and Bro. Wayne Hauptli.

Our Bible class hosted ACYF here on April 1 and April 8. It was a blessing to all of us to have such a large group of young people in our midst.

Palm Sunday evening our Sunday school children brought us the Easter story in song and verse. It is always inspiring to hear the "old, old story" from the lips of our youth.

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

Zion's Harp #200

We are looking forward to partaking of the Lord's Supper on Good Friday evening. Elder Bro. Jesse Beer plans to be here to assist in this work.

Bro. William Wyss, age 85, went to his eternal reward on April 9. He is survived by four sons, Wm. Jr., Robert, Jack and Gerald; and one daughter, Mary Ann (Alvin) Fanning. He raised one grandson, Ronald Fanning. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sis. Mary Moser, and one son, Donald. Also surviving are 18 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, three brothers, John (Wyoming, IL), Bro. Ed (Deer Creek) and George (Peoria); three sisters, Sis. Martha Perdelwitz (Eureka), Louise Wieland (Peoria) and Sis. Emma Asal (Princeville).

Bro. Carl Wyss (Washington) was here and assisted with the funeral services.

Bro. Kevin Knapp ministered to us on April 8. May God bless his labors.

NONE LIKE A MOTHER

In all the world, go where you will,
You'll never find another
Who'll cling to you through good or ill,
And love you like . . . a mother.

In all the world, where'er you roam,
With sister, wife or brother,
You'll never know so sweet a home
As that one made by . . . mother.

In all the world, though wealth
commands
For you the work of others,
You'll never find a pair of hands
To toil for you like . . . mother's.

In all the world, though friends sincere
Are more to you than brothers
You'll never for a moment hear
A voice as kind as . . . mother's.

In all the world, although you break
The tender heart of others,
There is no heart can ever ache
For you as much as . . . mother's.

In all the world, though you create
A pleasure for another,
You can give none a joy so great
As you can give to . . . mother.

In all the world, though a wife
May you in goodness smother,
There's none who'll sacrifice a life
For you as quick as . . . mother.

In all the world, where you in bliss
May soon forget another,
There is no one whom you will miss
When she is gone like . . . mother.
Frank Norkus

ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE Kay Roth — Tammy Knapp

Though I was often wayward, she
was always kind and good, So patient,
gentle loving, when I acted rough and
rude. My childhood griefs and trials
she would gladly with me share; O
Saviour, tell my mother I'll be there.

When I became a prodigal, and left
the old rooftree, She almost broke her
loving heart in mourning after me, And
day and night she pray'd to God to
keep me in His care; O Saviour, tell my
mother I'll be there.

Tell mother I'll be there, in answer to
her pray'r. This message, blessed Sav-
iour, to her bear! Tell mother I'll be
there, heav'n's joys with her to share;
Yes tell my darling mother I'll be there.

"Tell Mother I'll Be There",
Gospel Hymns #801

Mary Hartman (Bro. Gene and Sis.
Carrie Lou Hartman) and Loren Zimmer-
man (Bro. Earl and Sis. Elsie Zimmer-
man, Eureka) exchanged wedding
vows on April 14. We want to wish
them God's blessings and guidance in
their new life together.

"Train up a child in the way he
should go: and when he is old, he will
not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.
Bro. Fred and Sis. Maryellen Zimmer-
man were blessed with a little girl,
Michelle Diane. Matthew, Becky and
Julie welcomed their new sister home.
The grandparents are Bro. Orville and
Sis. Lulu Zimmerman and Bro. Dan
and Sis. Dorothy Hartter (Eureka).
May God guide and bless their family.
Our thoughts and prayers go out to

Lucille Blunier and her family in the
loss of her dear husband, Tim. Elder
Bro. Don Sauder conducted the fune-
ral services which were held here April
1. We will miss Tim's ready smile in our
congregation as now his seat is vacant.
He is survived by his wife and a son,
Bro. Dennis (Goodfield). We also ex-
tend our sympathy to Sis. Betty Miller
in the loss of her father, Lewis Herber-
ger. May the Lord be a comfort to these
families in the coming days that pray-
ers in their behalf may be felt.

Other visiting ministers this month
were Elder Bro. Leroy Huber (Eur-
eka), Bro. Kenny Knapp (Taylor) and
Bro. Loren Knapp (Tucson). We are so
thankful for these ministering brothers
who come to share the Word with us.

ILLINOIS, ELGIN Ruth Ann Getz

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul
expressed a spirit of rejoicing and
thankfulness over the faithful, stead-
fast love of the brethren there for the
gospel and for their care of the apostle
during his imprisonment. He prayed
that while their love was great, yet that
it would abound more and more. Then
he wanted to assure them that his
bonds had provided an avenue for the
"furtherance of the gospel". Many
brethren gained confidence because of
his bonds, to speak more boldly the
word without fear, and even those who
preached Christ as part of a partisan
group supposing to add affliction to his
bonds, Paul could not but count it gain.
He said, whether Christ was preached
in good faith or with contention, Christ
was preached! In all that Paul rejoiced!
(Philippians Chapter 1)

We reflect on Paul's circumstances
when we think of Tim Wenninger who
has been imprisoned for the past
twenty six months. Tim's cause for im-
prisonment did not originate because
of the gospel, but for his own wrong
doing; however, thanks be to God that
Tim was able to acknowledge his wrong
doing and was desirous to make restora-
tion in as much as he was able so that
his heart could be free before God
and man. He willingly served out his
debt to society. Because of a repentant
heart and by the grace of God, Tim
feels that he can say with Paul that it
was not a bad thing to be in bonds for
Christ's sake. Tim was released April
18 and whether bound or free we pray
that the Lord will keep Tim in his

grace. May our love, altogether,
abound more and more.

February 5 the engagement of Bro.
Mark Wewetzer (son of Bro. Bill and
Sis. Marge) and Sis. Nancy Moser
(daughter of Bro. Gene and Sis. Libby)
was made known to the congregation.
May God's blessings rest upon them as
they walk together in a threefold cord
of love.

John Weiss (son of Bro. Paul and Sis.
Joyce) and Lori Kinsinger (daughter of
Bro. Bill and Sis. Sandy) were united in
marriage April 12. May they learn to
seek out the Lord for guidance in their
life that together they might be bless-
ed here and some day in the glories
above.

Bro. Roger and Sis. Karen Weiss
have welcomed into their hearts and
home the addition of Craig Joseph,
born Mar. 22. Ryan, Jamie and Eric are
the brothers and sister of little Craig
and Bro. Paul and Sis. Joyce Weiss and
Charles and Shirley Joos (Peoria) are
the grandparents. May this little child
flourish both in soul and body that his
parents may have much rejoicing.

Likewise, Doug and Melinda Leman
have had additional joy in their home
with the arrival of Scott Alan, born
April 20. He has an older sister,
Rebecca and is blessed with Elvis and
Gail Kellenberger and Bro. Tom and
Sis. Marlene Leman (Denver) for
grandparents.

Sis. Mary Sphor has returned home
from an extended stay with her daugh-
ter in Lester, IA. We were sorry to learn
that she required hospitalization while
she was there. The Lord has seen fit to
restore health sufficient for her to re-
turn home again, and she expresses
appreciation for the fact that she is still
able to take care of herself at her age of
87 years.

Bro. Joe Lauber is convalescing at
home since his hospitalization and he
has asked that a sincere thank you be
extended to everyone who so thought-
fully offered prayers, cards, gifts and
visits during his entire illness. With
appreciation in his heart, he wishes
God's blessing on all.

We were sorry when we heard that
little Kenda Schifferer (small daughter
of Bro. Bill and Sis. Lana) needed hos-
pitalization because she suffered
second degree burns. She is able to be
home again with her family and seems
to be healing nicely.

After living with their son, Bro.
David Schmidgall, in Forrest, IL for

some time, Bro. Joe and Sis. Anna Schmidgall have returned to Elgin and are making their home with their daughter, Sis. Madeline Tobler. We welcome them back and look forward to precious fellowship with them.

We extend our sympathy to Roger Sauder and his family in the death of his mother, Sis. Lucinda Sauder (Bluffton). May they lean on God for their comfort in this sorrow.

Sis. Ida Moser has longed to go to her eternal home for some time and the Lord in his good time called her to rest on April 4. She was born on Mar. 1, 1891 in Roanoke, IL to Daniel and Sis. Fredericha Eckert Moser. Three sisters are surviving, Ruth Moser and Florence Scheider, both of Elgin and Esther Grams of Janesville, WI. To them we extend our sympathy.

We wish to extend a heartfelt Christian welcome to Bro. Rick and Sis. Cindy Schmidgall and their two small children, Matthew and Aubrey (Morton) to the Elgin congregation. Rick has recently accepted the position of administrator to our proposed Apostolic Christian Resthaven and will be moving to the Elgin area sometime in the next six to nine months. We pray for much grace and Godly wisdom for him to carry out the duties of this office.

ILLINOIS, EUREKA

Kathy L. Rocke

"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land." Song of Solomon 2:11, 12. After the long winter, Spring is certainly welcomed! Springtime brings such a real testimony of God's handiwork as we see His creation burst forth after the harsh winter.

We can see the newness of creation in the new son of Bro. Doug and Sis. Karen Martin. Daniel Kent was born March 25, and has a sister, Lori, to welcome him home. Grandparents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Mildred Hodel and Bro. Nelson and Sis. Mary Ellen Martin. May God bless this dear little family.

Monday evening, March 26, we all gathered together to give our church building its annual spring cleaning. While cleaning, we enjoyed working together and fellowshiping. I'm sure that all who helped received a blessing.

Sis. Judie Knecht (Bro. Ernie) has spent some time in the hospital this month. We are thankful that she is making progress and will soon be able to go home to her family.

We welcome Bro. Richard and Sis. Edna Leman to our congregation. They have recently moved here from the Remington, IN congregation. May they feel at home with us.

Bro. Silas Leuthold from the 'Home' passed away March 22. His funeral was held in Princeville.

On March 23, Sis. Ruth Martin passed away. Survivors include her dear husband, Bro. George; four sons, Bro. Roland, Melvin, William and Roger; four daughters, Esther Hoffman, Mary Brand, Verna Lott and Marjorie Honeg; two sisters, Sis. Edna Anliker and Esther Rolfson; and three brothers, Reuben, Elmer and Carl Anliker. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21:4. May God comfort the dear ones in the loss of their wife, mother and sister.

Saturday evening, March 24, we gathered together to hear the conclusions of the Brotherhood Conference held last August. Assisting our Elder Bro. Leroy Huber was Elder Bro. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park). How precious were the teachings! We just pray for a better memory to remember them and a heart that is willing to be obedient, for it was in love that the brothers spoke to us.

The next day, along with Bro. Steve, Bro. Ken Weertz (Cissna Park) spoke the Word to us. We thank them for being willing to serve us.

On April 8, we were blessed as Bro. Paul Gasser (Akron, OH) was with us and meditated on the Bread of Life. We thank all our ministering brethren who come and serve us through His Word. We welcome them back.

Loren Zimmerman and Mary Hartman exchanged wedding vows at the Goodfield Fellowship Hall April 14. Their parents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Elsie Zimmerman and Bro. Gene and Sis. Carrie Lou Hartman (Congerville). May God be the unseen guest in their home.

"And He took bread, and gave thanks and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is

given for you: this do in remembrance of me."

"Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

Luke 22:19, 20

We thank Elder Bro. Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI) for assisting Elder Bro. Leroy Huber and Bro. Walter Anliker in serving us the Lord's Supper on April 14. It was such a solemn occasion, and so quiet and peaceful that you could truly feel the Lord's presence. We appreciate Bro. Aaron being with us and preaching the Word on the following day. Truly we have been refreshed in His Spirit.

MOTHER'S DAY

More beautiful than May-bright skies,
Than hills where golden sunshine lies,
Is love within a mother's eyes.

Softer than dawn across the land,
Than little waves against the sand
Is healing of a mother's hand.

And oh, more largo-sweet and fair
Than chapel bells in twilight air
Is music of a mother's prayer.

Ideals

ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

Carol Bazzell — Joann Zehr

It is always encouraging to have the souls of the old and the young moved to live for the Lord. Lois Beckley (Bloomington) gave her testimony and was baptized here Wednesday, April 4. She spent her younger years in Fairbury. We also have three new converts. They are Leann Kaisner (Bro. Merle and Sis. Marge), Neil Bahler (Bro. Art and Sis. Suzanne) and James Fehr (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kathryn).

Genevieve Gerber, 60, passed away on March 28. We will miss her assembling with us and extend our sympathy to her children. Her husband, Emil, passed away in 1974.

Our thanks are extended to Bros. Earl Kilgus and Edwin Bahler (Remington) who visited here and were willing to bring us God's Word.

Our annual Sunday School Easter Program was held Sunday evening, April 15. As the children's hymns expressed the true meaning of Easter, it should make us "Sit and pause awhile, my spirit; This great miracle behold . . ." Zion's Harp #226.

As this is the time of the year that we

especially honor our mothers and fathers, the following verse seemed to be appropriate:

Children can have no better inheritance than believing parents. Religion can become real in the midst of the family as in practically no other way. Many of us have inherited great riches from our parents — the bank account of their personal faith and family prayers.

Nels F. S. Ferre

ILLINOIS, FORREST

Kathy Leman — Sharon Adams

We appreciate the visits of our ministering brethren, Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott, IN), Bro. Gary Anliker (Elgin), Bro. Earl Kilgus (Remington, IN), Bro. Josh Broquard (Fairbury), Bro. Henry Dotterer (Rittman, OH), Bro. Dan Stoller (Remington, IN), Bro. Chris Huber (Francesville, IN), Bro. Merrill Laukhuf (Latty, OH) and Bro. Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit).

We were reminded of the uncertainty of life when Russell Schneider was taken from this life after meeting with accident. Bro. Earl Gerber conducted the funeral service on Sat., March 24. Surviving are his mother, Sis. Kathryn Schneider (Forrest); two brothers, Bro. Duane Schneider (Forrest) and Bro. Kenneth Schneider (Remington, IN); and one sister, Sis. Mary Metzger (Bro. Virgil, Urbana).

Also laid to rest on March 24 was Paul Koehl. He is survived by his daughter, Sis. Jean Martin and one sister, Sis. Louise Zimmerman. We extend our sympathy to these dear families and pray that God will comfort and console them in the days ahead.

We welcomed two dear souls into our fellowship on March 25. Bro. Ben Traub (Sis. Irene) and Sis. Kaylene Knapp (Bro. Glen and Sis. Laura) are now our brother and sister-in-the-Lord after giving their testimony and being baptized as the Word of God instructs. May God be their constant guide as they walk through life.

Spending time in the hospital were Bro. Paul Honegger (Sis. Martha), Sis. Louise Honegger (Bro. Perry) and Joseph Rudin (Bro. Craig and Sis. Trudy). We are able to report that they are all home again.

"Haste and seek your soul's salvation, Heed the Word of God today" (Zion's Harp). Bethany Steffen (Bro. Richard and Sis. Lou Ida) has heeded God's call and has turned to the Lord in

repentance. We wish her God's grace and help in building a firm foundation.

Little Bethany Renee has joined the family of Bro. Edward and Sis. Renee Wenger. Sarah, Rachael and Nathan welcome her into their lives and home. Sis. Nathalia Wenger is Bethany's grandmother.

We welcome Bro. Greg and Sis. Jill Stoller and their children, Sheila, Sarah, Michael, Benjamin, Heidi and Rebecka into our community and fellowship. They have moved from the Bradford area. Also assembling with us are Vicki Pruitt and her children, Jim, Patrick and Kristie who have moved here from Utah. We extend a welcome to them and hope they can feel God's love in our midst.

The family of Russell Schneider wishes to express their heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to their many friends and relatives for all their love and kindness, their many prayers and memorial gifts during their sorrow over the loss of their loved one. May God bless each one.

MOTHER'S WAY

I'm following Jesus and trusting His love,
I'm sure I shall meet my dear mother above;
She taught me to love Him, she taught me to pray,
And now I am walking in mother's bright way.

