



"Yet not I, but Christ  
liveth in me."  
Galatians 2:20

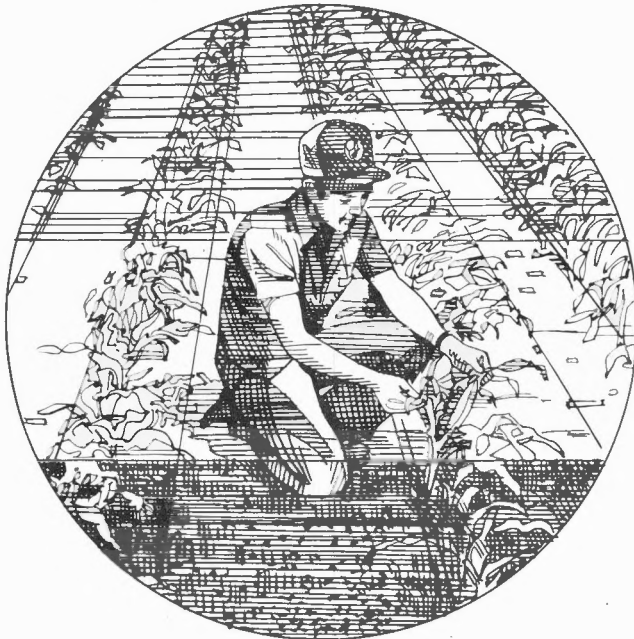
"He that hath the Son  
hath life..."  
I John 5:12

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## *New Life In Christ . . . A Spiritual Springtime*



### CHRIST LIVETH IN ME

As lives the flow'r within the seed,  
As in the cone the tree,  
So, praise the God of truth and grace,  
His Spirit dwelleth in me.

Once far from God and dead in sin,  
No light my heart could see;  
But in God's word the light I found,  
Now Christ liveth in me.

As rays of light from yonder sun  
The flow'rs of earth set free,  
So life and light and love came forth  
From Christ living in me.

With longing all my heart is filled,  
That like Him I may be,  
As on the wond'rous tho't I dwell,  
That Christ liveth in me.

Gospel Hymns #471

Springtime is a season of beauty. All of God's seasons are beautiful in various ways, but Spring has a vibrance all of its own. It's the fresh air after a long winter, the first robin, the promise of warm days ahead, and most of all, the promise of new life. As we enjoy the regeneration that we see in nature all around us, let's remember the Hand that paints the picture. God, through His Word, has expressed His great desire; that of bringing new life, a "spiritual springtime" to those created in His image. May we grasp, by faith, that which He desires for each of us.

Therefore if any man be **in Christ**, he is a **new creature**; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become **new**.  
II Corinthians 5:17

A **new heart** also will I give you, and a **new spirit** will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh . . .  
Ezekiel 36:26

. . . And have put on the **new man**, which is renewed in knowledge after the **image of him that created him**.  
Colossians 3:10

And I will put **my spirit** within you, and cause you to walk in **my statutes**, and ye shall keep **my judgments**.  
Ezekiel 36:27

And that ye put on the **new man**, which **after God is created** in righteousness and true holiness.  
Ephesians 4:24

## NEED FOR ADMINISTRATOR AT APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN WOODHAVEN

The churches in Michigan along with Toledo, Ohio, have begun construction of a 66-bed nursing home in Livonia, Michigan, a western suburb in the Detroit metropolitan area. Foundations are in and construction on the superstructure is proceeding.

The attractive wooded site adjacent to our church 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 an administrator for this program. This is an excellent opportunity for a brother or sister to further develop their professional ca-

reer and to be of service to God in caring for others.

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 at 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

It appears that spring is making a strong bid to push winter into the pages of history for 1985-86. We have had temperatures in the sixties accompanied by torrents of rain. The snow is all gone, water is running in the low places, and the evening sun is gracing the western skies with beautiful rays that touch the earth, giving us earthlings an attachment to the heavens and our Creator. How inspiring it is, when we in awesome wonder behold the universe and all His hands have made. Occasionally, a wisp of lightning rends the sky as if to tell us of the quickness of the Almighty if He so desires to act in that manner. To comprehend in full the power of God, our Father in heaven, if so be, we have been adopted by Him into His holy family, surpasses our finite abilities; but to him that believeth all things are possible. Our communication with Him, through prayer and reading His word, is a golden opportunity and a "must" on our part if we are to maintain a close walk with Him. The Lord knows the way through the wilderness of this life, and all we have to do is follow. The closer we follow Him, the easier and more pleasant is our walk with Him. We sometimes wonder what His will for us is, and if we are fulfilling it. The answer

lies in the words of Jesus when He said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Matthew 22:37-40. One cannot love in this manner except he has the love of God embedded in his heart.

To be effective in serving the needs of our children, we must be exercised by love, the love of God. We then become instruments in His hands and He can bless our labors. It has been said, "Love is a many faceted thing," and it is true as borne out by scripture which uses the word "charity". "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth." I Corinthians 13:4-8. If we can be exercised by these facets of love, we shall not fail in our calling. Endeavoring to be good stewards in helping mold young people's lives is an awesome task. We need your prayers daily.

Some of our children are taking horseback riding lessons and are en-

joying riding "Dude" around the premises. The West House parents recently took their children to Champaign-Urbana for a weekend, a lovely outing. We have a new boy in the West House, Russ S., age 14, from the Fort Wayne area. We extend a warm welcome to Russ and anticipate many pleasant times together. In the classroom, the children are enjoying the new individualized study areas. The dividers add an "individual" room feeling and enable the children to concentrate more readily on the task at hand.

Our administrator, Bro. Tim Sauder, recently spoke at the Western Division meeting of our World Relief organization in Cissna Park, IL. We appreciate the opportunity of telling our brotherhood about the program here at the Home. The most recent church presentations about the Children's Home were at Bluffton and Milford, IN. Any church wanting a presentation should contact the Home.

With the Easter season upon us, we ponder the great price of our salvation; not for us, but our Savior. We cannot

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fully grasp the magnitude of His offering, but we can rejoice in the hope He gives us, "The gift of God, eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

We are anxiously looking ahead to the summer and are beginning to plan our schedule for job training placements, vacations, recreational activities, volunteers, etc. As in past years, we are looking for volunteers who have the opportunity to assist in a variety of areas including: tutoring in summer school or vocational interests, transportation, maintenance, outdoor work, arts and crafts, recreation, computers, domestic skills, or other interests one may have. Our summer program will extend from mid-June through mid-August. Volunteers are encouraged to commit a time period of at least one

week; however, this can be flexible. Please feel free to contact us through our office (219/627-2159) if you are interested and would like additional information.

