



And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.  
John 8:32

If the Son, therefore, shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.  
John 8:36

# "Let Freedom Ring"

## No. 738. My Country, 'tis of Thee.

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1. My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty. Of thee I sing; Land where my  
 2. My na - tive country, thee, Land of the no - ble free Thy name I love; I love thy  
 3. Let music swell the breeze And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song; Let mortal  
 4. Our fathers' God, to Thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty, To Thee we sing; Long may our

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fa - thers died Land of the pilgrim's pride, From ev'ry mountain side, Let free-dom ring,  
 rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills My heart with rapture thrills, Like that a - bove,  
 tongues awake, Let all that breathe partake, Let rocks their silence break The sound prolong.  
 land be bright, With freedom's holy light, Pro-tect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

Gospel Hymn #738

"Stand fast, therefore, in the **liberty** with which Christ hath made you **free**, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.  
Galatians 5:1

## THE PERSISTENT NICODEMUS

Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle, Shioda, Japan

Nicodemus was an intelligent person but he couldn't understand what Christ was talking about when He said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God". At times, intelligence can be a barrier to understanding spiritual things.

Besides being intelligent, Nicodemus was persistent. He didn't give up easily. He continued to ask questions such as, "How can these things be?".

Nicodemus was intelligent, persistent and he was also pragmatic, that is, he was willing to check out what kind of results you get by believing and doing what Christ taught, regardless of your understanding of the matter. This is a very valuable virtue regarding spiritual things.

Little is recorded in the scriptures as to how closely Nicodemus adhered to the teachings of Christ. However, it is quite remarkable that when Joseph of Arimathaea received permission from Pilate to remove the body of Jesus from the cross, Nicodemus was there, with the spices which were used in the preparation for burial.

When Nicodemus first visited Christ to inquire what His teachings were all about, it was at night so no one would see him. When he brought the spices it was evidently broad daylight and Nicodemus was now willing to identify

with Christ openly, although He had just been put to death as an impostor. His allegiance to Christ had improved, but not necessarily his understanding. Because of Christ's death on the cross it is likely that he was more perplexed than ever.

We must assume that after the resurrection Nicodemus was also there and that he saw the risen Saviour. No doubt his persistence was rewarded. We, also, when seeking Christ in repentance, may not understand many things about Him nor about His teachings but we should persevere. Faith will come as a gift from God if we show our allegiance to Him.

Even after conversion we may lose our faith but we should persevere in Christ's shadow. Be persistent in talking with God, in reading the Bible and in fellowshiping and conversing with God's people. It is important that you never give up but continue clinging to God and to Christ by doing the things He taught, even if you can't understand Him or believe in Him as you should. The scriptures say, "Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10.

It is good to be persistent in your spiritual life regardless of the ups and downs of your faith. At least, believe enough to obey.

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## REPORT ON TRIP TO HONDURAS

Two-Room Public School Project — January 11 - 25, 1985

(Continued from June Issue)

The third day, Monday morning, we started to pour the concrete footing and by 1:00 p.m. about three-fourths of the footing was poured. The village men helped, or this could not have been accomplished. The work was then stopped for 24 hours until Tuesday afternoon. The reason for stopping work was because we wanted to return to San Pedro airport to meet the 24 people arriving that afternoon. We all remained in San Pedro that night and after supper, held our first meeting together further outlining our objectives and day by day plans for our sisters.

The fourth day, Tuesday morning, the entire group left San Pedro to go to Siguatepeque, arriving for an early lunch and being assigned rooms for the entire week at the Central Boarding House (except Martinez invited my wife and I to be his guests for the entire stay). It usually took three trips to get us all to the building site. After lunch, Bro. Willis and his masonry crew were the first to go to the school site since block laying could be started and completion of the foundation was the first order. By mid-afternoon, all were on the site, including the sisters.

The fifth day, Wednesday, the cement block walls were rapidly going up and the 14 building pilasters, made by the villagers, were cemented into the foundation. Fred Roecker and several helpers assembled five roof trusses, which were built on the ground. In the evening after supper, a regular church service was held in the restaurant as we had the room to ourselves. It was a blessed evening as we had reasons to thank God and to praise Him.

The sixth day, Thursday, the window and door jambs were placed and cement blocks were attached to them. The pilasters on the corners of the building and those in the side walls were framed for concrete to be slushed in. Footings were also prepared for the overhang walkway support posts. The remaining roof trusses were also now complete. At noon, the sisters made a delicious complete picnic lunch (the best soup ever made), for all the workers and it was prepared in Martinez's kitchen and dining room. Everyone

brought food from the States and it was shared by everyone.

The seventh day, Friday, the entire perimeter over the top row of blocks was framed eight inches high and concrete was poured to hold the building together should a hurricane or high wind occur. Also the two wash room concrete requirements, drains and a cesspool were built, and provision made for a toilet to be installed in each closet. Framing for the outside walkway was completed and the first roof truss on the north end was lifted into place by the men. The noon lunch was prepared by the Central Boarding House and delivered to the site.

The eighth day, Saturday, all the concrete flooring was poured for the entire building and walkway. The concrete was all mixed by hand, wheeled, leveled and troweled for both school rooms, storage and toilet closets. At noon, the sisters prepared a second picnic lunch prepared in Martinez's home which was enjoyed by all. The concrete could now harden over Sunday. As we left the site Saturday evening, we all had to marvel at the work that had been accomplished during the week, giving God the honor.

After the roof trusses were assembled, there was considerable concern over how to lift the trusses onto the building. We all realized that this could be time consuming and even dangerous if done by manual labor. I prayed several times over the matter. Ezequiel Martinez and I made several inquiries at a building construction firm if it were possible to have them lift the trusses with their portable crane. They would not give us any hope that the crane would be available. I did meet a local business man, Jorge Jarufe, who spoke English and expressed to him my needs. He was really sympathetic and thought perhaps the Honduras army could help since the school house was public property. He was acquainted with the top officers and took me into the army headquarters to meet the commanding officer. This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience with soldiers walking beside me with guns on their shoulders. Mr. Jarufe did the talking in Spanish and convinced the Captain Ochoa to help as he was in charge (Primer-Battallon-de-Ingenieros) of

the battle construction equipment. He agreed to help and have a lift crane and operator on the school site at 8:30 a.m. Monday morning. There was fear and prayers in my heart, but I felt the Lord was standing by. The army offered to do this free of charge and Mr. Jarufe offered to drive the crane operator to the site Friday afternoon so he would know the way. We realized that the army crane did not have the mobility of the construction firm's crane, so we went to the construction firm once more late on Saturday. They then promised to help us and had their crane on the site at 8:30 Monday morning. So, Monday morning we had two cranes on the site. Our prayers were answered. We accepted the construction firm's crane and the crane lifted up all the roof trusses in one hour. Three men accompanied the crane. The charge was \$100 (the best one hundred dollars spent on the entire school project). The army engineer also realized we made the best decision and left us with good feelings, as we were appreciative of their efforts.

The ninth day, Sunday, after breakfast, we all left in a bus which was leased for the entire day. The cost for leasing the bus was \$100 attended by two drivers, which was very reasonable when divided by 26 people. Also invited on this trip were Luis and Etelia Vega and Mr. Martinez. It was a beautiful Sunday to enjoy the beautiful scenic views of Honduras' mountains. We sang hymns as we went along the main highway between San Pedro Sula and Tegucigalpa. After several hours, we came to Lake Lago de Yojoa, Honduras' largest lake, where we stopped at a resort Hotel Agua Water (Hotel Blue). A waiter came on board our bus and explained the noon dinner menu. Here we made our dinner reservations again planning to return in two hours. Fresh bass fish from the lake was their specialty which nearly all of the group ordered. From the resort, we traveled to Dr. Stephan Youngberg's compound in a remote jungle region near Lake Tojoa, in a place called Pena Blanca, meaning "White Rock". Dr. Youngberg is now 65 years old. He graduated from Linda University in California and his wife is a nurse. People were waiting to see him for medical services the day we arrived, but he took time to show us around his compound. After leaving Dr. Young-

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# MEMORIES OF JAPAN AND INDIA

Elder Bro. David Bertsch

(Continued From April Issue)

## JOURNEY FROM NASIK TO VISIT THE CHRISTIANS IN THE TRIBAL VILLAGES

On Tuesday, January 31, 1984, we left Nasik on a long journey to visit many of the village churches. The road wound its way up the mountains with very beautiful scenery. The travel on these narrow mountain roads is always exciting, with large trucks, animals, ox carts and pedestrians all trying to make their way along a narrow road. I was beginning to become accustomed to the Indian driver using the horn to clear the way. We finally arrived at a mountain top rest house at Saputura called Shree Sai Krupa. The Indian lady owner showed us our rooms and then continued rebuilding her rock and mud cooking place. The old one had broken down. We saw a beautiful sunset over the mountain lake. We then went to our rooms to unpack and unload the children's clothing, sorting to size, so we would be ready for the visit to the villages the next day. Joseph John, our cook, set up his kitchen in one of the rooms preparing supper for us.

We walked up to a government flower garden on top of the mountain and looked over a valley, possibly 50 or 60 miles, seeing many villages with the evening cooking fires sending up plumes of smoke. The pastors explained to us that there were 6 churches, some 35 villages, that Pastor Mulhunker visited, traveling by foot to visit the Christians, preaching and worshipping with them, caring for their spiritual needs. This long journey by foot takes days to complete. Pastor Mulhunker's devotion and steadfastness deeply touched our hearts and brought a deep concern that a means of transportation could be provided for him and this work.

The next morning we packed the van and headed down the winding roads and hairpin curves into the valley. We parked the van at the side of the road and took a steep mountain trail to the village of Kothandar. Along this steep path, Pastor Dougre pointed up in a tree and said, "A tiger was in that tree the last time I walked this path." A

little farther on we heard a lot of shouting and we walked to an area where the Indian natives were harvesting teak logs, pulling them out of the jungle with water buffalo. The pastors explained our presence and we took a polaroid picture of the group. As they saw the picture develop before their very eyes, they were amazed and as we walked on, they still were talking and looking at the picture. How deeply our hearts were touched to think of the millions of precious souls in remote areas, such as we just visited, and the profound effect on their hearts and lives as they can hear of the wonderful love of God and the way of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. In the midst of all the poverty, there was an innermost thanksgiving and praise in the hearts and lives of the Christians.

As we approached the village, the men, women and children came to welcome us and walked with us to the village. A whole village was in poverty, as we could see the great need from their housing, clothing and food. Our hearts were deeply touched by this need that was so prevalent in all the tribal villages. They love their children. One man was rocking an infant in a makeshift hammock. Pastor Dougre had such a kind and loving way with the villagers and we could see they loved and respected him.

We then traveled to the village of Jakhana where Evangelist Laxman Pawar was serving as minister. As we arrived, they were so very friendly, and placed flower leis around our necks as a token of Christian love. There, next to the mud-walled and thatched-roof hut, we held worship services with the Christians, villagers and many Hindu who stood in a circle around where the Christians were seated on the ground. How deeply we were impressed to see the Hindu villagers eager to hear the Word of God. There were Christians there from four villages, having walked many miles. There were about 100 members and their children. They sang two hymns and had a Bible reading in Maharati dialect. We sang two hymns in English and held the worship service with Pastor Dougre serving as interpreter. We then gave 6 Bibles (printed in Maharati) to those men who can  
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## NEED FOR NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR

The churches in Michigan, along with Toledo, OH, are in the process of constructing a 66-bed nursing home adjacent to our new church on property acquired in Livonia, MI, just outside Detroit.

We have a very attractive wooded site that should provide a very beautiful environment for the occupants of this home.

We have a certificate of need for shelter care, and we have an application to upgrade this certificate to acute nursing care. In constructing the facility, we are making provision for both.

We are in need of a nursing home administrator. Inasmuch as it is a fairly large home and we have no experience, the Board and the selection committee are of the belief that the administrator must have had some experience in the nursing care field. We have received some applications for this position and are very grateful for them; but upon review we feel it would be unfair to thrust an individual into this very responsible position without having some prior experience.

Therefore, if any of our brethren are interested or are aware of someone with the proper qualifications, we would sincerely appreciate your forwarding a resume to either Bro. Phil Bahr, 17366 Westbrook, Livonia, MI 48152 or to myself, Ben Maibach, Jr., 14726 Fox, Redford, MI 48239.

We also will be in need of a nursing supervisor and nurses or aids. Here again applications may be forwarded to the above brethren.

We are grateful for the support we have received, and believe it is a privilege to provide help for brethren and friends who are no longer able to care for themselves.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ben Maibach, Jr.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME Uriel Gehring

Summer is manifesting herself in full color at our Home. It seems so recent that spring arrived and now it is history for another year. We march forward so rapidly. We all have a role to fulfill in the great drama of life; let us fill it well, utilizing our God-given abilities to

their fullest extent, that we might please Him who created us.

Our summer schedule for the children is a full, busy one; dull moments are a rarity. How healthy, though, to have things to do, and to feel a sense of accomplishment in doing them. Our children have many opportunities to feel a deep sense of accomplishment, and with each success comes the desire to succeed again. They are laying the foundation for future years of productivity. Some of the summer activities include driver's training, 4-H projects, Job Training Program, swimming lessons, day care work, weeding the garden, mowing the lawns and just keeping the place tidy. All require effort, and the laborer receives his just reward.

I just had a visit with one of our former residents, who is employed in this area. She is thankful for having been in the Home, and for having found employment near the church.

We have two new boys in the West House, Paul M., age 15, and Mike T., age 13. We are looking forward to many pleasant experiences with them, and trust that their stay with us will be both profitable and productive.

Both houses enjoyed a weekend with the Cissna Park church recently. We had a picnic at the city park Saturday evening, and a potluck Sunday school picnic beside a lake Sunday evening. It's always nice to eat under the open, azure skies. Thank you Cissna Parkers for making our weekend so enjoyable.

Remember the Annual Auction and Sale, Saturday, August 24, 1985.

### **APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED**

"Oh, Beautiful" . . .

Midsummer is embodied in the heart of a rose, the sheer beauty of a butterfly's wing, the exultant song of birds or the inexpressible majesty of the stars.

"For Spacious Skies" . . .

Looking upward, we behold the fleecy clouds against the heavenly blue which canopies thronging mankind. Pondering its vastness, we feel an inexplicable quickening.

"For Amber Waves of Grain" . . .

A gently waving field of grain again brings reassurance that a benevolent Heavenly Father provides, whether we be harvesters or gleaners.

"For Purple Mountains Majesty" . . .

Truly, mountains are majestic to behold for their beauty, their seeming strength. But they are not mere "empty vessels". Within and upon them are the gifts of minerals, forests, water and wildlife.

"Above the Fruited Plain" . . .

The fruits of the vast, rich plain staggers the imagination. "By the sweat of our brow" has the soil been tilled, and God has given increase in abundant measure.

"America, America," . . .

Land of a people with a hundred national origins and colors, all blending into a single rainbow three thousand miles wide.

"God Shed His Grace On Thee" . . .

This is still and always our prayer, that there be communion between man and God that this beautiful land can continue to be blessed.

"And Crown Thy Good" . . .

May America's heart always be open to the poor, the oppressed, the impoverished, the hungry . . .

"With Brotherhood" . . .

. . . And may it be a brotherhood which represents a fusing of God's creation into one great nation.

"From Sea to Shining Sea."

From the mighty Atlantic to the great Pacific, may we gather our strength as a nation from Almighty God, reigning in the hearts of mankind from the cradle to the grave.

Volunteers, that valuable but quiet team, which has become so much a part of our Home, are also very much a part of our office. Each has an assigned duty and is meticulously faithful. Their reward is "not yet", but it will be rich and sure.

The annual Fourth of July family potluck picnic is to be held as usual. Letters, giving the details, are being sent to families.

Summer is indeed a special time for the residents, who can enjoy the great outdoors. Sometimes it seems they have a special appreciation of the beauty of nature. They know that anyone can paint a flower; but to give it fragrance, only God has the power.

### **ALABAMA, ATHENS**

#### **Joan Schrenk**

It had been hot and dry here, but the Lord has sent rain. It's cooler now, the grass is green again and the crops look good.

Sis. Evie Blunier (Eureka, IL) is here living in the church apartment for the summer. She'll be teaching in our preschool. Cindy Streitmatter is helping out for a couple of weeks also. How thankful we are, not only that they're sharing their talents, but also for their willingness to show love and help where needed.

We've just enjoyed our first summer outing. We had a fellowship afternoon at the church. There we played volleyball, had a cookout and then sang hymns the rest of the evening. We had a good number in attendance and a lovely time.

At our last Wednesday evening service, Sis. Evie told about her two-year experience while living in Japan.

Elder Bros. David Bertsch (Leo, IN) and Corbin Bahler (Rockville, CT) spent Wednesday evening here this past month.

### **ARIZONA, PHOENIX**

#### **Ron and Ev Hoerr**

On May 19, our graduates were honored at a tea in the Congregational Room. Graduates from high school are Sis. Stefanie Baum, Jeanna Richards, Stefanie Tooley and Heather Frautschi. Grade school graduates are Stacy Emch, Jeff Klopfenstein, Stefanie Frautschi, Debbie Yackley, Todd Baum and Erica Roth. The graduates' parents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Christine Baum, Bro. Ed and Sis. Connie Frautschi, Jerry and Sis. June Tooley, Bro. Don and Sis. Cathy Emch, Bro. Dave and Sis. Lou Ann Klopfenstein, Bro. Al and Sis. Joyce Yackley and Bro. Steve and Sis. Jill Roth.

Donna and Bill Whitson have opened their hearts and home to Summer Melissa, age 9. Summer's brothers are Derek and Jason, ages 9 and 6. We pray the Lord will bless this home with generous amounts of love. Bro. Ezra and Sis. Aldene Steffen (Fairbury, IL) are her grandparents.

On April 21 it was our privilege to hear two inspiring messages when Bro. Ron Palitto (Akron, OH) was our guest minister. We were blessed May 5 when Bro. Loren Knapp (Tucson) came to minister to us.

We enjoyed our monthly church supper and singing April 28.

Our church extends sympathy to Bro. Jim and Sis. Lois Beres on the death of his father. The family flew to Ohio for services.

We also extend sympathy to Bro. John Kaufman on the death of his Aunt Peg (Ed) Bach. Bro. John went to Illinois for the funeral.

We are thankful Bro. Dan Kokanovich is able to return to church after breaking his ankle several weeks ago.

Though able to come to church, Sis. Toni Bentley cannot return to work until June because of a hip replacement.

Bro. Ed Frautschi received a shoulder injury and Sis. Connie Frautschi was seen in the Emergency Center because of a scorpion sting.

On Memorial weekend we were blessed with the visit of the Tucson and California junior and senior high school classes. We also enjoyed our monthly church dinner and singing. Christian fellowship is such a delight.

Bro. Loren Knapp was our guest minister May 26. We always appreciate Bro. Loren and Sis. Evelyn coming up from Tucson.

We are grateful Matt Edelman has found peace and is looking forward to baptism June 16 in Sabetha, KS. May the Lord bless him.

The church extends sympathy to Bro. Floyd and Sis. Clara Banwart on the passing of her aunt, Sis. Esther Klaus. They flew to Illinois for the funeral.

Little Kristy Dotterer and Sis. Julie Hoerr were surgical patients. Bro. Harry Roth was a medical patient in the hospital. Kristy is the daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Jeanne Dotterer.