I know it will lead me to mansions of light
A beautiful city that never knows night;
There mother will meet me with sweet smiling face,
And I shall be glad that I trusted God's grace.

She lovingly told me of pitfalls and snares,
And promised to help me along by her prayers;
And O I am sure her sweet pleadings were heard,
Because I am led by the infinite Word.

O mothers, be true to your dear ones, I pray,
Be sure to point out the bright, heavenly way;
Instruct them to follow and teach them to love,
That they may serve Jesus and meet you above.

She taught me how to love the Lord,
And how to strive for life's reward;
She taught me how to trust and pray,
And now I walk in mother's way.

Heavenly Highways

As we celebrate Mother's Day, let us be sure that we are following the ways of Jesus and are trusting in His love, that one day we can be with our mothers in Heaven.

ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

Pam Wiegand

We were pleased to hear of the birth of a baby girl, Barbara Jean, born March 27. Her parents are Bro. Charles and Sis. Brenda Hinrichsen. Barbara has three older brothers, Eric, Jerry and Bobby, at home.

April 11 was the wedding day for Sis. Gerry Plattner and Bro. Richard Laukhuf. It was nice to have Bro. Merle Laukhuf (Latty) present to help with the wedding service. Bro. Richard and Sis. Gerry plan to spend part of the year in Florida and part of the year in Goodfield. We're glad to have them with us.

We wish to thank Bro. Jim Rinkenberg (Bluffton) and Bro. Vernon Wettstein (Congerville) for visiting us in Goodfield.

Two 50th wedding anniversaries were celebrated recently. Congratulations go out to Bro. Bill and Sis. Clem Joos, and Bro. Chris and Sis. Violet Hohulin.

Mark and Joan Steffen have repented and found peace with their Lord. They plan to bring forth their testimonies Sat., April 28.

Along with all of our pleasant news, we have some sad news. Little Brent Knapp, son of Bro. Bruce and Sis. Mary died Friday, March 30. Although it's a joy he could leave his pain and suffering to meet his older sister, April, in heaven, it still hurts those left on earth to see him go. Our sympathy is extended to Brent's family.

Our prayers arise for the sorrowing, and sympathy is also extended to Bro. Dennis and Sis. Eddis Blunier in the loss of Denny's father, Tilman Blunier.

Sis. Florence Bauman recently underwent surgery. We're glad to see her back in church with us.

Goodfield Silver Lining collections are due in June. Because of the new computerized mailing list, you are asked to pay either Pam Wiegand or

Bev Joos rather than directly to the Silver Lining staff. Thanks!

ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY
Carol Klopfenstein

"My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." II Cor. 12:9

When Jesus spoke these words to the Apostle Paul, He revealed a truth that is often difficult for us to fully comprehend. We must learn that many times the Lord can use us the most for Him when things are not seemingly going our way and when we feel very weak. Recently we were so glad to have Elder Bro. Loren Stoller (Latty, OH) with us. He reminded us that the Apostle Paul and many prophets in the Old Testament suffered greatly and didn't have a very pleasant life by human standards. Things didn't go well for them, neither did they go well for our Savior when He walked upon this earth. And yet the brother remarked that the Lord Jesus and the Apostle Paul were very happy people. In I Cor. 6:10, we can read, "As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things."

No doubt they too became discouraged at times — the Apostle Paul mentioned his disappointments, and we can read the accounts of when Jesus wept as He thought of His love for the people of Jerusalem who would not let Him comfort and save them. When His agony was so great in the garden of Gethsemane His sweat was as "great drops of blood." The prophet Isaiah described the Christ as a man of sorrows and yet though He was the Son of God, He was a man who also possessed great joy and happiness. We too, although misfortune may come our way or disappointments overshadow us, can go our way rejoicing in hope because we who have been redeemed are the adopted children of the living God.

So many times brethren have testified how trials and suffering have brought them closer to their Saviour and how wonderfully His grace and tender nearness were there to see them through. Indeed that is why the Apostle declared that He would rather glory in his infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon him . . . for when he was weak, then he was strong.

The elder brother recommended that we keep ourselves busy doing

good things. Especially if we are feeling discouraged or depressed, we need to get up and find something to do. Helping someone else is probably the best disposition medicine there is for getting out of the dumps and feeling happy and cheerful again. Jesus knew this when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

We are happy when we know we are pleasing our heavenly Father. Jesus was happy amid much disappointment, suffering, and unfair treatment because He knew He was doing the will of His Father. The Apostle Paul was happy because He knew that His afflictions were part of God's plan to keep him humble and more fitted for the Master's use. Such obedience and submission bring much joy to the believer's heart. Knowing that we have laid our all on the altar of sacrifice, that we are willing to give up anything for His sake, and that we are eager to please our brother for his good to edification (Rom. 15:1), continues to give us a special inner joy and peace that the world knows nothing of.

Brian Steffen (Bro. Dave and Sis. Emmy) and Todd Earney have repented of their sins and by the grace of God have sought to become partakers of the divine nature. If God wills, they will give their testimonies of faith and be baptized the weekend of May 6.

Sis. Olive Gramm has been a hospital patient and is now at home.

Bro. Gary and Sis. Marla Ringger are the happy parents of Leslie Ann who was born April 3. Leslie has two sisters, Megan and Jami. Her grandparents are Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Loretta Bauer (Cissna Park) and Elder Bro. Edwin and Sis. Pat Ringger (Gridley).

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
Marcia Metz

May the road
 rise up to meet you,
 May the wind be always
 at your back
 May the sun shine warm
 upon your face,
 And the rain fall soft
 upon your fields,
 And until we meet again,
 May God hold you
 in the palm of His hand.

Old Irish Verse

As another semester draws to a close, we wish God's blessings and

further guidance to our 1983-84 graduates. They are Sis. Brenda Getz, Sis. Terri Martin, Sis. Helen Schuon, Bro. Bob Anliker and Bro. Mike Zimmerman. Also, Bro. Lee Klopfenstein is leaving us to seek further education in Columbus, OH. Our prayers go with each one.

We wish to thank Bro. Jim Hoerr (Peoria), Bro. Loren Stoller (Latty), Bro. Bob Pflederer (Morton) and Bro. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park) for sharing God's Word with us. May God richly bless each one.

Summer Bible Study will be held every other week starting Thursday, May 10. Everyone is welcome.

ILLINOIS, MORTON
Phyllis Farney — JoAnn Roecker

MOTHER

My thoughts go back to Mother,
 Oh, how I wish again to meet,
 To tell her how much I love her.
 How she taught me to be sweet,
 Eternal Life she shall inherit,
 Rewarding her the badge of merit.

We wish to thank Bro. Irvin Leman for sharing the above poem with us. May each one of us be thankful for our God-fearing mothers or the precious memories we have of them.

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for granting Bro. Gus and Sis. Lydia Laidig fifty years of marriage. May He continue to richly bless them as they continue down life's pathway together. They wish to thank everyone for their deeds of kindness and gifts of love. May God bless all who were so kind.

Just as the above couple has completed fifty years together, Sis. Becky (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Lynn) Garber and Bro. Brent (Elder Bro. Joe and Sis. Shirley) Braker have been lead together by God to walk life's pathway together and become one in Christ Jesus. May God richly bless them and be the head of their home.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Sis. Lydia Laidig upon the passing of her sister, Verona Eberhardt (Peoria, IL). May our Heavenly Father comfort and bless her family and friends.

We enjoyed our Easter program on Sunday, April 8. We were richly reminded how God sent His only Son, Jesus, to die on the Cross, shed His

blood for us all, so each one of us can find our Salvation, repent and be converted and become a child of God. May God bless all who participated in the program and all those who lent their support by being there and listening.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Sis. Lydia Turner upon the passing of her son, Clarence Tanner and to Bro. Edward Wyss also upon the death of his brother, Bro. William Wyss (Cissna Park, IL). May God comfort and bless these families and close friends.

We wish to thank Bros. Leroy Huber (Eureka, IL) and Greg Rassi (Chicago, IL) for ministering God's Holy Word unto us. May our Heavenly Father richly bless them for their labors of love.

Let us continue to remember in prayer those who are shut-in or ill. Time grows long for these loved ones who cannot go in and out as you and I.

We wish to welcome Bro. Rick and Sis. Marla Ringger and their three daughters. They have moved and will be making Morton their home church.

ILLINOIS, PEORIA

Margo Marx — Susi Herman

MOTHER IS ANOTHER WORD FOR LOVE

Mother is a word for "love"
And all the world is mindful of
The love that's given and shown to
others
Is different from the love of mothers . . .
For mothers play the leading roles
In giving birth to little souls,
For though small souls are heaven-sent
And we realize they're only lent,
It takes a mother's loving hands
And her gentle heart that understands
To mold and shape this little life
And shelter it through storm and
strife . . .
No other love than mother love
Could do the things required of
The one to whom God gives the
keeping
Of His wee lambs, awake or sleeping —
So mothers are a "special race"
God sent to earth to take His place,
And mother is a lovely name
That even saints are proud to claim.

Helen Steiner Rice

God bless all the mothers — today,
tomorrow and always!

We are very thankful that five more

dear souls have repented. They are: Scott Hoerr, Karen Unsicker, Brenda Guingrich, Gary and Nancy Schmidgal. We pray that they will continue on the path of righteousness for His name's sake.

Hospitalized this month were: Sis. Pearl Rumbold, Bro. Alvin Domnick, Helen Thomas and Nate Herman (Bro. Greg and Sis. Beth Herman). We pray that God will look down upon each one and strengthen them.

Sympathy goes to the families of Sis. Priscilla Bittner and Verona Eberhardt who have passed away recently.

Our thanks go to our visiting ministers this past month, Bro. Harvey Grimm (Bern, KS) and Bro. Bob Meyer (Bluffton North, IN) for bringing the precious Word to us.

"And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, 'Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.' After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, 'This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.'" I Cor. 11:24-26.

Communion — it is always a time of deep feelings and reflection upon our lives. There is something so special in gathering together on Palm Sunday and breaking bread together. May this time cause us to be more ready from this day forward that our lives could be in more perfect harmony with God's will.

It was a real blessing to gather together with our dear Sunday school children at our annual Easter program. They told of the blessed resurrection of our dear Saviour. We thank the parents, teachers and children for a blessed evening of rejoicing.

"Love of all gifts is the greatest, which the Spirit does bestow . . ." Zion's Harp #37.

Believing it is the Lord's will, the engagement was made known of Sis. Tonya Guingrich and Bro. Scott Wieland (Bay City, MI). Sis. Tonya's parents are Larry and Sandy Guingrich and Bro. Scott's parents are Bro. Don and Sis. Luann Wieland (Bay City, MI). May God lead and guide them as they plan their future together.

ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

Arlene and Arlys Martin

Light doesn't make any noise, but it

does make a difference.

Visiting ministers have been Bros. Roy Sauder (Peoria), Leroy Huber (Eureka), Carl Wyss (Washington), Kenneth Dietz (Bradford), Kenneth Weertz (Cissna Park), Joe Gerst (Iowa City, IA) and Joe Braker (Morton).

On March 24, we gathered together at our fellowship hall, and Bro. Joe Stoller showed us pictures of his trip in November to the Holy Land. On March 25 we enjoyed a potluck supper and hymn singing for our congregation and our visitors for that weekend.

Our Sunday school Easter program was April 15 at our fellowship hall. We are pleased that our children are enthusiastic about the Gospel story.

Rachael Ann was born March 16 to Bro. Ron and Sis. Deann Baer. Her brother, Marvin, welcomes her home. Grandparents are Bro. Herman and Sis. Mary Baer (Princeville) and Bro. Ray Klumpp (Bradford).

On April 15, Bro. Dave Kieser announced the engagement of Bro. Dean Herrmann to Sis. Dawn Leman. Parents are Bro. Noah and Sis. Evelyn Herrmann of our congregation and Bro. Marvin and Sis. Jane Leman (Bradford).

Congratulations also to Alan Knobloch and Mary Ann Ehnle who announced their engagement on April 15. Their parents are Bro. Edward and Sis. Francis Knobloch of our congregation and Bro. Ed and Sis. Verla Ehnle (Bradford).

Our sympathy is given to the family of Bro. Silas Leuthold. Bro. Silas, 90, passed away March 22. His wife, Sis. Mary, passed away November 28, 1983. Since 1979, Bro. Silas lived at the Eureka Apostolic Christian Home.

Surviving are two sons, Bro. Art (Lester, IA) and Bro. John of our congregation; five daughters, Sis. Evelyn (Mrs. Herman) Stickling (Lester, IA), Sis. Helen (Mrs. Maurice) Knapp (Roanoke), Sis. Marie (Mrs. Leonard) Menold (Princeville), Sis. Martha (Mrs. Loris) Kieser (Bradford) and Laura (Mrs. Richard) Durfey (Farmington, MI); 33 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Bro. Silas was our minister from 1934 to 1972 and served as our elder from 1949 to 1972.

The family of Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary wish to express their sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the many deeds of kindness shown to their parents over the years and at their

passing from this life. May God richly bless each one as only He can do.

Those on the sick list are Marvin Eberle and Sis. Ruth Kieser (wife of Bro. Dave).

ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

Joyce Hodel — Carol Rumbold

Bro. Joe and Sis. Sue Aeschleman are happy first-time parents with their new arrival, Brandon Dean. Grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Mardell Aeschleman and Bro. Howard and Sis. Pat Schifferer (Elgin, IL). Brock Tyler was the name given to the first son of Bro. Brad and Sis. Cheryl Bauer. They have one daughter, Brooke, at home. Bro. Art and Sis. Joy Bauer and Bro. Mel and Sis. Mae Rocke are the grandparents of the little guy.

The engagement announcement was made of Bro. Curt Hodel (Bro. Jim and Sis. Doris) to Sis. Jenell Leman (Bro. Rich and Sis. Rachel). They have many joys ahead of them with God as their "matchmaker".

We have all felt a great loss at the sudden death of Judy Fischer, teenage daughter of Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marge Fischer. It hurts the hearts of those who knew her as a friend, babysitter, student and just a casual acquaintance for she was always ready with a smile, a giggle and "Hi!". Lord fill the void with Thy love.

We are thankful that Sis. Norene Herbst and Pete Legel could come home from their hospital stays. May they get stronger daily.

The brothers who have willingly offered their services to us this month were Art Bauer (Princeville), Phil Stettner (Bluffton North), Dave Kieser (Princeville) and Roy Sauder (Peoria). Thank you and we welcome you back anytime.

ILLINOIS, TREMONT

Dorothy Wagenbach Carolyn Bolliger

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." Proverbs 31:10. May we ever appreciate our God-fearing mothers for teaching us the ways of truth.

We were pleasantly surprised to have Bro. Noah Gerber (West Bend) minister to us one Wednesday evening. We thank him for his labor of love and may he and his wife visit us again soon.

Several of our brethren were hospitalized this month. Willard Schweigert

(Della), Bro. Richard Steiner (Sis. Ann), Sis. June Zuercher (Bro. Curt), and Kappy Koch (Bro. Elmon and Sis. Janice) were all surgical patients. We pray that God will restore good health soon.

Happy parents of Marci Anne, born Mar. 27, are Bro. Jerry and Sis. Kathy Zuercher. She has two sisters, Tricia and Tammy and brother Aaron, to help take care of her. Grandparents are Bro. Ernest and Sis. Frieda Schaefer and Bro. Curt and Sis. June Zuercher.

Another precious bundle from heaven was born on April 1 to Bro. Roger and Sis. Sally Koch. He was named Robert Dale and has a sister, Sharon, as his playmate. Grandparents are Bro. David and Sis. Eunice Beutel and Bro. David and Sis. Frances Koch.

Funeral services were held on April 3 for Bro. Emanuel Sinn. We sympathize with Sis. Elsie and her daughter, Sis. Kathy Post (Bro. Gary) and Sis. Carol Sinn (Bro. John) of Ft. Scott and their families.

The engagement of Sis. Marsha Huette and Bro. Earl Koch was announced. Parents of the couple are Bro. Ken and Sis. Arlene Huette and Bro. Paul and Sis. Florence Koch. A July 1 wedding is being planned.