Mark your calendars! Our annual auction is scheduled for August 16, 1986.

**APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED**

Spring is in the air! Flocks of geese have been seen winging their way back North. The residents are looking forward to getting out and taking walks together on the grounds. Ever since the snow is gone, the park swings have been beckoning to those who love to spend a few moments swinging in the fresh air. The tulips, narcissus and

daffodils are pushing their green noses through the mellow sod. Someone even stopped to fly a kite in the field north-east of the Home the other day.

The beautiful, expressive words in the Song of Solomon, chapter 2, verses 11 and 12, "For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land," are such a welcome to springtime.

The residents are enjoying practicing for the annual Spring Talent Show which will be April 11. Other groups of residents have been enjoying an overnight outing to Jumer's Lodge in Peoria. This is exciting for them as they can go swimming, enjoy the Jacuzzi and also enjoy the fellowship of a small group doing something special together. They are always accompanied by two of our willing staff members.

Talking of small groups, we have a group of 14 girls who call themselves the Sunshine Club. How they look forward to their monthly get-togethers! Activity personnel go with them, too, and each month on the third Thursday, we are invited out to someone's home for an evening of needlework, fun and sometimes games. It is always a surprise to the girls as to where they are going, as it is kept a secret who the volunteer hostess will be. This special group also draws names amongst themselves and have a secret pal. They reveal their secret pal at Christmas time. They do a great job of keeping a secret! It's so much fun to receive a surprise package now and then!

Easter vacation will be early this year and the annual coloring of eggs and the Easter Egg Hunt is being looked forward to.

Those celebrating their birthdays in April are:

- 1 Jane Kohler
- 4 Velma Hoffman
- 7 Jason Guingrich
- 14 Sonja Metzger
- 17 Mark Gundy
- 18 Jaleen Mogler
- 19 Kennan Knapp
- 24 Miriam Schulz
- 26 Steve Steffen
- 27 Nancy Jones

**APRIL PRANKS**

Perhaps, if you watch on an April day, You will see the sun and the rain at play! Oh, the rain will hide and sun will peek,

**BIBLE DISTRIBUTION**

Greetings in our precious Saviour's name.

Many of our brethren from our congregations have been active in giving and distributing the Bible. Many accounts have been heard of the blessings realized in visiting the homes, rest homes, prisons and rescue missions, when inquiry and request has come from someone wishing to have a Bible or Testament. Many requests come from individuals who have sight problems, where a large print Bible or Testament enables them to read again. We now have the KJV of the Bible on cassette tapes for those persons who can no longer see. For the blind, we have sets of braille Bibles in stock, ready for those needing a braille Bible.

During the past two years, 24,702 Bibles and Testaments have been shipped to our congregations for distribution by our brethren.

Contributions to the Bible Fund for Bible distribution can be sent to Elder Bro. Ben Maibach and requests for Bibles and Testaments can be sent to Elder Bro. David Bertsch.

**APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN BIBLE DISTRIBUTION**

Bibles Distributed by our Churches

First Year — August 1983 thru July 1984 — 13,890  
 Second Year — August 1984 thru July 1985 — 10,812

Bibles Distributed — Third Year

	MONTH	TO DATE
August 1985 —	876	876
September 1985 —	1369	2245
October 1985 —	1259	3504
November 1985 —	1088	4592
December 1985 —	1610	6202
January 1986 —	1068	7270
February 1986 —	1283	8553
March 1986 —	2174	10,727

NOTE: Sets of Braille Bibles are available to give to the blind and KJV, Old and New Testament, on cassette tapes for those who can no longer read the large print. Also, pocket testaments with Psalms and Proverbs are available.

In the jolliest game of hide-and-peek . . .  
 Then the rain will come pattering down  
 a bit  
 With the funny old sun a-following it;  
 And then they will run in a merry race  
 While both try to hide away some place.  
 Oh, the rollicking rain and mischievous  
 sun  
 On an April day have the best kind of  
 fun!  
 And a beautiful rainbow they leave  
 behind  
 For somebody's bright little eyes to  
 find!

Cora M. Prebel

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**ALABAMA, ATHENS**  
**Marilyn Walder**

"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; . . . and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness love." II Peter 1:5-7. We certainly feel the brotherly kindness and love extended to us by a group of ten brothers from Wolcott, Remington and Francesville, IN. The brothers came and were used through the Spirit to build a World Relief building for distribution of furniture and clothing. We appreciate their persistence to get the building completed through the rain and mud. We are anxiously awaiting pouring the floor so we can finish the inside. To those brothers we say thank you and may God bless them for their efforts of love. We enjoyed the fellowship and having them with us for a church service. We also thank Bro. Edwin Bahler for ministering to us that evening.

We have enjoyed visitors from Cissna Park, Roanoke, Princeville, Eureka and Chicago, IL, Pulaski, IA and Latty, OH. Many have volunteered their time to help with different jobs in the church and the school. We appreciate each one. May God bless them, also. We enjoyed the fellowship of the Eureka young group. They spent a weekend with us. We enjoyed hiking in God's beautiful creation and singing praises to His name.

The preschool is progressing fine. We now have 45 enrolled. We had a candy sale and will have a yard sale to make some money for the "extras" we need. The children are learning a lot and seem to be enjoying their time at our school. It is such a blessing to teach little children about Jesus. They have a great love for Jesus and listen intently to Bible stories. We can learn so much

from them! Our graduation will be May 30 at 7:00 p.m. We have a lot of work to do to get ready for the graduation program. All are welcome to visit the preschool at any time.

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**ARIZONA, PHOENIX**  
**Ron and Ev Hoerr**

"Repent ye, and believe the Gospel."  
 St. Mark 1:15

The weekend of March 8 and 9, we had the privilege of hearing the testimony and witnessing the baptism of Nancy Dotterer (Bro. Bill and Sis. Sharon Dotterer). Elder Bro. Phil Stettner (Bluffton North, IN) came to assist Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach for this happy occasion. Sis. Nancy's baptism was even more blessed, for her four grandparents could be with her. They are Bro. Joe and Sis. Lavina Dotterer and Bro. Howard and Sis. Goldie Stettner (Bluffton, IN). There was a church supper and hymn singing in the evening.

The evening of March 9 we learned our Paul Doolittle passed away after a time of illness. He leaves his dear wife, Carol, and three children, Mike, Nancy and John. Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach and Bro. Bill Dotterer had the funeral services March 12 at Sunland Chapel, Sun City, AZ. Entombment was in Sunland Mausoleum.