On June 3, Sis. Marge and Bro. Ron Lindenbaum became first-time parents when little Aubrey Grace smiled at them. Proud grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Helen Leman (Roanoke, IL) and John Lindenbaum and Mary Ann Lindenbaum (Lexington, IL).

Philip Mark Kaufman was born June 15 to Bro. Keith and Sis. Carol. Little Philip is the first baby in the Kaufman household in Colorado Springs, CO. Bro. John Kaufman (Phoenix), Betty Kaufman (Tucson) and Bro. Tom and Sis. Marlene Leman (Aurora, CO) are the grandparents.

Our weather has been well above normal, but our little friends, the Hummers, stop by several times a day.

They just have to be one of God's finest creations.

### ARIZONA, TUCSON

**Sandy Bauer — Lisa Knapp**

Our Sunday school Bible class recently traveled to Phoenix over Memorial Day weekend for the annual ACYF which is hosted by the Phoenix Sunday school. We wish to thank all those who worked to make the weekend a blessing for those who attended. We are thankful that our Sunday school teachers continue in their hard work to make these weekends possible. It is so important for our young students to experience the fellowship and love that comes from being together, especially in our Western churches where a real effort has to be made to bring everyone together.

We were glad to have Bro. Dave and Sis. Lou Ann Klopfenstein (Phoenix) visiting us this past weekend. Saturday night we were privileged to hear Bro. Dave speak about his experiences in Vietnam and how those experiences aided his repentance and spiritual growth. His testimony about how the Lord protected him as a medic in the face of combat was moving for everyone who was privileged to attend.

Now summer is here in full force in Tucson. Temperatures have been averaging around 105 degrees.

### CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

**Sherise Strahm — Marion Petrovic**

This month our small group was simply overjoyed to have many visiting brothers and sisters-in-faith, as well as friends. Ministering to our flock were Bros. Karl Kinsinger (Altadena) and Noah Hermann (Tucson). We were blessed by the Word which was brought forth, and appreciate all the prayers and support generated towards our growing congregation. We can truly feel God's love and His children's.

As soon as Mother's Day elapses, Father's Day rolls into our midst. "Honor thy father and mother which is the first commandment with promise;" (Ephesians 6:2). Not only should we take heed to this passage, but more importantly, we must continually give praise, honor and glory to our Father. Yes, our Father, who is in heaven. "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." (Galatians 4:6). Let us remember on this day

how merciful our Father is towards all His children. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." (I John 3:1). How great our Father is indeed! Let thy kingdom come and thy will be done! Come quickly dear Lord, so we may come home to Thee.

After much thought and prayerful consideration, Bro. Scott Hoerr has moved to the San Diego area from Taylor, MO. We wish to extend a hearty and warm welcome to Bro. Scott.

We will continue gathering for worship services the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Services will be held at Bro. Victor Jevremov's home the 2nd Sunday and at Bro. Peter Petrovic's the 4th Sunday, both beginning at 11:00 a.m. Call (619) 489-5165 or (619) 755-3341 for further information.

### COLORADO, DENVER

**Mike Martin — Marlene Leman**

We are sorry that our Elder Bro. Nathan Steffen (Elgin, IL) couldn't be with us for the proving and baptism of Kathy Leman, because of illness, but we are so thankful that Elder Bro. Leo Moser (Lester, IA) came to accomplish this work. Our God does surely care for His own. During the time Bro. Leo was here we had the privilege, and it is indeed a privilege, of partaking of the Lord's Supper. May God bless our dear elders for their willingness to serve.

We are happy that God has shown the way of truth to our dear friend, Jim Closius, and given him grace to repent of his sins. We are also happy that it was announced a couple of weeks ago that Rod Schmidt has peace and will be baptized the July 6 - 7 weekend, Lord willing.

Bro. Keith and Sis. Carol Kaufman had a son born to them June 14. He has been named Philip Marc. May God be with them as they seek to raise their little son.

We welcome Sis. Lynette Meyer (Sabetha, KS) who will be with us for the summer.

Sis. Katherine Ries has moved. Her new address is: 3405 N. Sinton Road #230, Colorado Springs, CO 80907.

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**CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE**  
**Michelle Virkler**

"Angels see in joyous rapture  
 God's own Word indeed fulfilled;  
 And amid our glad embraces  
 Is this child of God revealed?"

Zion's Harp #34

We all rejoice with our dear friend Kenneth and Sis. Peggy (Luginbuhl) Bernier in the birth of precious Ivy Lynn, born May 11. Grandparents anxious to welcome their first grandchild are Bro. Rudy and Sis. Evelyn Luginbuhl and Robert and Hazel Bernier.

God has surely brought into this world another gift of love. Jason Gottier, the son of our dear friends, Dale and Shirley (Beer), was born May 25 and Mrs. Julius Beer and Warren and Sis. Carol Gottier are the grandparents.

"I place myself in Jesus hands."

Zion's Harp #177

Bro. James and Sis. Linda Beyer have placed themselves in Jesus hands feeling His love and direction to move to Rockville and assemble with us. Their two children, Adam and Jaime are also enjoying newfound friends. I am sure they will be missed in the Naumburg, NY church. We welcome them with our love and prayers.

Our hearts were saddened in the passing of a dear brother-in-faith, 82 years of age. Walter Hany was called home to his place of rest. He leaves his wife, Sis. Marie Hany. Our sympathy is extended to all his family.

When pure and upright hearts  
 By flames of love ignited  
 Are by the bond of faith  
 More firmly yet united."

Zion's Harp #79

On June 9 Bro. Harold Schmidgall (Gridley, IL) and Sis. Ethel Gerber were united in marriage. A reception followed at the Longview fellowship hall. We shall all miss Ethel but trust the Lord will protect and guide her on this new pathway of life. Ministering brethren to share this joy were Bros. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka, IL), Elmer Witzig (Gridley, IL) and Max Reimschisel (Wichita, KS). Our hearts rejoice as Bro. Harold and Sis. Ethel make their home in Gridley.

"Lead me Lord as Thou best knowest."

Zion's Harp #93

Bro. Len Schneider (Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Verona) has been announced

to Sis. Deborah Stomberg (Bro. Ron and Sis. Judy). A July wedding is planned.

On June 16 we were blessed to have in our midst Bros. Harvey Heiningger (Burlington, IA) and Bud Klopfenstein (Ft. Lauderdale, FL). We dearly appreciate the teachings we heard. Bro. Bud quoted scripture which had such an impact as we heard, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me". St. John 14:1.

If we can just take our trials to our heavenly Father we shall find comfort and strength in His Word.

**FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE**  
**Billie Klopfenstein**

Summer has arrived, the temperature is on the rise and we are just going into our rainy season. June also signifies the beginning of the hurricane season, which continues until October.

A surprise birthday supper in honor of Bro. Harry Sutter was held in the fellowship hall. The meal was delicious and enjoyed by all. A gift was presented to Bro. Harry and we all sang a few hymns.

Elections were held the second Sunday in June. Bro. Bob Huber is a new trustee; Bro. Dale Ringger, secretary; Bros. Bill Kuntz and Brad Troxel and Sis. Sally Gress, Sunday school teachers; Bros. Noah Clauss and Ryan Huber, ushers; Bros. Rod Gress and Jeff Graf, P.A. system; and Sis. Helen Luginbuhl, church suppers.

We extend a big welcome to Sis. Terri Martin Huber. Sis. Terri and Bro. Ryan Huber were married June 16 in Detroit, MI. We are all happy to have her in our church family.

**FLORIDA, NORTH FORT MYERS**  
**Marie Keller — Edna Meister**

**WE PLOW THE FIELDS**

We plow the fields, and scatter  
 The good seed on the land,  
 But it is fed and watered  
 By God's almighty hand;  
 He sends the snow in winter,  
 The warmth to swell the grain,  
 The breezes and the sunshine,  
 And soft, refreshing rain.

He only is the Maker  
 Of all things near and far;  
 He paints the wayside flower,  
 He lights the evening star;  
 The winds and waves obey Him,

By Him the birds are fed;  
 Much more to us, His children,  
 He gives our daily bread.

We thank Thee, then, O Father,  
 For all things bright and good,  
 The seed-time and the harvest,  
 Our life, our health, our food.  
 Accept the gifts we offer  
 For all Thy love imparts,  
 And, what Thou most desirest,  
 Our humble, thankful hearts.

Mattias Claudius

Truly we have many reasons to be thankful, including the visiting brethren who have so willingly given of themselves on our behalf. We thank ministering Bros. Roy Luginbuhl (Ft. Lauderdale), Glen Price (Sarasota), Harry Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale), Doug Sabo (Sarasota) and our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI) and their wives for sharing their time and the Word with us.

**FLORIDA, SARASOTA**  
**Elaine Gudeman**

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart  
 . . . in all thy ways acknowledge him,  
 and He shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Here in the south, many travel to visit us throughout the year, and we are thankful when each one stops and takes time to worship with us.

We thank Bro. Mark Bahr (Detroit, MI) for ministering to us this month.

We are thankful to have had Bill and Sis. Barb Masburn and their children with us for a few years. Our lives have been enriched in having known them. We now hear their joy as they are able to move back to Fairbury, IL, where their families are living.

**HE LOVES ME**

It's amazing and incredible  
 But it's true as it can be  
 God loves and understands us all  
 And that means you and me.

His grace is all sufficient  
 For both the young and old  
 For the lovely and the timid  
 For the brash and for the bold.

His love knows no exception  
 So never feel excluded;

No matter who or what you are  
Your name has been included.

And no matter what your past has been  
Trust God to understand,  
And no matter what your problem is  
Just place it in His hands.

For in all our unloveliness  
Our Great God loves us still  
He loved us since the world began  
And what's more He always will.  
Helen Steiner Rice

We offer sincere thanks for the many  
expressions of sympathy and memorials  
received at the passing of our loved  
one. We also appreciated the prayers  
and kindness rendered on our behalf  
during her illness and at this time. May  
God bless each one.

With appreciation,  
Bro. John and Sis. Mary Lou Joos

**ILLINOIS,  
BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL**  
Jan Gudeman — Nancy Kaufmann

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

I believe we all felt the fellowship of  
Christian love as we gathered together  
this past month to surprise our ministering  
Bro. Everett Hari and his wife,  
Sis. Beverly, on their 25th wedding  
anniversary. We would not know where  
to begin to thank them for all that they  
have done for our congregation, giving  
always unselfishly of themselves and  
their time. May the good Lord bless  
them always for their efforts.

We welcome Bro. Jeff and Sis.  
Brenda Thames into our congregation.  
They have moved here from the Cham-  
paign area as Bro. Jeff will be attending  
ISU here this fall. May God richly bless  
them as they settle into their new  
home.

June 18, 1985, is a very special day  
for Bro. Charlie and Sis. Paula Knapp  
as they welcome little Ryan Christo-  
pher into their lives. Also happy with  
their new little brother is Matthew,  
Kendra and Jeremy. The delighted  
grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis.  
Mary Kaeb (Fairbury) and Wilma and  
Norval Knapp (Fairbury).

Our visiting ministers this month  
were our Elder Bro. Dan Koch (Tremont)  
and Bro. Jim Lehman (Roan-

oke). We ask that God bless them for  
their labors of love.

**ILLINOIS, BRADFORD**  
Marilyn Tanner

"But without faith it is impossible to  
please him; for he that cometh to God  
must believe that he is, and that he is a  
rewarder of them that diligently seek  
him."

Hebrews 11:6

#### FINDING FAITH IN A FLOWER

Sometimes when faith is running low  
And I cannot fathom why things are  
so . . .

I walk alone among the flowers I grow  
And learn the "answers" to all I would  
know!

For among my flowers I have come to  
see

Life's miracles and its mystery . . .  
And standing in silence and reverie  
My faith comes flooding back to me!

Helen Steiner Rice

We welcomed visiting ministers,  
Bro. Marshall Heinold (Washington,  
IL), Bro. William Gerst (Alto, MI),  
Elder Bro. Joe Stoller (Princeville, IL)  
and were blessed by the messages.

We have elected Bro. Marvin Knobloch,  
Bro. Elwin Rumbold and Sis. Marilyn  
Tanner as our Sunday school teachers.  
Our prayers are with them as they seek  
God's guidance in teaching our precious  
children.

**ILLINOIS, CHICAGO**  
Kathy Schlatter

How well do we observe one another?  
If I thought my coat needed cleaning,  
didn't get it done and wore it to church  
anyway, would you notice? I probably  
wouldn't notice someone else's coat,  
but I'm the one who needs to take care  
of my garment. As Christians, are we  
more concerned, though, about applying  
the Spirit's cleansing to ourselves — or  
do we listen to a sermon thinking that's  
just what someone else needs? Sometimes  
we may be moved to speak to another,  
but most of the time the coat that needs  
cleaning is our own. "And why beholdest  
thou the mote that is in thy brother's  
eye, but considerest not the beam that  
is in thine own eye?" Matthew 7:3. And,  
if you are like me, we need to remove  
spots from our garment again and  
again and again.

We were blessed with visitors on the  
pulpit and in the audience. Our ministering  
brothers were Bros. Marvin Le-  
man (Bradford, IL), Ron Schambach  
(Elgin, IL) and Simon Wagenbach  
(Tremont, IL). We appreciate their  
ministry in Christ. An interesting note  
was given that Bro. Simon is the grand-  
father of two of our sisters. "Faith of  
our fathers! We will love . . . And preach  
thee, too, as love knows how By kindly  
words and virtuous life . . ." (verse 3,  
"Faith of Our Fathers").

We had another lovely afternoon for  
our Sunday school picnic. We especially  
want to thank Bros. Norm Stahl and  
Gary Knepp for their faithful service in  
Sunday school and its related activities.  
Their terms have now expired. We pray  
their sacrifice of time, study and  
patience will bring forth much fruit. As  
Bros. Clark Baurer and Jake Plattner  
and Sis. Barb Stevig begin new terms  
as Sunday school teachers, we pledge  
them our support and prayers and wish  
the Lord's continued grace in the work  
of all our Sunday school teachers and  
children.

Bro. Brad and Sis. Jean Hoerr and  
their two sons, Jason (4) and Matthew  
(2), are welcome additions to our Chi-  
cago flock. Coming from the Peoria  
congregation, they now live in Hanover  
Park. Brad is working for a construction  
company in the Chicago area. We rejoice  
to have them among us and wish them  
God's continued goodness and blessings.  
On the other hand, to let Bros. (Drs.)  
Gary Knepp and Randy Kellenberger  
and their families go, as the Lord directs,  
is much more painful. We will miss  
Bro. Gary, Sis. Nancy, Doug and Keith  
and their quiet, humble example and  
labor in our midst, but Eureka will be  
glad to have their own back home. Bro.  
Randy, Sis. Karen, Brent, Galen and  
Neal will be welcomed into South Bend's  
church family, but we will be deprived  
of their counsel and concern. Neverthe-  
less, we are grateful for the years we  
had together. "The Lord bless thee, and  
keep thee: The Lord make his face shine  
upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon  
thee, and give thee peace." Numbers  
6:24-26.

Bro. Lenny Meyer recently had  
minor surgery. He has made a good  
recovery, for which we are all grateful.  
May we continue to pray for those we  
know are in physical, emotional or  
spiritual pain. May we ask the Lord to



direct our thoughts and prayers even to those whose pain or heartache we know not. We are taught each one has a cross. Should we not bear one another up more earnestly in prayer?

"My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing..." (America", verse 1). In this month we again celebrate our country's free birth. Perhaps we may think back to our forefathers who came from lands afar to this land of opportunity. They sailed away from the known to reach out to the freedoms of an unknown, rugged land. We know well how hard they worked to give us the spiritual and material opportunities we enjoy. The liberty of this land they appreciated and kept untainted for their posterity. May we remember their prayerful gratitude and careful use of governmental liberty and of spiritual liberty. "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Galatians 5:1. May our freedom in Christ, because we are released from the restrictions of sin and Satan, give us cause for more rejoicing, more loving, more giving - but never the time for loose living.

"Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing: Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!"

("America", verse 4)

#### ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

##### Myrna Weerts — Wilma Walder

June 2 was a day of blessing for our congregation as Bro. Herbert Hofer was baptized. We welcome him as our new brother-in-faith and wish him the grace and guidance of God in his new life.

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh." Ephesians 5:31. June 9 our congregation witnessed the marriage of Bro. Russ Walder and Sis. Darlene Kaeb. The parents of the couple are Bro. Dale and Sis. Dorothy Walder and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mary Lou Kaeb.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Sally Rinkenberger welcomed the arrival of their daughter, Katie Elizabeth May 26. She joins sisters, Rebecca, Melissa and Valerie. Grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Marge Rinkenberger and David and Sis. Margaret Kupferschmid.

On June 14 Bro. Eric and Sis. Lou Ann Kaeb became first-time parents of a son, Chad Eric. Grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mary Lou Kaeb and Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Loretta Schneider. May the Lord guide and direct the parents in the upbringing of these dear little souls.

We are mindful of the hospital patients this past month, Bro. Harry Walder and Greg Martin, who is presently at Mayos. Bro. John Wahl has been moved from the V.A. Nursing Home in Danville to the Watseka Hawthorne Lodge Nursing Home. Let us remember them in our thoughts and prayers.

Our Sunday school children enjoyed Vacation Bible School June 10 - 21. Classes for nursery through eighth grade were held each morning and four evening classes were held for our Bible class students and young members. Friday evening, June 21, we are looking forward to hearing the program of the children telling us what they have learned during Vacation Bible School.

Our visiting ministers this month were Bro. Raymond Roth (Kiowa, KS), Elder Bro. Robert Walder (Congerville, IL), Bro. Kevin Knapp (Bloomington, IL), Bro. Kenneth Schneider (Remington, IN), Bro. Art Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN), Elder Bro. Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO), Bro. Todd Feller (LaCrosse, IN), Bro. Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville, IL) and Bro. Robert Beebe (South Bend, IN). We are thankful for our faithful brothers who are willing to lend of themselves on our behalf.

"I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house..." I Timothy 5:14. On June 16 our congregation shared in the joy of the engagement of Sis. Denise Kaufmann and Bro. Hartzell Kaeb. We wish them God's blessings in their approaching marriage. Parents of the couple are Bro. Walter and Sis. Aldean Kaufmann and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mary Lou Kaeb.

#### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

##### Tammy Knapp — Joan Schrock

As we approach our nation's Independence Day, we should stop and remember all those who have given their lives for our country. How thankful we are for them, but how much more thankful we should be for Christ giving His life for us so that we can have

eternal life. Truly we are a blessed people.

Our dear Bro. Joe Schumacher has passed from this world of toil and care into that eternal life. We miss his quiet presence among us, but we look forward to meeting him again someday. Our love and prayers are with his wife, Sis. Francis, and his children.

We also want to extend our love and prayers to Sis. Carolyn Ott who is hospitalized. May God grant her the strength for her recovery according to His holy will.

Even as we weep with those who weep, we also rejoice with those who rejoice. God has placed another little blessing into the hands of Bro. Mike and Sis. Pat Rinkenberger. Chet, Bonnie and Wendy are thrilled to have another brother, Vic Joseph. Happy grandparents are Bro. Charlie and Sis. Martha and Bro. Rich and Sis. Marge Rocke (Eureka).

Our visiting minister this month was Bro. Wayne Anliker (Forrest). May God richly bless him and his family for his labors. Also with us one evening was Bro. Perry Klopfenstein (Gridley). He spoke to us on the history of our precious faith. May we strive to keep the teachings of our forefathers so that we can hand them down to the next generations as they have been handed to us.