Our sympathy is also extended to Sis. Rose Knapp in the death of her sister, Kathryn Weeks.

We thank all those who so willingly helped clean our church. May God reward each one.

Our annual Easter program was presented on April 15. A special thank you is extended to all the Sunday School students and their teachers.

ILLINOIS, URBANA

Cheryl Joos

The U of I college students hosted College Weekend this spring. The theme for the weekend was "Jonah, Responding to God". Three aspects of Jonah's life were discussed and then related to our present life and following of the Lord: (1) Responding to God's Word, (A) disobedience; Jonah 1:1-3 (B) obedience; Jonah 3:1-3, (2) Responding to God-given situations (A) storm at sea; Jonah 1:4-16 (B) in the belly of the fish; Jonah 2:1 (C) after Ninevah's repentance; Jonah 4:1-2, (3) Responding to God in prayer (A) in time of need; Jonah 2:2-9 (B) in time of anger; Jonah 4:2-3. We are thankful for the ministers who led the discussion groups on Saturday; Bro. Bob Grimm

(Goodfield), Bro. Dave Wiegand and Bro. Virgil Metzger (Urbana), Bro. Gene Lehman (Wolcott), Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley), Bro. Rod Huber (Valparaiso), Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago), Bro. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park), Bro. Art Baurer and Bro. Jim Plattner (Princeville), Bro. Glenn Dill (Tremont), Bro. Kevin Knapp (Bloomington), Bro. Steve Knapp (Bloomington), Bro. Bruce Leman and Bro. Jim Byrd (Roanoke), Bro. Marvin Leman (Bradford), Bro. Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton), Bro. Art Ringger (Indianapolis) and for Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington) who gave an introduction to Jonah. Bro. Gene Lehman, Bro. Rod Huber and Bro. Bob Grimm spent Sunday with us also. We appreciate the sincere messages they delivered to us.

Other visiting ministers this month were Bro. Ed Alt (Cissna Park) and Bro. Duane Kilgus (Fairbury). We always hunger for the truth which they impart to us.

Palm Sunday was the day our Sunday school class presented the Easter story. It is so humbling to hear the children tell of the agony Christ bore for us and the love He still bestows upon us.

"... there shall be showers of blessings." Bro. Loren and Sis. Betsy Schrenk have been pleased with a baby boy, Matthew Joseph. Nathan, Rachael and Peter are rejoicing in having a baby brother.

Our prayers ascend to our Lord above that Sis. Mary Metzger can be comforted in the loss of her brother, Russell Schneider, and that Bro. Ben Blunier may feel God's comforting power in the loss of his brother, Tim Blunier.

ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

Lily Pfaffman — Elain Winkler

"A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted." Ecclesiastes 3:2. Truly we know that death is inevitable. When a child of God passes from this life, he can rejoice. It's those he leaves behind that feel the sorrow and heartache from his absence. Our dear Bro. Emil Gnehm has gone to be with his Creator. He left his wife, Esther, and two children, Fred Gnehm and Linda Dinkin, all of East Peoria. We miss Bro. Emil for he radiated the love of God from his smile, his handshake and his deeds! His hobby was garden-

ing — and he was always giving of its bountiful harvest to others. He was excited about Spring coming. Now, instead of his own garden, he can enjoy the beauty of Heaven's perfect nature, where there are no weeds, thorns, harmful insects . . .

As we see Spring slowly budding forth, it's so refreshing to behold the rebirth of the Earth. The birds have returned from the South and we hear them chirping so cheerfully. The grass is becoming greener, and the bushes and trees are putting on their leafy dress. It gives one a lift to behold its freshness and beauty! And so it is when a soul arises to the newness of life, stepping forth from the baptismal waters. Our new Bro. Luis Gomez, son of Ehrique and Guillermina of Mexico City, just experienced such a rebirth in the Spirit. We are so grateful that our Heavenly Father led him to the true plan of salvation! God's grace is still free to all who will avail themselves of it. If we could just give them a taste of His love and peace, truly they would never want to give it up. His perfect plan doesn't include that. Each one must feel their soul's deep need for a Saviour. Then, stepping out in faith, one must believe that He will forgive and guide them through a true repentance, and reward them with His blessing of peace, a peace which must be experienced, because it can't be described. To see God continuing to work in the lives of mankind, transforming them into new creatures in Christ, is indeed spiritually uplifting.

God has promised to care for the sparrows, and how much more He will His children! We are thankful He has brought Sis. Lillian Cagle through surgery and up the road of recovery to restored health and strength. We will be glad to have her assembling with us once again.

The Lord has brought three ministers to visit and be of service to Him this month including our dear Elder Bro. Roy Sauder (Peoria), Bros. Bob Grimm (Goodfield) and Chuck Hemmer (Peoria). God has certainly blessed us through them. May they always feel our prayerful support!

INDIANA, BLUFFTON
Sue Neuenschwander
Etta Steffen

We are grateful for the safe return of our brothers and sisters who have spent time in Haiti. They are: Bro.

Kent and Sis. Jan Ringger, Bro. Carl Hackenjoes, Bro. Tom Baumgartner, Bro. Les Gerber, Bro. Dave Bertsch and Bro. Doyle Frauhiger. God will surely bless you all for your efforts and good deeds.

The Heavens were rejoicing March 25 as we welcomed seven new souls into our congregation. They are: Sis. Rachel Ringger (Bro. Gary and Rosetta), Sis. Angela Frauhiger (Bro. Chuck and Sis. Marie), Bro. Matt Sutter (Bro. Bob and Sis. Jan), Bro. Brad Hackenjoes (Bro. Carl and Sis. Evelyn), Bro. Brent Hackenjoes (Bro. Carl and Sis. Evelyn), Bro. Rick Fiechter (Bro. Melvin and Sis. Doris) and Bro. Chris Pulver (Bro. Lester and Sis. Dula). May God grant you an abundance of grace each day.

We enjoyed the weekend of spiritual blessings along with Bro. Harry and Sis. Florence Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale), grandparents of Bro. Matt.

Babies are a gift from God and we're happy to welcome four baby girls into our congregation. Happy parents of a precious bundle are Bro. Gary and Sis. Barb (Maller) Schwartz. Their daughter, Sarah Mae, was born March 20. Grandparents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Beulah Schwartz and Bro. Bob and Sis. Gladys Maller.

A daughter was also welcomed by Bro. James and Sis. Jennifer (Gerber) Fiechter. She has been named Stacy Lyn and her birthday is March 25. Grandparents are Bro. Carl and Sis. Mary Fiechter and Bro. Lester and Sis. Rosemary Gerber.

Bro. Mark and Sis. Barb (Hoffman) Gerber, welcome a daughter, Sarah Ann, born April 6. Grandparents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Helen Gerber and Bro. Harry and Sis. Helen Hoffman (Cissna Park).

On April 4, Sarah Faith was born to Bro. Steve and Karen Aschliman. Grandparents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Louella and Bro. Melvin and Sis. Doris Fiechter.

Sis. Addie Reinhart died March 15. She was the mother of five sons. May the Lord comfort and bless them at this time.

A dear sister went home on March 31. Sis. Lucinda Sauder was 81. She had been ill for three years. Our sympathy goes to her husband, Bro. Lewis; her daughter, Sis. Delores (Bro. Denny) Reinhard of Cecil, OH; a son, Bro. Roger (Elgin, IL) and ten grandchildren.

April 1 was a special day for Bro. Sam Kaehr and Sis. Connie Baumgartner as they were united as one. Parents of the couple are Sis. Dorothy (and the late Bro. Charles Kaehr) and Bro. Ralph and Sis. Jean Baumgartner.

Also starting a new life together are Bro. Kim Troxel and Sis. Lisa Gerber. Parents are Bro. Ken and Sis. Joyce Troxel (Ft. Lauderdale) and Bro. Bob and Sis. Evelyn Gerber. Their special day was April 5.

We wish both couples God's nearness as they start on life's pathway together. God's guiding hand has brought several couples together, and their engagements have been made known to us. They are all from our congregation. Bro. Bob Maller (Bro. Bob and Sis. Gladys) is engaged to Sis. Kim Baumgartner (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Jean). Their wedding date is July 1. Bro. Lynn Fiechter (Bro. Carl and Sis. Mary) has asked Sis. Rhonda Meyer (Bro. Harold and Sis. Violet) for her hand in marriage. Their wedding date is July 8. Bro. Chris Pfister (Bro. Ted and Sis. Rose) will marry Sis. Shari Stoller (Bro. Richard and Sis. Arlene) on July 22.

The following loved ones have been hospitalized recently: Sis. Evelyn Pease, Bro. Herman Gerber, Sis. Lydia Kaehr, Sis. Bert Moser and Bro. Lewis Souder.

It's always a treat when our single sisters serve our lunch on Mother's Day. This is a special poem for all of you dear sisters.

OUR SERVANT GIRLS

Ye sisters of our common faith
 Yours is a noble part;
 And though you work with Martha's
 hands
 You have a Mary's heart.
 A humble service you perform
 But you will find reward
 If all you do is ever done
 As if unto the Lord.

Henry Beer

INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH
Peg Fiechter

Kathy Longenberger

Bro. Dave and Sis. Terri Mueller are the happy parents of their second child. Jenna Marie Mueller was born March 29. Little Jenna was welcomed home by her brother, Nathan. Happy grandparents are Bro. Lenard and Sis. Ilean Steffen. How fortunate are the

babies born into Christian homes!

Bluffton North had Holy Communion services on April 7. We want to thank Elder Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford) for being with us. We truly appreciated his labor of love.

The following engagement was announced recently. Bro. Blake Gerber and Sis. Fawn Moser feel it is the Lord's will that they be married. Bro. Blake is the son of Bro. Carroll and Sis. Louise Gerber. Sis. Fawn is the daughter of Bro. Wm. Gene and Sis. Edna Moser. We want to sincerely congratulate Bro. Blake and Sis. Fawn and wish them God's richest blessings.

It is so pleasant after a long winter to have spring here at last. There is always so much to do in the spring, too. Spring housecleaning needs to be done and the yards need to be readied for the coming summer. Our thoughts also turn to the warm summer months of gardening and enjoying the outdoors. Those who live in the warmer climates cannot imagine our joy upon seeing the first robin of the spring or observing the grass regain its green color again! Each small sign of spring is such a miracle. We should take more time out from our busy schedules to observe these many blessings and thank the Lord for each one!

INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE

Arlene Metzger

We have had several of our loved ones hospitalized this past month; Sis. Janet Nuest (Bro. Larry), Kathy Haney (fiancee of Scott Leman), Bro. James Gutwein and Bro. Charles Baumgartner. We are thankful they are all home and doing much better.

Our congregation is rejoicing along with Sis. Debbie Gudeman (Bro. Willis and Sis. Margaret) as her engagement to Bro. Don Nuest (Bro. Gene and Sis. Norma, LaCrosse) has been announced. Also, the engagement of Marsha Gutwein (Bro. James and Sis. Marian) to Paul Schlegel (Mr. and Mrs. Louis) was made known. We wish the Lord's guidance for both couples as they plan for their wedding days.

Aubrey Joy, no doubt, has already brought much joy into her new home. Karen and Ronn Benakovich, along with "big brothers", Joshua, Derek, Isaiah and Trevor were so thrilled to get a little sister. Happy grandparents are Bro. James and Sis. Eleanor Bogart and Mr. and Mrs. John Benakovich.

March 31 was a beautiful, sunny,

Spring day as Sue Zeltwanger and Jeff Neihouser were united in marriage. Parents of the newlyweds are Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty Zeltwanger (Morris, MN) and Bro. Andre and Sis. Lois Neihouser. May the Lord be their solid rock on which they build their lives together.

Bro. Harold Gramm (Morris, MN) was with us April 1. On April 8, Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington) ministered unto us. How thankful we are for our ministering brothers who so willingly lend of themselves. We thank the Lord for them.

We rejoice with three of our converts to whom God has whispered "sweet peace". They are Lauri Erb (Bro. George and Sis. Elaine), Gene Huber (Sis. Barb) and their daughter, Melissa. We look forward to the day they will be added to the fold.

Another special day observed is Mother's Day. May all of us who still have our mothers, remember them on this special day, and for those who have lost theirs, cherish all the precious memories.

WHAT IS A MOTHER'S LOVE

It takes a Mother's LOVE to make a house a home,

A place to be remembered, no matter where we roam . . .

It takes a Mother's PATIENCE to bring a child up right,

And her COURAGE and her CHEERFULNESS, to make a dark day bright . . .

It takes a Mother's THOUGHTFULNESS to mend the heart's deep "hurts" . . .

And her SKILL and her ENDURANCE to mend little socks and shirts . . .

It takes a Mother's KINDNESS to forgive us when we err,

To sympathize in trouble and bow her head in prayer . . .

It takes a Mother's WISDOM to recognize our needs

And to give us reassurance by her loving words and deeds . . .

It takes a Mother's ENDLESS FAITH, her CONFIDENCE and TRUST

To guide us through the pitfalls of selfishness and lust . . .

And that is why in all this world there could not be another

Who could fulfill God's purpose as completely as a MOTHER!

Helen Steiner Rice

INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS

Lynn Winslow — Judy Dubach

In this world, men are judged by their ability to do. They are rated according to the distance they have come up the hill of achievement. At the bottom is utter failure; at the top complete success, and between these two extremes the majority of men sweat and struggle from youth to old age.

But, in all of this there is no happiness. The effort to succeed puts too much strain on the nerves. Excessive preoccupation with the struggle to win narrows the mind, hardens the heart, and shuts out a thousand bright visions which might be enjoyed if there were only leisure time to notice them.

This mania to succeed is a good thing perverted. The desire to fulfill the purpose for which we were created is of course a gift from God, but sin has twisted this impulse about and turned it into a selfish lust for first place and top honors. By this lust the whole world of mankind is driven as by a demon, and there is no escape. When we come to Christ, we enter a different world. The New Testament introduces us to a spiritual philosophy higher than and altogether contrary to that which motivates the world.

According to the teachings of Christ, the poor in Spirit are blessed; the meek inherit the earth; the first are last and the last first; the greatest man is the one who serves others; the one who loses everything will receive everything at last; the successful man of the world will see his hoarded treasures swept away by the tempest of judgment; the righteous beggar goes to Abraham's bosom and the rich man burns in the fires of hell.

Our Lord died an apparent failure, discredited by the leaders of established religion, rejected by society and forsaken by friends. It took the resurrection to demonstrate how gloriously Christ had triumphed and how tragically the governor had failed.

Yet today's professed church seems to have learned nothing. How much eager-beaver religious work is from a carnal desire to make good? How many hours of prayer are wasted beseeching God to bless projects that will bring glory only to man?

The true Christian should turn away from this. Especially ministers of the gospel should search their own hearts and look deep into their inner motives. No man is worthy to succeed unless he

is willing to fail. No man is morally worthy of success in religious activities until he is willing that the honor of succeeding should be to another if God so wills. The man who is elated by success and cast down by failure is still a carnal man. At best, his fruit will have a worm in it.

Our great honor lies in being just what Jesus was and is. To be accepted by those who accept Him, rejected by those who rejected Him, loved by those who love Him and hated by everyone who hates Him. What greater glory can come to man?

We can afford to follow Him to failure. Faith dares to fail. The resurrection and judgment will demonstrate before all worlds who won and who lost. We can wait.

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INDIANA, LACROSSE

Connie Knobloch — Cheryl Bucher

Our Easter program was held on Palm Sunday. Bro. Mike Thomas (Valparaiso) shared God's Word with us and the Zioniers from Bluffton sang some of their beautiful Easter songs. We appreciated the message Bro. Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit) brought to us on a Wednesday evening, and we are thankful to have Bro. Art and Sis. Mary Gudeman home from Florida.

Diane and Drew McClanahan are the happy parents of Benjamin Drew, born April 11. He has three sisters, Jennifer, Sarah and Tara who are very excited about having a little brother. John and Carol Ailes are the proud grandparents and Bro. Ben and Sis. Lena Hitz are happy to have a little great-grandson.