Sis. Sherri Getz's engagement to Bro. Dennis Frank was announced March 2. May the Lord guide them as they make their plans for their wedding in Morton, IL.

Our guest ministers, who brought us inspiring messages, were: Elder Bros. Joe Stoller (Princeville, IL), Phil Stettner (Bluffton North, IN), Bros. Earl Kilgus (Remington, IN), Al Langhofer (Wichita, KS), Raymond Roth (Kiowa, KS) and Ed Knecht (Silverton, OR).

Your prayers will be appreciated for hospital and home patients: Bro. Dan Kokanovich, surgery; Bro. Harry Roth, medical; Bro. Ted Knochel; Sis. Emma Sanders and Sis. Evelyn Hoerr. We have also missed Sis. Dorothy Kraft and Ella Harmon.

Sis. Emma Sanders and Sis. Evelyn Hoerr wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls and gifts that came from miles away. May the Lord bless you for your love and kindness.

May the Lord bless you wonderful

mothers and aunts with a happy Mother's Day.

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**CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA**  
**Shirley Luthi**

Easter is a good time for reflecting on our precious Lord's suffering and death on the cross and His glorious resurrection as He triumphed over the grave. We were given an added blessing this Easter season by remembering our Lord's death by partaking of holy communion. We were again instructed to examine our lives prayerfully in the weeks prior to communion, a task which not only purges but also reminds one afresh of our great need for the cleansing power of Jesus' blood.

We are thankful to have Bro. John Klotzle back in our midst after his recent visit to India and Japan. We were reminded again of our responsibility to continue to pray for God's work and people in those lands.

We wish to extend our thanks to Elder Bro. Corbin Bahler (Rockville, CT) and Bro. Don Wagenbach (Washington, IL) who, during recent visits, were willing to lend themselves in sharing God's Word with us.

Bro. Richard and Sis. Julie Lindberg have been doubly blest by the arrival of twin sons. Jacob Duane and Joshua David are welcomed into their family by their brothers Matthew and Mark.

Bro. Doug and Sis. Lillian Wagenbach are first-time parents with the arrival of a son, Brent Allan. It is with thankful hearts that our little flock realizes a need for a larger baby room with the recent arrival of so many new and precious babies. We wish God's blessings on our growing families.

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**CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO**  
**Sherise Strahm — Marian Petrovic**

We welcome to our congregation Bro. Frank and Sis. Gail Sabo, who have moved here from Bluffton, IN. We wish them God's blessings as they make their new home here.

Brent Alan was joyously welcomed into the home of Bro. Doug and Sis. Lillian Wagenbach. Grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Marie Wagenbach (Washington, IL) and Bro. Victor and Sis. Anna (San Diego). We wish this dear family the blessings of our Lord as they nurture their little one in the love and fear of God.

Our visiting ministers these past two months were Bro. Loren Knapp (Tucson, AZ), Bro. Floyd Schmidgall (Mor-

ris, MN), Bro. Andy Hunyady (Columbus, OH), Elder Bro. Corbin Bahler (Rockville, CT) and Bro. Don Wagenbach (Washington, IL). How thankful we are for dear brethren who so unselfishly give of themselves in work for the Lord.

Services continue to be held at Bro. Peter Petrovic's home at 1890 Lendee Drive, Escondido. For further information, call 619-489-5165.

### COLORADO, DENVER

#### Mike Martin — Marlene Leman

"For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house. For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God. And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end."

Hebrews 3:3-6  
AMEN!

Our hearts go out to Bro. Mike and Sis. Deb Leman as their baby, Jacob, was admitted to the hospital with kidney problems. May God strengthen them, teach them, and watch over their child.

We wish to thank Bro. Dan Stoller (Rockville, CT) for allowing God to use him in His service here in Denver.

We welcome Greg Steffen (Bro. Eldon and Sis. Melba, Cissna Park, IL) to our area as he is stationed at Ft. Carson in the army. We hope he feels welcome here.

### CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE

#### Michelle Virkler

"Trust in him at all times; Ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah"

Psalm 62

Our dear friend, Cindy Galat (Bro. Dave and Sis. Marlene) has turned to the Lord as her refuge and strength. May she learn to know His goodness and mercy.

"Thy Holy Word does teachings give  
In faith, and hope and love to live

For this O Lord I thank Thee  
Should I not seek within this time  
A foretaste of the joys divine  
And for Thy home prepare me?  
Salvation is the noblest part  
Impress this deeply on my heart."  
Zion's Harp #102

We were blessed with a visit from Bro. Duane Farney (Croghan, NY) and surely feel there was much teaching in his words of love and may we always apply it to our hearts.

"Wait upon the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart."

Psalm 27

We surely think and pray for our dear loved ones who have been in the hands of a physician or hospitalized during this month: Sis. Christine Virkler, Sis. Betty Gottier, Lester Heintz, Sis. Lydia Luginbuhl, Peter Ballasy and Jason Reutter. May God be near these loved ones and restore them to good health soon.

As we heard recently, communion will soon be served for our congregation. It always commands such reverence and holiness as we prepare for this feast with the Lord. I believe the hymn writer says it so clearly.

"I wish to love my Savior more sincerely  
And not to grieve him  
Who loved me so dearly  
For this would bring much grief and  
much affliction  
In my direction."

Zion's Harp #232

And the Lord has provided:

"Full redemption is the promise  
Made to him who heeds the Word  
They, who in their hearts retain Thee  
Shall receive the great reward  
In my heart, I'll strive to keep Thee  
Word of truth, and strength, and love  
Conq'ring as a sword in battle  
Then I'll wear the crown above."

Zion's Harp #176

We heard recently from Bro. Al Schneider about the words of life contained in St. John 14:27:

"Peace I leave with you,  
My peace I give unto you:  
Not as the world giveth,  
give I unto you.

Let not your heart be troubled,  
neither let it be afraid."

What a precious gift from our Savior Jesus Christ to have an everlasting promise of peace!

### FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE

#### Billie Klopfenstein

It was a pleasure to have Bro. John and Sis. Mary Isch (Indianapolis, IN) with us a few weeks ago. They resided in Miami for three years when Bro. John served his residency and attended church in Ft. Lauderdale. In both the morning and afternoon services, we were told of the necessity for each of us to be more concerned about the people around us who haven't yet learned to know Christ. Many of these people may never hear about salvation if we don't find an opportunity to tell them of His great love for us all.