#### ILLINOIS, ELGIN

##### Ruth Ann Getz

David, the Psalmist, seemed to have an intimate communion with his Lord and it is so comforting to read those words penned down so many years ago and find them still relevant today. As Corrie ten Boom described, it is as if the ink is scarcely dry on the page. Who else but an omniscient God could have inspired David to write a psalm such as Psalm 139? "O Lord, thou has searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thoughts afar off... Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Whether our lot is joy or sorrow we find peace and comfort in knowing that God knows us; not only in the present time, but he knew us before we were; and He sees beyond the horizon where we cannot see. "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it" (verse 6).

Both joy and sorrow have been our company this month and we wish to commend both to God for His keeping.

The engagement of Bro. Fred Wahl (Sis. Ida) and Sis. Libby Bahler (Bro. Edwin and Sis. Lois, Remington, IN) was made known to the congregation May 26 and we rejoice in their happiness. August 4 has been set as their wedding date.

On June 16, the engagement of Bro. Robert Buckheister (Mr. and Mrs. William Buckheister) and Sis. Lynette Gudeman (Bro. William and Sis. Evelyn) was also made known to the church. August 11 has been set for their wedding date. May the Lord illumine their path as they seek to serve Him together.

The death angel has visited two beloved families in our congregation and we pray that our all-knowing God will be with each family in their grief.

Bro. Albert Scheitlin, Sr., passed away June 5 at the age of 87 years. Bro. Albert ministered the Word of God in Elgin for 35 years (1940 to 1975) and we wish to remember him for his service to us. To his widow, Sis. Anna (Foell), and his family, we wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy, because, even though they know that it was the Lord's will to take him home, yet there is pain in parting.

On June 16 Bro. Joseph Lauber, 84, was also called to his heavenly home and we will miss his faithful walk before the Lord. To his widow, Sis. Bertha (Lanz), and his family, also, we extend our heartfelt sympathy. May they call upon the Lord for their comfort.

Two precious souls, Amy Gasser and John Kinsinger, have turned their backs on Satan and the world and are seeking their Lord in repentance. We know that these young people, too, have been bought with a great price and that the Lord so willingly shares His gift to mankind, all who so wisely seek after it. With the psalmist we repeat, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Vacation Bible School has once again been a blessing to us. Many of the children were able to participate and the story of Jesus and His love was once again taught. We trust that the seed that was sown will some day spring forth and bear fruit in the lives of these privileged children.

Sis. Mary Gasser has been chosen to teach the fourth grade children in the Sunday school and Bro. David Martin was chosen to teach the older children. We appreciate their willingness to serve and feel certain that God blesses those who do so. Our thanks also are in order for Bro. Brad Gudeman and Sis. Millie Jepson, who formerly filled these positions. May the Lord reward them richly.

Sis. Martha Fritz (Morton) has spent some time in the hospital here in Elgin while she was in the care of Bro. Walt and Sis. Mary Gasser. She will be returning to her home in Morton soon and we are thankful that she has had a reasonable recovery.

We warmly welcome Bro. Kevin and Sis. Denise Kilgus, as well as their little daughter, Amber, back to the Elgin congregation. Kevin has found employment here and so we become the benefactors of their presence among us. May they find love unfeigned in this brotherhood as we fellowship together.

#### ILLINOIS, EUREKA

Kathy L. Rocke

"They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

Isaiah 35:10

The death angel has visited many homes and hearts this month. Sis. Esther Klaus (late Bro. Arthur) was able to lay down her cross and be relieved of her sufferings. Surviving are five sons, Fritz, Tom, Jim, Bros. John and Bill, and one daughter, Elizabeth Snyder.

Our sympathy is extended to Helen Fisher (Bro. Eli), and Bros. Ben and Walter Schumacher in the passing of her father and their brother, Bro. Joe Schumacher. Services were held at the Congerville, IL, church.

Also, Bros. Ernie and Leroy Fehr, and Sis. Edna Fehr have our prayers as their brother, Jesse Fehr, was quickly taken from this life.

Our sympathy goes to Sis. Doris Rocke (Bro. Norman) in the passing of her father, Bro. Albert Scheitlin (Elgin, IL). May God comfort each one who has lost a loved one, and may we all be prepared to meet our God when He calls us.

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord." Psalm 127:3. Bro. Myron and Sis. Elaine Blunier welcomed Jona-

than Dale May 29. Jill and Michael complete this little family. Grandparents are Bro. Vernon and the late Sis. Verda Blunier and Bro. Bob and Sis. Dorothy Wagenbach (Tremont).

Lois Martin (Bro. Roland and Sis. Delores) and Jeff Oltman (John and Rosemary) have announced their engagement and are making plans for a September wedding. May God bless them in this important step.

Saturday evening, May 25, we were privileged to gather at the Roanoke fellowship hall and hear Bro. Andy Hunyady tell of his experiences in Hungary, Romania and Yugoslavia. We could see what our World Relief Committees are accomplishing. It was interesting to see where our food packages go and the deep appreciation of those who receive them. It was truly a humbling evening when we see how our brethren must live in Communist countries, but strengthening, when we see that their faith wavers not. May we truly appreciate the blessings that God gives us here in America, and may we be willing to share with those who are in need. Let us also remember to pray for our brethren in foreign lands.

John Cottrell (Bro. Bill and Sis. Judy) had the misfortune of breaking an ankle a few days after school was out.

The weeks of June 3 and 10 were set aside for Vacation Bible School. May the seeds that were sown in each heart bring forth the proper fruit in due time. May each one that gave of their time also receive a blessing from the Lord.

We were thankful Bro. Willis Wiegand (Goodfield, IL) came and ministered unto us June 16. May God bless him.

Sis. Mattie Clauss has moved to Leo, IN. May she feel God's nearness in her new home.

#### ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

Carol Bazzell — Joann Zehr

We are thankful that Anthony Fehr (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Norma) has answered God's call and we wish him God's blessings.

Our visiting ministers have been Elder Bro. Steve Rinkenberger and Bro. Ken Eisenmann (Cissna Park, IL), Bro. Carroll Gerber (Bluffton North, IN) and Bro. Paul Gasser (Akron, OH).

Congratulations are extended to our high school graduates who are Roxanne Broquard (Dean and Sharon), Julie Farley (Charles and Arlene),

Charles Fehr (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Norma), Eric Schieler (Bro. Harvey and Sis. Janice), Teri Slagel (Ron and Sis. June) and Sis. Mary Lynn Steidinger (Bro. Donald and Sis. Alice). As they make plans for their future life, we wish them God's guidance and help.

Reminder — Fairbury Silver Lining collections (\$7.00) are due in August. Due to the computerized mailing list, please pay Bro. Lloyd Zimmerman rather than sending your money directly to the Silver Lining staff. Thank you.

### ILLINOIS, FORREST

#### Sharon Adams — Patsy Stoller

We are always appreciative of our visitors. This past month our cups were filled to overflowing by visits from ministering Bros. Steve Martin (Eureka, IL), Vernon Schwab (Wolcott, IN), Roy Wernli (Lamont, KS), Ron Palitto (Akron, OH), Bill Gudeman (Elgin, IL) and Merrill Laukhauf (Latty, OH).

May God bless the union of hearts of our friends, Dan Schmidgall (Bro. Dave and Sis. Alma Jean) and Mary Johnson (Fairbury), who were married May 25.

Our loved ones who have been hospitalized this month were: Bro. Paul Honegger, Sis. Josephine Schlatter (Bro. Dan), Sis. Anita Sohn (Bro. Emil), Sis. Leona Steffen (Bro. Mel), Sis. Martha Huber and Sis. Nathalia Wenger.

Vacation Bible School was held June 10 thru June 14. It was heartwarming to see the eagerness of our children. May God add the increase to the seeds that have been sown.

On the beautiful cool spring evening of June 17, our congregation gathered at Forrest Park to enjoy our annual Sunday school picnic.

A precious little bundle from heaven was welcomed by Bro. Fred and Sis. Brenda Leman. Caleb Frederick Leman was born June 9. His grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Donna Leman and Bro. Leland and Sis. Laurene Zimmerman (Eureka).

Bro. Mannie Rieger has moved to Fairview Haven. His presence has always been enjoyed by all of us.

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and expressions of love since my accident. May God bless you all.

Sis. Martha Huber

### DON'T GIVE UP

When things go wrong as they sometimes will

And the road you're trudging seems all uphill,

When the funds are low and debts are high

And you want to smile but you have to sigh;

When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest you must but don't you quit!

Life is queer with its twists and turns  
As everyone of us sometimes learns—

And many a failure turns about  
When he might have won had he stuck it out.

So don't give up though the pace seems slow

You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than

It seems to a faint and faltering man.  
Often the struggler has given up

When he might have captured the victor's cup —

And he learned too late when the night slipped down

How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out —  
The silver tint to the cloud of doubt

You can never tell how close you are;  
It may be near when it seems afar

So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit

It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit!

George Webster Douglas

### ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

#### Bev Joos

In life we must cope with many types of relationships — parent/child, husband/wife, employer/employee, teacher/student, friend to friend and neighbor to neighbor. Most all relationships can be improved with commitment. Want to improve a working partnership? It takes commitment. Desire a stronger union or bond with Christ? It takes commitment.

The most rewarding and also the most difficult (those that require the most effort from us) commitments are our lifetime commitments. If God has allowed us to participate in the important relationship of husband and wife, He commands this to be a lifetime commitment of love, caring and sharing. If God has chosen to bless us with a

family, this also involves a lifetime and commitment. Although children do grow up and eventually may leave home, they are still ours to care about, enjoy, pray for, and love for a lifetime. We must commit ourselves to the goal of helping our children discover God's infinite love.

The ultimate commitment is the one we make to our heavenly Father. As we stood in the baptismal waters, we erected a covenant to remain faithful and true as God promised never to forsake us. This relationship with our Lord will never strengthen, prosper or flourish unless there is a firm commitment on our part. David wrote in Psalms 37:5, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."

God created some special excitement in the lives of Bro. Bruce and Sis. Charlene Hohulin. They were blessed with a beautiful baby boy June 1. Aaron Robert is welcomed home and lovingly cared for by four sisters, Holly, Gretchen, Anna and Elizabeth. The happy grandparents are Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Laura Hohulin and Robert and Betty VanNattan (Pekin).

As our children were learning the wonderful Bible stories in Vacation Bible School during the week of June 17 - 21, we adults were privileged to hear three visiting ministers discuss the following topics: Bro. Earl Ringger (Gridley) spoke on "Love"; Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington) spoke on "Forgiveness"; and Bro. Marshall Heindold (Washington) spoke on "Patience".

These Godly virtues were presented with the important desire of bringing the family together with values that count. We were also richly blessed to hear beautiful hymns sung by three special groups of singers. We are indebted to "Joyful Life" (Peoria), "Brothers in Faith" (Washington) and the group, "The Young Singers" from our congregation and those congregations nearby. We sincerely thank each and every participant whose efforts brought us great spiritual enrichment.

We've been remembering Bro. Kores Knapp, Bro. Art Wiegand, Harold Debolt and Debbie Hodel in our prayers as all have spent some part of this past month in the hospital. May God grant them strength, comfort and renewed health.

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### ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY Carol Klopfenstein

"Obedience is the very best way to show that you believe. Doing exactly what the Lord commands, Doing it happily. Action is the key, do it immediately; Joy you will receive. Obedience is the very best way to show that you believe."

Ruth Greene

"Obedience in all things" was this year's theme for our Vacation Bible School week. The children provided a blessing for us all, when they sang their songs and recited the verses they learned at the evening program June 14.

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities . . . and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5. We were especially blessed to be able to share in holy communion May 22. Elder Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield) was with us to assist our elder brother and further remind us of Christ's suffering and death in our behalf.

Bro. Rollyn and Sis. Brenda Kuntz are the delighted parents of Jacob Rollyn, who was born May 20. Jacob's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wells and Bro. Clyde and Sis. Wilma Kuntz (all of Gridley).

Our ministering Bro. Harold Schmidtall was united in holy matrimony with Sis. Ethel Gerber (Rockville, CT) June 9.

Our hospital patients have included: Sis. Pauline Witzig (George), Bro. Lewis Yergler and Bro. Elmer Meiss.

We appreciated the visits of ministers Bro. Floyd Schmidtall (Morris, MN), Bro. Charles Hemmer (Peoria, IL) and Bro. Kenneth Schneider (Remington, IN).

### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Audrey Martin

"He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame."

Proverbs 10:5

The summer is now at hand and the time for gathering is here. We have so many golden opportunities to be gathering Christ's riches and storing up every precious gem so that we will not run short when that great harvest day is here. We have enjoyed collecting

the treasures of God's Word as we gathered together for Bible study. Bro. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington, IL) shared with us Christ's mission when He came to earth and how much of His mission is our mission. Bro. Jim Byrd (Roanoke, IL) taught us how important it is to be content, not only with the material things which we have been given, but also with the spiritual tasks God wants us to do. Instead of thinking, "I want to do more for the Lord. I want to go on some important mission for Him," are we content to do the small things in our daily work, wherever we are, such as genuinely caring for the people around us and letting Christ shine through in our attitude? Are we content to bear some affliction for a long period of time that God might be glorified in the end? Are we content with the knowledge we have been given, and are we putting it to use to bring forth fruit by the grace of God that He might receive the glory, or are we only gathering knowledge that we might bring honor to ourselves and become puffed up? God wants us to be content in whatever state we are in and to be committed to serving Him with our whole heart with the tools He gives us.

Bible study continues to be held every other week in Schroeder 244 on Thursday evenings at 7:30. We appreciate all who come to worship with us.

### ILLINOIS, MORTON

#### Phyllis Farney — JoAnn Roecker

The family of Alfred Carius wishes to thank all who were so kind during the loss of their loved one. Your expressions of sympathy will not be forgotten. May God bless all who were so kind.

May our heavenly Father richly bless all of our graduates. Some have graduated and will be starting high school. Some have graduated from colleges and other schools of higher learning and will be seeking a vocation. May all our precious graduates always remember to continue their reading and study of God's holy Word. May they never "graduate" from the best textbook of all, the Bible.

Silas Hofmann, Sr. was called into eternity. His funeral was May 26. May our heavenly Father comfort and bless his family and friends, also.

We were saddened to have to say "farewell" to Bro. Steve and Sis. Mary Ann Zimmerman. The Lord had di-

rected them to move to Ohio and they will be making Latty, OH, their home church. May the Lord continue to bless them. Morton's loss is Latty's gain.

Vacation Bible School was held June 3 through 7 for our children and young people. We wish to thank our children and young people for interest. It is wonderful to see them wanting to learn "More About Jesus". May our heavenly Father richly bless the teachers who so willingly give of their time and talents to instruct them in His ways.

Bro. Mark, Sis. Esther and Amy Stephens welcome into their hearts and home, Bradley Alan. Bradley was born June 14. His happy grandparents are Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma Herman and Bro. Frank and Sis. Shirley Stephens.

We have loved ones who are in the hospital, sick and/or shut-in. May we continue to uphold them in prayer, with a card and/or phone call. May they continue to feel our prayers.

"America", "My Country Tis Of Thee" and the "Star Spangled Banner" are just some of the hymns that express our innermost feelings of the Fourth of July. May we continue to pray for our country and those who lead our country. The Lord has spared war from coming to our country. Many other countries are not as fortunate. May we never take all these freedoms for granted. May our heavenly Father continue to bless our country, the United States of America.

### ILLINOIS, PEORIA

#### Margo Marx — Susi Herman

Tim and Toni Hoerr are very excited about the arrival of Alyssa, their first little bundle of joy. She is warmly welcomed by her grandparents. Bro. Jim and Sis. Virginia Hoerr.

It's a boy for Diane and Howie Leman! Jeremy was welcomed home by his two brothers, Jonathon and Andrew, and his sister, Julie. His grandparents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Virginia Hoerr and Bro. Vernon and Sis. Viola Leman (Eureka, IL).

We are happy to report the birth of Lisa Ann Boaz to Alan and Lois Boaz. Lisa Ann was born March 26 and her big brother, Robbie, welcomes her home. Bro. Harlan and Sis. Mazie Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Royce Boaz are the grandparents.

Also newly born June 17 was Allison, little daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Joanne Hoerr. Allison has two sisters,

Kristi and Courtney, and one brother, Joe III. The happy grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Wilma Hoerr and Bro. Dick and Sis. Gladys Binkele.

Visiting our congregation recently was Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL). We appreciate the continual efforts of our ministers who bring us the precious Word of God.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Sis. Emelia Dallinger.

Hospital patients this past month have been Sis. Martha Huber, Sis. Mary Berchtold, Juanita Kiefer, Bro. Phillip J. Hoerr and Bro. John Brewer.

It was a joy for two hearts as they were joined together in the Lord June 2. Sis. Brenda Guingrich (Larry and Sandy) and Bro. Scott Hoerr (Bro. Ken and Sis. Darlene) were united in marriage. We wish them God's blessings as they begin a Christian home together.

June 16 was the beautiful wedding day for Sis. Lori Hermann and Bro. Chip Hemmer. Parents are Bro. Rich and Sis. Marilynn Hermann and Bro. Chuck and Sis. Marian Hemmer. May God's blessing be upon their home as they begin their life together.

#### ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE Marjean Lehman

"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word of my mouth, and give them warning from me.

"When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

"Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

"Again, when a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

"Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely

live; because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul."

Ezekiel 3:17-21

We are thankful for the visiting ministers this past month who brought the Word of Life to us. They were Bros. Kevin Knapp (Bloomington, IL), Jay Rinkenberger (Goodfield, IL), Steve Martin (Eureka, IL), Don Manz (Junction, OH), Kenneth Dietz (Bradford, IL) and Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL). May God bless each of them and their families.

Whether in preaching or in teaching, may we heed the words above that were spoken by the Lord to Ezekiel the Prophet.

Newly appointed Sunday school teachers are: Bros. John Schafer and Bob Wieland, and Sis. Cindy Streitmatter. May they depend upon Almighty God for instruction.

We take this opportunity to once again thank Bro. Perry Klopfenstein and his family for coming to be with us on June 1. He told us of many sacrifices of love for God that our forefathers went through to be able to preserve the faith as we know it today. It causes us to reverence our God and appreciate the faith more than before. We are the fortunate recipients of this faith. Let us preserve this faith as it was given to us.

This union of our hearts shall stand through grace in Jesus; We walk the path of life, While cheer and trust increases. Where God in truth abides, Where two join hand and heart, We find a three-fold cord, Not lightly rent apart." The Union of Hearts, Zion's Harp #79.

On May 26 we heard the engagement announcement of our Sis. Jane Herrmann and Bro. Kyle Scholl. Parents are Bro. Eugene and Sis. Betty Herrmann and Bro. Bob and Sis. Arlene Scholl (all of Princeville). May they truly experience the blessings of this three-fold cord. We wish them God's richest blessings in their life together.

"When burdened with care, When thou wouldst despair, Then call on thy loving Redeemer. He'll lighten the load, And level the road, And bear thee on hands of compassion. In patience then bear, All trial and care; Above streams of bliss will refresh thee." The Best Refuge, Zion's Harp #46.

Hospital patients this month were: Sis. Mary Scholl and Kari Feucht (Bro. Jordan and Sis. Kathy). May God bless them with healing according to His will.

Thank you note: "Our sincere thanks for the many expressions of sympathy and memorials received at the passing of our loved one. We also appreciate the prayers and kindnesses rendered on our behalf during her illness and at this time. May God bless each one. With appreciation, John and Mary Lou Joos."