We want to extend God's richest blessings to those who will be graduating this spring. Our high school graduates are Bro. Lee Nuest (Bro. Gene and Sis. Norma), Dan and Ron Nuest (Bro. Elvin and Sis. Jan) and Bro. Todd Heinold (Bro. Vic and Sis. Cheryl). Those graduating from college are LeAnn Bucher (Bro. Ken and Sis. Carol) and Bro. Bob Feller (Bro. Lynn and Sis. Mary Ann).

Although many miles separate some of us from our Mothers, we still want them to know how much we appreciate their prayers, love and concern for our spiritual as well as our physical welfare. Happy Mother's Day and may God bless you.

INDIANA, LAFAYETTE PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Lynne Bucher

"Thank you for today, Lord, and all its possibilities. Help me to show my love in every way I can and to use the special gifts Thou hast given me."

By Gail Cunningham

As this Spring semester comes to an end it's hard to believe how fast time has gone by. Many of us will be heading back home for the summer and some will be sticking around for summer school. Two will be graduating from our Purdue group and they are Bro. Bob Feller and Bro. Les Stoller. We want to wish them God's direction and blessing as they begin their new jobs. We will miss them and we want to thank them for all the responsibilities they have taken in our Purdue group.

Many of us went to College Weekend in Urbana. We all learned a lot and truly felt God's Spirit. It was a blessing for our choir to sing and we want to thank all those who supported us so kindly. We also want to thank the University of Illinois group for their hospitality.

We were blessed again as we were able to gather around God's Word at our Thursday services. We want to thank Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington) and Bro. Greg Rassi (Chicago) for their willingness to serve us. We all look forward to these services and we need them so much. This is just one of the many ways God supplies our needs.

INDIANA, LEO

Thelma Schlatter

Another wonderful Easter season has been observed with Good Friday services, an Easter program, sunrise services and messages, all reminders of His supreme sacrifice and His glorious resurrection.

We were grateful for the visit and ministry of Bro. Chris Huber (Francesville) one Sunday this month.

Bro. O. W. and Sis. Helen Maxfield welcome two new family members. Jim and Trudy Maxfield presented them with a new granddaughter, Sally Kae. Their daughter, Julie, and Tom Gearhart were married April 21. Good wishes go to all the family.

The month of April with its showers of rain and showers of blessings has come and gone. May brings sunshine and flowers and a special day designated to honor mothers.

"I've thought of gifts — of treasures rare,
Rich gifts sent from above;
And one to me is always fair —
It is my Mother's love."

It has been said that the mother's heart is the child's classroom. A Christian mother looks to God for help knowing He loves the children so much more perfectly than she can love them.

Little Jimmy understood the unselfish love of mother. The arithmetic lesson was on fractions, and the question put to Jimmy was, "Suppose your mother made an apple pie, and there were seven of you at the table, your mother, and father, and five children. How much of the pie would you get?" "A sixth" was the quick reply. "No, no, Jim," said his teacher. "There are seven of you. Think about your fractions." Jimmy answered, "I do know my fractions, but I know my mother, too. She'd say that she didn't want any pie."

INDIANA, MILFORD

Gwen Steffen — Shelby Beer

We were so very thankful for our visiting ministers who shared God's Word with us. Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest) and Bro. Ed Alt (Cissna Park) spent April 8 with us. Bro. Ed Bahler (Remington) was kind enough to share a Wednesday evening with us and Palm Sunday brought Bro. Uriel Gehring (Leo) into our midst.

Our congregation was refreshed to hear the testimony and view the baptism of our new sister-in-faith, Teresa Hively. We know that she will experience much joy and peace in her new walk of life. We pray that she can be a real inspiration and a light to her dear husband, Lynn, and to her little girls. We appreciated Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville) coming to help in this most important work.

Asleep in Jesus; blessed sleep — Our dear Bro. Oscar Graff, 91, passed away March 23. Our hearts and prayers go out to his dear wife, Sis. Hulda, as they had enjoyed 67 years of married life together. We sympathize with his family: Mildred Levy (Warsaw), Sis. Clara Kaiser (Milford), Kate Sauder (Scottsdale, AZ) and Phyllis Hueni (Mishawaka). His presence among us will surely be missed.

We always feel sorry for those that have to endure pain and sickness. Bro. Theo Beer slipped on a patch of ice and

suffered a broken ankle. Sis. Luella Beer spent a few days in the hospital, and Bro. Fred Schori has been a shut-in at home.

April 14 was the wedding day of Lynn Kaiser (Bro. Dick and Sis. Clara) and Phillip Garber (Mr. and Mrs. David R. Garber, Goshen). We wish them God's blessings and guidance as they walk life's pathway together.

Our high school graduates are: Dick Doll (Bro. Pete and Sis. Beck), Mark Pamer (Bro. Matt and Sis. Karen) and Penny Hoover (Don and Sis. Ginny). Receiving a degree from Purdue this spring will be Phil Beer (Bro. Phil and Sis. Millie).

I love you, mother, for your quiet grace,
For that dear smile upon your kindly
face,

For marks of toil upon each loving hand
That worked for me ere I could under-
stand.

INDIANA, REMINGTON

Beth Virkler — Annette Bahler

We were privileged to see many of God's blessings this month. We witnessed the testimonies and baptisms of Bro. Glen Braker (Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara), Bro. Tim Bahler (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marilyn), Bro. Bruce Waibel (Harold and Sis. Arleta) and Sis. Lisa Schneider (Bro. Ken and Sis. Loretta). It is life's greatest joy to become a faithful child of His. We pray that the Lord's spirit can dwell within their hearts. We thank Elder Bro. Nate Steffen (Elgin), Elder Bro. Art Bahler (Fairbury), Bro. Alpha Strahm (Bern) and Bro. Gary Maibach (Rittman) for sharing God's Word with us. May God bless them for their support.

We express our joy for Pat Mikel (Russ), daughter of Bro. Carlton and Sis. Maryann Beer, who has started her testimony of faith in repentance. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to Him, and will sup with him, and he with me. (Rev. 3:20)

We will miss Bro. Rich and Sis. Edna Lehman very much, as they have moved to Eureka. They have both lent much support to our congregation for over 30 years. We wish them God's blessing in their new home and church.

We welcome a new little girl, Cheyenne, born March 21, to parents Brian and Lucinda Molter. Grandparents are Don and Joy Molter, and Bro. Gene and Sis. Diane Waibel.

Grieg Schneider (Bro. Ken and Sis. Loretta) has been in the hospital for elbow surgery. We're glad he's on his way to recovery now. Sis. Anna and Sis. Louise Waibel both had a stay in the hospital. We wish them a strong recovery.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Ken and Sis. Loretta Schneider for the loss of their brother, Russel Schneider. "Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." I Peter 5:7.

I hope the budding of the new spring flowers and trees is only a small comparison to the budding and maturing spiritual fruit in believer's hearts today.

INDIANA, SOUTH BEND

Pauline Laidig

Memories of Mother, the sweetest of
all,

Over and ever through life are recalled.
Down through the years her love stood
the test,

Hoping and praying her children would
be blessed.

Even though they might fall to the
depth of despair,
Right there they'd find her still
pleading in prayer.

Praying mothers make a difference
in the home and, eventually, in the
nation.

We enjoyed a blessed Wednesday evening when Elder Bro. Jesse Beer and Sis. Shirley (Milford) assembled with us. We were also richly nourished from God's Word when Bro. Art Ringger and family (Indianapolis) spent Sunday, March 25 with us; and again it was our privilege to have Bro. Robert Pfloderer and Sis. Ellie (Morton) in our midst the following Saturday evening and Sunday. Their efforts were much appreciated.

It has been felt, for sometime, that it would be good to have another brother to share the ministry with Bro. Robert Beebe. The way seemed to open up recently, and the lot fell on Bro. Wayne Lehman. May the Holy Spirit be very real to him as he seeks to help feed our little flock. We pray the Lord will bless Sis. Shirley too, as she walks at his side in this new calling in their lives. Elder Bros. Jesse Beer (Milford), Wendell Gudeman (Francesville) and Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) were the faithful shepherds who assisted us in this undertaking. We sincerely thank them.

On Palm Sunday, the Sunday school children, along with a trio and the newly formed adult choir, presented a meaningful Easter program. May it cause us to be renewed in the spirit, and may it stir more hearts to feel the need of yielding their lives to the Lord.

INDIANA, VALPARAISO

Jill Hitz — Patty Bucher

Last month we talked about Joy. This month we will talk about peace. All men desire peace, but few do what is necessary to attain it. God's peace is a state of inner serenity, the comfortable feeling that "all is well with my soul". What we think and do determine whether or not we enjoy that peace to its fullest. Certainly peace is from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, but the fruit of peace is produced in our lives only as we walk in the Spirit. Galatians 5:25.

Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to guide us to peace, but the choice to receive that peace is ours.

On April 1 our Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann and Bro. Floyd Schmidgal (Morris) visited with us. We enjoyed a potluck supper at church.

The Lord has blessed our church body as a body of believers. On April 7 and 8 we took a bus driven by Bro. Wayne and Bro. Con Paarlberg to Lexington, KY. We enjoyed an evening of fellowship at the Best Western hotel on Saturday and had a very spirit-filled day on Sunday. Bro. Carl Westphal (Francesville) labored with those who couldn't travel to Lexington. May the Lord bless you richly.

INDIANA, WOLCOTT

Elaine Bahler — Lorene Furrer

We thank our visiting ministers, Bro. Vernon Leman (Eureka), Bro. Gary Anliker (Elgin) and Bro. Nate Steffen (Elgin) for sharing the Word with us. May God richly bless them for their endeavors of love.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with Bro. Dwight Waibel who was hospitalized for injuries received in a farm accident and Bro. Albert Oberlander who was also hospitalized. We trust they may soon enjoy renewed health and strength.

Congratulations are extended to our high school graduates: Sis. Melinda Bahler (Bro. Lowell and Sis. Karla), Sis. Donita Furrer (Bro. Don and Sis. Rita), Janell Hofstetter (Bro. Ted and Sis. Lynetta) and Jenny Hopkins (Sis.

Diane). May God direct their paths as they seek higher education or employment.

IOWA, BURLINGTON

Dixie Messner — Edith Massner

We were richly blessed with four visiting ministers this past month. Here to share God's Word with us were Bros. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka), Bill Hodel (Roanoke), Dale Strassheim (Milford) and Uriel Gehring (Leo). They were all with us the same weekend so we couldn't utilize them all. We were fortunate to have Bro. Dale and Bro. Uriel spend a little more time with us as they were visiting their families here.

Bro. Uriel also gave us some information on the Children's Home. It was interesting to everyone, children and adults, to hear of the lives some of these children have had before coming to "The Home". I don't believe we can imagine what many children go through in this world. If we could only help them all.

The waters have been troubled here in our small congregation and we are glad some are heeding God's call to repentance. Monti Taeger (Bro. Dick and Sis. Dorothy) has found peace with her Lord and Saviour and is awaiting baptism.

Bro. Dick and Sis. Dorothy Taeger also welcome a little grandson into their family. Miles Gregory was born March 19 to Bro. Mark and Sis. Mindy Keifer (Oakville). Bob and Delores Keifer (Oakville) are the paternal grandparents. Miles is the first grandchild on both sides so he is receiving lots and lots of love.

IOWA, ELGIN

Gloria Frieden

Anew, Lord, we are bound to Thee through Thy blest sacrament which we partook, that joined in heart and hand to Zion's realm and holy land we journey on.

Zion's Harp

We recently shared a blessed weekend when Elder Bro. Leo Moser and Bro. Dale Wolf (both of Lester) expounded unto us the Scriptures. Bro. Leo also assisted our Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer with the sacrament of Holy Communion and the reading of the memorandum.

May we ever be thankful to God for our faithful shepherds who by God's grace are striving to guide their flocks

into the land of promised rest.

Hospital patients this past month were little Abigail Schupbach (Bro. John and Sis. Janet) and Bro. Ed Pulfer.

IOWA, GARDEN GROVE

Eileen Funk

Spring is here at last! We appreciate the sunshine, blue sky and flowers that God gives us to enjoy!

We are happy to announce the engagement of Dave Funk (Bro. Bill and Sis. Verle) and LyLee Bushore. A June wedding is planned. We wish them many blessings at this special time in their lives.

We were richly blessed at the visit of Elder Bros. Sam Huber (Sabetha) and Lester Harter (Bern) and their wives. Thank you for sharing the Word of God and the minutes from the conference with us. We appreciate your love and care.

Vacation Bible School is being planned again this summer. We would be happy to have some volunteers for teachers. Anyone wishing to volunteer, contact Sally Funk, 1013 N. Church, Leon, IA 50122. Phone 515-446-6147.

IOWA, IOWA CITY

Connie Gerst

Mothers! What would we do without our loving mothers who have so willingly given of themselves to nurture our needs as the days and years go by. May we remember to thank God for them, not only on Mother's Day, but each day anew.

We were privileged to partake of Holy Communion a few weeks ago. Truly, it is a blessed time when we can experience a deep closeness to our Lord and to each other. We thank Elder Bros. Paul Butikofer (Elgin, IA) and Ed Lanz (Oakville) for being with us for this precious event.

Other visiting ministers have been Bros. Jon Schmidgall (Oakville), Dave Kieser (Princeville), Leroy Huber (Eureka), Clifford Grimm (West Bend), Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville) and Arnold Gerst (Taylor). It seems God so richly provides dear brethren again and again to feed our little flock here at Iowa City. Truly we are a blessed people.

Among our recent visitors, we enjoyed the weekend visit of the Cissna Park and Morris single groups. It is always nice to have our benches filled

on Sunday! Visitors mean so much to us.

We took a day this spring to give our church a thorough cleaning. Somehow spending a day working together is good for our Christian relationship one with another. We can also take a teaching from church cleaning because no matter how careful we are during the year to keep our church looking nice, it seems on cleaning day there is dirt to be found in hidden places. Let us apply this same cleaning to our lives and search the inner chambers of our hearts to make sure Satan has not scattered dirt into some of the corners. How important it is to have a clean place for the Lord to dwell.

IOWA, LESTER

Alice Metzger

It was a rich blessing when we could be led to the cross and served communion by Elder Bros. Gene Marti and Leo Moser on April 14. In remembrance of Jesus, we did eat and drink as directed by the Holy Word.

We are thankful and happy to welcome into the brotherhood seven dear souls who brought their testimonies before the church on April 7. All had felt that Satan was holding them back until they could break that hold by complete submission to God. Those who we now greet as brothers and sisters-in-faith are Stan Warner, Blair Metzger, Rita Knoloch, Paula Kellenberger, Michelle Metzger and Doug and Suzette Messner. Among the many ministers and visitors for the blessed weekend were Elder Bros. Harold Messner, Wayne Fehr and Art Nohl.

Our prayers go with our graduating seniors and hope they will never forget the teachings of church and home as they go out into the world. They are Cindi Gerber (Bro. John and Sis. Donna), Sis. Heidi Gerber (Bro. Bill and Sis. Erma), Sis. Beth Knobloch (Bro. Bill and Sis. Ellie), Lanae Knobloch (Bro. Glen and Sis. Joyce Metzger), Linda Knobloch (Bro. Art and Sis. Elgeva), Sis. Patty Knobloch (Bro. Dale and Sis. Mary Ellen), Joe Metzger (Bro. Eli and Sis. Alice), Curtis Feucht (Bro. Ray and Sis. Marge), Jimmy Knobloch (Orvie and Loretta) and Albert Wulf (Bro. Jake and Sis. Alice).

Our hospital patients were Liz Wulf (Emil), Bro. Jake Metzger, Bro. Art Knobloch, Sis. Eleanor Popkes, Sis. Marie Knobloch, Anna Knobloch and

Mary Ter Wee (Jerry). Some of them are home again and all are progressing quite well. They appreciate the love and concern shown to them and during their illness. May God bless you.

Our sympathy goes out to Bro. Herman and Sis. Evelyn Stickling and Bro. Art and Sis. Emilie Leuthold and their families. Bro. Silas Leuthold was called to his heavenly reward soon after the death of his wife and the vacancy is felt keenly by the family left behind.