We want to extend a welcome to Sis. Tina Strahm (Gridley, KS). She is a nurse and will be working about 100 miles from Ft. Lauderdale for several months.

Bro. George Bollinger has undergone surgery. Prayers have gone forth for him and we are trusting God to restore him to good health.

Let's all make more of an effort to pray for one another. The care and support we give to one another is an essential part of our witness to all persons of the power of God. How important it is for the children of God to live with affection, concern and love for one another! Read John 13:31-35.

Thought for the Day: The witness of love is a witness to all.

### FLORIDA, NORTH FORT MYERS

#### Marie Keller — Edna Meister

We were blessed again this past month with visiting brethren and ministers from across our land. Visiting ministers were Bros. Bill Gudeman (Elgin, IL), Homer Reineck (Toledo, OH), Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka, IL), Bob Myers (Bluffton North, IN), Don Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN), Glen Price and Doug Sabo (Sarasota, FL), John Isch (Indianapolis, IN), Nile Bucher (Bluffton North, IN) and Elder Bros. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott, IN), Ed Lanz (Oakville, IA) and Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI). We were reminded how we should be "watchmen" on the wall not only for ourselves but others also. We are ministers of the gospel through our actions and the light we show to others,

whatever our positions in life as children of God.

We held our annual business meeting March 12 in which the following positions were filled: Sis. Dorothy Beer, secretary; Sis. Kathryn Eisenmann, Silver Lining reporter; Sis. Marie Keller, Sunday school teacher; Sis. Edna Meister and Sis. Viola Keller on the kitchen committee. Other offices remain the same. We welcome all the newly elected and thank those who served their terms. May God be with all those who helped with our church this past year, whether through ministry or just by playing a quiet part in the church.

#### YOUR PLACE

Is your place a small place?

Tend it with care! —

He set you there.

Is your place a large place?

Guard it with care!

He set you there.

Whatever your place, it is

Not yours alone, but His.

He set you there.

John Oxenham

Feeling that it was the Lord's will, we elected another minister this month to help our head minister, Bro. David Eisenmann, Sr. May Bro. Victor Beer and his wife, Sis. Dorothy Beer, feel God's love and nearness as they seek to do His will as Bro. Vic serves the Lord in the ministry.

#### FLORIDA, SARASOTA

Lucille Heiniger

It is so nice to see so many new faces at each of our Sunday and Wednesday evening services. May God bless and protect each one as they travel to the south to be in the warm sunshiny weather instead of the cold that seemed to be so prevalent in the north.

We are glad to hear that Sis. Dorothy Norr (Leo, IN) is now improving after returning to surgery a few days ago. May it be God's will that she can be restored to good health again.

The memorandum of the conference held at Morton, IL, was read to us by our dear Elder Bros. Alfred Bahler and Ben Maibach. It behooves us all to do our best in serving our Lord to lessen the cares of our beloved elder body.

But thanks be to God, which giveth

us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

I Corinthians 15:57-58

Sickness, especially the flu, has really been prevalent over the whole nation. Sarasota was not spared, as many from here had the flu and some had pneumonia, too. Nearly all are able to assemble with us again at our services. Those still on the sick list are Philip Bartoni and Nathan Eisenmann. They all need our prayers very much.

Our visiting ministers are very welcome and may God bless each one as they expound His Word in truth and sincerity. Those visiting this past month were Elder Bros. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott, IN), Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI), Robert Beyer (Naumburg, NY), Bros. Ken Schneider (Remington, IN), Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka, IL) and David Eisenmann (North Fort Myers).

Mother's Day will be here before the next news is printed. It brings about the many beautiful memories of our dear mothers who have gone to be with their Lord. For those who still have their mothers, be thankful they are here to teach us of God's love, and accept their advice.

Notes of Thanks:

I wish to thank everyone for their love and prayers while I was ill. May God bless you all.

Sis. Gerry Laukhuf

A sincere "thank you" to all for the many prayers and acts of love given in my behalf during my recent illness. May God bless all of you.

Sis. Helen Kloter

A sincere "thank you" to everyone for all the prayers, love, cards, phone calls, gifts and visits while I was in the hospital and since returning home.

Bro. Harvey Banwart

#### MY MOTHER'S HANDS

Such beautiful, beautiful hands! they're neither white nor small;

And you, I know, would scarcely think that they are fair at all.

I've looked on hands whose form and hue a sculptor's dream might be;

Yet are those aged, wrinkled hands more beautiful to me.

Such beautiful, beautiful hands! though heart was weary and sad,  
Those patient hands kept toiling on,  
that the children might be glad.  
I always weep, as, looking back to  
childhood's distant day,  
I think how those hands rested not  
when mine were at their play.

Such beautiful, beautiful hands! they're growing feeble now,  
For time and pain have left their mark  
on hands and heart and brow.  
Alas! alas! the nearing time, and the  
sad, sad day to me,  
When 'neath the daisies, out of sight,  
these hands will folded be.

But oh! beyond this shadow land,  
where all is bright and fair,  
I know full well these dear old hands  
will palms of victory bear;  
Where crystal streams through endless  
years, flow over golden sands,  
And where the old grow young again,  
I'll clasp my mother's hands.

Author Unknown

#### ILLINOIS,

#### BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

Donna Hodel — Nancy Kaufmann

On March 2, the engagement of our Bro. Paul Kieser (Louie and Jean) and Sis. Karen Hangartner (Bro. Gene and Sis. Evelyn, Roanoke) was made known. May the love and grace of God be with them as they begin planning their lives together.

Hospitalized this past month was Sis. Marie Kieser (Bro. Chuck). Our prayers go out for her at this time for a rapid recovery.

Our congregation bids farewell to Bro. Bill Kupferschmid as he has relocated in the San Jose, CA, area; and also to J. C. and Mary Ellen Ebach as they have moved to Clearwater, FL. We are sad to see them leave and want to wish them God's richest blessings in their new homes.

We appreciated having our Elder Bro. Dan Koch (Tremont) and Bro. Ted Witzig (Morton) visit us and lend themselves in God's service. May God richly reward them for their efforts.

#### ILLINOIS, BRADFORD

Marilyn Tanner

#### WHEN TRUTH IS PLANTED

I dropped an acorn in the earth  
And when the years passed by

That seed produced to my surprise  
An oak that brushed the sky

I planted in my children's hearts,  
During tender childhood years,  
The Word of God, and watered it  
With love and prayers and tears.

Seeds placed in earth produce tall oaks  
And that's a law undoubted;  
Today my stalwart children prove  
God's Word I planted, sprouted.