Faith honors God; God honors faith.

Reminder: Princeville Silver Lining collections (\$7.00) are due in July.

#### ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

##### Carol Rumbold — Carol Knapp

Thou hast the dew of thy youth. Psalm 110:3, "In every age young people, endowed as they are with a captivating innocence and freshness, have always been regarded with affection and hope for the future. The ageless message of God's Word teaches us that our youth today can overcome all the problems and distractions of our times and become people of sound and strong character." This quote was taken from "Young People of the Bible", which was presented to our fourth graders by local merchants. Our children learned more of the ageless message during Vacation Bible School. Now as we are in the midst of another busy summer, let us as parents not neglect the opportunities God gives us to share character building messages and activities with our own children.

It is with joy that four new little babes are received into our congregation. Bro. Jim and Sis. Marge Braker welcomed little Seth D. May 24. Jay and Betsy think their new little brother is pretty special! Seth's grandparents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Edith Sauder and Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara Braker (all of Roanoke). On May 29, Susan Marie arrived to gladden the home and hearts of Bro. Clark and Sis. Lisa Leman. Marjorie is happy to have a little sister to help care for and love. Bro. Frederick and Sis. Marjorie Knapp (Congerville) and Bro. Bruce and Sis. Marjorie Leman (Roanoke) are Susan's grandparents. Megan Leigh joined Bro. Steve and Sis. Joyce Hodel's family June 6. This little miss has two sisters, Katie and Annie, to shower her with hugs and kisses. Megan's grandparents are Bro. Dick and Sis. Mabel Getz and Bro. Ben and Ruth Ann Hodel (all of Roanoke). Bro. Dan and Sis. Cheri Maher have a new little boy, Cody Michael, who came to live with them June 11. Big brother, Joshua, could

hardly wait to get to Vacation Bible School to tell his friends about Cody's arrival. His grandparents are Bro. Ervin and Sis. Alice Kempf and Charles and Dorothy Maher.

Tammy Getz and Ed Mayhall were united in marriage June 15. We pray that God's grace and love will abide with this young couple as they travel life's way together. Their parents are Bro. Jerry and Sis. Bonnie Getz and Edward and Bonnie Mayhall.

We appreciated the visit of ministering Bro. Raymond Roth (Kiowa, KS).

Our hospital patients have been Bro. Joe D. Leman, Bro. Charles Kupferschmid and Sis. Ethel Rassi. May the great Physician touch their lives! Our hearts are filled with gratitude to God as our Sis. Betty Hodel is again able to assemble with us!

Thank You — We want to thank our brethren and friends for your love and support given to our family during Betty's hospital stay, and since returning home. We appreciate very much your prayers, cards, gifts and food, especially the many delicious meals provided. Also the many hours of babysitting for the grandchildren. May God bless and reward each one.

Betty and Bill Hodel & family

### ILLINOIS, TREMONT

**Dorothy Wagenbach  
Carolyn Bolliger**

We were sorry to hear several of our congregation were hospitalized as either medical or surgical patients. Sis. Esther Schmid, Sis. Royaldean Hodel (Bro. Bob) and Ray Rinkenberger (Cleda) are all back assembling with us again for which we are thankful. Bro. Walter Aberle (Sis. Vera) and daughter, Carol, were both laid up but are both well again. We thank God for restoring health again to our loved ones.

The engagement has been made known of Doris Pulfer to Kendall Miller, by her parents, Bro. Les and Sis. Wilma Pulfer. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller (Hennepin, IL). Their wedding will take place at the fellowship hall August 24, 1985.

Bro. David and Sis. Susan Huetter are the happy parents of Bradley David, born June 7. Grandparents are Sis. Alma Bolliger and Bro. Bill and Sis. Marilyn Huetter.

Sis. Elizabeth Moser wishes to thank everyone for the beautiful cards, flowers and money that was sent to her

for her 90th birthday. She also wants to thank everyone that came to her open house to share their love with her. May God richly bless each and every one.

### ILLINOIS, URBANA Cheryl Mangers

Summer is always a transition period here for us in Urbana as we say goodbye to our college graduates and anticipate welcoming incoming students in the fall. University of Illinois graduates included Sis. Georgia Pflederer, Sis. Rita Richardson, Sis. Deonne Bauer, Kathy Walder, Jim Farley, Bros. Dean Herrmann, Tom Stock, Jeff Thames, Randy Knapp, Joel Koehl, Ed Martin, Dave Yergler, Quinn Zehr and Sisters Lynn Sauder Hodel and Stephanie Waibel Zimmerman. Graduating with a master's degree were Bro. Mike Hohulin, Sis. Joy Ringger, Bro. Justin Koch and Bro. Kyle Scholl. We are delighted that Bro. Dean and Sis. Dawn Herrmann, Bros. Justin Koch and Ed Martin will continue to fellowship with us. May God richly bless those who have left our fellowship as they continue onward in their life's journey.

Heading to the University of Illinois following graduation from Urbana High School will be Bob Wiegand (Bro. Dave and Sis. Ethel).

We appreciate the time and love expended by Bro. Tim Pflederer in teaching our children in Sunday school and ask God to continue to bless Bro. Tim and Sis. Georgia as they reestablish themselves in the Peoria area.

Also deeply appreciated more than words can ever express have been the labors this past month of our visiting ministers Bro. Art Bahler (Fairbury, IL), Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington, IL), Bro. Marvin Leman (Bradford, IL) and Bro. Wayne Anliker (Forrest, IL).

We have been blessed by the presence recently of Bro. Ken and Sis. Phyllis Knapp who have moved to Clinton, IN. We enjoy their fellowship and appreciate the labors of Bro. Ken.

Jim and Ginger Moser witnessed the miracle of birth June 3 with the arrival of their third son, Christian LaRue. He joins Jason and Carl to make a threesome.

We welcome Bro. Matt Kieser into our congregation.

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### ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON Ellen Cox

"The time flies on and death draws nigh;

Unite us, Lord, with thee on high!  
Prepare us now to live with Thee  
Forever in eternity!"

Zion's Harp #188

At this writing we find ourselves halfway through the summer. How time does fly! We at Washington enjoyed our Vacation Bible School session which was held June 10 through 14. The scripture verse chosen for our students' offering chart was ". . . for God loveth a cheerful giver." II Corinthians 9:7. It was most encouraging to see our young students cheerfully contribute their money. Their donations were used to aid a young multiple-handicapped child who lives in a nearby community. They truly did give bountifully to help her out. A blessing was felt by students and staff alike.

We extend congratulations to our dear Bro. Marshall and Sis. Jan Heinfeld who celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary June 19. May the Lord continue to bless their life together.

We wish God's blessings on our graduates. They are Sis. Lynette Heinfeld (Bro. Marshall and Sis. Jan) who graduated from nurses' training and Sis. Ann Wagenbach (Bro. Don and Sis. Marie) and Jeff Schumacher (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Betty) who graduated from high school.

Our thoughts are with our Sis. Martha Fritz who had surgery in Elgin, IL. Sis. Martha is convalescing at her daughter's home in the Elgin area and we are prayerful that she will regain her strength soon and resume worshipping with us.

We welcome Bro. Steve Hostetler to our Washington congregation! Bro. Steve has found employment in our area and we are happy to have him worshipping with us.

We express our appreciation to our Elder Bro. Don Sauder for ministering to us. May the Lord richly bless him and Sis. Wilma for their labors of love.

We look forward to our annual Sunday school picnic scheduled for Sunday afternoon, July 7. It is always a time of good fellowship enjoyed by young and old alike.



**INDIANA, BLUFFTON****Eunice Fiechter — Carolyn Meyer**

It was a blessing to witness the baptism of five souls May 26. They were Shawn Burke, Elizabeth Bertsch, Tim Tonner (Bro. Bill and Sis. Diana), Brent Tonner (Bro. Gary and Sis. Diane) and Steve Miner (Sis. Beverly). May God bless each one in their Christian walk.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Bro. Glennes Steffen who passed away into eternity after an illness of several months. Surviving in addition to his wife, Sis. Irene, are a son, Allen, and daughter, Janice.

Recently announced was the engagement of Sis. Rhonda Nuest (Sis. Jane and Bro. Larry, Francesville) and Bro. Jeff Gerber (Bro. Leon and Sis. Mary Kay). We wish them God's blessing in their future life together.

Our fellowship hall was the scene of a wedding on June 1. United in marriage were Jennifer Kaehr (Bro. Phil and Sis. Gloria) and Dan Brink (Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brink). May God bless their life together.

Also united in marriage were Sis. Gail Isch (Bro. Stan and Sis. Jenny) and Bro. Frank Szabo. It was a special blessing to have Bro. Frank's father, brother and sister-in-law from the Budapest, Hungary, church present for the wedding. Bro. Andrew Hunyady lent himself as an interpreter for the Hungarian guests.

May God bless the new arrival of a son, Kip Allen, born May 20, to Sis. Jean and Bro. Terry Neuenschwander. Grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Justine Gerber and Bro. Bill and Sis. Mildred.

In the hospital recently were Sis. Alva Aeschliman, Bro. Roy Gerber (Sis. Helen), Ginger Ringger (Sis. Shelly and Bro. Kedric), Sis. Holly Frauhiger (Bro. Dean) and Bro. Sam Kaehr (Sis. Connie). Our prayer is that each one will have a speedy recovery.

The Bluffton and Bluffton North churches combined to have Vacation Bible School this year. It began June 3 and was held each morning for two weeks with the closing program the evening of June 14. We were thankful for a record enrollment this year. God bless each one who took part to make it successful.

On a past Wednesday evening, Bro. Max Reimschisel (Wichita, KS) brought us God's Word. Our prayer is

that God will richly bless him for his ministry.

**INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH  
Cindy Geisel — Virginia Rauch**

We are building every day, In a good, or evil way,  
And the structure as it grows, Will our inmost self disclose.

Build it straight, and strong and true;  
Build it clean and high and broad,  
Build it for the eye of God.

I. E. Dickenza

Our children joined the children at Bluffton for two weeks of Bible school in June. By teaching them the Word of God when they are young and tender, they will be able to build their lives into good structures that hopefully will stand straight and tall one day before their Lord God. It is amazing what they learn during those two weeks of Bible school. The verses they memorized and the songs they sang for us at the closing program show us how quickly our youth can be taught. It's up to us as parents and teachers to do our best and set a good example for them. We wish to thank all who help make our Bible school possible.

"Thus United and in Concord, Let Us Walk the Path of Life . . ." This is our wish for Bro. Jeff Steffen (Bro. Ken and Sis. Roberta) and Sis. Robin Wuethrich (Bro. Richard and Sis. Nola, Francesville) as they were united in marriage June 9.

"Each for the Other and Both for the Lord" was a promise made by Bro. Doug Kaehr (Bro. Richard and Sis. Karen, Bluffton) and Sis. Tami Gerber (Bro. Dale and Sis. Carol) in the wedding vows taken June 16. We wish these two couples much happiness and God's richest blessings for the future that lies ahead for them.

It is with joy that we announce the engagement of Bro. Jim Isch (Bro. Ken and Sis. Carolyne, Bluffton) and Sis. Rachel Gerber (Bro. Vernon). We wish them God's guidance as they plan to begin their new walk of life together September 15.

It is always a pleasure to have visiting ministers with us. Bro. Art Ringger (Indianapolis), Bro. Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton) and Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin (Goodfield, IL) recently proclaimed God's inspiring message to us. We welcome them, their wives and families back any time.

Someone once said, "It is not what you have that matters, it is what you do with what you have that counts."

**INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE  
Jacki Huber**

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it."

Ephesians 5:25

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord."

Ephesians 5:22

These two verses are common to all of us — so common that it's easy to "read right over them". They seem so simple — and yet if every marriage heeded these instructions, what a different world we'd live in!

Three marriages were established this past month, and two engagements were announced. Our hope is that each of these happy couples will be blessed throughout their lives by following God's formula for a happy marriage.

On Sunday, May 26, Sis. Jody Getz (Bro. Keith and Sis. Doris) and Bruce Waibel (Bro. Harold and Sis. Arleta, Remington, IN) were united in marriage. Bro. Alpha Strahm (Bern, KS) assisted our Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman with the wedding services.

Ministering Bros. Earl Kilgus and Dan Stoller (both of Remington, IN) also shared God's Word with us on this special day. We offer our thanks to these brothers for their willingness to serve!

Sis. Robin Wuethrich (Bro. Rich and Sis. Nola) and Bro. Jeff Steffen (Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Roberta, Bluffton North, IN) were married Sunday, June 9. Bro. Robert Meyer (Bluffton North) took part in the marriage ceremony with Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman.

We were also privileged to have Elder Bros. Phil Stettner (Bluffton North, IN) and Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO) and ministering Bro. Nile Bucher (Bluffton North, IN) with us for this joyous occasion.

Saturday, June 15, was the wedding day of Dan Gutwein (Bro. Elden and Sis. Mary Lee) and Heather Beer (Bro. Phil and Sis. Millie, Milford, IN). May God bless these three couples.

We're also happy to announce two engagements: Sis. Rhonda Nuest (Bro. Larry and Sis. Jane) to Bro. Jeff Gerber (Bro. Leon and Sis. Mary, Bluffton,

IN) and Salli Cook (Herb and Sis. Suz) to Ray Morris (Winter Park, FL).

Three precious bundles were added to our church "family". Bro. Chris and Sis. Stacy Ledford gave birth to their third boy June 2. Jobie Rand has two happy big brothers, Rustin and Shea. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ulbricht and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ledford (Francesville area).

Joy was doubled for Bro. Jeff and Sis. Wendy Gutwein June 7, as twins were born to them! A boy and a girl, Brett Alan and Brooke Renee, have one older brother, Ryan, and two older sisters, Alyssa and Shawna. Happy grandparents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Dona Grimm (Taylor, MO) and Bro. Nate and Sis. Adeline Gutwein (Francesville).

We enjoyed having Elder Bro. Roy with us on a recent Wednesday evening, as he and Sis. Dona were here to welcome the twins. We are thankful for his service to us.

On Wednesday, May 29, many gathered at church for the graduation program. Timely words and songs of instruction were shared and each graduate received a Bible.

Hospital patients have been Sis. Ruth Rapp and Bro. Jerry Overmyer. May we continue to uphold them in prayer.

"Our love and prayers are extended to Walter Gudeman who has been hospitalized recently, and his wife, Gertie, who lovingly cares for him at home. We're filled with joy to know Walter is seeking and finding the grace and love of God at this time.

We will miss Bro. Jason and Sis. Wendy Williamson as they plan to move, due to employment changes. Their stay here in Francesville was short, but it was a joy to have them share in our fellowship here. "God be with you, Jason and Wendy!"

Reminder: Francesville subscribers, July is collection month. Your promptness in this is appreciated.

#### INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS

**Lynn Winslow — Judy Dubach**

Make it your ambition to do good in life and a curious thing will happen. Those to whom you do good will welcome you as a friend; those who don't share your ambition will shun you as an enemy. It's threatening to be around someone who is always doing good — especially when He announces, "follow my example!". But then, charity was

never an "extra-curricular activity" with Christ; it was a Spirit-empowered way of life.

Thousands of Christians breathe, move and live, pass off the stage of life and are heard no more, — why? They did not partake of good and none in the world were blessed by them. None could point to them as the guide to their redemption. Not a line they wrote, not a word they spoke could be recalled. And so they passed on and their lights went out. Will you thus live and die, O man immortal? Live for something good. Do good and leave behind you a monument of virtue that the storms of time can't destroy. Write your name in kindness, love and mercy on the hearts of the thousands you come in contact with, you'll never be forgotten. Good deeds shine as the stars of heaven.

The "good" life. For some, it's defined as getting all you can out of life. For the Christian, it's giving all you can to life. Jesus put it this way, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16.

The possibilities are endless. Brighten someone's day with a kind word. Help bear a burden. Return good for evil in the office, home, classroom or the highway. The person you help may never know your name. But God will never forget the good you did in His name.

Timeless Insight

June 2 was a joyous, extra special day for the Indianapolis congregation; and especially for Bro. Matt Gutwein and Sis. Luz Vernon. It was their wedding day. Our home ministers, Bros. John Isch and Art Ringger, presided over the ceremony with the support of Elder Bros. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) and Wendell Gudeman (Francesville). Along with their parents, Phil and Julie Gutwein (Francesville) and Ernesto and Marina Vernon-Hulscio (New York) and many family and friends, we pray God will continue to bless their lives as they walk together in life.

We are thankful Bro. Ed Alt could be with us on Father's Day and share God's Word as well as visit his children in Indianapolis.

#### INDIANA, LACROSSE

**Connie Knobloch — Debbie Nuest**  
Since "Your Future" was the theme

for our Vacation Bible School the week of June 17, our teenage youth were foremost in the minds of those who prayerfully considered and picked the topics. But I am sure both young and old alike, who attended, will say they received many blessings and good teachings.

On Monday evening, Bro. Gene Lehman (Wolcott) talked to us on the selection of friends. Tuesday evening, Bro. Jay Rinkenberger (Goodfield, IL) reminded us that prayer in selecting a profession is very important. Bro. Ray Sinn (Latty, OH) caused each one to examine ones own self, when he expounded on "The Rapture, or the Mark of the Beast?". Thursday evening Bro. Ken Eisenmann (Cissna Park, IL) brought to us "The Way of Escape". And on Friday evening, Bro. Art Gudeman spoke to us on "Your Final Goal".

Each evening the younger children eagerly waited to hear the Bible stories we would read to them and answer the questions they were asked. On Friday evening they presented a short program in song and verse to all who attended.

Throughout the past month we were also blessed with the visit of other visiting ministers, Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman and Bro. Steve Gutwein (Francesville, IN), Elder Bro. Loren Stoller and Bro. Larry Wenninger (Latty, OH) and Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL).

We are happy and thankful that our dear friend, Enos Cadwalader, has repented and found peace with God and man. He is recuperating at home from surgery and has not been able to attend church. We pray God will continue to lend his healing mercies.

We want to extend our deepest sympathy to John and Sis. Lucy Kalwitz and family on the loss of her father. Even though Sis. Lucy is separated from her family, who live in Germany, may they feel God's nearness and know he is only a prayer away.

#### INDIANA, LEO Thelma Schlatter

Season follows season in seemingly swift succession; spring is gone, summer is already here. The same amount of time in a day, however, is given to the great and the small, the old and the young. Each has twenty-four hours in a day. The difference lies in the way time is used.

"Count your obligations,  
Name them one by one.  
And it will surprise you  
What the Lord wants done."

Many used time wisely in places of service during the recent Daily Vacation Bible School. In addition to our home folks who gave their time and talent unselfishly to the children, the following came with challenging lessons for the adults: Bros. John Reinhard (Bluffton North), Carl Wyss (Washington, IL), Steve Gutwein (Francesville), Art Ringger (Indianapolis) and Dave Weigand (Urbana, IL). Each one is thanked for their worthy contributions.

We were blessed on a recent Lord's Day with the ministry of Elder Bros. Jesse Beer (Milford) and Loren Stoller (Latty, OH). We thank them and those who accompanied them.

Children from the intermediate Sunday school classes of Washington, IL, together with their teachers and sponsors were enjoyed here, too.

Bro. Lynn Stieglitz has been called into the ministry. The congregation welcomes him with prayerful support. May he be used for His glory in the furtherance of His kingdom. His wife is Sis. Leonda, formerly Leonda Pfister of Bluffton. They have two little children, Amanda and Jeremy. Lynn is the son of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Joan Stieglitz.