IOWA, OAKVILLE
Debbie Wagenbach

Little Miles Gregory was born on March 19 to Bro. Mark and Sis. Mindy Kiefer. Mile's grandparents are Bob and Delores Keifer and Bro. Richard and Sis. Dorothy Taeger (Burlington, IA).

Just as innocent as a newborn baby is a newborn babe in Christ! On April 15 we witnessed the baptism of our dear Sis. Susan Eberhardt. We certainly welcome Susan into the fold and pray that God will guide and direct her footsteps throughout her lifetime. Bro. Harvey Heiniger (Burlington, IA) was at Oakville for Susan's baptism. We would like to express our appreciation to him for bringing forth the Word of Life in our congregation.

THE GOOD WORLD

The Lord must have liked us,
 I say when I see
 The bloom of the rose
 and the green of the tree,
 The flash of the wing
 of a bird flitting by,
 The gold of the grain
 and the blue of the sky,
 The clover below
 and the tall pines above —
 Oh, there's something about us
 the good Lord must love.

Edgar A. Guest

Summer will soon be here. Isn't it truly wonderful to see the signs of spring and summer after a long winter? "Oh give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever." Psalms 136:1.

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 Give Old and New Address
 to Your Reporter.

IOWA, PULASKI
DeAnn Wuthrich
Mary Jane Knapp

Fathers are wonderful people
 too little understood
 And we do not sing their praises
 as often as we should . . .
 For, somehow, Father seems to be
 the man who pays the bills,
 While Mother binds up little hurts
 and nurses all our ills . . .
 And Father struggles daily
 to live up to "His Image"
 As protector and provider
 and "hero of the scrimmage" . . .
 And perhaps that is the reason
 we sometimes get the notion
 That Fathers are not subject
 to the thing we call emotion,
 But if you look inside Dad's heart
 where no one else can see,
 You'll find he's sentimental
 and as "soft" as he can be . . .
 But he's so busy every day
 in the gruelling race of life,
 He leaves the sentimental stuff
 to his partner and his wife . . .
 But Fathers are just wonderful
 in a million different ways,
 And they merit loving compliments
 and accolades of praise,
 For the only reason Dad aspires
 to fortune and success
 Is to make the family proud of him
 and to bring them happiness . . .
 And like Our Heavenly Father,
 he's a guardian and a guide,
 Someone that we can count on
 to be Always On Our Side.

Helen Steiner Rice

With Father's Day fast approaching and Mother's Day still fresh in our minds, let us pause and thank God again for blessing us with parents who realize that the most important thing in life they can give us is an understanding of how we can find our soul's salvation. Although the ultimate work is between God and the individual, our parents are often the first and most significant stepping stone leading us to God. Do we take the time we should throughout the year to remember them, or do we thank them only on their special day?

As another growing season is here, let us keep in mind that our Heavenly Father controls the outcome of the labors of our work, whether it be fruitful or barren. However, it is just the opposite with our soul; we control whether our works will be fruitful or

barren. If we remain true and faithful, God will help us to be fruitful and give us the hope of life eternal.

Bro. Bill Wuthrich would like to thank everyone who remembered him with prayers, cards, visits and gifts during the past three months. Also a special thanks to those who helped and gave support to his family. May you be blessed with love and kindness.

IOWA, WEST BEND

Elma Mogler — Polly Zaugg

May the Lord bless the ministers that shared the Word with us this month. Bro. Gene Marti (Lamar), Bro. Alpha Strahm (Bern), Bro. Mike Rinkenger (Congerville), Bro. Dale Frank (Oakville). "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen." Jude 24:25

We wish Trela Marti (Bro. Gene and Sis. Mary) and Chuck Wirtz (Bro. Verner and Sis. Beverly) God's blessings as they begin their life together. Their wedding was held March 24 at our fellowship hall.

David and Yvonne Bruellman have a new little daughter, Gina LeAnn, born March 22. Denise, Gwen and Pamela are happy to help with their new baby sister. Grandparents are: Bro. Harley and Sis. Adele Bruellman and Bro. Victor and Sis. Marilyn Banwart.

We wish all our hospital patients well. Those who have spent some time there are: Bro. Clarence Zaugg, Sis. Florence Banwart, Josephine Thomann, Alice Marie Metzger (Bernard), Judy Gates (Don), Sis. Kathy Fehr (Bro. Wayne) and Bernadine Jurgens.

"Who walks with Christ need never fear; For His strong arm is ever near."

W. R. Goodman

Bro. Walter and Sis. Esther Banwart are observing their 50th wedding anniversary. We are happy for them and may God grant them many more years of happiness together.

Let us continue to earnestly pray for Mark Skogland who has answered the call to repentance. Mark is the husband of Sis. Lori (Bruellman). "Trust ye in the Lord for ever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." Isaiah 26:4.

Our thoughts and feelings are expressed in this poem about Mother's Day.

THE GENTLE LIGHT

Mother of mine,
 Light of my soul, ever inspiring me to
 higher goal —
 You who are so dear to me, when I look
 at you,
 What do I see? I see a woman, yes, but
 more, by far,
 Sunshine and moonlight and a star.
 I see human feelings. Joy, pain and
 fear,
 A gentle smile and a hidden tear.
 I see strength, too, and the courage to
 be meek;
 A helping hand to those who are weak;
 A kindly word, a spring shower,
 The song of a bird and a dewy flower.
 I see a soul shining there that can only
 be true and fair;
 The soft music of a dear old hymn,
 A heart full of love blest by Him.
 I see sacrifices made for me,
 And dreams imprisoned that mine
 might be free;
 A Mother whose motto o'er life's
 stormy sea is:
 "Jesus, Savior, pilot me."

Robert Church

JAPAN, SHIODA
Judy Luginbuhl

"Now faith is the substance of things
 hoped for, the evidence of things not
 seen."

Hebrews 11:1

As Spring is approaching, there's
 once again that tingling anticipation for
 each tree and flower to burst into
 bloom, proclaiming the glorious crea-
 tion of our almighty, eternal Father.
 This reliable cycle of seasons, with
 each change, often stirs within us a
 renewed hope. Even though Spring
 appears to be arriving late this year,
 there is still a sure, knowing hope for its
 coming. In a similar way our faith
 experiences that hope and confidence,
 as we look to God and He is revealed to
 us through His Word and creation. It is
 with that renewed expectation that we
 await the coming of Spring with a joy
 and peace of mind, body and soul,
 knowing and feeling God's presence all
 around us.

Christ's teachings concerning ma-
 terial possessions are often brought to
 mind in thought, prayer and conver-
 sation. However, when a traumatic ex-
 perience occurs in our life or close to
 us, we see and feel the meaning of His
 words deeper and more clearly. One
 early morning in March, Bro. Uchida's
 towel company burnt to the ground.

Though Bro. Uchida was sleeping in
 the building at the time of the fire, he
 managed, with the strength from God,
 to awaken and escape the burning
 flames. At the present time Bro. Uchi-
 da has been given the support and
 spiritual courage to rebuild and con-
 tinue on with his business. Our prayers
 go out to him and his family.

For Japanese students and teachers,
 the school year came to a close the end
 of March. Shioda American Kindergar-
 ten once again saw 15 specially loved
 children leave to enter into the Japa-
 nese elementary school system. Once
 again our prayers continue to go out for
 those children as well as for the many
 other students that have been touched
 by our Lord's teachings. At our gradua-
 tion ceremony, one of the children's
 mother presented a short farewell
 message. Her words were moving and
 especially encouraging to those of us
 who have taught here at the kindergar-
 ten and many others who are praying
 for this work here. I'd like to take this
 opportunity to share a few of her
 words. During her first visit at Shioda
 American Kindergarten the cherry and
 peach blossoms were in full bloom. She
 remembered seeing the children all
 dressed in their green smocks singing
 together with "big voices". At that time
 she was touched by something very
 special and different that she de-
 scribed as "fushigi na kimochi". This
 feeling defined in the dictionary carries
 with it a sense of wonder, strangeness
 and marvel. I believe this experience
 she mentioned was the Holy Spirit
 working in the hearts of the children
 and teachers as they sang out their
 favorite Bible songs. Her concluding
 words spoke with confidence that the
 children, after two years of being
 taught and nurtured at S.A.K., will
 continue to be encouraged by all that
 has been cultivated in them, as they
 face new and sometimes very difficult
 times ahead. Even though many of our
 kindergarten mothers don't have an
 understanding of Christ's teachings, or
 the concepts of worshipping one Crea-
 tor, believing in an eternal God, or
 knowing a caring heavenly Father, it is
 our prayer that our children later in
 their lives as they face major decisions
 or trials will remember that special
 feeling they experienced at S.A.K. and
 at Sunday school and will return to
 inquire and seek for its deeper mean-
 ing in their lives.

JAPAN, TOKYO

Yoshio Yamazaki — Marie Inoue

The annual Sunday school outing of
 our two churches was held at Lake
 Sagami picnic area. It was a blessed
 day as the children enjoyed the out of
 doors together. As we entered the hilly
 grounds a Mother's Day lesson was
 awaiting us. Some sheep were grazing,
 and we were trying to take a picture of
 our group with the little lamb. This
 detained the little lamb from her group
 and caused its mother to search letting
 out many large cries. The little lamb
 was nervous during the picture taking
 session and answered back with cries.
 When we were finished, she jumped
 and ran to her own mother. We all
 marveled at the sight. Do we as human
 mothers and children show real love
 and communication to each other?

Appreciation and thankfulness goes
 to our mothers this month. Sometimes
 we take our believing mothers for
 granted. It made me think when one of
 our members told me at the church
 lunch table some words her mother
 recently said to her that really warmed
 her heart: I wish I could believe like
 you. (She'd waited for years for a com-
 ment of the faith.)

Our singing and evening of fellow-
 ship was enjoyed at the Bro. Akito
 Inoue home.

A blessed Easter Season to all Silver
 Lining workers and readers.

KANSAS, GRIDLEY

Julie Bahr — Doris Bahr

Lo the winter is past . . . the time of
 the singing of birds is come . . .

We wish to express our heartfelt
 thanks to Bro. Al Langhofer for sharing
 God's most Holy Word with us.

Recently, we here at Gridley, have
 begun a new project with the help of
 Sam Bahr, son of Bro. Rudy and Ei-
 leen. New walkways, interlined with
 decorative brick, have replaced our old
 walks. New landscaping has also begun
 to take form, adding new beauty to the
 splendor of our "little white church".
 Sam will graduate in May as a horticul-
 turist and will take employment in
 Kansas City. We wish to sincerely
 thank him for his efforts in making our
 landscaping plan and we pray that God
 will bless him in his new endeavor.

KANSAS, BERN

Linda Esslinger

Bro. John Grunder passed away
 March 17 at the age of 82. He was born

June 27, 1901 at Morton, IL. Services were held March 20 by our ministers.

Bethany Renae joined the family circle of Bro. Wilfred and Sis. Verna Strahm March 26. Sara, Marci, Ted, Becky and Martha complete the circle. Grandparents are Sis. Grace and Bro. Emil Strahm (Bern) and Sis. Marie and Bro. Virgil Hartter (Sabetha).

Communion service was held on April 1 with Elder Bros. Dan Koch (Tremont, IL), Sam Anliker (Lamont) and Sam Huber (Sabetha) assisting Bro. Lester Hartter. Bro. Uriel Gehring (Leo, IN) ministered God's Word. We appreciate the efforts they put forth.

Administrators and Board of Trustees of Apostolic Christian homes held a general meeting at the Fellowship Center on April 7.

LIFE IS LIKE A GARDEN

Life's like a garden
Where lovely things grow,
And bloom in the sunshine
Of pleasures we know.

It will always see days
when the sky isn't blue,
When the rain clouds above
Hide the sunshine from view.

But the nice thing to know
Is that life has a way
Of constantly changing
As day follows day.

So be patient with clouds —
They just last for a while
And the sun's close behind them
Just waiting to smile.

KANSAS, EMPORICE

Jill K. Luthi

As you travel upon I-35 this spring and summer, we invite you to our evening services held on the first Wednesday and the third Sunday of each month. Lamont and Gridley alternate services on the first Sunday.

Those of us in Emporia welcome to our area Bro. John and Sis. Maria Wernli and Bro. David Wernli.

KANSAS, FORT SCOTT

Judy Bahr

Happy Spring! Happy Easter! What a wonderful season — a feeling of newness is all around. We are reminded of the new life we can have because of Christ and His death on the cross.

The Sunday school children told the beautiful story again through words and songs at the Easter program.

Sis. Mary Reber was a hospital patient but is now out and recovering at her brother's home in Carthage, MO. She wishes a sincere thank you to all who sent flowers, prayers, cards, gifts, phone calls and visits. May God grant her much strength so she can return to Ft. Scott and be with us once again.

KANSAS, KIOWA

Janice Bahr — Gay Farney

A Mother's love is like a beacon
Burning bright with faith and prayer
And through the changing scenes of life
We can find a haven there . . .

For a Mother's love is fashioned
After God's enduring love,
It is endless and unailing
Like the love of Him above . . .

Helen Steiner Rice

For as long as I can remember, my Dad and Mom have surrounded my life with their love. They were "always" there — to listen, to guide, to encourage, to dry our childhood tears (and sometimes cry with us), and most important of all to teach us about God and our Lord Jesus Christ. In our home, God and the church were first, and we knew it. Why do we celebrate 'Mother's Day' and 'Father's Day'? Well, I can't speak for anyone else, but for me it's just one more opportunity to fall upon my knees in thanksgiving for the wonderful parents God gave me!

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Fred Schupbach, who passed from this life this month after a long period of suffering. May the God who made us, and understands our sorrow, be a comfort at this time.

It was our appointed time to hold services at the Manor this month, and we would like to say a big "thank you" to the children who came to help us sing. The elderly adore the children, and it gave an added blessing to our day!

Graduation: A step forward to an unknown and challenging future. And for our four graduates we whisper a deep and fervent prayer that God, the giver and creator of all knowledge, will bless and guide them in all they strive to do. Our graduates are: Randy Allenbach - college; Bobby Schrock - high

school; and Richard Allenbach and Brandon Domnick - eighth grade.

World Relief work day was held at Newton this past week with the M.C.C. group there, and nine went from here. May God richly bless all those who give of their time to do God's work, for it is such an important and worthwhile way to spend our time.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Maria Schrader — Lanette Meyer

We were privileged to hear Elder Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha) speak about his studies of the book of Revelation and Old Testament prophecies recently. Others who visited us in the past few months were Bros. Loren Strahm and Tim Zimmerman (Gridley, KS), Bro. Bill Emch, Elder Bro. Sam Anliker (Lamont), and Bro. Roger Aberle (Sabetha). Many other brothers and sisters came from area congregations. We appreciate and enjoy the fellowship of those who attend our services.

With the new spring session and beautiful weather, we are looking forward to our biannual picnic and summer vacation.

When in the spring the flowers are
blooming bright and fair,
After the gray of winter's gone.
Once again the lark begins its tuning
Here in the meadows of my heart.

Lord to my heart bring back the
springtime.

Take away the cold and dark of sin.
O refill me now sweet Holy Spirit.
May I warm and tender be again.

Author Unknown

KANSAS, LAMONT

Jill K. Luthi

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for the brethren to dwell together in unity . . . for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore." Psalm 133

Truly our cups were filled with the proper spiritual food that we are always in need of, as we again were blessed to have with us visiting ministers. A special thanks goes to Bros. Don Wagenbach (Washington) and John Lehman (Bern) for their presence. One of the visiting ministers exhorted upon St. Luke 11 — how to pray to God without drifting away from

Him in our prayer. I believe each one of us does experience "drifting", and until all worldly and self thoughts are cleared from our minds, we cannot pray to God as we should. Therefore, we get down on our knees again when all thoughts are removed. It may be twice, it may be ten times before our prayer and conversation to God is in faith, earnest and upright.