Perry Tanksley

We rejoice with Angela Knobloch  
(Bro. Marvin and Sis. Dianne) as she  
has begun her walk with the Lord. May  
she find renewed strength each day as  
she grows in grace.

Our congratulations are extended to  
Butch Knobloch (Bro. Clarence and  
Sis. Emma) and Mary Ann Nellinger  
(Mr. and Mrs. Francis Colgan). They  
were married February 21 in Prince-  
ville. May God bless them and guide  
them as they start their new home to-  
gether.

Our congregation has been blessed  
with many visitors this past month,  
including ministering Bros. Gary  
Brown (Forrest), Kenneth Knapp  
(Taylor, MO), Glen Dill (Tremont),  
Greg Rassi (Chicago), Max Reimschisel  
(Wichita, KS) and Art Baurer  
(Princeville) and their families. Our  
heartfelt thanks go out to these broth-  
ers for their inspiring messages.

Bro. Roy Ehle is in the hospital  
after falling and breaking his leg. We  
pray and trust that God will heal and  
restore him according to His will.

#### ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

##### Kathy Schlatter

"For by grace are ye saved through  
faith; and that not of yourselves: it is  
the gift of God: Not of works, lest any  
man should boast." Ephesians 2:8, 9  
We can picture Christ always (as long  
as this dispensation lasts) holding out  
the hand of grace; yet only when we  
reach up, extending our own hand in  
faith, is the verse fulfilled.

Bros. Ralph Garber (Morton, IL),  
Arnie Gerst (Taylor, MO) and Russell  
Wuthrich (Pulaski, IA) were generous  
visitors this month. Each gave of him-  
self more than he had to give, gave of  
the overflow of the Spirit in his heart  
and mind. We were attentive and ap-  
preciate our brothers' time and talents.  
May we apply that Word to each step  
we take onward.

"... I will sing praises unto my God  
while I have any being." Psalm 146:2.  
Our Sunday school sang Hosannas to  
us Palm Sunday. As we watch them  
begin Sunday school and grow, learn  
and reach toward adulthood, we pray  
so intently that they may "increase in  
wisdom and stature and in favour with  
God and man." Luke 2:52.

There are special times in each of  
our lives: our own spiritual rebirth;  
marriage, should that be our lot; the  
birth of a child; if we (and they) are  
fortunate, that child's spiritual awak-  
ening; his/her marriage; grandchildren  
... We are all extended the promise of  
the first. For the others, the Lord  
guides us on different paths. But al-  
ways within our church family we can  
rejoice with others, whether our path  
follows such traditional cycles or not.  
Thus, along with our Elder Bro. Dale  
and Sis. Judy Eisenmann, we are joyful  
about the engagement of their son,  
Bro. Brad, to Sis. Cindy Herrmann  
(Bro. Harry and Sis. Bertha Jean,  
Princeville). Bro. Brad is an engineer-  
ing student at the University of Illinois,  
Champaign. Sis. Cindy, a graduate of  
Illinois State University, taught math  
at Dunlap High School this past year.  
They are looking forward to June 1 as  
their wedding day and to the rest of  
their lives together as the Lord leads,  
guides and blesses. "... let the right-  
eous be glad; let them rejoice before  
God: yea let them exceedingly rejoice."  
Psalm 68:3.

"Be kindly affectioned one to anoth-  
er with brotherly love ... given to hos-  
pitality." Romans 12:10, 13. In such an  
open and loving spirit would we wel-  
come several who are originally from  
the Princeville area: Bro. Jay and Sis.  
Kathy Grimm and their children,  
Gabriel and Tabytha, and Scott Streit-  
matter. The Grimms are living in  
Newark. Bro. Jay is the Kay-Bee  
Hobby store manager at Fox Valley  
Mall. Scott, a computer programmer in  
the area, lives in Hoffman Estates.  
Welcome, all!

"... weep with them that weep."  
Romans 12:15. We extend our sym-  
pathy to Sis. Alma Cordill and Sis. Ida  
Laubscher who have each lost a broth-  
er recently. May the Lord provide com-  
fort to our sisters and their families.

The potter, holding, molding, his  
hand always on the clay, creates a  
vessel. God is so creating us. If we  
attempt to become independent of the  
shaping wheel, we become proud,

hardened. We need to return to our  
malleable moldable state. And often,  
when we are hardened, we must be  
broken in order to be remolded to His  
purpose. "For we are his workmanship  
created in Christ Jesus unto good  
works..." Ephesians 2:10. Let us be  
willing, workable vessels. "If a man  
therefore purge himself..., he shall be  
a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and  
meet for the master's use, and pre-  
pared unto every good work." II Tim-  
othy 2:21.

#### ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

##### Myrna Weerts — Wilma Walder

Our congregation was pleasantly  
surprised March 2 to hear the an-  
nouncement of the engagement of our  
retired Elder Bro. Ezra Feller and Sis.  
Edna Hoffman. We wish them the  
blessings and nearness of God in their  
future life together.

God did not tell me,  
Only roses would grow  
That I'd find no sorrow  
On the path I must go.

But He promised to be there  
Each step of the way,  
Providing a way to escape  
The temptations each day.

His grace all sufficient,  
Daily to see me through  
He'd help me to conquer,  
Ang be victorious too.

Dottlee Dugan Reid

We were saddened to hear of the  
passing of our dear brother, Emil Fish-  
er, 86, who had been living in the  
Apostolic Christian Nursing Home in  
Eureka for several years and formerly  
in the Cissna Park area. Surviving are  
one daughter, Sis. Edith Stoller (Glen,  
Latty, OH) and one son, Bro. Eli Fish-  
er (Eureka). Elder Bro. LeRoy Huber  
(Eureka) shared the services with our  
Elder Bro. Steve Rinkenberger.

Our brother, Benjamin J. Laubscher  
was fatally injured in an automobile  
accident March 7 and funeral services  
were held March 10. Our sincere sym-  
pathy is extended to his wife, Sis.  
Marie, and his family: sons, Donald  
Laubscher (Tucson, AZ), Edward  
Laubscher (Bradley, IL), Bros. Walter  
and Wayne Laubscher (Cissna Park);  
one daughter, Elizabeth Rudin (Gary,  
Buckley); one sister (Sis. Ida Mae  
Laubscher (Chicago) and one brother,

Arthur Laubscher (Cissna Park).

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4. Our love and sympathy is extended to all who have recently lost loved ones. May God bring to each one, comfort, His healing spirit, and the hope of one day meeting their loved one in heaven.