Sympathy is extended to Sisters Anna, Elda, Sylvia Steiner, Esther Steiner and Rhoda Schlatter in the passing of their sister, Sis. Mary Steiner Getz (Tremont, IL). Mary spent her childhood and youth in the Leo area.

"Life is currently described in one of four ways: as a journey, as a battle, as a pilgrimage, and as a race. Select your own metaphor, but the finishing necessity is all the same. For if life is a journey, it must be completed. If life is a battle, it must be finished. If life is a pilgrimage, it must be concluded. And if it is a race, it must be won."

(J. Richard Sneed)

"Fear and faith cannot keep house together. When one enters, the other departs.

"I asked a man what made his life so radiant and bright. He answered: 'Looking, looking toward the Light!'"

Apples of Gold

## INDIANA, MILFORD

### Shelby Beer — Joyce Kaiser

Welcome, little Jamie Danae! Your arrival made June 9 a very special day for your daddy and mommy, Bro. Dave and Bobi Doll. Proud grandparents are Bro. Pete and Sis. Becky Doll and Doug and Fran Bowser. Bro. Theo and Sis. Naomi Beer are pleased with a new great-granddaughter.

"Each for the other and both for the Lord." That's marriage with a heavenly design. June 15 was the wedding day for Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gutwein. The couple's parents are Bro. Phil and Sis. Milly Beer and Bro. Eldon and Sis. Mary Gutwein (Francesville). We wish Dan and Heather God's special touch for a joy-filled home.

Our Vacation Bible School in June was a source of spiritual refreshing as four visiting ministers challenged us to "Discover God's Love". They were Bro. Art Gudeman (LaCrosse), Bro. Bob Meyer (Bluffton North), Bro. Kent Ringger (Bluffton) and Bro. Rod Huber (Valparaiso). Bro. Ray Sinn (Latty, OH), Bro. John Isch (Indianapolis) and Bro. Ted Witzig (Morton, IL) spent recent Sundays in Milford. Bros. Orville and Kent Ringger were with us for a mid-week service. We thank all these brothers for their willingness to be used of God to encourage our faith in Him.

"Life is stormy, It can be painful . . . The great confidence is that you are never separated from the authority, knowledge and protective care of the Savior. The storm is never so severe, the night is never so black, and the boat is never so frail that He is not there."

Worshipping the Son of God

Our prayers have been with our loved ones who have been in the hospital: Sis. Mary Good, Bro. Alan Wuthrich (recovering from surgery) and Mitch Price (son of Stan and Sis. Ginger Price) following an accident. Bro. Tom and Sis. Tammy Speicher's daughter, Trischa, is spending some of her summer vacation waiting for a broken arm to mend.

Summer is reported to be the season for relaxing. At our home, even though we set aside time to enjoy family vacation's the summer days are so filled with so much activity that we are ready for the fall and winter and the slower pace they bring. With children on vacation from school and the garden and

yard work — one or the other are always needing attention. Still, no matter how busy we are, each of us has spare moments we can use for "little things" and they are of great importance in God's eyes. We can never afford to become too busy for . . .

## LITTLE THINGS

A smile is such a little thing,  
As is a word of praise,  
But each of them can warm a heart  
And make a happy day.

A helping hand, a kindly deed,  
Or just a friendly wave  
Could lighten someone's burden,  
Could fill another's need.

These are all just little things,  
As we go along our way,  
But little things are big things  
If they brighten someone's day."

M. E. Shafer

## INDIANA, REMINGTON

### Beth Virkler — Annette Bahler

We have reason, like David the psalmist wrote, to "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name." Psalm 100:4. There is a challenge to every Christian to give thanks and praise to the Lord, even before He has shown His victory in the trials we have. Faith is believing He reigns victor in all. Have you ever noticed that the simplest hint of praise in your heart to the Lord, can pierce through the thickest fog and lift the downtrodden heart. Let's praise Him.

We welcome Bro. Bruce and Sis. Jody Waibel as a new married couple to Remington. We look forward to their fellowship.

We received the marriage announcement of Bro. Fred Wahl (son of Sis. Ida Wahl, Elgin, IL) to Sis. Libby Bahler (Bro. Edwin and Sis. Lois Bahler). We pray God's direction and blessings on their new Christian home together. The wedding will be August 4.

Bro. Jacob Bahler was hospitalized for surgery, and is home doing well. He wishes to thank all those who sent cards and supported him in prayer. Paul Waibel also underwent surgery and is recovering well. May the Lord bless them and be their strength in their recovery.



### INDIANA, SOUTH BEND Pauline Laidig

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

Hymns of Zion #64

Friends and relatives joined our congregation in singing, "The Christian Home", in honor of Bro. El and Sis. Mae Schumacher's 60th wedding anniversary. A reception was then held, at which time many more came to extend their congratulations and to wish them more blessed years together, if the Lord so wills.

This month we were blessed by the ministry and counselling of Elder Bros. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott), Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI) and Jesse Beer (Milford). Their love and efforts are much appreciated.

Vacation Bible School is in progress this week. The children are enjoying learning more of God's teachings, and songs that honor Him. We are also looking forward to Friday evening when Bro. Uriel Gehring (Leo) is to bring us the Adult V.B.S. message on, "The Aspects of Humility". May we all be attentive listeners so we may receive a blessing.

### INDIANA, VALPARAISO

**Cheryl Bucher — Patty Bucher**

Time flies by so quickly. This summer is already partly gone — it seems we've anticipated its arrival for so long through the winter months; and now it's simply slipping through our fingers. Let's all be sure we are ready to meet our Savior and not let time get away. What an obligation we have for witnessing for Jesus while we are still here. We must be sure and meet our responsibilities.

We had our first Vacation Bible School at Valpo in June. We thank God for blessing our time together along with our speakers: Bros. Nile Bucher, John Reinhard and Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger. It was so exciting to watch the eagerness of the little children as they sang their songs and learned more about Jesus. The Bible reminds us that we, too, are to be as little children.

Again, let's allow our excitement to bubble over to non-believers.

Our new church is progressing nicely. Many volunteers, including brothers from Bluffton and Roanoke, IL have given their time and energy. Many thanks to all who helped so willingly.

May each of you continue to draw closer and nearer to our Lord Jesus Christ, who truly does deserve our praise and honor.

### INDIANA, WOLCOTT

**Lorene Furrer — Elaine Bahler**

Many of us have experienced the joys and anxieties of being first-time parents. God has blessed Bro. Mark and Sis. Shari Schwab with a daughter, Stefanie Lynne, born May 29. Grandparents are Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene Schwab and Bro. Merle and Sis. Leona Bucher (Valparaiso).

Our Bible School week was June 10-14. Each night a different part of the life of Jesus was accounted to us, helping us visualize what His life on earth and ultimate sacrifice means to us. The children always enjoy their evenings of Bible stories, songs, crafts, and on Friday evening the little three year olds through second grade sang for everyone their special songs they had learned. May God bless Bros. Fred Knapp (Congerville, IL), Carroll Gerber (Bluffton North) and Wayne Lehman (South Bend) for their part in our week of blessing.

### IOWA, AMES-DES MOINES

**Nancy Teubel**

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

Psalm 107:1-2

God is so faithful in sharing with us His love and mercy. In May Bro. John Steiner (Oakville) and in June Bros. Bill Funk (Garden Grove) and Duane Metzger (West Bend) lent themselves in speaking the Word of God. We certainly appreciate the ministers and all others who are so faithful in supporting us in the fellowship at Ames.

On Father's Day, we heard of the comparison of a father-son relationship to our relationship to God. A father wants the best for his child and God so unselfishly gave His best gift — Jesus Christ to us. Not only has God

expressed His love by giving us family relationships, but also in the fellowship of saints.

Several weeks ago God blessed a group of us who traveled to Boone to spend a weekend in fellowship. We have been encouraged to be witnesses for Jesus Christ, not only to the unsaved, but to our fellow Christians. The dictionary defines a witness as: 1) something that serves as evidence, 2) one who is called upon to testify. Are we being a true witness of the Lord Jesus Christ? Brethren, the love for God and His Word should be the leading force of our lives, so that we may honor Him in obedience and be able to verbally testify if the opportunity arises. 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. I Peter 3:15. We were all inspired by the Word that was spoken. We parted knowing that God has a lot of work for each of us to do. Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace be with you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all, amen. II Corinthians 13:11, 14.

### IOWA, BURLINGTON

**Dixie Messner — Edith Massner**

We were thankful for the visits of our dear Elder Bro. Ed Lanz and Bro. Uriel Gehring (Leo, IN).

Bro. Ben Wagler and Sis. Rekie Anliker have spent time in the hospital and at home. We hope they will soon feel stronger.

It's always a joy to receive Christian greetings from other churches, but it's even more pleasant to have visitors come when they can!

### IOWA, ELGIN

**Gloria Frieden**

How often do we come to church hungry for a blessing and yet during the sermon find that our minds and thoughts drift off to the cares and concerns and dreams of this life, and we miss the blessing that was intended for us. I had to think of this as we sang these words from Zion's Harp #216, "The Children's Supplication".

O Lord, behold us gathered here,  
As children round a light!

We pray thee, Lord, that Thou come near,  
And guide our hearts aright.

Give us like unto Lydia  
An open heart and ear.  
We pray thee Lord, O come to us  
Through bolted doors appear.

Truly, it seems, at times, that the Lord must come through bolted doors to give us the blessing He has in store for us. May God grant grace that our hearts and minds can be emptied of these cares and open to a spiritual blessing each time we gather around the Word, as a group or individually.

Sis. Esther Braker is recuperating well following cataract surgery. She is a true Christian example — cheerful, non-complaining, always accepting God's will.

The Sunday school has completed their yearly session of Bible school. Our thanks go out to the sisters who gave of their time to be teachers. Hopefully, a blessing was obtained by all and with God's blessings, good fruit will come forth.

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**IOWA, IOWA CITY**  
**Denise Duckworth**

We extend special thanks to Elder Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville) and Bros. Paul Eisenmann (Burlington) and Ron Schambach (Elgin, IL) for ministering to us during the past month.

"I have feet to take me where I go, I have eyes to see the sunset glow, I have ears to hear what I would hear. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine, I'm blessed indeed — the world is mine!"

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**IOWA, LESTER**  
**Alice Metzger**

Youth Fellowship was held here the weekend of June 8 and 9 with the Bible and Junior Bible classes from Winthrop, Morris, Minneapolis, MN, and West Bend as our guests. It was a blessing for us to have them in our midst and we hope it was a blessing for them as well. Our guest speaker was Bro. Richard Kilgus (Elgin, IL). We appreciate the timely and pertinent thoughts he brought out. Also with us for the weekend were Elder Bro. Art Nohl (Morris, MN) and Bro. Doug Schock (Pulaski). Our thanks to all who were with us.

Bro. Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski) was our guest minister June 16. He was also here to attend the wedding of Becky

Metzger (Bro. Robert and Sis. Rosella) and Tim Ver Beek (Mr. and Mrs. John Ver Beek). Bro. Russell took part in the service. We wish the newlyweds many blessings as they establish their home in our vicinity.

The betrothal of Sis. Jackie Wysong (Bro. Jack and Sis. Janet) and Bro. Denis Knobloch (Bro. Nathan and Sis. Irene) was announced. We pray for them in this special time in their lives.

We miss Bro. Leroy Wulf who has moved to Morris where he is employed. We know he will be welcomed into the flock there and soon feel at home.

Little Janice Elizabeth was born May 19 to Bro. Chuck and Sis. Vickie Leuthold. She is welcomed home by her fine family of brothers and sisters. Her grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Emily Leuthold and Bro. Nate and Sis. Martha Stoller (Bradford, IL). On June 20 Kayla Jo was born to Bro. Curt and Sis. Martha Kellenberger. She has one brother and her grandparents are Bro. Henry and Sis. Elaine Kellenberger and Bro. Leonard and Sis. LuElla Braker (Lamar, MO).

Hospitalized were Andy Leuthold, Sis. Lexia Knobloch (Dietrich) and Alex Moser (Bro. Wes and Sis. Esther). We pray for the sick.

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**IOWA, OAKVILLE**  
**Debbie Wagenbach**

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

Galatians 2:20

With great joy we welcome Sis. Mary Wagenbach (John and Sis. Marilyn) and Sis. Lynne Massner (Bro. Eric and Sis. Norma) into the precious fold of our Lord and Savior. We were certainly once again strengthened spiritually as we gathered to hear their testimonies of faith. Elder Bro. Sam Anliker (Lamont, KS) and our Elder Bro. Ed Lanz brought forth many good teachings through God's inspiration for the converts and for us all that we may continue down the narrow path that leads us to heaven if we remain true and faithful.

September 7 is the wedding date that has been set for Tammy Wagenbach (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Bonnie) and her fiance, Gary Sharp (Dorothy and

the late Reeves Sharp). Tammy and Gary will be making their home in Oklahoma City, OK. We trust that they will seek out God's direction and will as they plan this very important step in their lives.

On Memorial Day weekend, we were richly blessed with the fellowship of the singles groups from Minneapolis, Morris, Winthrop, MN, Alto, MI, Rittman, Akron, OH and Pulaski, IA. May God reward each one that travelled the many miles to assemble with us in Oakville.

Betsy Jo is the newest addition to Bro. Roger and Sis. June Schulz's family. Bethany and Mitchell are happy to have a new sister. Bro. Myron and Sis. Dorothy Schulz and Bro. Phil and Sis. Lydia Mogler (Lester, IA) are little Betsy's grandparents.

Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer (Elgin, IA) has recently ministered unto us. We wish to thank him for being with us.

Thought: Those who never climbed, never fell. (Unknown)

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**IOWA, PULASKI**  
**Mary Jane Knapp**  
**DeAnn Wuthrich**

How blessed it is to meet and greet others of like mind and faith, and to have fellowship one with another. The weekend of May 18 - 19, we were privileged to have the Chicago church visit our church, and we truly had a blessed weekend. We also want to thank the ministers that were here that weekend to minister God's wonderful teaching to us. They were Bros. Leonard Meyer, Greg Rassi and Virgil Metzger (Chicago, IL).

"For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." I Corinthians 11:26.

What a blessed weekend it was June 1 - 2, when we were able to partake of holy communion once again. We want to thank Bro. Leo Moser (Lester, IA) for being with us that weekend to help carry out these most important duties. I think every one of us felt blessed after that weekend.

Also among us this past month was Bro. Arnold Gerst (Taylor, MO) and we certainly want to thank him for his labors of love.

Bro. Kenny and Sis. Lora Wuthrich have welcomed a little bundle of love into their home. Eric Russell was welcomed by his sister, Kristin. We wish

them many happy hours with their new little one.

Hospital patients this past month have been Sis. Lora Wuthrich, who is home and recovering well after surgery; and Sis. Elizabeth Wuthrich, who remains hospitalized. We pray the Lord will heal and strengthen them both.

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**JAPAN, SHIODA**  
**Margie Heintz**

The Shioda congregation, as well as all of the Brotherhood in Japan, was deeply touched by the passing of Sis. Morie Uchida, age 78, May 25. Baptized 28 years ago, Sis. Uchida was among the first Japanese people to become part of our fellowship. Sis. Uchida leaves her husband, Bro. Toshio Uchida, one son, four daughters and eight grandchildren. Our prayer is that her children and grandchildren will remember all that she taught them about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Sis. Uchida's passing reminded us all of the nearness of death: a breath, a heartbeat, a final word, and we are at Our Father's Footstool . . .

Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle returned safely from Europe, bringing with them many greetings from our brethren in Hungary and Germany. They travelled extensively with their son, Tom, through Germany and Switzerland and appreciated having that special time with him. We are thankful for their safe return.

Other familiar faces have recently returned to the Shioda area. Jewel Ehnle will be spending the summer with her parents. She is studying nursing in the Chicago area and will return there in August. Sis. Eiko Nozawa has returned to her parent's home from her stay in the Bay City, MI area. No doubt she is missed by her friends and loved ones there, but we, in Shioda, are very thankful to have her back with us. We welcome both Sis. Eiko and Jewel into our fellowship again.

We are now making final arrangements for the arrival of Sis. Kathy Klotzle and Sis. Kathy Kieser, who are coming to Japan to teach in the English School and the Kindergarten, respectively. Knowing that they are being led by God, we are encouraged that the changes which lie ahead are being directed and blessed by God. "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving

thanks to God and the Father by him." Colossians 3:17.

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**JAPAN, TOKYO**

**Marie Inoue — Yoshio Yamazaki**

We express our love and sympathy to Bro. Toshio Uchida and family in the passing of his wife, Sis. Morie (Shioda). During the years that she was well, her friendly personality was always a part of the church there.

Our rainy season has just begun so we are having rainy and dreary days. But we know this season is valuable for the rice crop and vegetation in general and we thank God for all things.

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**KANSAS, BERN**

**Linda Esslinger**

May God richly bless the following visiting ministers: Bro. Leland Plattner (Zapata, TX), Bro. Terry Farney (Wichita, KS), Bro. Clarence Deitrich (Silverton, OR), Bro. Dale Moore (Elgin, IA), Bro. Dennis Warner (Lester, IA) and Elder Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS).

Bro. Lee and Sis. Patsy Esslinger, Fawn, Robin, Star and Brook have moved to Phoenix, AZ. They will be greatly missed.

The weekend of June 15 - 16 Matthew Edelman (son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Joann) gave his testimony and was baptized. We gladly welcome him in our most precious brotherhood.

Hospitalized was Sis. Lila Rokey.

Amanda Hartter (Bro. Steve and Sis. Lois) was injured in a minor farm accident. Ashley Esslinger (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Gerty) broke his leg while playing. Both are getting along fine.

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**KANSAS, KIOWA**

**Janice Bahr — Gay Farney**

Havrvest — such a busy time, and yet, one day the golden grain stands so straight and tall, and the next day it's gone and only the stubble and chaff remain. It makes me think of the coming of the Lord. One day we will be going about our affairs in this life, and the next thing we know, the Church — the Bride of Christ, will be gone, taken in the twinkling of an eye to be forever with the One who lived so lovingly and died so cruelly for His Bride. My very fervent and humble prayer is that we are not among the stubble and chaff that will be left on that day. Oh, may we be up and doing that we may be ready when our Lord does come.

We celebrated a special day this

month when we honored our fathers on Father's Day. We who have given our lives to God had a double reason to honor, for we have two fathers — a heavenly and an earthly. We have so much to be thankful for if our earthly father rears us in the fear and admonition of our heavenly Father (as mine did) and like so many others, I just want to say "thank you, dear God" for giving me my precious Dad, and "thank you, dear Dad," for teaching me to love our God.

Our hospital patients this month included, Sis. Irma Ott, Sis. Frieda Frieden, Bro. Sam Schupbach and Linda Tucker. We are truly thankful that all but Bro. Sam are home and able to be in our midst again, and we pray that it may soon be so for Bro. Sam. We are also thrilled to report that when Linda Tucker went home, she took a new little baby girl with her named Whitney Marie Tucker. Linda is married to Nelson Tucker, son of Dale and Sis. Marie Tucker and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tyree (Alva, OK). May God richly bless Nelson and Linda and be the most important part of their lives in bringing up their little bundle of joy.