More than 60 of us from all of the Kansas churches had a blessed day laboring and fellowshiping together on April 10. We all traveled to Newton to box meat, do handiwork and pack goods for the needy. A record of 1400 boxes of meat were packed, banded and sealed by the brothers. (That is a gross weight of 70,000 lbs. or a net weight of 63,000 lbs.!) The sisters worked on/finished quilts, tied comforters, packed many barrels of soap and hemmed rolls of bandages. What a blessed day to share — but how time flies too swiftly.

With May here, there comes to mind Mother's Day and graduation. Thinking on Mother's Day, I have a short poem by Alice Joyce Davidson that stands so true.

"Mothers are created as reflections of the Lord.

They give life, and they're life itself —
They're love and love's reward."

As we think of the graduates, we pray that whatever they seek for vocation or higher learning of school, that it may be done according to the Lord's will and not their own. Our graduates this year are Marvin Anliker (Bro. Glen and Sis. Lorean) from high school and Matthew Schrader (Bro. Stephen and Sis. Dorothy) from junior high. Our congratulations and best wishes to both of them.

Bro. Charlie and Sis. Carrie Gleichman have moved to the Sabetha Apostolic Christian Rest Home. We miss their presence, but know God is watching over them.

Our prayers for healing and comfort are offered for Ester Marie (Bro. Tom and Sis. Jeri Knobloch) as she underwent corrective surgery April 25.

KANSAS, SABETHA Clara Steiner

Bro. Levi (Lee) Wenger passed away April 8 at his home. He had an apparent heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Lydia, and three brothers, Joe, Bro. Louis and Bro. Will (all of Sab-

etha). Services were held April 11 by Bro. Carl Hartman and Bro. Sam Huber. Burial was in Sabetha Cemetery.

We gathered on a Saturday evening to listen to the testimony of Thirza Thompson. On Sunday we witnessed her baptism. We welcome Sis. Thirza into our precious fellowship and wish her much grace and understanding. Bro. Dave Kieser (Princeville) and Bro. Lester Hartter (Bern) were here to assist Bro. Sam Huber in this most important work.

We were privileged to partake of Holy Communion on a Saturday evening. Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford) and Bro. Lester Hartter (Bern) assisted Bro. Sam in serving the bread and the cup. We are reminded to "do this in remembrance of me". Bro. Jesse and his wife were with us also on Sunday. We enjoyed their visit and hope they will return again sometime.

We will be assembling on Friday evening to hear again of our Saviour's great love for us, how He died on the cross and shed His blood for the remission of our sins. And on Sunday we will hear how He arose! All who will hear His words and believe on Him can receive the promise of life everlasting by being buried in the likeness of His death and arising to newness of life.

KANSAS, WICHITA Laurie Gallatin

Isn't it refreshing in the springtime when God brightens the earth again with new life? His creation is so beautiful and unique!

We recently heard a sermon on Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (John 12:12-19 and Luke 19:28-40). As Jesus rode the colt into Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, the people joyously welcomed Him and put palm leaves and their clothes in the path so the colt wouldn't have to walk on the dirty street. They gave of themselves so Jesus could be exalted. The clothes resemble our sins, which we put at Jesus' feet and He crushes so they have no more power or dominion over us. Then, because we stand unclothed, He clothes us in His righteousness because we have in faith believed in Him for salvation. After we have been clothed in His righteousness we shouldn't put back on our old clothes, which is our old sinful nature. We should walk in newness of life in the power of the Holy Spirit. It seemed right after conversion when our sinful

nature had been crucified with Christ that we really experienced a zeal to walk a holy life. Later on Satan tries to entice us with that old way again, trying to lure us back to old sin habits. It is then we need to draw again on the Spirit's power to change us, to sanctify us into God's will for our life. We are to present our bodies as living sacrifices to Jesus and live daily for Him in the power of the Spirit. It is the Spirit who gives power to live life abundantly in service to God.

MICHIGAN, ALTO Liz Blough

Spring! What a beautiful time of year. The sun shines more frequently and is getting warmer; the flowers are peeking through the earth, waiting for the day when they can show their glorious faces in full bloom. Not only do they look beautiful, but their fragrance is also nice. Helen Keller, who never saw the sun, yet knew its warmth, said, "Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow." What a remarkable lesson we learn from such a simple statement. When things start to go bad and we feel everyone is against us, let's keep our faces towards the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

... And the two shall be joined as one ... On March 25 the "two" were Bro. Dale Dunham and Sis. LaBeth Metz. We certainly wish them a rich and happy life together.

The marriage bond that joins two hearts

No power on earth can break
If these two hearts will yield to God
And of His love partake.

D.I.D.

Our hearts were saddened at the passing of Fred Grawburg. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sis. Kathryn (Wingeier) Grawburg. Our sympathy goes out to Fred's children, Bro. Fred Grawburg (Sis. Jane), Ed Grawburg, John and Carol Grawburg and their families.

March visiting ministers were Bros. Dale Strassheim (Milford, IN) and Floyd Wieland (Detroit, MI).

MICHIGAN, BAY CITY Linda Ramseyer

"Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means." II Thessalonians 3:16. Ken Schlatter has been given peace from the Lord and is

now looking forward to his baptism. His parents are Bro. David and Sis. Margaret Schlatter.

We pray that the Lord's healing hand will continue to be with our dear ones who have been hospitalized this past month. Bro. Herb (Sis. Naomi) Ramseyer, Sis. Lena Lambert and Sis. Blanche Wieland were medical patients. Also, Lynn (Mark) Kuch was recently in the hospital. Her parents are Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Lena Wieland. Our thoughts are with Sis. Sue (Bro. Don and Sis. LouAnn) Wieland, as she has been a hospital patient in Quincy, IL.

The engagement of Bro. Scott Wieland and Sis. Tonya Guingrich (Peoria, IL) was announced on April 15. Parents of the couple are Bro. Don and Sis. LouAnn Wieland and Larry and Sis. Sandy Guingrich (Peoria, IL). Our prayers are with them as they plan their future together.

At this time of year we celebrate a special day in honor of our mothers. May each of us realize how precious our mothers are.

ONLY ONE MOTHER

Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only one mother in the whole world.

Kate Douglas Wiggin

MICHIGAN, DETROIT

Dawn Bahr

As we set aside a special day to remember our mothers, I think of how important it is that each of us be godly mothers of faith. In Proverbs 31, we read, "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies . . . 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 . . . Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." Whether or not we are mothers in the flesh, we should be mothers in spirit to those who are observing our Christian walk of life. We who have been given the opportunity

and responsibility of raising our own children have an even greater obligation to be the kind of example we want our children to follow. Paul wrote to Timothy, "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." II Tim. 1:5. Here we see the beauty of living as godly mothers, a true light to help lead our children to Christ.

We wish to thank Bro. Jim Ramseyer (Bay City) for spending a Sunday with us and sharing God's Word through the ministry.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with Bro. Louis Varga, who has been hospitalized due to illness that has required surgery.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Mary Kaisner and their family in the death of Mary's mother, Sis. Julia Ehnle (Peoria).

May God strengthen and comfort each one who is weary in body or soul.

MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS

Deb Tilbury

We would like to thank Bro. Alpha Moser (Morris) and his family for being with us this month. We so appreciate our visiting ministers.

Sis. Sophia Sikoparija has had a stroke and is unable to assemble with us. May God be with her. Her address is Friday Conv. and Nursing Home, 7590 N.W. Lyric Lane, Fridley, MN 55421.

Bill Holbert has accepted a job in Boston, MA. His family will soon be moving East. We had a farewell potluck for Barb and her three girls. We will certainly miss them in church and in Sunday school. We hope all works out well for them.

MINNESOTA, MORRIS

Hildegarde Koehl

Rhonda Zeltwanger

Jamie George Sauder was the name George and Georgann Sauder chose for their new son. Virgil and Mildred Sauder are the happy grandparents. Another new baby was Taylor William Gramm. Bro. Tim and Sis. Gwen and little Savannah are the rest of his family. Also grandparents Bro. Art and Sis. Sandy Nohl and Bro. Harold and Sis. Ela Gramm welcome him. May God guide these families as they raise their children.

Bro. Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop,

MN) brought us the precious word this month. We thank him for feeding us spiritually.

Terry Nohl (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Joyce Nohl, Texas) and Peggy Steffen-son were married April 13. Jeff Neihouser and Sue Zeltwanger were married in Francesville, IN. Bro. Andre and Sis. Lois Neihouser (Francesville) and Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty Zeltwanger (Morris, MN) are their parents. May God be in their marriages and in their lives as they begin this special union.

Ruby Luthi is a hospital patient at this time. May we include her in our thoughts and prayers that God may heal her and be with her. Also "Dutch" Schlupp had surgery several weeks ago and is now home. Our thoughts and prayers go to him also.

Sis. Louise Mohrman had her 90th birthday April 3. She is the daughter of the late Dan and Sarah Messner. She was one of ten children. Sis. Louise was born in Lester, IA, and also lived in West Bend, IA; Missouri; Winthrop, MN; and Hancock, MN. She was married to Gust Mohrman February 28, 1917. Sis. Louise said they took a horse and buggy from their farm by Hancock to Morris and were married and returned home for the wedding dinner that she had prepared by herself. There were several friends and relatives there, too. Sis. Louise was baptized in the fall of 1923 in Winthrop, MN. At that time, church was held in homes and she was baptized on their farm. Gust and Sis. Louise had 14 children (seven sons and seven daughters). Gust farmed almost all of their married life and he died October 24, 1969. Sis. Louise lives alone in her home and is very active. She often travels to visit her 12 children who are still living. At her 90th birthday party, they were all present. Sis. Louise is truly an inspiration to all of us in Morris and many others.

Sis. Louise Mohrman wants to thank all her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends for what they did for her birthday. Many thanks and may God bless you.

"I would like to thank everyone who remembered me with prayers, visits, cards and gifts while I was in the hospital in Texas and while recuperating in Zapata. Also many thanks for remembering us with cards and gifts for our 45th anniversary. May God be with you all."

Bro. Charles Koehl

Recently we have been electing brothers and sisters to various offices and soon we will be electing Sunday school teachers. I read something recently about Elijah and Elisha that made me think about how we can use our talents for God. Elijah was known for his Strength on Mount Carmel; Elisha gained a reputation for his Service as the man who "poured water on the hands of Elijah" (II Kings 3:11). Elijah was an Outspoken Declarer of God's righteousness; Elisha was a Softspoken Demonstrator of God's righteousness. Elijah was an Exhorter; Elisha was an Encourager. And God used them both. With God's help become the best of what you are, not an imitation of what you aren't. Use your talents and don't envy those of others.

MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

Carol Ann Messner

Mary Lou Schmidt

We came across this beautiful poem the other day, and felt we wanted to share it with you.

A TRIBUTE TO MOMS AND DADS

As children, we can't comprehend or fully realize —

The meaning of our parent's love;

How tender, and how wise!

Their patience and forgiveness, are a part of every day.

The unexpected "little things" — they do in their dear way.

Years go by before we know, the depth of their concern;

Or the love in their protectiveness, it takes so long to learn.

How wonderful our parents are, as we look back and see;

Through older eyes and wiser hearts, their love and loyalty.

It's these, and many other things — that makes them grow more dear.

With every thought and memory, with every passing year!

Author Unknown

Rich Messner (Sis. Julia and the late Bro. Jim), Lila Schmidt (Gene and Sis. Ella Mae), Melissa Jacobson (John and Sis. Dorothy) and Lisa Messner (Sis. Carol Ann and the late Bro. Dennis) are graduating from high school. Jason Messner (Sis. Carol Ann and the late Bro. Dennis) graduated from a junior college this spring. We pray for blessings in their future lives. The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wis-

dom! Proverbs 15:33.

At this time, we have only one hospital patient, Bro. Walter Messner. We extend many prayers heavenward on his behalf and for his dear wife, Sis. Florence.

Bro. Marvin Messner wishes to thank everyone who remembered his 50th birthday.

The children of Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose Alice (Messner) Howk, wish to invite relatives and friends to their parents' 40th anniversary on June 16 at the Oak Leaf Park Cabin in Glencoe, MN, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY

Janice Lehman

PROMISE

In the heart of a bulb
Lies the promise of spring.
In a small speckled egg
Hides a bird that will sing.
In the kernel the seed
Lies, the wealth of the sod.
In the soul of a child
Lives the glory of God.

Inez Baker

Just as we all welcome spring with thankfulness, so likewise Bro. Dennis and Sis. April Miller welcome a son, Mark Alan. Big brother, Benjamin, is also happy for the new addition.

Surgical patients this past month are Jane Patton and Sis. April Miller. We pray that the Lord will restore them to a full measure of health.

As we once again remember Mothers on a special day, I would like to share this following article which my mother has had taped to her refrigerator for many years. It so well describes the love that mothers share with their families.

THE DEFINITION OF LOVE

Love is a friendship that has caught fire. It is a quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. It is a loyalty through good and bad. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses.

Love is content with the present, it hopes for the future and it doesn't brood over the past. It's the day-in and day-out chronicle of irritations, problems, compromises, small disappointments, big victories and working to-

ward common goals.

If you have love in your life, it can make up for a great many things you lack. If you don't have it, no matter what else there is, it's not enough.

Author Unknown

MISSOURI, LAMAR

Sandra Luthi — Becky Marti

We have recently commemorated the suffering and death of our Lord and Savior. How thankful we should feel all year long for His willingness to bear the burden of all our sins on Calvary's cross. Yet, as we sing in one of our hymns, 'Must Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone, and there's a cross for me.' ("Cross and Crown", Gospel Hymns #112). We have His promise that if we bear the cross He asks us to bear in this life, that we can exchange it for a crown in that Eternal Home when our life on this earth is ended. So let us each one be more willing to bear our cross without complaining.

Our dear Sis. Marie Stewart is in the hospital at this time. Our prayer is that she will soon be able to return home again.

MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS

Becky Gudeman

"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. We were encouraged to think on this verse in times of stress and by doing so "... The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:7.

We thank Bro. Jon Schmidgall and his family (Oakville, IA) for being with us April 8. May the Lord bless him for his efforts.

We are very happy to welcome Sis. Patty Klopfenstein to our area. She is attending school for a year. We appreciate her presence and fellowship.

Services are held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at the Ben Franklin Motel; 4645 N. Lindbergh Blvd. For further information, contact Dan and Becky Gudeman at 314-275-2227.

MISSOURI, TAYLOR
Loida Hodel — Lori Marquart

SPRING

"Knowing the Creator adds to the beauty of His creation." P.R.V
 Bros. Ray Sinn (Latty, OH), Kenny Dietz (Bradford) and families were special visitors on April 1.

Elder Bros. Roy Grimm and Dave Bertsch (Leo, IN) shared in serving Communion to our congregation on Saturday evening, April 7. It was a blessed evening and the peaceful, quiet atmosphere of the setting made it even more impressive. On Sunday, Bro. Dave showed slides of their recent trip to India, the Children's Home at Leo and interesting news regarding the Silver Lining. Thanks and appreciation to God for sending messengers who are willing to be spent in His service.

"Anew, Lord we are bound to Thee Through Thy blest sacrament, which we Partook, that joined in heart and hand; To Zion's realm and holy land We journey on.

Zion's Harp #200, verse 5

Our sympathy to the Knapp families in our area, Bros. Kenny and Jerry, at the sudden death of their sister Lucille's husband, Tilman Blunier (Danvers, IL). May knowing that others care help to ease the sorrow.

Congratulations to Gene and Irene (Hoerr) Riney at the birth of a little granddaughter, Bethany Jo, to their son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Marsha Riney.

Tami Grimm (Bro. Roy and Sis. Dona) had the misfortune of breaking a bone in her shoulder. We are glad to have Tami back with us in spite of a "sling" and know it takes time and patience to live out the "mending period".

Our Sis. Sue Wieland (Bay City, MI) who is completing nurses training here is a medical patient at Blessing Hospital. We are thankful to note her condition is improved at this time and may God continue to extend His healing powers. "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him". Nahum 1:7.

Once again we were privileged to enjoy the Easter story (Palm Sunday) presented by the Sunday school students, "our future church". May God bless each one and their teachers for

the efforts put forth as well as all of us who could sit and listen.

"When we do not find peace of mind within ourselves, it is useless to seek it elsewhere."

NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY
Ed Aeschleman

We were blessed with two visiting ministers during the month of March. Bro. Homer Reinick and his wife, Sis. Dorothy, spent a Sunday with us when they passed through New York City on their way home from a vacation trip to the Holy Land. Bro. Kevin Ryan and his family also came to serve us from Rockville. We were richly blessed on both occasions and very appreciative of the good teachings and fellowship of love.

NEW YORK, CROGHAN
Alice Virkler

We have been blessed with many teachings from God's Word through the lips of our visiting ministers during the past month. Bro. Dan Stoller and Bro. Kevin Ryan (Rockville) were with us on Sunday, March 18. On Sunday, April 1, Bro. Jim Ramseyer (Bay City) assembled with us. We are thankful that there are still brothers willing to stand before us and proclaim the wonderful Word. We thank these brothers and their families for spending the weekend with us.

On Saturday evening, March 31, a covered dish meal and song service were held as we had many visitors who were here to enjoy the afternoon visiting the sugarbushes in our area. It was a beautiful day and the weather was right for making maple syrup. We also enjoy the visits of these brethren from time to time.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 6, for Bro. Arthur Virkler who was called from this life to his reward after several years of being unable to assemble with us and go in and out as we are privileged to do. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, Sis. Pernal, who so faithfully cared for him in their home while she was granted strength. He also leaves two sons, Alton (Lowville) and Elwood (Castorland); a sister, Sis. Lena (Bro. Jonas) Virkler and six grandchildren. Services were conducted by Bro. Norbert Steiner and Bro. Floyd Graves.

Rick and Terri Hoch and Rebecca have welcomed a little son who came to live with them on March 8. Andrew

David was born on March 5 and Becky is happy for a little brother and new playmate. Their grandparents are Bro. Norbert and Sis. Doris Steiner and Reg and Betty Hoch.

Sis. Esther Ulrich has recently moved into the Extended Care Facility at Lewis County General Hospital after having been a hospital patient for some time. Our thoughts and prayers are with her in her new surroundings. Bro. Howard Virkler is a hospital patient at this time.

On Sunday, April 15, we assembled with the Naumburg congregation when our elder brothers were in Rockville.

Our midweek song services have resumed and we alternate every Wednesday evening with the Naumburg congregation.

NEW YORK, NAUMBURG
Rachel Snyder

We wish to thank Bro. Jim Ramseyer (Bay City) for spending time with us and expounding the Word of God. We always appreciate all who come to visit us. It is very uplifting.

We have had a couple evenings of covered dish suppers this month when we could enjoy blessed fellowship. One of those evenings Bro. Jim was with us.

The family of Sis. Barbara Bachman would like to thank each one who remembered her in any way during her long hospital stay and for the expression of sympathy at the time of her death.

OHIO, AKRON
Joyce Gasser

Bro. Ron Palitto has been chosen to assist in the ministry. We wish him God's blessings in this new responsibility. Bro. Ron's loving helpmate is Sis. Lynell, daughter of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Pauline Hartzler. Bro. Ron's parents are Bro. John and Sis. Martha Palitto.

With much gratitude, we are thankful to Sis. Juliet Graf for opening her home each month in the past to work on world relief projects. It had worked out nicely in the basement of her home. A new committee has been chosen to plan and take care of handling the projects: Sis. Janet Graf, Sis. Joyce Schamback and Sis. Kathy Bako. Room at the church has been made to hold the meetings each month during the day and evening with anyone welcome to help.

Bro. and Sis. Greg Henico were

blessed with a new baby boy they named Adam. Other family members are David, Lisa, Greg, Ben and Mara.

We enjoyed the weekend visit of Bro. Elmer Witzig, Bro. Ed Gramm (Gridley) and their wives. We appreciated the inspiring messages of Bro. Elmer.

Other visiting ministers were Elder Bro. Joe Ramsier and Bro. Gary Maibach (Rittman).

OHIO, COLUMBUS

Andy Hunyady

"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." John 14:26

True faith and the Word of God can never be forced upon anyone, and no one is being compelled by men to accept, but rather this is the free working of God and His Word which He reveals to men in various ways and forms.

In His last discourse with His apostles before His ascension to God in heaven, our Saviour spoke of the fulfillment of a promise made to them earlier. John 14. "But ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Acts 1:5, and "... Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

After witnessing the ascension of their Lord, the apostles returned to Jerusalem and assembled in an upper room with all the disciples, about 120 souls, where they continued with one accord in prayer and supplication. Peter, standing up among them, recommended that the vacancy in the apostleship, caused by the fall of Judas, be filled; thus Matthias was chosen to be numbered with the eleven.

On the day of Pentecost as the disciples were assembled together in one place to pray, "... suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:1-4.

As the news of this great event spread to the people in the surrounding regions, a great number of them gathered to observe and listen, many in amazement and others doubting. And Peter, moved by the Holy Ghost, stood up and spake unto them, preaching repentance, forgiveness of sins and salvation through the crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Spellbound and "pricked in their heart" they asked Peter and the rest of the apostles, "What shall we do?" Peter answered to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38. "Then they that gladly received His word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." v.41.

What a beautiful beginning of a new life in Christ for those who gladly received this precious, free gift. Thus the foundation of the first congregation was laid and this day of Pentecost marks the birth of the true church of Jesus Christ.

As the electrical current provides power to drive countless motors and illuminate millions of light bulbs, so the power of the Holy Ghost directs and guides and brightens the life of His church today to be a testimony and a strong witness on this earth till Jesus' returns.

Our small assembly was blest by the inspiring and uplifting messages brought to us by visiting ministers, Bro. Eugene Fetter (Toledo) and Bro. Fred Domka (Mansfield). On April 8 we enjoyed the singing of Easter songs by the young people's Sunday school class from Mansfield. Thank you for your visits and support!

OHIO, JUNCTION

Les Manz

Paraphrasing #226 in the Zion's Harp, we sat and paused awhile in spirit and beheld the great miracle of Christ's gift in giving His life on the cross while Elder Bros. Eugene Pamer (Akron) and Loren Stoller served us communion. The following morning Bro. Gene described to us a "modern day idol" as "anything that we put our trust and confidence in, anything that we look to for support or strength, anything that we would rather be occupied in than in serving God." Having been reminded of God's great gift

of salvation and warned against letting modern day idols take time needed to serve God, we go on refreshed toward our goal realizing it is unattainable without grace from God.

OHIO, LATTY Patty Ringgenbach Laurie Stoller

We rejoiced with Bro. Richard Laukhuf (Latty), as he was united in marriage with Sis. Geraldine Plattner (Goodfield). Every blessing is extended unto them in their new life together. Brent Stoller (Bro. Willis and Sis. Ellen) and Jodi Eitniear also vowed their lives to each other. We wish them many years of happiness and joy. "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." St. Mark 10:9.

The Japanese culture became alive to us as Sis. Vicky Ramseyer (Bay City) shared her slides and experiences as a teacher in Japan. We sincerely thank Sis. Vicky for giving us this opportunity.

THE FAIREST

They say . . . one time three angels
Were trying to agree
On earth's most lovely treasure.
They journeyed down to see . . .

The first one chose a baby's smile
To take to heaven above.
The second chose a flower,
The third, a mother's love.

Alas! The smile soon faded,
The flower lived a day,
But Mother's love stayed fairest
And never passed away.

Esther F. Thom

On Mother's Day and always, we are indeed thankful and blessed by our mother's love. First-time mother and father are Tom and Kim Sinn. Joni Lill's maternal grandmother is Sis. Lillian Schlatter; paternal grandparents are Bro. Carl and Sis. Tootie Sinn.

We express our sympathy to Sis. Delores Reinhard (Bro. Dan) in the passing of her mother. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1.

Hospital patients were Larry and Charlotte Laukhuf. We pray for God's healing hand to touch their lives.

We congratulate our high school graduates: Jane Sinn (Bro. Ray and Sis. Ann), Kevin Wenninger (Bro. Don

and Sis. Josephine), Jana Gerber (Bro. Jack and Sis. Mary), Eric Rager (Bro. Roy and Sis. June), Bro. Wesley Stoller (Bro. Gale and Sis. Janet), Sis. Marlene Reinhard (Bro. Dan and Sis. Delores), Laura Keysor (Bro. George and Sis. Sharon), Greg Laukhuf (Carl and Donna) and Noel Laukhuf (Bro. Bill and Sis. Janice). College graduates include Valerie Laukhuf (Bro. Ken and Sis. Marge) - nursing, Sis. Cyndee Stoller (Bro. Darl and Sis. Iva) - nursing, Bro. Byron Dunham (Bro. Charles and Sis. Laura) - robotic engineering, Bro. Scott Gerber (Bro. Roger and Sis. Eunice) - electrical engineering and Lavonne Elston (Jon) - physical therapy.

OHIO, MANSFIELD

Lucille Groh

Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. Proverbs 23:22.

How we love our dear mothers. Whether they be young or old, there is something very special about mother. Some of us are still blessed to have our mothers, others have only beautiful memories. The following is a story of a ragged newsboy who had lost his mother. In the tenderness of his love and affection he was determined to raise a stone in her memory. His mother and he had kept house together, and they had been all to each other, but now she was taken and the little fellow's loss was irreparable. Getting a stone was no easy task, for his earnings were small; but love is strong. Going to a cutter's yard, and finding that even the cheaper class of stones was far too expensive for him, he at length fixed his eyes upon a broken shaft of marble, part of the remains of an accident in the yard, and which the proprietor kindly priced at such a low figure that it came within his means. There was much yet to be done, but the brave little chap was equal to it.

The next day he conveyed the stone away on a little four-wheeled cart, and managed to have it put in position. The narrator, curious to know the last of the stone, visited the cemetery one afternoon, and he thus describes what he saw and learned: "Here it is," said the man in charge and sure enough, there was our monument, at the head of a newer grave. I knew it at once. "Just as it was when it left our yard", I was going to say, until I got a little nearer to it and saw what the little chap had done. I tell

you, boys, when I saw it, something blurred my eyes, so's I couldn't read it at first. The little man had tried to keep the lines straight, and evidently thought that capitals would make it look better and bigger, for nearly every letter was a capital. I copied it, and here it is; but you want to see it on the stone to appreciate it.

MY MOTHER

SHEE DIED LAST WEAK
SHEE WAS ALL I HAD. SHEE
SED SHEAD Bee WAITING Fur-

and here boys, the lettering stopped. After awhile I went back to the man in charge, and asked him what he knew of the little fellow who brought the stone. "Not much," he said, "not much. Didn't you notice a fresh little grave near the one with the stone? Well, that's where he is. He came here every afternoon for some time, working away at that stone. Then one day I missed him, and then for several days. Then the man came out from the church that had buried the mother and ordered the grave dug by her side. I asked if it was for the little chap. He said it was. The boy had sold all his papers one day, and was hurrying along the street out his way. There was a runaway team just above the crossing, and — well — he was run over, and lived but a day or two. He had in his hand, when he was picked up, an old file, sharpened down to a point, that he did all the lettering with. They said he seemed to be thinking only of that until he died, for he kept saying, 'I didn't get it done; she'll know I meant to finish it, won't she? I'll tell her so, for she'll be waiting for me' and boys, he died with those words on his lips'."

When the men in the cutter's yard heard the story of the boy the next day they clubbed together, got a good stone, inscribed upon it the name of the newsboy and underneath it the touching, expressive words: "He loved his mother." When the stone was put up, the little lad's Sunday school mates, as well as others, were present, and the superintendent, in speaking to them, told them how the boy had loved Jesus and tried to please Him, and gave utterance to this encomium: "Scholars," said he, "I would rather be that brave, loving, little newsboy, and lie there with that on my tombstone, than to be a king of the world, and not love and respect my mother." That newsboy has left a lesson to the world.

The opposite has happened in our congregation, two dear mothers have

laid two sons to rest. Our deepest love and sympathy goes out to Sis. Mary Stanoyevic whose son, Steve, 63, died in Lompoc, CA and to Sis. Louise Sabo in the going home of her son, Raymond, 55, who died April 13. We also extend our love and sympathy to Ray's dear wife, Betty, and sisters, Sis. Ruth Domka, Sis. Clara Zimmer and Sis. Dorothy Gerber.

Needing our prayers and having been hospitalized this past month are: Sis. Freda Beer (Bro. Ben) surgery, Bro. Donald Cordrey, Sis. Kay Rufener (Bro. Ron) surgery, Sis. Clara Wahl - eye surgery, Don Pierce (Doris) tests, and Vicki Sauder (Gary). Sis. Franceila Beer had a bad fall and has been confined to her home.

There is joy in heaven and earth when a sinner turns to the Lord. We greatly rejoice that Becky (Beer) Vent has found peace and is awaiting baptism. Her parents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Lena Beer.

Our friend, Nellie Morrison February, who lives in Anchorage, AK, has also confessed peace and we praise God who has been so kind and merciful to Nellie in her last days and hours. How wonderful the Lord provides servants to even be present at the proper time when one lives so far away from family and friends. The Lord chose Bro. Ed Alt (Cissna Park) to be led there and he could minister to her spiritual needs.

The weekend of March 17 and 18, brethren who recently went to Haiti presented slides of the World Relief work there. We thank them for sharing their work there.

Reminder: June is collection time for Mansfield. Due to recent changes involving new computerized mailing lists, it is requested that all subscriptions be paid through your reporter rather than mailing the monies directly to Leo. Thank you.

OHIO, RITTMAN

Florence Hartzler Janette Blough

Oh! What joy is mine! I have found peace, and now I am a child of God, a brother and sister with my Lord. How many have uttered such words or some like them as we, too, became a child of God. A very blessed weekend was enjoyed by all, as testimonies and baptisms were held on March 31 and April 1. We greeted our new Sis. Lillian Rupp, Sis. Marjorie Weber, Sis. Gloria

and Bro. Stan Hartzler. Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford) and Bro. Gene Pamer (Akron) aided our brothers in this most important work. We want to thank them for the words of life they gave to us. We're thankful others have turned their back on the world, and now want to walk with the Lord. We pray the Lord will bless Jon Kipfer, Gary Dotterer and Suzanne Rufener with peace that passeth all understanding.

"Love of all gifts is the greatest which the spirit does bestow . . ." The wedding of David Marty and Teresa Mullins was performed on March 31 at Knupp Church, Bro. Henry Dotterer officiating. David's parents are Bro. Dean and Sis. Martha Lou Marty. The wedding date April 8 was chosen by Sis. Janee Schar and Bro. Steve Rufener as "their day". Many friends and relatives rejoiced with them as they became one. The parents are Bro. Rowen and Sis. Judy Schar, and Bro. Ike and Sis. Verna Rufener. We pray the blessings of God will be upon these dear ones.

We are thankful that those who have been ill, can now say they feel better again. Bro. Dave Emch was hospitalized for tests. Sis. Eva Vannostren and John Marty are home, recuperating from surgery.

New babies born the past month, treasures from God are as follows: a daughter, Anna Marie, born to Bro. Jim and Sis. Sharon Rupp, their first child. The grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Martha Walder and the Ralph Rupps. A son, Dustin Ronald, was born to Candy and Ronald Hartzler, their first child. The grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Marian Hartzler, and Wade and Beulah Bauman. Art and Ileen Beery have a new daughter with the arrival of Dawna Rose. Duane, Michael and Bonita make up the rest of the family. The grandparents are Howard and Sis. Lucy Beery. The family of Bro. Bruce and Sis. Lois Maibach have a new addition with the birth of Garth Adair. The girls, Faith, Ann and Dawn are glad for a brother. The grandparents are Bro. Alpha and Sis. Helen Maibach, and Sis. Esther Schlatter (Junction). The birth of Michael David was a happy occasion for Sue and David Plahuta and Michelle. The grandparents are Don and Clara Jenkins.

The month of May is almost over. Have you paid your \$6.00 dues?

SWEETEST MOTHER

She's a little old fashioned, that sweet mother of mine,
There are many whose beauty will my mother's outshine;
She's a little old fashioned as I plainly can see,
But she is forever sweetest mother to me.