Visiting ministers this month include Bros. Wayne Banwart (Urbana), Everett Hari (Bloomington), Merrill Laukhuf (Latty, OH), John Hartman (Fairbury), Earl Banwart (West Bend, IA), Jaye Rinckenberger (Goodfield) and Greg Rassi (Chicago). We appreciate their visits and many good teachings.

Hospital patients this month were Sis. Esther Neukomm and Phyllis Enz. May they feel our prayers and love for them.

The annual World Relief meeting of the western churches was held March 8 in our fellowship hall. We enjoyed a blessed day with loved ones attending from many churches. It provided us an opportunity to reflect on our present state, to consider our personal blessings (material and intangible), and to give from overflowing hearts that which we have been blessed with . . . that gratitude which we owe to God and our fellow men. We find ourselves thinking more about our many blessings and offering prayers of thanksgiving for God's bountiful love and provisions. We need to appreciate more fully the blessings of this free land, the abundance we enjoy and be thankful for all that He provides for our daily sustenance and especially for the spiritual food that is provided for our daily use.

March 9 was the wedding day of Bro. Harvey Kaeb (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mary Lou Kaeb) and Sis. Judith Gramm (Bro. Don and Sis. Rosie Gramm, Gridley) at Gridley. May God bless their union and life together.

#### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

**Joan Schrock — Gail Williamson**  
We are rejoicing with Ben Walder (Elder Bro. Bob and Sis. Gloria) and Brent Ifft (Bro. Larry and Sis. Shirley) as they have turned their hearts to the Lord. May God grant them grace as they make this new beginning, and may they find the peace of mind that only He can give.

The engagement of Sis. Marilyn Steffen (Bro. Duane and Sis. Lois) and Bro. Larry Wettstein (Bro. Bob and

Sis. Verna, Eureka) was made known to our congregation. May the love and grace of God be with them.

Our prayers and thoughts were with Bro. Virgil Funk as he underwent surgery. May the healing hand of our Lord strengthen him.

Brothers in the ministry who visited us were Marvin Leman (Bradford), Joe Gerst (Iowa City, IA), Noah Gerber (West Bend, IA), Duane Kilgus and John Hartman (Fairbury), Gary Brown (Forrest) and Steve Martin (Eureka). May God bless them for their labors of love.

Jeff Schrock (Bro. Steve and Sis. Gerri) has completed his training and graduated from Lincoln Tech, Indianapolis. We wish him God's blessings and guidance in his future plans.

#### ILLINOIS, ELGIN Elizabeth Schambach Betty Bachtold

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." St. Matthew 24:24. Believing our elder body gathered with love and concern for the children of God, we could sense the urgency of the Spirit to warn us of the great deception so prevalent today. May God help us to be grateful and yield to His true Spirit.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Kenneth and Mary Lindoerfer in the passing of his brother, Arthur, March 9. He was the son of Charles and Anna Walder Lindoerfer.

Also, we extend our sympathy to Bro. William and Sis. Ann Reber at the death of her brother, Glen Schladenhauffen (Watseka, IL), who was taken from this life at the age of 57.

Several of our dear friends have been hospitalized this past month. These include Matt Kinsinger (Bro. Bill and Sis. Sandy) and John Weiss (Lori) who had surgery and have returned home. Nan Stettner (Don) also submitted to surgery after falling and breaking her hip. We are thankful for good reports, and pray God will continue to heal.

Bro. Dale and Sis. Teresa Schock were blessed with a dear baby girl, Jenny Lynn, February 16. She was welcomed home by her brother, Ryan. Grandparents are Bro. Frank and Sis. Lois Schock, and Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Arlene Huette (Tremont).

Sara Schrock (Bro. Mel and Sis. Ada Mae) and Jeffrey Dietz (Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Mardell, Bradford, IL) have announced their engagement and plan to be married March 29. Vicki Schambach (Bro. Edward Sr. and Sis. Jenny) and Jerry Messman (Elgin) have announced their betrothal and plan to wed in September.

Margie Kellenberger (Elvis and Gail) and Brian Johnson (Elgin) also have announced their engagement and plan an August 2 wedding. We wish these dear couples the love and blessings of God as they make their plans for the future.

"... Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: . . . thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." Ruth 1:16. March 16 was a blessed day of rejoicing as we witnessed the marriage vows of Sis. Julie Schrock (Bro. Mel and Sis. Ada Mae) and Bro. Jeff Kellenberger (Sis. Marilyn and the late Bro. Gerald). May God's richest grace and blessings follow them as they walk life's path together.

Also adding to the joy of the day were ministering Bros. Earl Banwart (West Bend, IA), Kenneth Dietz (Bradford), Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka) and Willis Wiegand (Goodfield). Other brethren who recently visited us were Elder Bro. Phil Stettner (Bluffton North, IN) Bros. Paul Eisenmann (Burlington, IA) and Doug Schock (Pulaski, IA). We are thankful to each of them and may God bless their efforts.

I wish to thank brethren and friends for the many cards, gifts, visits and prayers on my behalf during my stay at the hospital. May God bless everyone for your love and deeds of kindness.

Bro. William Reber

#### ILLINOIS, EUREKA Kathy L. Rocke

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:" Ecclesiastes 3:1

"A time to be born . . ." Ecclesiastes 3:1. March 11, Rosalynn was welcomed into the hearts and home of Bro. Robert and Karen Link. Robin, Russell and Randy are anxious to meet their new sister. Grandparents are Emil and Edith Chamberlain, and Robert and Myrl Smith.

Malinda Kay was born to Loren and Mary Zimmerman March 15. She has a



brother, Adair, to welcome her home. Bro. Gene and Sis. Carrie Hartman (Congerville) and Bro. Earl and Sis. Elsie Zimmerman are Malinda's grandparents. May God bless these families as they strive to raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

"... and a time to die;" Ecclesiastes 3:2. May God comfort those who have lost loved ones.

Sis. Marie Klaus passed quickly from this life February 24. Two brothers, Bro. Joseph (Morton) and Benjamin (Eureka); and four sisters, Kathryn Weyeneth, Lillian Frerichs, Sis. Emma Somerhalter (all Eureka) and Sis. Elizabeth Herbst (Washington) survive her.

March 1, Bro. Emil Fisher passed away leaving a son, Bro. Eli (Eureka) and a daughter, Sis. Edith Stoller (Latty, OH). Services were held at Cissna Park.

Sis. Eliza Leman passed away March 9. Surviving are many nieces and nephews. "We shall sleep, but not forever, There will be a glorious dawn!" Hymns of Zion #125.