We would like to thank the Lamar Sunday school classes for hosting our youth fellowship this time. We know how much work and time goes into preparing for these get-togethers. Most of all there is the concern for our children that school activities, worldly pleasures, in fact, anything outside church activities, may lead them away from seeking the most important thing for this life, the Lord Jesus Christ. Wake up parents!! Satan is winning the fight for young souls and your lack of concern and support of Sunday school and its activities are helping him win. God forgive us if we cause our children to choose the wrong way, because we are too occupied with the 'World' to care what happens to them.

We were privileged to have Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach (Phoenix, AZ) and Sis. Barbara in our midst this month and truly thank him for lending himself to bring us precious teachings from God's Word. In fact, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our own ministers for lending themselves Sunday after Sunday to feed this feeble flock. We don't often say it, but we truly appreciate all they do, and truly thank God for each one of them.

The 4th of July is coming — let us get



down on our knees and thank God for this precious nation we live in and the freedoms we so richly enjoy!!!

**KANSAS, LAMONT**  
**Jill K. Luthi**

**TEN COMMANDMENTS OF  
HUMAN RELATIONS**

1) Speak To People — There is nothing so nice as a cheerful word of greeting.

2) Smile at People — It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.

3) Call People By Name — The sweetest music to anyone's ear is to hear his own name.

4) Be Friendly and Helpful — If you want friends, you must be one.

5) Be Cordial — Speak and act as if everything you do is a joy to you.

6) Be Genuinely Interested in People — You can like almost anything if you try.

7) Be Generous With Praise and Cautious With Criticism.

8) Be Considerate With the Feelings of Others — There are usually three sides of the controversy: yours, the other fellow's, and the right side.

9) Be Eager To Lend A Helping Hand — Often it is appreciated more than you know. What counts most in life is what we do for others.

10) Add To This A Good Sense of Humor, A High Dose of Humility — This combination will open many doors and the reward will be enormous.

Anonymous

What great commandments — I couldn't help but pass them on!

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Ecclesiastes 12:13.

Visiting ministers since the last writing have been Bros. Al Langhofer (Wichita), Vern Wettstein (Congerville, IL), Silas Wagenbach (Tremont, IL) and Wayne Miller (Ft. Scott).

"Take, eat: this is my body . . . this is my blood of the new testament which is shed for many." St. Mark 14:22 & 24. With us for communion, June 1, in assisting Elder Bro. Sam was Elder Bro. Wayne Fehr (West Bend, IA). We thank him for traveling those many miles between us to assist in the most important work to us believers. Also here for that same weekend was Bro. Noah Gerber (West Bend, IA). A

hearty word of thankfulness to each and every one of the visiting elders and ministers. For our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, forty years have now gone by since he was put in for minister. The last 34½ years he's been an elder. We thank God for sparing him for us these many years as our shepherd and pray that we may yet be granted to hear him more and more.

It is a daily thanksgiving that we live in a nation of freedom and independence, but how sorrowful it is to see the thousands of Americans ignoring it and letting it pass by! A day does not go by without seeing the front page of the newspaper splattered with the threats and deaths of innocent people; the terrors or hijackings, bombings and murders. I have to think of verse 4 of the short hymn "Peace, Perfect Peace" Hymns of Zion #26. "Peace, Perfect Peace, with loved ones far away? In Jesus, keeping we are safe, and so are they." Thank God always for the directions He gave our forefathers long ago in the penning of our land of the free. The "royal" red, white and blue must forever stand true.

My apologies for the omission of more graduates. Graduated from junior high school are Sammy Anliker (Bro. Glen and Sis. Lorean) and Mike Kellenberger (Bro. Randy and Sis. Ruth) and from kindergarten, Justin Isch (Bro. Ron and Sis. Jane).

At 21 months of age, Ester Knobloch (Bro. Tom and Sis. Jeri) underwent a third surgery May 17, this time for an inguinal hernia. In less than half of a day, the day surgery was performed, Ester was back home. The next day, she was back on her two feet, running and walking as if nothing happened. We are also happy to report that her leg cast is finally off for good. What amazing power of healing there is from the Almighty Lord and Saviour!

(A last note to remind the congregation that the Silver Lining dues will be coming up in August — \$7.00 for each subscription.)

**KANSAS, SABETHA**

**Charleen Hartter — Nita Grimm**

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: because His mercy endureth for ever." Psalm 118:1. We indeed give thanks unto the Lord as another soul, Sherry Snodgrass, has sought His mercy through repentance. God has promised that His grace will be suf-

ficient in helping us attain unto a life of faithfulness to Him.

The first week in June, Vacation Bible School was held for pre-school through sixth grade children. Jesus has taught us: "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14. We trust that the Lord can bless this endeavor.

Loved ones hospitalized have been Bro. Charlie Gleichman from the Home, Sis. Lydia Meyer and Sis. Louise Meyer.

Ministering Bros. Edwin Bahler (Remington, IN), Howard Plattner (Wichita, KS), Dale Moore (Elgin, IA) and Clarence Dietrich (Silverton, OR) occupied the pulpit throughout the past month in bringing forth God's holy Word. We thank them for their efforts and love in teaching us of the way of truth. It brings to remembrance a comment mentioned in a recent sermon. If man could comprehend what hell is really like where the worm dieth not, he would surely fear God, repent, and do away with any trace of lukewarmness in his life. In its weakness, the human mind cannot comprehend the horrors of hell; nor can it fathom the joys of heaven. Such a thought does cause one to soberly ponder the reality of life and the soul's final destiny.

**KANSAS, WICHITA**  
**Laurie Gallatin**

As the celebration of our independence is approaching (or has already passed by the time of this printing), may we truly thank the Lord for the great gift of living in freedom in our country. We tend to take this for granted and lose sight of the unfortunate people in other countries where this freedom is not experienced.

Our prayers are with Sis. Dora Young who experienced a fall which broke her hip. She spent some time in the hospital, and is now recuperating in a nursing home. May the Lord strengthen her physically and uplift her.

May 19, visiting ministers were Elder Bros. Sam Anliker (Lamont, KS), Gene Marti (Lamar, MO) and Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS).

We had a farewell singing for Bro. Rocky and Sis. Melinda Giltner and their little girl, Brooke. They moved to Manhattan, KS, where Rocky is attending Kansas State University. We

will miss them, and pray God's blessing on them at their new location.

Note: Silver Lining dues for Wichita are due in August (\$7.00).

### KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON Lester Huber

Who (Jesus) gave "Himself" for our sins that He might deliver us from this present evil world, far exceeds that of all the humanistic experiences we hear about today, for this tragedy can at the worst kill the body. But to fail Christ's love and salvation will lead to captivity with the devil in hell for eternity. Revelation 19:20.

With grateful hearts we express our appreciation for the love and effort put forth in coming and worshipping with us here in Lexington to Elder Bros. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL) and Bro. Jim Hoerr (Peoria, IL). Also, we thank all those who have come for the warm Christian fellowship which we enjoy together.

We are also grateful that Bro. Harold and Sis. Sherry Fritz and their two children, Greg and Stacy, have recently moved here. We pray God will bless and provide in the many needs of coming to a new location.

### MICHIGAN, BAY CITY Linda Ramseyer

On May 26, the engagement of Bro. Scott Kent and Sis. Beth Ramseyer was announced. Sis. Beth's parents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Marlene Ramseyer. May the Lord bless them as they plan their life together.

Our prayers have been with Sis. Patsy (Bro. Bob) Bragiel, as she was hospitalized recently. We are thankful she has been able to assemble with us again.

We want to thank Bro. Floyd Wieland (Detroit, MI) for visiting us. We appreciate him coming to minister the Lord's Word.

Our congregation was saddened to hear of the passing of Sis. Lena Lambert. Our prayers are with her family during this time of sorrow. She is survived by four daughters, Sis. Muriel (Marshall) Rylance, Doris (Richard) Girard, Sis. Mildred (Bro. Jesse) Hodder and Lorraine (Lon) Rudrow; five sons, William (Joan), Clayton (Lillian), Kenneth (Leona), Danny and Francis (Ruth) Lambert; and many grandchildren.

Jerry and Michelle Knochel are rejoicing with the birth of their daughter,

Emily Ann. She is welcomed home by her brother, Jeremy. Emily's grandparents are Bro. Norman and Sis. Leanoire Knochel.

"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." St. John 3:5. A dear soul has recently been born of water and Spirit through baptism. Mark Ramseyer is now a brother-in-faith. His parents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Dorothy Ramseyer.

The week of June 17 - 21 was our Vacation Bible School. During the day the children from pre-school through sixth grade had their time of spiritual learning. In the evening, we were privileged to have ministering brothers with us to speak on our theme, "The Ships of Faith". The topics were "Sonship" by Elder Bro. Loren Stoller (Latty, OH); "Fellowship" by Bro. Rod Huber (Valparaiso, IN); "Stewardship" by Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville, IN); "Worship" by Bro. Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton, IN); and "Destination" by Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton, IL). We want to thank these brothers for their efforts in being with us during that week.

### MICHIGAN, DETROIT Bev Bahr

Our congratulations are extended to our graduates this spring. Our high school graduates are Sis. Joanne Kaiser, Sis. Holly Barton, Ken Martin, Ted Orscik and Steve Varga. May they feel the direction and blessings of God as they embark upon a new phase within their lives.

June 16 was the wedding day of Sis. Terry Martin and Bro. Ryan Huber. Their parents are Bro. Kaywin and Sis. Karen Martin and Bro. Bob and Sis. Doris Huber. May God ever abide with them, blessing them with His love and goodness. We appreciated our many visitors including ministering brethren, Bro. Ed Aeschleman (Union City, NJ), Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington, IL), Bro. Jon Kokanovich (Phoenix, AZ) and Bro. Homer Reineck (Toledo, OH).

Keith and Judy Anderson are the parents of a new baby girl, Rachel Judy Anne Anderson. Rachel's grandparents are Bro. Floyd and Sis. Perseda Wieland and Dorothy Anderson. May God bless their lives and family with His love and grace.

### MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS Barbara Olson

#### TRUE FREEDOM

Every year on the Fourth of July, we who live in the United States celebrate our freedom as a nation. On July 4, 1776, the 13 English colonies in America protested the limitations placed upon them by the Crown and engaged in a struggle that gave birth to a brand new republic. The infant nation soon adopted that now-famous document known as the Declaration of Independence. It includes the following statement: "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be free and independent States." This historic document was signed a little over 200 years ago.

Almost 2,000 years have passed since the Lord Jesus cried out on the cross, "It is finished," uttering the believer's "declaration of independence". You see, all of mankind was under the tyranny of death. But Christ, the sinless One, took our place on Calvary and died for our sins. Now, having satisfied God's righteous demands, He sets free for eternity all who trust in Him. May we thank God for the freedom we enjoy as citizens. But above all, let believers everywhere praise Him for the freedom that is found in Christ!

Bro. Ken Lawson (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) shared God's Word with us this past month. We always appreciate the efforts of those in God's service.

We want to thank the Lester, IA Sunday school for hosting the Youth Fellowship Days, June 8 - 9. May God richly bless all of you for your labors of love.

Please remember that August is the collection month for the Silver Lining in Minneapolis (\$7.00).

Thought: Man's greatest freedom is freedom from sin.

### MINNESOTA, WINTHROP Wanda Messner Mary Lou Schmidt

How grateful we are to ministering brothers who come to feed our small flock here at Winthrop! This past month we had Bros. Tom Leman (Denver, CO) and Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL) share with us. Bro. Tom expressed that we should plan our lives, just as carefully as the scientists plan the route of the sky labs. For one small error in calculation can mean



missing the planned destination by miles! Bro. Dale spoke to us about being more concerned in having a church without sin than having a church with large numbers. God will surely be a rich rewarder of these brethren that lend themselves for our spiritual benefit!

On behalf of the Winthrop Sunday school teachers and Bible class, we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Lester congregation for hosting the annual Youth Fellowship gathering in June. We truly appreciated all the love and hospitality that was shown unto us. It was a blessing to be a part of it; and to hear the children talk so excitedly about the teachings they heard, and the friends they had met. May the Lord continue to bless our youth gatherings!

A good time was shared by all at our own Winthrop Sunday school picnic. It touches our hearts to see our Sunday school children enjoy the many blessings of fellowship also.

Colleen Howk (Bro. Roy and Sis. Rosie) and Wayne Waugh were married June 15. May they look to God to be their guide. The blessings will then be added!

We gladly welcome anyone traveling to Northern Minnesota for fishing, to stop and visit us here at Winthrop. A warm invitation is extended to all!

### MISSOURI, LAMAR

**Becky Marti — Janice Braker**

To break Thy 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, vs. 2

We were once again brought back to Calvary to remember our Lord's death and suffering. Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart (Ft. Scott, KS) was with us to share and assist in serving holy communion, and we hope God can bless him for this. May our love for one another be rekindled and our diligence to serve God faithfully be renewed.

We wish to extend a warm welcome to Bros. Brian Wiegand (Eureka, IL) and Wayne Streitmatter (Princeville, IL) who are working in our area for awhile this summer. We certainly are glad to have them assemble with us,

and do welcome any other visitors that may be passing through the area.

Our dear Bro. Arthur Banwart is a hospital patient at this time, but we hope he will soon be feeling much better and able to assemble with us once again.

### MISSOURI, TAYLOR

**Loida Hodel — Lori Marquart**

"Climb every mountain, Search high and low,  
Follow every by-way, Every path you know.  
Climb every mountain, Ford every stream,  
Follow every rainbow, 'til you find your dream."

Oscar Hammerstein

Congratulations to our graduates: Phil Wiegand (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Joann), Stacy Hoerr (Bro. Don and Sis. Elaine), Paige Massner (Bro. Allen and Sis. Rosie), Sis. Dawn Haerr (Bro. Norman and Sis. Sally) and Becky Huber (Vernon and Judy).

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye."

Psalm 32:8

We were privileged to take part in holy communion on Saturday evening, May 18. Elder Bro. Bob Walder (Congerville, IL) assisted our Elder Bro. Roy in carrying out this very important part in a believer's life.

"Anew, Lord, we are bound to Thee/  
Through Thy blest sacrament, which we/  
Partook, that joined in heart and hand;/  
To Zions realm and holy land/  
We journey On!"

Zion's Harp #200, vs. 5

Visiting ministers this month were Bros. Kenny Dietz (Bradford, IL), Rod Huber (Valparaiso, IN), Wayne Miller (Ft. Scott, KS), John Lehman (Bern, KS) and Elder Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS). We always enjoy and appreciate the visiting ministers as well as our own who obey the Word to "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine". II Timothy 4:2.

Colby LouAnn was born to Bro. Richard and Sis. Kay Sutter May 27 and welcomed home by big brother, Caleb. Grandparents are Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marge Sutter and William Miles and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davis. May God bless this little family as they

strive to follow His teachings in rearing their children.

Elder Bro. Roy and Sis. Dona Grimm received a double blessing when their daughter and her husband, Sis. Wendy and Bro. Jeff Gutwein (Francesville, IN), became parents of twins. Brett Alan and Brooke Renee were born June 7. Ryan, Alyssa and Shawna are the little helpers at home! We know God will share His love and wisdom with Wendy and Jeff in this special event which is truly a gift from heaven.

We enjoyed hearing the testimonies of three converts, Rusty and Amy (Hoerr) Adrian and Brent Hoerr, June 1. On Sunday, we witnessed their baptisms. Elder Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS) assisted Bro. Roy in carrying out these duties. Amy's and Brent's parents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Emma Dee. May God continue to guide and direct them in every step of their lives.

"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

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Don and Sis. Janelle Scott and family at the death of Don's father, Paul Scott (Oakland, IA). "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8.

Our Sunday school presented a program of songs and readings following a delicious "carry-in" meal at the fellowship center. This is always a "highlight" of the year and we know each received a blessing and will enjoy the many memories as time flies by.

Let us remember Father's Day, not only on June 16, but throughout the year with our love and respect.

"His shoulders are a little bent,/ His youthful force a trifle spent./ But he's the finest man I know,/ With heart of gold and hair of snow./ He's seldom cross and never mean;/ He's always been so good and clean;/ I only hope I'll always be/ As kind to him as he's been to me./ Sometimes he's tired and seems forlorn,/ His happy face is lined and worn;/ Yet he can smile when things are bad;/ That's why I like my gray-haired dad./ He doesn't ask the world for much/ Just comfort, friendliness and such;/ But from the things I've heard him say,/ I know its up to me



to pay/ For all the deeds he's done for me/  
Since I sat rocking on his knee;/  
Oh, not in dollars, dimes or cents/  
That's not a father's recompense;/  
Nor does he worship wealth and fame/  
He'd have me honor Jesus' name."

R.W.D.

"The best inheritance a father can leave his children is a Christian example."

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

Bros. Al Schnieder and Dan Stoller, their wives and many others from Rockville, CT were our visitors this month. God provides in so many ways and we ought to count our blessings often.

Our dear friend Richard Diggelman (Bro. John and Sis. Mary's son) along with his wife, Helga, and son, Kevin, are visiting from Saudi Arabia, where Richard is employed with Eastman Kodak. They will be here several weeks and then will leave for a new assignment in South Korea. We are thankful to God for this opportunity to visit with them as family and friends.

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**NEW YORK, CROGHAN**  
**Alice Virkler**

O, Spirit of God's strength and might,  
Create in us a new life and light;  
O, join us all in heart and mind,  
That access to God's throne we find  
Within Thy light!

O, May we all united stand  
By holy tie and sacred band,  
As members of Christ's body here,  
Led by Thy Spirit true, sincere,  
With one accord.

Zion's Harp #200

On Sunday evening, May 19, we gathered together in the Croghan church to partake of holy communion. We were reminded in the verses of the beautiful hymn that we are renewed in strength as we partake of this holy feast. May we go forward in the coming days with new life and light and continue on in unity in one accord. We thank Elder Bro. Corbin Bahler (Rockville, CT) for serving with our Elder Bros. Robert Beyer and Norbert Steiner. May they be richly rewarded for their love and concern for each of us. Bro. Corbin also expounded the Word of Truth to us during the day in the Naumburg church. We also apprec-

iated the visit of Elder Bro. John and Sis. Julia Bahler who came with Elder Bro. Corbin and Sis. Virginia.

On Wednesday evening, June 5, Bro. Elmer Witzig (Gridley, IL) spoke the Word when we assembled for our mid-week service in the Croghan church. On Sunday, June 16, Bro. Harold Schmidgall (Gridley, IL) and Bro. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka, IL) were with us for the day. We want to thank each of these brothers and their traveling companions for speaking the truth through the Spirit and visiting us. On Sunday we enjoyed a covered dish dinner at the Croghan church and had evening services at the Naumburg church.

Sis. Kate O'Brien was called from this life at the age of 92 years on June 11. Funeral services were held by Elder Bros. Norbert Steiner and Robert Beyer June 13. She will be missed by all as she served the Lord for many years as a light unto us. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Chester; a daughter, Mrs. Charles (Winifred) Christiansen; three brothers, Jesse, Ray and Melvin; and two sisters, Barbara Widmeyer and Lillian Jeffs. She and Bro. Chet celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary last year. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family and are thankful that she was only hospitalized a short time before she was taken "home".

Sis. Charlotte Virkler has returned to her home after three weeks of hospitalization following two surgeries. We are glad she has been granted a measure of good health and hope she will be in our assembly again soon.

Also, we are glad to report that little Ambrose, son of Joe and Linette Bush, did not have to remain hospitalized following surgery.

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**NEW YORK, NAUMBURG**  
**Rachel Snyder**

A pleasant weekend was spent when Elder Bro. Corbin Bahler was with us and we partook of holy communion. May God richly bless him for coming to us and helping us. We were pleased to have Bro. John come along with Bro. Corbin and we're so glad he is doing quite well.