She's a little old fashioned, that sweet mother of mine,
Tho even her plainness now my heart-strings entwine;
Other hands may be whiter but none other so dear,
For they smoothed my pillow for many a year.

She's a little old fashioned, she stays closely at home,
So calm and contented although others may roam;
And in tender young childhood 'twas a shelter for me,
And she who so graced it, dearest ever shall be.

She's a little old fashioned, but she's sweeter each day,
I adore her plain features and her thin locks of gray;
There's a glory around her, God abides it may be,
And she is forever sweetest mother to me.

By Gertrude S. Dennstedt

OHIO, TOLEDO Josephine Rehklau Frances Laidig

How blessed are we who have a mother,
Who cares and loves us like no other,
Her faith and concern are constant through the years,
She shares our joys and even our tears.
In a quiet way she makes us aware
There is a loving God and He is always there.

May we take a moment every day to thank our God for this precious gift.

Bro. Floyd Weiland (Detroit) spent an evening with us explaining what had been done thus far in regard to building a home for the elderly in Detroit. His explanation was very thorough and it makes us realize how much time, effort and planning it takes to make these things possible. We thank Bro. Floyd

and all others who so willingly work so that we can have a "home away from home" for those who can no longer care for themselves. What a blessing it is to know that a place is available and that in this home we can still hear the Word of God. May God always add His blessings to these worthy projects.

Bro. William and Sis. Emily Schlatter (Junction, OH) spent a Sunday with us recently. We thank Bro. William for bringing God's message to us.

Sis. Lydia Schlatter is in the hospital for tests. She hopes to be home again within a short time.

We are glad to have Bro. Homer and Sis. Dorothy Reineck with us again after their trip abroad.

The Easter program given by our Sunday school had many good messages. We look forward to this and appreciate the efforts put forth by students, teachers and parents.

OREGON, PORTLAND

Barbara Moser

The privilege of prayer to me is one of the most cherished possessions. Faith and experience alike convince me that God Himself sees and answers, and His answers I never venture to criticize. It is only my part to ask. It is entirely His to give or withhold, as He knows best. If it were otherwise, I would not dare to pray at all. In the quiet of home, in the heat of life and strife, in the face of death, the privilege of speech with God is inestimable. I value it more because it calls for nothing that the wayfaring man, though a fool, cannot give — that is, the simplest expression to the simplest desire. When I can neither see, nor hear, nor speak, still I can pray so that God can hear. When I finally pass through the valley of the shadow of death, I expect to pass through it in conversation with Him.

To pray is to expose the shores of the mind to the incoming tide of the Holy Spirit.

This incoming tide of the Spirit may be so still "that moving seems asleep, too full for sound or foam." But that stillness proves a source of new suggestions. True prayer is not merely the asking for what we want; it is the hearing of what we need. And when we open our minds and hearts to God, fresh glimpses of duty flash upon us, new needs call for help . . . Though at times we may think we are praying in a void, the overwhelming testimony of

experience is that sincere prayers are heard by a "power not ourselves that makes for righteousness."

On Sunday, March 25, we elected new Sunday school teachers: Bro. Dennis Martin and Sis. Brenda Knobloch with Sis. Melisa Moser as a substitute teacher. We also elected Bro. Ray Cooper as a trustee. We pray that God will give each of these loved ones added grace to perform their new duties.

On Sunday, April 8, we were blessed to have our Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger (Altadena) with us. After afternoon services, Bro. Carl and Bro. Clarence Dietrich (Silverton) served us Holy Communion. . . . Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me . . . This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. II Cor. 11:24, 25.

After services we had a potluck in the church basement with some of the Silverton brethren. A blessed time was enjoyed by all. We cherish these times together as they are a foretaste of the joys to come as we all stay true and faithful until life's end.

In the evening we gathered to hear the reading of the memorandum. We were reminded of our walk on this narrow path of life.

We are happy to have Bro. Ray and Sis. Virginia Cooper assemble with us here in Portland. Also, Keith Steffen (Bluffton, IN) is making his home in this area. We cherish each and every one who helps support us in our small congregation.

We are also looking forward to the many visitors who will make the west coast area their vacation spot this summer.

OREGON, SILVERTON

Rosa Lee Kuenzi

Sis. Kris Kuenzi (Bro. Rich and Sis. Rosa Lee) is doing real well after surgery. She is very thankful that major surgery was not needed and wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and words of encouragement.

We heartily thank the Lord for safely bringing our dear Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger (Altadena, CA) to be with us here in Oregon for a few days in April. We enjoyed the opportunity for counsel and fellowship and count it a privilege, indeed, to have our elder in our midst. Perhaps we appreciate this "privilege" so much, because it is not

always readily available to us. On Saturday evening, Elder Bro. Carl and our own deacon, Bro. Clarence Dietrich read the memorandum of the 1983 Brotherhood Conference and then served Holy Communion to the Silverton congregation. On Sunday, Bro. Carl was in Silverton for the morning service and journeyed to Portland for the afternoon service there. The Silverton and Portland congregations shared the Sunday evening meal together at the Portland church. Our thanks are given to God for such a blessed weekend.

We often are reminded that we will hear nothing new, nothing different in our churches . . . just the same, old, beautiful story of the Gospel. Sunday night the Sunday school children, teenagers and young adults presented their Easter program, proving again that it is the same story. Nothing is changed, but it is ever new. It is always a special joy to watch the story of Jesus' death on the cross and His triumphant resurrection unfold through the words and songs of the young people.

PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA

Ed Aeschleman

We hope and trust that the spring and summer months will once again bring many visitors to us from our churches across the country. Our small congregation is encouraged by visiting brethren and we urge those who will be traveling in the east to spend a weekend with us.

WEST VIRGINIA, NEW MARTINSVILLE

Minnie Weltz

The all-day meeting at the country church will be held on June 24 with a guest minister to be the main speaker for the day. We trust many will come to enjoy this day in the West Virginia Hills. As usual the meeting will start with a song service at ten o'clock, a church service at ten thirty and lunch will be served at eleven thirty. The good folks from the Sardis church will be in charge of the refreshments. A welcome is extended to any and all to attend.

The annual meeting of the Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery Association was held in the home of Minnie Weltz on April 2 with a good number from the Sardis church in attendance. Many items were discussed and plans

made for the benefit of the building and grounds when good weather comes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ringgenbach and daughter, Bonnie, spent a weekend with their daughter and family in Alfred, N.Y.

Mrs. Lillie Wade was a local hospital patient for a few days in mid April.

Frank Barth (Parkersburg) visited here recently and had an eye operation, a cataract removed, and an implant placed in his eye. At this time he is waiting and hoping for new glasses to help his sight.

Mrs. Lloyd Durig was a hospital patient recently and is back home recuperating.

Miss Hazel Frei has been ill for some time but is at home and improving nicely.

Our weather is rather cool for the season and rain is bringing spring flowers.

SILVER THREADS

If there is righteousness in the heart,
there will be beauty in the character.
If there is beauty in the character,
there will be harmony in the home.
If there is harmony in the home,
there will be order in the nation.
If there is order in the nation,
there will be peace in the world.

Two sisters are caring for their little ones in the church baby room. It is an older church and the singing from the Sunday school rooms is easily heard in the background. As the young mothers sit rocking their babies to sleep the voice of one of the brothers in Sunday school can be heard leading the children in song. That brother is the husband of one of the mothers. The other mother sighs and says "that must be a wonderful thing, to sit here and listen to your husband sing like that." (It wasn't hard to hear the self-pity in her voice as her own husband was unconverted and the years went by, one after the other, with no change.) The first mother looked up, tears of self-reproach filling her eyes, and said, "I'm sorry . . . I didn't think of it like that. I was just sitting here feeling sorry for myself and a little bitter that I must take care of the children alone since he was called upon to serve in the Sunday School" The Sunday School children were not the only ones who learned a lesson that day.

Sermon . . .

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That is one definition of repentance. Everyone, and I say everyone, including the greatest monarchs, the wealthiest persons, and those who are prominent in this world shall one day repent before God. That is right! He is going to call us before Him and we will have to give an account of our deeds, whether they be good or whether they be evil. That is the Scripture, not my opinion.

Let's stop for a moment and define the process. It is good for us who are God's children and pilgrims of the cross to review, once in a while, how we came to God with a broken heart and a contrite spirit. Do you remember, my beloved co-worker in Christ, when God granted you peace in your heart? You felt the peace of God and that wonderful unobstructed relationship with Him. That is something that we shall never forget. It is often called our "first love".

At the conference we spoke of that "first love" and its importance. We had no animosity toward our brothers and sisters-in-faith. We didn't in any sense have anything but love for our brethren. That's part of the "first love". It is love that should be generated every day of our lives. It is love that gains momentum. Paul spoke about those who ate meat which had been sacrificed to idols. Some of them made quite an issue of this. Paul said, "But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse. But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours becomes a stumbling block to them that are weak." I Cor. 8:8, 9.

I have often thought about that particular verse. I don't think that Paul meant just the eating of meats, but I think that he encompassed many other things. If a brother sees us do something which leads him to stumble, that is offense. We are one family, bought by the precious blood of Christ. We owe it to Christ for His sacrifice to stay true and faithful to Him. Paul said, "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." I Cor. 8:13. He doesn't mean only eating meat. He means eating anything which leads to the downfall of a brother.

I'd like to refer for just a few moments to our forereading. It also

concerns eating. "The disciples had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf." Mark 8:14. There were a lot of men for just a loaf of bread. "And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod. And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have no bread. And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? . . . do ye not remember? When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up?" . . . "Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? Perceive ye not yet, neither understand? Have ye your heart yet hardened? Having eyes, see ye not? And having ears, hear ye not? And do ye not remember?" Mark 8:15. Man is like that; we forget easily. Sometimes our faith is so minimal. We just don't have the faith we should have. I confess to you, beloved, that many times I have asked the Lord to give me more faith. We know that we don't usually get an immediate answer from the Lord. We place something in His hands and request, "Lord, show me which way I should go." The Lord is never in a hurry. That is good for all of us. Then, and I've got to confess this, He gives in greater abundance than we asked. We become terribly ashamed that we hadn't had more faith. Did you ever have that experience? It was one of the points that the Lord made to His disciples.

They brought a blind man to Jesus, we read. "He took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking." Mark 8:23, 24.

I have often wondered (have you ever wondered?) when reading this Scripture passage why the Lord didn't give the blind man complete sight at the first touch of His hand. I think the reason was that this particular individual needed faith that he was going to see.

I wonder about that. But we read, "He put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly." Mark 8:25.

Do you remember, my dear co-workers, when the Lord touched your eyes and you were able to see? Perhaps you

didn't see clearly at first; but then, finally, that wonderful peace came into your hearts, and you saw your Lord. You knew that He was there. Many times in the progress of your life and your affiliation to God, you came to Him again and said, "Lord, increase my faith." The Lord wanted to test His disciples, didn't He? He said, "Whom do men say that I am? And they answered, John the Baptist: but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets . . . But whom say ye that I am?" Mark 8:27, 28, 29.

Peter, who was always the impulsive individual, ". . . saith unto him, Thou art the Christ. And he charged them that they should tell no man of him." Mark 8:29, 30. As we read further, they were not able to understand this. Can you visualize the relationship that Jesus Christ had with His disciples, that wonderful relationship? They loved Him very much, and He taught them daily and hourly. He fed them when they were hungry, and they saw Him give sight to the sightless and hearing to the deaf. They saw Him restore men to life after they were dead. Here, He said to them, ". . . the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again." Mark 8:31. They didn't understand that.

I didn't read the next verses but let's consider them for a moment. "Peter took him, and began to rebuke him." Mark 8:32. Peter was speaking to his Lord and his God. God was personified in His Son, and Peter rebuked the Lord! What a shameful thing to do to his Saviour and Lord. But Peter was not yet converted. That really didn't justify the remarks, but Jesus turned and looked at His disciples. He rebuked Peter, and said, "Get thee behind me Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men." Mark 8:33.

Peter could not imagine that the Saviour, whom he loved and with whom he walked, would be crucified. Then Peter was put to many tests. Do you remember how he denied Jesus thrice? He said that he didn't know Him. He was put to the test.

Beloved, today we are often tested. Let us stand up. One of the most beautiful hymns that we sing is, "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus!" We have got to "Stand Up" for Him, for He gave everything that He had for us.

SERMON BY BRO. ROY L. SAUDER OF PEORIA, IL

Text: Mark 8:10 - 30 and I Corinthians 8

In the Corinthian church, the Apostle Paul found many deplorable conditions. He lamented many times of the conditions with which he worked and labored among the people of God. The early Christians were steeped in tradition, and they continued to hold these traditions without fail, almost religiously.

In the chapter which we read today, he exhorts them about food offered to idols. He talks in the initial verse of this chapter about knowledge. Knowledge can be a desirable thing. Perhaps we have the finest system of universities and schools today that we have ever had in our culture. We can enter any type of profession, and we are living today in a very select society. We are living in a time when we have things which were never imagined by our forefathers. Knowledge has increased. We are not complaining for we know that acquired knowledge isn't all bad. But is it all good? We ask ourselves that question. What does Paul say? "Knowledge puffeth up . . ." I Cor. 8:1.

Now, let me point out one thing. There is quite a difference between knowledge and wisdom. Quite a difference. We read that, "Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth." I Cor. 8:1.

We can also read in the Scripture: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Psalm 111:10 and Prov. 9:10. We do not want to fear our Lord as some great force that would crush and annihilate us, but as a merciful God into whose hands we place our destiny. "If any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing . . ." I Cor. 8:2. That takes us off that pedestal, doesn't it, off that high pedestal of knowledge, where we often place ourselves, and where mankind has placed itself? "If any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know." I Cor. 8:2. Then Paul says this: "But if any

man love God, the same is known of him." I Cor. 8:3.

In the first letter to the Corinthians, a very meaningful chapter, Paul spoke of Godly love. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal (I am nothing). And though I have the gift of prophecy (and that is quite a gift!) and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could move mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing." I Cor. 13:1, 2. That is what Paul says about love!

Paul also wrote to the Corinthians about a ritual which was prevalent in Corinth. It was a deplorable condition. "As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one." I Cor. 8:4. We would never, oh, never, Lord forbid, worship an idol. That is something that we simply do not do.

An idol is usually something made by man of stone, metal or wood. We have that sort of concept. Perhaps mankind's greatest religion in this world is idol worship. An idol is nothing. It is absolutely deplorable to worship something like an idol.

Let us be very careful here. Idolatry is referred to in Galatians, chapter five, as one of the works of the flesh. There is a whole group listed there, and idolatry is one of them. If we place our priority upon those things which we own, lands, bonds, stocks or whatever it might be, that is also an idol, let me tell you. Remember that verse in the Scripture which says, "We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out." I Tim. 6:7.

A man once made this remark to another man, "You see all these vast lands before you, as far as the eye can

see? It is all mine. All mine." The other man looked at him for a moment and then said, "Do you see that up above, that realm of heaven? That, sir, is all mine!"

We are looking forward, beloved, to that eternal home which will one day be ours. We get just a little glimpse of it when we read in chapters 21 and 22 in Revelation. It is a beautiful land. With our finite imagination, we can never, never, beloved, realize just what that will be. Paul said, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." I Cor. 2:9.

I imagine that it was appalling for Paul to look at the Corinthian people and see them eating and worshipping idols. It is appalling to us, isn't it, when we think of it? Let's go back for a moment and evaluate our own lives and our priorities. How much time do we spend in reading God's Word? Did you ever think of that in the number of minutes? We have twenty-four hours in a day. If we become negligent in reading the Word of God, and become cool or cold, it is fertile soil for Satan. He will enter and make his abode in that cold heart. Then he will laugh at us for having fallen prey to such a scheme. Paul also said, "For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many) . . ." I Cor. 8:5. Oh, beloved, many people have their god in their possessions, but one day we shall stand before Him and there shall be sorrow. How many times we have preached that!

The faithful brethren who serve with me preach repentance. "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matt. 4:17. If we did not, we would shirk our duty as God's servants. Repentance is being sorry for one's sins.

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