"... a time to plant," Ecclesiastes 3:2. We thank Elder Bro. Sam Anliker (Lamont, KS) and Bros. Dan Stoller (Remington, IN), Walter Herrmann (Princeville) and Bill Hodel (Roanoke) for sowing the Word of Truth. May it bring forth the proper fruit in the lives of the hearers.

Saturday evening, March 8, we gathered together to hear the reading of the memorandum. We thank Elder Bro. Don Sauder (Roanoke) for being with us and assisting our Elder Bro. Leroy in this important work. May we have hearts that will be willing to uphold the traditions of our faith and heed the warnings that were so kindly brought forth for the safety and well-being of our never-dying souls. We also thank Bro. Don for being with us the following day and bringing forth the Word.

"... a time to heal..." Ecclesiastes 3:3. Bros. Daniel Hartter, Richard Frank and Gottlieb Hari, Audrey Rocke (Steve), Sisters Ida Mae Rocke (Bro. Eldon) and Laura Getz (Bro. Jesse) have suffered afflictions of the body. May we remember them in prayer and may He restore their health according to His will.

"... a time to break down and a time to build up;" Ecclesiastes 3:3. Our hearts have been encouraged as we have souls who have forsaken the ways

of the world and are beginning to build on the Solid Rock, Jesus Christ. We wish much grace to Loren and Mary Zimmerman (Bro. Earl and Sis. Elsie Zimmerman and Bro. Gene and Sis. Carrie Hartman, Congerville), Marlene Wettstein (Bro. Bob and Sis. Verna) and JoEllen Wettstein (Harold and Loretta).

Janet Zimmerman (Tom) and Shelly Kupferschmid (Bro. Richard and Sis. Maribeth) were announced for baptism in the near future. How thankful we are for God's work!

"A time to love" Ecclesiastes 3:8. In faith, believing that God has brought them together, we heard the engagement announcement of Bro. Larry Wettstein (Bro. Bob and Sis. Verna) and Sis. Marilyn Steffen (Bro. Duane and Sis. Lois, Congerville). May God be with them as they make plans for their life together.

"He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end."

Ecclesiastes 3:11

#### ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

##### Carol Bazzell — Joann Zehr

Sis. Mary Lynn Steidinger (Bro. Donald and Sis. Alice) and Bro. Steve Stoller (Bro. Everett and Sis. Marge, Rittman, OH) were united in marriage February 23. Elder Bro. Joe Ramsier (Rittman, OH) had the marriage service. Bros. Ronald Steiner and Andrew Stoller also ministered to us that day. We wish Bro. Steve and Sis. Mary Lynn God's richest blessings as they establish their home in the Rittman area.

We were also blessed with visits by Elder Bro. Sam Anliker (Lamont, KS) and Bros. Ray Sinn and Larry Weninger (Latty, OH). Their labors in bringing us God's Word were deeply appreciated.

#### A MOTHER IS A SPECIAL BLESSING

A mother is a blessing —  
So gentle, kind and wise,  
She's the first to give encouragement,  
The last to criticize —  
The one you know will be there  
Whenever skies are gray,  
The first to lend a helping hand,  
The last to turn away —

Each special thing about her  
Is so lovely to recall —  
A mother is a blessing,  
The most precious one of all.

Mary Dawson Hughes

#### ILLINOIS, FORREST

##### Sharon Adams — Patsy Stoller

Our cups have been filled to overflowing as we were richly blessed with many visiting ministers this past month. We thank Elder Bros. Joe Ramsier (Rittman, OH), Art Bahler (Fairbury), Bro. Ron Steiner (Rittman, OH), Vic Bauman (Smithville, OH), Virgil Metzger (Chicago), Merle Kaisner, Duane Kilgus and John Hartman (Fairbury), Jim Plattner (Princeville) and Earl Kilgus (Remington, IN) for bringing us God's precious Word. May God bless them for their labors.

Hospitalized this month were Sis. Carrie Roth, Sis. Leona Ricketts, Bro. Wayne Anliker, Guy Gee, Sis. Vicki Pruitt and Sis. Lydia Kilgus. We are always thankful for each one that can return home and pray that those who remain hospitalized can soon return home also.

The engagement and approaching marriage has been announced of Sam Wenger (Sis. Nathalia) and Teri Slagel (Ron and Sis. June, Fairbury).

Baptized into Thy name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly  
Among Thy seed, Thy chosen host.  
Immersed with Christ, I'm dead to sin;  
Thy Spirit now shall live within.

Zion's Harp #41

Many gathered with us the weekend of March 2, when Bro. Aaron Masters (Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary) and Sis. Matilda Johnson (Harry) brought forth their testimonies of repentance and were baptized. As the waters are stirred, we rejoice with the angels in heaven as Duane and Mary Ifft have heeded God's call and turned their backs to the world and its evil ways.

#### ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD Trish Gerber

The birds are singing, flowers bloom  
As dawn dispels the garden's gloom.  
The Lord has conquered death today.  
Behold, the stone is rolled away!

Elisabeth Crockre Mitchell

We shared the wonderful story of

Christ's death and resurrection with our children, as they presented their program to us on Palm Sunday. It's so uplifting to see those innocent little hearts learning the story of Jesus with such enthusiasm! May it be embedded within their souls so deeply, that they do not turn away from it as they grow older.

Our annual business meeting was held and new officers, Sunday school teachers and trustees were appointed. We pray that they'll be richly blessed as they serve the Lord in their own way.

Our appreciation is extended to Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton) for assisting with the reading of the memorandum. We could feel God's love radiate throughout our gathering and were encouraged to "be true" until the end and our reward will be great!

We also thank Bros. Frederick Knapp (Congerville), Marshall Heindold (Washington), Byron Stoller (Gridley) and Kevin Knapp (Bloomington) for ministering to us. May they and their families be blessed for sharing with us.

Our dear Sis. Naomi Nohl passed away March 11. Our sympathy goes out to her family . . . but we rejoice when a child of God is finally called Home after many faithful years of serving Him.

It's good to see Jesse Tanner (Joe and Sis. Jan) is doing well after his brief stay in the hospital.

Sis. Hilda Leman wishes to express her gratefulness for the love, prayers and food she received during her hospitalization and convalescence.

#### ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY Carol Klopfenstein

"Where God in truth abides,  
Where two join hand and heart,  
We find a three-fold cord,  
Not lightly rent apart."