A blessed time was spent when Bro. Elmer Witzig came to visit us and share God's precious Word with us.

Then again, the weekend of June 16 we were fortunate to have Bro. Harold Schmidgall (Gridley, IL) and Bro.

Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka, IL) with us. They both gave of themselves to expound God's Word to us. We thank the brothers for coming. We enjoyed a covered dish meal at the Croghan church and then had services at Naumburg in the evening.

We appreciate so much to have visitors, so anyone who may be traveling this way, please stop here in New York.

Sis. Pearl Colgrove has had to return to the hospital, Carthage Area. May God be near her.

August is the time for Naumburg collection.

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**OHIO, AKRON**  
**Joyce Gasser**

Philippians 2:7, 8 states, Jesus "took upon him the form of a servant . . . and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." A servant in Exodus 21 was to be the master's slave for six years and the seventh year could go out free. If in this time, the master had paid for a wife for him and they had children, he could not take them with him — he went free only alone. If he loved his master, wife and children, by his choice he could plainly say three things: He loved his master, his wife and his children. Then he would continue to be a servant there, and become obedient to be taken to the door to have his ear pierced, filling it with the master's signet that he was his servant there with his wife and children forever.

This is a picture of Jesus Christ taking our bondage and turning our slavery into the miraculous. Jesus served out his slavery, and being sinless, He could have left the earth to go free. But then he would not have done the Master's will; and He would leave the human race in bondage. Jesus loved His Master, the Father, and all people; and by choice, He took upon Him the form of a servant and became obedient to be taken to the cross to be pierced, to set us free, that we could be with Him forever.

Our Sunday school superintendent, Bro. Carl Graf, and his wife, Sis. Kathy, entertained the graduates and their families with a delicious supper.

Bro. Leo Haib went to Europe to visit some of his family in West Germany.

We enjoyed inspiring messages by Bro. Gary Maibach recently.

Bro. and Sis. Greg Henico's little

boy, Adam, is home recovering from being quite ill.

### OHIO, COLUMBUS Desma Klopfenstein

During the last month, we were visited by brethren from many different areas. We thank especially Bro. Ben Manz (Junction, OH), Bro. Mark Bahr (Detroit, MI) and Bro. Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis, OH) for expounding God's Word and bringing their families to fellowship with us.

In our home, there are many inspirational plaques and wall hangings, each uniquely crafted, and all quite lovely. But, as the months go by, we're just beginning to realize their full beauty.

As we began to decorate our apartment, it was exciting to find a special place for every new item, and so it was with our pictures. When they were hung in groupings or singly, my like or dislike of them was decided primarily on the basis of color, shape or size. But the Lord must watch over us at all times, because now as we look at the kitchen wall during breakfast, there isn't merely a little block of wood with pretty writing hanging there, but a tender verse from the Love Chapter to strengthen and uplift us every morning. Then at night, as we kneel to pray, now facing us isn't just a picture that fits in nicely with our color scheme, but a prayer asking God to make us instruments of His peace; to help us love and to pardon, to comfort and to give — such a blessed way to direct our hearts and minds heavenward.

Sometimes, too, in viewing a person or a situation, we can forget to delve beyond the surface, forming opinions based only on appearance. In those times it seems the Lord gently prods us to reach deeper to gain a full understanding of the matter, and leads us to a greater appreciation of everything around us.

### OHIO, GIRARD

Can you imagine us having six visiting ministers in one day? That is what happened as the Princeville choir and others visited us June 9. Our church was filled to overflowing. The whole day was a blessing as Elder Bros. David Keiser, Eugene Pamer and Bros. Arthur Baurer, James Plattner, Benjamin Hartzler and Walter Ram-sier brought us the Living Word. The singing of the congregation and choir resounded to praise the Lord. We en-

joyed working with the Rittman brethren who furnished the lunch.

The day was also Sis. Ella Deisinger's 91st birthday. She expresses thanks for all the good wishes.

We also wish to thank Sis. Dorothy and Bro. Homer Reineck for their visit and help in the pulpit June 2.

Our whole congregation is praising the Lord for protecting us from the vicious tornado that tore through our area May 31. Our hearts go out to the many who lost all earthly possessions.

### OHIO, JUNCTION Les Manz

Alicia Ann was born June 13 to Joe and Chris Rose. Assisting the parents in training this precious little soul in God's ways will be the paternal grandparents, Bro. Alvin and Sis. Betty Manz.

Sis. Anna Manz was hospitalized this month. How thankful we can be that He who cares for our soul also has the power to heal our bodies if He wills. Our Sis. Madeline Manz has felt that healing power and has appreciated the many cards, gifts and prayers so many of you have extended in her behalf, and wishes to thank those who remembered her.

### OHIO, LATTY

#### Patty Gerber — Laurie Stoller

"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." I Corinthians 3:17

As we celebrate the liberty of our land, let us look to Him who has given us freedom from our bondage. Galatians 5:13 reads, "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another."

Visiting our congregation this past month were Bro. Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit, MI), Bro. John Isch (Indianapolis, IN), Bro. Wayne Lehman (South Bend, IN), Bro. Ed Schwartz (Bluffton, IN) and Bro. Don Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN).

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble . . ." Psalm 46:1. We give a special prayer for our hospital patients, Sis. Betty Laukhuf, Sis. Sally Stoller (Ken and Sis. Esther) and Bro. Eli Rager. May God continue to bless them with His healing touch.

We gathered together on a Friday evening for our annual Bible School

Program. As each class gave their presentation, how interesting it was to watch them grow up before our eyes. It was truly a blessed evening filled with the sounds of God's praises.

Sis. Emily Stoller and Sis. Bonnie Rigggenbach (Harlan and Sis. Delores) recently traveled to Uganda to give nursing services to the people there. Upon returning, they invited the congregation to share their experiences and slide presentation. Leaving the hall that evening, I believe each of us was filled with a deep thankfulness and knowledge that every soul is worthy of the Lord's message and blessings and that every small part contributed is needful and appreciated.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Sis. Mary Gerber, who recently passed away. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bro. Jesse Gerber. Surviving are Sis. Catherine Klopfenstein (Bro. Raymond), Jack Gerber (Mary), Richard Gerber (Ruth) and Colleen Beltz (Herbert).

The family of Carl Sinn would like to thank all those who remembered them with prayers, cards and gifts, during Carl's illness and death. May God richly bless you for your love and kindness.

### OHIO, MANSFIELD

#### Linda Morrison

"There shall be showers of blessings, this is the promise of love . . .". We have surely felt the outpouring of God's love in many forms:

Bro. Jim and Sis. Clara Zimmer welcome two new grandchildren into their family circle. Zachary William arrived May 21 at the home of Rick and Sis. Susan Foss. Elijah and Isaac will help love their little brother. Maria Jane found a loving family awaiting her arrival June 4. Dan and Sis. Barb Tucker are the happy parents. Tammi, Kristi and Archie are happy to have a baby to love.

Michelle LeAnn was born May 28 to first-time parents, Randy and Sherry Beer. Bro. Ken and Sis. Pat Beer are first-time grandparents. Bro. Robert and Sis. Kathryn Beer are the great-grandparents.

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

On May 26 a special recognition was given to our high school graduates: Brian Garrison (Bro. Don and Sis. JoAnn), Jenny Gerber (Wayne and Sis. Dorothy), Kim Kemper (Keith and Sis.

Mary), Heidi Oesch (Sis. Kate) and Matt Washington (Bro. Bernie and Sis. Bev). Sunday school superintendent, Bro. Jim Zimmer, Jr. encouraged them to take into their futures precious moments/memories of home, family and Sunday school. May God bless each one with a repentant heart . . . it will make an eternal difference. "In days of youth seek ye the Lord, His love and truth with one accord, Go offer Him thy youthful days and walk within the Saviour's ways." Hymns of Zion #135.

On June 2, Bro. Max Reimschisel and family spent the day with us. We rejoice to have visitors. "I love to tell the story of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love," Melodies of Praise #3. May this be the lot of those called to minister God's Word.

Vacation Bible School was a blessing to all . . . a week of labor, praise and rejoicing, as well as a week of much learning. "How beautiful heaven must be!" Bro. Kent Ringger (Bluffton, IN), Bro. Ray Sinn (Latty), Bro. Ed Schwartz (Bluffton, IN), Bro. Paul Gasser (Akron) and Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville, IN) encouraged us to faithfulness and spiritual growth. A recurring exhortation was the importance of prayer: "Were half the breath oft vainly spent, To heav'n in supplication sent, Our cheerful song would oft'ner be, "Hear what the Lord has done for me." Hymns of Zion #202.

Hospital patients this month were both children of Bro. Ken and Sis. Sue Sauder, Julie (medical) and David (surgical). God is the Great Physician and gives physical healing but more important may we always look to Him for our spiritual healing.

Our prayers support our dear Sis. Katie Sauder, our oldest member, in the death of her son, Dr. Paul J. Sauder, 63. Our love and sympathy is extended to Paul's dear wife, Marion; his brothers, Bro. Charles and Gene; and to his sisters, Martha Schuff, Elma Kiser, Wilma McCutchan, Louise Heckel and Sis. Miriam Bird. "Death is not a period in the story of life, just a comma," may Paul's family find comfort in that thought.

We bid farewell to Bro. Jim and Sis. Cheryl Zimmer and family. They have moved to the Bluffton area. They will be missed but we trust God will continue to bless their family. Their daughter, Michell, has found grace

unto repentance and has been blessed with the assurance of peace. Valerie, Brad and Jeremy will be especially missed by their Sunday school classes. "Blest be the tie that binds, Our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds, Is like to that above." Hymns of Zion #156.

It's as easy to believe in an accidental (evolutionary) creation of the human body which is so marvelously made, as it is to believe an explosion in a print shop would result in an unabridged dictionary.

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**OHIO, RITTMAN**  
**Judy Stoller — Verla Stoller**

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ . . .".

Ephesians 4:11-13

After much prayerful consideration, looking to God for guidance, Bro. Andy Stoller (Sis. Roberta) was chosen to be our new minister. We are thankful he was willing to accept this responsibility, and wish him much grace as he, through the inspiration of God, brings forth the Word.

We are also thankful for our visiting minister, Bro. Bill Brake (Sardis). May God richly bless him for his efforts.

"And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." Genesis 2:18

June 1 was the wedding day for Kevin Trent (Bro. Ed and Sis. Marilyn) and Marcia Lehman. On June 15, Ellen Blough (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Lorene) and Russell Gerber were bound together in holy matrimony. We wish both couples God's richest blessings as they begin their lives together.

In sorrow and pain  
 Thy trust do retain  
 In Jesus the merciful Savior.

Zion's Harp #46

Many of our loved ones have been hospitalized this month. We are thankful to report that Bro. George Riggenschach, Sr. (Sis. Minnie), Sis. Maggie

Bauman, Teresa Marty (Dave), Sis. Pam McIntyre, Sis. Pearl Breece (Bill) and Adam Hanzie (son of Terry and Susanne) have returned home again. At this time, Ola Winkler and Jim Winkler remain hospitalized. We pray that God's healing hand could be upon them also, if it be His will.

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**OHIO, SARDIS**  
**Paula Figel**

Vacation Bible School was held three Saturday evenings in June. It was an opportunity for the children to have more concentrated lessons on Bible teachings as well as spending time together. Children are being confronted with so much evil in today's society. They need a strong basis for what is right and wrong and why. We want to thank Bro. Andy Hunyady (Columbus, OH), Bro. Joe Rufener (Rittman, OH) and Elder Bro. Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH) for sharing themselves to teach us.

We were privileged to have Bro. Ben Manz and family (Junction, OH) with us on Thursday evening. We want to thank Bro. Ben for ministering the Word to us.

We celebrated a graduation breakfast for our oldest son, Andrew, at the Fire Hall. We certainly thank the Sardis group for preparing the breakfast.

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**OHIO, TOLEDO**  
**Frances Laidig**  
**Josephine Rehkla**

See in faith, and hope and love  
 Lies the power from above;  
 But one baptism, faith, and Lord,  
 Spirit, head, in one accord.

This adorns our brotherhood,  
 For God's reign is always good;  
 Brethren, look upon your way  
 To your Saviour ev'ry day.

"Unity in Love"  
 Zion's Harp #181, vs. 5-6

We thank the Lord that He sent to us Bros. Elmer Witzig (Gridley, IL) and Lenard Meyer (Chicago, IL) to be our ministers on Sunday, June 1 and 16 respectively. May He bountifully provide for them and their families. We were also happy to have with us the other visitors who were with them.

Thou Lord are fully aware of our every need and will provide for them as



thou will see it best. "As for God, his way is perfect." Psalm 18:30.

Bro. Joseph and Sis. Lydia Fetter have moved to the Apostolic Christian Nursing Home in Rittman, OH. We will miss these loved ones. They were always with us in our congregation when health permitted. Knowing that God is only a prayer away, we trust He will give them the needed strength and courage to adjust to their new surroundings.

Our yearly Bible school was the week of June 24. It is a week looked forward to with anticipation and we pray that God will add His blessings to both the teachers and the children.

Having students enrolled in the University of Toledo, has brought to our church services many of their relatives and friends. We hope that more students will be coming here in the future.

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**OREGON, PORTLAND**  
**Barbara Moser**

**PEACE IS ONLY A PRAYER AWAY**

Why is your heart filled with worry and care?

Peace may be yours in a moment of prayer.

Lift up your heart as you need Him each day.

Peace is only a prayer away.

Life has its problems, its troubles and fears.

Sometimes its sorrows may bring us to tears;

Jesus is waiting to help you each day.

Peace is only a prayer away.

Why are you needlessly near to despair?

Jesus has promised your burden to bear.

Turn to Him now without further delay.

Peace is only a prayer away.

Is there a soul deeply troubled within, Seeking for peace, overcome by your sin?

Victory is yours as you trust Him today.

Peace is only a prayer away.

Is He not able to meet every need? Can He not do what He's promised indeed?

Fret not yourself or be filled with dismay.

Peace is only a prayer away.

Why does tomorrow bring fear to your heart?

Peace and contentment are His to impart.

Leave it with Him, He will show you the way.

Peace is only a prayer away.

Peace is only a prayer away.

Why longer wait, why further delay?

Your fears and tears He'll banish today.

His peace is only a prayer away.

Now that summer is upon us, we are anticipating the many who will come visit us in Oregon, and look forward to the potlucks and fellowship of like-minded brothers and sisters-in-the-Lord. This is one of the many, many blessings the Lord bestows upon us, and we all pray that this will be one thing not ever taken from us.

A little son, John Michael, was born to Gary and Linda Schulenberg, only to live 3½ days when the Lord needed him for His beautiful flower garden. Our prayers go to his parents and grandparents, Bro. Bob and Sis. Pearl Miller.

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**OREGON, SILVERTON**  
**Rosa Lee Kuenzi**

On a recent Saturday night, Sis. Marge Peasley and Sis. Jane Metzger held a bridal shower at the home of Bro. David and Sis. Margene Peasley. The honored guest was Janet Rush, who plans to marry Jack Kuenzi (Bro. Rich and Sis. Rosa Lee Kuenzi) on August 3, 1985. An interesting activity of the evening was when each guest was given a piece of paper to write down a question to ask Janet, but the question had to be about Jack. Janet was well informed on the subject answering such questions as: What is his favorite food? What color does he prefer? When was he born and how much did he weigh? Etc, Etc. The young couple received many lovely gifts and certainly do appreciate everyone's kindnesses.

The Lord has blessed us with several of His willing and humble servants this month, and we are more grateful than words can say. Visiting ministers this past month have been, in order of their arrival, Bro. Noah Herman (Tucson, AZ), Bro. Robert Miller and Bro. Garth Steffen (Portland, OR), Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL) and Bro. Wayne Miller (Ft. Scott, KS). May the Lord's abundant blessings be upon them and their families and the dear

ones in their home churches. We were recently reminded that the Bible records how the elders were told to "feed the flock", and that nothing is more vital to our spiritual well-being. Without that "feeding" we would surely "starve". It is our prayer for ourselves and for all God's children, that the flock will always be "hungry". The flock was truly fed through the inspired messages of these dear brothers and for that we are thankful.

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**PENNSYLVANIA,**  
**PHILADELPHIA**  
**Ann Gasser**

Memorial Day weekend, Sunday evening, we enjoyed a church picnic at Bro. Ed and Sis. Nancy Aeschleman's. We appreciate these times when we can fellowship together. Memorial Day was another day to get together, this time for church cleaning and yard work.

The past few months I've reported increases in our congregation, and this trend continues. Bros. Jerry Isch and Nathan Gerber (Bluffton, IN) have moved to Lancaster County and are currently living with Bro. John, Sis. Kathy Clough and family. Their plans are to stay through this summer and possibly beyond as the Lord directs.

New Sunday school teachers have been selected. Sis. Carolyn Roberts and Sis. Karen Laparo will share responsibility for teaching the youngest children; Sis. Ann Gasser, the middle class; and Bro. Ron Laparo, the Bible class. Bro. Ron will also become Sunday school superintendent, replacing Bro. Dave Roberts. Our thanks goes to Bro. Dave for his care of the Sunday school and to Sis. Gail Gasser who had taught the children for several years.

Paul and Philip Aeschleman have completed the 1984-85 college term and have secured summer employment. Paul will be working for the DuPont Company, while Phil will be working in southern Delaware near the shore.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Lee Bahler (Rockville, CT) and Bro. Ben Manz (Junction, OH). We thank them, their families and other visitors.

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**Honduras . . .**

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 bergs, we returned to the Resort and had our Sunday church services on an open deck porch to again view the beauty of the lake and mountains in the

background. It reminded me of "Lake Louise" in Canada. Following the church services, we had our dinner in a beautiful setting, an experience never to be forgotten. After dinner, we toured the Honduras countryside and stopped at the Pulapanzak Falls and its rapids downstream. The Falls were approximately 135 feet high. Most of the group walked down the long steps to the bottom, and again it was a long climb back up. It was now late in the afternoon and we were about 2 hours from Siguatepeque. Along the Sunday drive, we saw many open lime furnaces used to provide lime for industrial purposes.

The tenth day, Monday, the entire crew was on the site earlier than usual because the two cranes we had ordered were to be on the site at 8:30 a.m. Fortunately, both cranes were on the site at the scheduled time. The results of lifting the roof trusses is discussed earlier in this report. All the walkway framing boards were removed and progress was being made to install the asbestos roof, which was 98% completed. The reason the roof was not finished was because there were not sufficient nails. Five skylights were also placed in the roof to provide additional light into the classrooms. Also on Monday, we were fortunate to lease a cabinet shop for two days. Six men made 5 doors, 9 fixed window louvers and 18 window enclosures which were to be hinged so they could be opened. On Monday noon, the third and last picnic lunch was prepared by the sisters and enjoyed by all.

Tuesday, the last day on the site, the roof was completed, the doors and windows were installed and five locks were provided for the building. A general clean-up around the building was now in order as the two-room school was complete. An all-night rain came Monday evening and continued through Tuesday morning. We were indeed fortunate to have sunshine every day as we worked on the project. The climb uphill to the site was almost impossible the last day.

Ezequiel Martinez had planned a dedication service for 10:00 a.m. Tuesday morning. All the families surrounding the school site were invited, plus the school administrator and a local senator. Because of the rain, all had to be cancelled, which was the only disappointment on the entire project.

We together planned to read from I

Kings 8:22-29, which was Solomon's prayer of dedication for the temple. Ezequiel planned to introduce everyone and make the brief remarks. I was to follow with remarks and read in English the above eight verses. Ezequiel was then going to read the same eight verses in Spanish with further remarks. Our entire group was to sing several songs in English and then close with a prayer. Following the services, the 26 of us from the States were to line up under the school walkway and everyone present could shake hands with us. As previously stated, this did not materialize. Keys to the school house were given to the school administrator and classes were to start in February.

Tuesday afternoon was parting time and everyone had checked out by 4:00 p.m. Ezequiel Martinez planned to go to Tegucigalpa, the capital city, and four couples went with him in the Toyota van. Two couples, the Harold Hodels and the Nelson Martins were planning to travel from Tegucigalpa to Costa Rica and Guatamala. The Rudy Luginbuhls and the Gene Hangartners returned with Ezequiel on Wednesday.

Late Tuesday, the remaining 18 of us also left Siguatepeque in a leased bus and arrived back in San Pedro Sula. We could all rejoice that the project was finished and we had two days to go sightseeing and shopping in San Pedro. By Wednesday evening, the Luginbuhls and Hangartners had also returned to San Pedro Sula. After supper, we had our Wednesday evening worship services together and also an additional hour of fellowship after the service. Bro. Jack Krantz chaired the second hour wherein each one could express their feelings regarding the project. The comments were all very interesting, pro or con, and enjoyed by all.

Approximately 190 Spanish Bibles consisting of the Book of Psalms and the New Testament were sent with us for distribution. Inserts were translated in Spanish by Steve Russell (Spanish teacher in our Morton High School) of our "Statement of Faith" consisting of the first six items. These inserts were pasted on the inside cover by our sisters before distribution in the Siguatepeque Boarding House. All of the workers in the village "El Pacayal" received one. At the boarding house, a copy was given to the receptionist, a former "Miss Honduras", as her par-

ents owned the boarding house. Also others that we met received copies and seemingly appreciated them.

One afternoon, Ezequiel took the sisters and I to tour a hospital in Siguatepeque, "Hospital Evangelico". Dr. Noe Marroquin, the chief surgeon and a director of the hospital, gave us a personal tour. He is a Christian (spoke English) and a personal friend of Ezequiel. He and his wife also visited the school site project. We left with him over 100 copies of the Spanish Bibles for distribution. He felt that one person each day became a Christian in the hospital and that he would distribute these Bibles personally to those he felt would receive the most benefit. The sisters also enjoyed a tour through a public school in the city. The principal of the school gave us the tour.

The complete cost of the school project came to \$9,853.66.

There were numerous items included which were not originally planned. These were: 1. Two chalk boards (one for each classroom), 2. Forty chairs with an attached writing board, 3. One teacher's desk and chair, 4. Two toilets, 5. Use of a local cabinet shop for 2 days to make 5 doors, 9 louvers and 18 hingeable windows, 6. A donation for three men who helped tremendously full time throughout the entire project, Ezequiel Martinez, Mario Guevara and Luis Vega, 7. Five skylights in the roof, 8. Lumber for item 5 above, plus 5 key locks for doors, hinges for all doors, plus hinges for all windows, slideable bolt locks for the inside of all hingeable windows, 9. The largest expense was the use of the Toyota van, which could transport 13 people; it was used as a truck, driven hard over 1,300 miles, rented 13 days, gasoline \$1.87/gal. for a total cost of approximately \$1,200.

Friday morning, January 25, we left San Pedro airport for our flight to New Orleans. Here a tour of the city was planned and enjoyed by all.

We all arrived home safely Friday evening and thanks be to God for a successful project and trip.

It would be my recommendation that a follow-up trip be made next February 1986 whereby a couple from the Work Opportunity Committee and also a couple from the World Relief Committee would visit Honduras. Lord willing,

my wife and I would join these couples or more if this were planned.

Humbly submitted,  
Bro. Francis Rother

P.S. Early in March 1985, a request came from Mr. Martinez expressing the need for water at the school house. The estimated cost to pipe the water was \$400. This amount has been advanced to Mr. Martinez for this purpose, and he pledged to take care of this matter.

### Memories of Japan & India . . .

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read. After the services, the pastors and parents lined up all the children to receive their clothing. Sis. Lois and Sis. Virginia had all the clothing arranged by size and as each child came by, the sisters held up the dress or shirt and

pants, to try and get the right size. The children were so thankful and we saw many smiles. We were so thankful for the funds provided by the World Relief Committee, enabling the purchase of these children's clothes. I had the candy sack and gave each child a piece of candy. Then came a time of parting and each adult and child would shake hands and say their "Salaom", their way of greeting or farewell. This worship service, helping the children and giving Bibles is typical of the visits over many days to Bavandagad, Chuli, Mulher, Mhasdi, Bhilwod, Balhana, Kolangou.

The next writing will cover our visit to the Balhana church, our visit to the dispensary there and our returning trip, our visit to the Nasik Mission and Orphanage.

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

**America's Grandest of Freedoms, was instituted by the Country's founding fathers in 1776.**

The historical record of the Croghan and Naumburg churches is from "Marching To Zion", a history of the Apostolic Christian Churches of America.

"Then Peter said unto 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."

CROGHAN & NAUMBURG  
NEW YORK

Two dates, seemingly unrelated, figure very prominently in the history of the Apostolic Christian Church of America. The first - widely acclaimed and heard around the world - occurred on July 4, 1776, when fifty-six men gathered in Independence Hall to sign the Declaration of Independence, a document which asserted unequivocally "that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness". Adjunct to this was the First Amendment to the Constitution which said, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of a religion, or prohibiting the exercise thereof". This great event occurred with much fanfare and acclaim!

The second date was July 4, 1803, exactly twenty-seven years later. A boy, Samuel Heinrich Froehlich, was born in the city of Brugg of canton Aargau in Switzerland. In time he would grow up to lead a religious awakening which would erupt in Switzerland and spread to several other countries, including America. This event, while a joy for the Froehlich family, occurred without fanfare.

With the birth of Samuel Froehlich, the stage was set for the doctrines of repentance and conversion, particularly as understood by Apostolic Christians, to ultimately find their way to America. RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, AMERICA'S GRANDEST OF FREEDOMS, WAS INSTITUTED BY THE COUNTRY'S FOUNDING FATHERS IN 1776. A few years later God raised up a man of unusual devo-

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tion and vision whose energies and zeal awoke multitudes to the One who could give them eternal life. As emigration from Europe to America began in great volume, it was inevitable that the faith of our fathers on that continent would gravitate to America, the land of religious toleration.

Yet, in a broader and more accurate sense, the true roots of the church date back to events associated at Mount Calvary when Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Son of God, bled and died on the cruel Cross for the remission of sin.

The movement which Samuel Froehlich began in 1831 - 1832 found a presence in America in 1847. It was during this year that twenty-eight-year-old Benedict Weyeneth, having just recently been ordained an Elder in the Evangelical Baptist Church in Switzerland and personally consecrated by Samuel Froehlich, landed on American soil.

Young Weyeneth, diligent in spirit and obviously feeling led of God because he was ordained specifically to come to America, patiently checked through customs and soon found the boat that would take him up the Hudson River to Albany, then by canal to Utica. From there he may have walked the twenty or so miles to the Black River and then taken some type of water conveyance (or he may have walked) the entire sixty miles to Lewis County, New York. This is the site of the two Apostolic Christian Churches which exist today at Croghan and Naumburg.

He was on a mission of profound importance. Rather than attempting to initiate a broadly based program of evangelism for America - which already had many Christian denominations - he instead was responding to a request from Joseph Virkler, a Lewis County Amish Mennonite farmer, to Samuel Froehlich for help in alleviating some spiritual problems which were besetting his group of believers in that area.

It was during a previous meeting of Virkler's group that one of them, a former member of Froehlich's Evangelical Baptist Church in Europe, had recommended the group write to Froehlich to see if he could either adjudicate their differences or make other spiritual recommendations which might resolve the situation. It was their hope that Froehlich would come to America.

Because Froehlich was a strong, dynamic and very persuasive leader, no doubt this man, while separated from Froehlich's church, continued to retain a deep respect for his ability and talent in helping those who needed spiritual guidance.

Although he remains unknown, the man who recommended Froehlich played a very significant part in the history of the Apostolic Christian Church of America. Had he not suggested that Froehlich or one of his followers be summoned to America, the church might never have crossed the Atlantic at that particular time, and the history of the church in America might have been markedly different.

Research concerning the man who recommended that Joseph Virkler write to Samuel Froehlich fails to reveal any definite clues to his identity. In 1939 at Roanoke, IL, Fred Herbst, a local history enthusiast interviewed Priscilla Weyeneth Liebig, a daughter of Benedict Weyeneth. His notes of this interview, while somewhat difficult to read, contain the phrase, "Benhart Ben sent word to Europe". Whether she is referring to the name "Benhart" is unknown. At this time there is no known family in the church by the name of Benhart. Thus, the man's identity is a mystery that will likely remain unresolved. There is conjecture, however, that the man might have been John Keiffer, an early arrival in America who persuaded many Mennonites to move from Europe to Lewis County. This cannot be totally confirmed.

It is not altogether certain whether Benedict Weyeneth came to America alone or with a male companion. It is certain he was the only Elder to come over to help the Amish Mennonite colony in Lewis County, NY.

Joseph Farney and Rudolph Virkler served the Lewis County church as bishops as were probably the leaders who had previously brought the group to America.

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### Sermon . . .

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brothers and sisters to the Lord Jesus Christ, and we are equal in the sight of God. We should consider one another as equal, and we should live our lives in such a state of mind.

"Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." Philippians 2:4. Now that doesn't mean that we should look upon the things of others to covet, but that we should look upon the things that another has with the same respect that we look upon our own things. We should not say, "This is mine . . . I shall care for it very well; but this is not mine, so I don't care what happens to it." It is easy to do that, but we should be concerned for others, especially for the things that are of the Spirit. We should mind the house of the Spirit. We should be willing and able to give the warning; and we should certainly be willing and able to be an example to the praise and honor of God so that others might take heart.

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Philippians 2:5-8. Loved ones, we want someone whom we can follow as an example, although we should not idolize anyone except our God.

Many times we look to someone and say, "If I could only live my life as well as he." This is all right; but if we are seeking for someone to follow after, why not seek out the Lord? He lived His life here in a perfect state. He was sin-free, and He did the very things that we are expected to do. "He made Himself," it says, "of no reputation".

He made Himself a servant. Imagine! The Saviour of all mankind, God's only Son, came as a servant. He proved His willingness to be a servant when He washed the disciples feet. He said, ". . . do as I have done to you." John 13:15. In this He meant, loved ones, that we should be servants, one toward another. By so doing, we would always be helping one another. The servant must always do the work, so if we are all servants, we will all be working. If we are all working, just think what we can accomplish! God wants us to accomplish a great deal here, both the saving of our own souls and the encouragement of others.

We read here in this Psalm (I thought they were such inspiring Words) of all that God has done for us.

It says: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Psalm 103:2.

Every day, loved ones, it is important for us to kneel down to our God, and to thank Him for all His gifts. When we have our food, we should thank Him for providing for the needs of our body. Now we have never, any of us, known what it is to be hungry. I once read that a man said he knew what hunger was, but he always went to a restaurant. Well, this is sort of a joke, but that's the way it has been with us... we have never known real hunger. When we were hungry, we went to get something to eat. But there are those in this world, dear ones, who cannot do that. They do not have a place to go to get food. They have to suffer. There are those who live their whole lives knowing nothing but hunger. How thankful we should be that God has abundantly provided for us.

I was talking just before the service with one of the farmers, and he mentioned, "Did you see the great, long line of corn going into the elevators?" Oh, I saw it, and it's a wonderful thing. Isn't it comforting to know that there is so much good food in our nation? Shouldn't we be thankful for it? Shouldn't we be concerned that we support our government?

We should be thankful continually for the wonderful things that we have here. We should be like the men of old who established our nation. They came here so that they might find a place of peace and also a place where they could worship their God as they would. They were grateful that God had blessed them so much, and even established a day of thanksgiving which is soon to be celebrated.

If all the people of this nation would be thankful to God for all that we have, and if they would be supportive in their churches and in prayer, then, dear ones, I believe that we would have nothing to fear. But it is not like that. We know that there has been a falling away in our nation, that the churches have weakened somewhat, and that the emphasis is not there. There is so much more to do on Sunday than to go to church. God cannot appreciate this. How much longer will He allow it? As long as He does allow it, loved ones, let those of us who know better and appreciate His blessings, thank Him.

We read, "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities..." Psalm 103:3. How could

we ever become a child of God, how could we ever be converted, if God didn't forgive our iniquities? We come to God and we admit before Him that we are sinners. We all are. We were born in sin. Unless we are willing to acknowledge before Him that we have been sinful and ask Him to forgive us, we cannot possibly become a child of God. We cannot become converted; we cannot be renewed in our minds unless we do this.

We must come in meekness and with a contrite heart. We must not come with a haughty heart, because God does not like anyone who is proud. If we come, it says, He will forgive our iniquities. All He asks is that we come and ask Him; then He will forgive us.

It says, "Who healeth all thy diseases..." Psalm 103:3. Many things distress us, loved ones, both physical and spiritual. We have all had our problems, and many times when we brought them God, we have felt better after we have prayed and read His Word. I have had the experience, and I know all of you have had, that when things lay heavily upon me, looking into the Word of God gave true encouragement.

Perhaps a situation very much like yours occurred to someone long ago. Through faith and reliance upon God, all things worked out well. We can read in the Old Testament, and there is no better example, that the kings who followed God were well cared for, and there was peace in their nations. Those who turned from God were removed from His protecting hand, and things didn't go so well. I believe we will find that that happens to us.

"Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." Psalm 103:4, 5.

After we have come to know God, we have been changed. We have also seen it in others. People who have lived very worldly lives, after committing themselves to God, have quickly been tempered in their ways. They have replaced the worldly desires with love. They have desired, then, to be more like God. Once we have come to know Jesus, we long to be more like Him.

The apostle says that when the last day comes, we will see Him and know Him face to face. It is something we all desire, something we all hope for, something we all can have. It is not

something that just some of us can have, but it something all of us can have.

It comes to my mind that just a week or so ago I heard in the sermon (I believe that all of us have heard things such as this) an account of someone who had come very near to death. Perhaps the heart had stopped and the person had apparently passed from this life, but was revived through the wonders of medicine. When such people came back and were again conscious, they mentioned that they had seen such beautiful things. They wished that they could have stayed there. I believe that these things have happened.

Some thoughts came to me then: Will we all see these beautiful things? Will only those who are on their way to that beautiful place see those beautiful things? Will those who are on their way to eternal suffering see them also? Will they have to pass them by? Will they long to go there, but will have to go instead to that place where no one wants to go? Will those cry out and beg for mercy? Will it be as it was in the time of the ark, when the door was closed and people could not enter? I don't know, loved ones, but I know that it says in this Word that only those who are true to God, only those who live for Him, and only those who submit to Him are promised that wonderful reward!

We hope and pray that all of us will be able to remain strong. With God's help, we can, we know. So, then, if we ever fear that we are not going to be able, if we fear that we are going to fail, let us call upon the Lord. Let us call upon our God, and let us kneel before Him in prayer. Let us beg of Him to come down upon our own breast, loved ones, in His unseen and spiritual way, as He is here today. He will help us in our efforts to live our lives in such a way that we find our salvation.

May God grant us grace to that end. May He bless His Holy Word continually, and bless all those who come to hear it that they might be renewed in the Spirit and inspired to know their God better; and may we who have known Him be encouraged to remain faithful and true until our life's end so that, when we pass out of this life, we will be at peace with our God and with man.

May God bless this Word in that way.

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## SERMON BY BRO. EDWARD A. AESCHLEMAN OF PHILADELPHIA, PA

Text: Psalm 103 and Philippians 2:1-16

I have read through sixteen verses of wonderful teaching by this remarkable man, the Apostle Paul, who gave his whole life to the cause of establishing the church of Jesus Christ, that we might at this time and on this day enjoy it. Through Jesus' suffering upon the cross and through the Word that we have been given, we find a way to work out our salvation.

The Word tells us that if we first seek the things of God, our physical needs will be satisfied. I believe that we have all experienced that this has been so very, very true. If we are first willing to yield to Him, He in turn is willing to provide for our every need.

We are taught that if we ask for whatever it is that we need, asking in faith, He will provide it. He has done so. Many times God has provided these things even before we ask, because He knows what our needs are. He knows the future. As He sees how things are in our lives and how they are going to develop, God makes provisions for His children.

I don't know if you have ever thought of it that way, but many times we look back and say how wonderful it was that certain things happened the way that they did. These things do not just happen "by chance", but are directed by our Lord.

We have faith in Him, and believe that He will give us the necessary things. Even more than that, He gives an abundance of things that are not necessary, above and beyond what we have required. This includes both material and spiritual things. How much more wonderful are the material things that we enjoy, if we have received the Spirit of God and recognize and acknowledge where these gifts come from. Those who live in their old ways, loved ones, may enjoy the same things, but they do not appreciate that these things have come to them by the mer-

cies, by the kindness and by the love of God. No one can give anything to us, except according to His will.

In turn, there is very little that we can do for God. What can we do for the One who has created us? The most we can do for Him is to acknowledge Him, to abide in His ways, to listen to and heed His Word, to appreciate the gift of His Son and to appreciate what His Son, Jesus, taught and did for us. Through Him we may become children of God, dwell in that beautiful home and be partakers of the reward that He has in store for us.

The whole purpose of this Book, from the beginning to the end, is to teach us what God desires of us. What God desires of us, loved ones, is not that we should be under a great burden, but that we should experience great joy throughout all of our lives. If we elect to do so, if we elect to submit, then we can enjoy the freedom and peace that He alone can give to us. We can also enjoy the world that He has created for us to live in even that much more.

If we understand this, I believe that we can realize what God sees when He looks down upon us and how much He appreciates those who follow Him and those who do His will and His work. He does not withhold from anyone, loved ones, for the rain falls upon all whether they are sinners or are redeemed in God. Yet, I believe that God likes to see that we appreciate His gifts. We like to know, when we give someone something, that they appreciate it. We like to have them acknowledge it, and we like to have them tell us that it is a nice gift and that they are thankful for it. So it is with God. He likes to know that His children appreciate what He has done for them.

In this chapter a sub-caption said, "An exhortation to humility to Christ's example". It is always good to be

humble. As we have already mentioned, what we have, loved ones, was not created by us. We may have worked for some things, but they were given to us of God, and we should receive them in humbleness and in thanksgiving.

"If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind." Philippians 2:1, 2.

Dear ones, I believe that God would appreciate nothing more than to see us truly in one accord and in like-mind, having the same love. How can we have the same love? If we have the same love that the Lord Jesus has, if we have this within our hearts, then we will all have the same love.

The Lord loves us all, and we love the Lord. Likewise then, we should love one another with true love and understanding. We need the fellowship of those who truly love one another in the Spirit. Therefore, we should be willing to minister to one another. We should be willing to deny ourselves so that we would not be offensive, and we should not be offended so very easily. There are many times when errors are made, loved ones, when we are offended when offense is not due.

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." Philippians 2:3. This is very difficult. We think very highly of ourselves whether we want to admit it or not. It is not natural to the pride of man to admit that someone else is better than he. I don't believe that God desires that we should do that particularly, but He desires that we certainly should not think that we are better than anyone else, because we are all one in Him. We are all His children, all

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