Zion's Harp #79

Bro. Harvey Kaeb (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mary Lou, Cissna Park) and Sis. Judy Gramm (Bro. Don and Sis. Rosie, Gridley) were united in marriage March 9. We were glad to have Elder Bro. Steve Rinkenberger, ministering Bro. Kenneth Weerts (Cissna Park) and ministering Bro. Kenneth Schneider (Remington, IN) with us for this special occasion.

Ministering Bro. Ken Hoerr (Peoria) was also with us in March to speak on

"Peer Pressure". We appreciated his thoughts on this subject and his exhortation to remind our young people and encourage them with the thought that Jesus "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." He understands and knows what it feels like to be rejected of men and to be lonely. "Looking unto Jesus who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross . . . For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." Hebrews 12:2-3.

The joy of being parents has warmed the hearts of Bro. Roger and Sis. Mary Stoller with the birth of their son, Christopher Reuben, born February 22. Christopher's grandparents are Carl and Lola Schlipf, Art and Jan Stoller and Ruth Duquid (all of Gridley).

Our hospital patients have been: Bro. Henry Gramm and Sis. Rhonda Funk.

Sis. Bernice Yergler and family want to thank all for the concern shown for their husband and father's illness and death. The visits, food, telephone calls, gifts, many cards and the many prayers were so much appreciated. May God bless you all.

#### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Joanne Kaisner

The engagement of Sis. Karen Hanger (Roanoke) and Bro. Paul Kieser (Bloomington) was announced. Sis. Karen is a student at I.S.U. We wish them God's richest blessings as they plan their new life together.

We thank our ministering brethren for coming this month. Bro. Fred Knapp (Congerville) spoke on temptation, Elder Bro. Leroy Huber (Eureka) talked about speaking in Tongues, and Bro. Kenny Weerts (Cissna Park) spoke on faith and works. May God bless them for their efforts.

We appreciate every one who joins us for Bible study. It is held on Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in Schroeder 244.

#### ILLINOIS, MORTON

##### Phyllis Farney — Marcia Kelley

We had a blessed weekend when Elder Bros. Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI) and Richard Schubach (Phoenix, AZ) were with us. Bro. Richard explained "Godly Contentment" to us Saturday evening, February 22. May God richly bless them for their labors of love.

Bro. Brad and Sis. Debbie Braker welcome into their hearts and home, Laura Lee. Laura was born February 26. Her grandparents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Lee Pflederer (Tremont, IL) and Elder Bro. Joe and Sis. Shirley Braker (Morton, IL).

Richard Kallinger, Sr. was called into eternity. His funeral was February 27. May our heavenly Father comfort and bless his wife, Emilie, his family and friends.

We are rejoicing with Sis. Sheri Getz (Bro. John and Sis. Anna Mae) and Bro. Dennis Frank (Ray, Jr. and Shirley) as the Lord has drawn them together in love. May God's blessing be with them.

We have many loved ones who are in the hospital, shut-in and/or ill. We also have those who have lost loved ones. May they all continue to feel our prayers on their behalf.

Matt, Wendy and Aaron Kupferschmid welcome into their hearts and home, Jessica Kay. Jessica was born March 8. Her grandparents are Bro. Louis and Sis. Vilas Belsley (Morton, IL) and Sue Gardner (Normal, IL).

#### ILLINOIS, PEORIA

##### Susi Herman — Margo Marx

The engagement of Sis. Peggy Sutter (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marge Sutter, Taylor, MO) and Bro. Doug Hoerr (Bro. Don and Sis. Velma Hoerr) was announced. We wish them God's richest blessings as they will soon begin their lives together.

We offer our humble thanks to the visiting brethren who imparted many blessings unto us. With us this past month were Elder Bros. Andy Virkler (Bay City, MI) and Richard Schubach (Phoenix, AZ).

The following loved ones have recently spent time in the hospital: Sis. Anna Steffen, Sis. Ruth Hartman, Sis. Jamie Zimmerman, Marie Hoerr, Bro. Ivan Thomas, Bro. Emil Roecker, Bro. Tim Funk and Fred Riecker. May our heavenly Father continue to be with them and all those who are shut-in in their homes. May each one of us continue to pray for them.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Sis. Sophie Ball who has passed away.

Sis. Barbara Hoerr wishes to thank all of her relatives and friends who were so kind to her by thinking of her with their cards, prayers and gifts. It was very much appreciated.

## ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE Marjean Lehman

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

"The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

"The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

Psalms 19:7, 8, 9

We were thankful to hear the inspired Word of God by the following ministers: Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle (Shioda, Japan), Bro. Charles Hemmer (Peoria), Bro. Wayne Lehman (South Bend, IN) and Bro. Robert Meyer (Bluffton North, IN).

"Thine is the strength! True teachers for Thy fold

Thou dost provide, O Lord!

Thou dost impart salvation's strength and pow'r

To him who speaks Thy word.

He plants and waters, light bestowing; Thy blessings thereupon are flowing.

Thine is the strength!"

"Thy blessings flow upon the seeds of truth

Which in our hearts remain.

The shifting wind destroys the germ of life

And blows away the grain.

If in our hearts Thy seed has fallen,

The blessings for its growth were given by Thee, our Lord!"

"Supplication",

Zion's Harp #122

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Psalms 3:5, 6

On March 2, we heard the engagement announcement of Sis. Cynthia Herrmann (Bro. Harry and Sis. Bertha Jean Herrmann, Princeville) to Bro. Brad Eisenmann (Elder Bro. Dale and Sis. Judy Eisenmann, Chicago).

The Lord bless thee and keep thee;  
The Lord make His face shine upon thee,

And be gracious unto thee, and be gracious unto thee,

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee,

And give thee peace. Amen."

Hymns of Zion #23

Bro. Herman and Sis. Lillian Stahl celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 11.

Thank you: Our sincere thanks to all who remembered us on our 40th anniversary. Every card we received was special. May God bless each of you.

Bro. John and Sis. Edith Stahl

Thank you: I wish to sincerely thank all our dear brethren and friends for all the prayers, gifts, cards and visits while I was in the hospital and since returning home. May God bless you all for your love and kindness.

Bro. Wm. Stahl

## MY MOTHER

If I were asked to give a thought which in one word would speak

A unity of brotherhood, a sympathy complete,

A hundred happy cheery ways, a mind that knows its own,

Contented midst a throng of folk, yet peaceful when alone,

A heart that sheds its silent glow, to brighten many another,

Without a moment of delay, I'd say "You mean my mother."

On March 9, a farewell potluck was held for Bro. Steve and Sis. Anna Marie Stoller and their family. Soon they will be leaving the Princeville congregation and will assemble with the South Bend, IN, congregation. They will be missed here in Princeville. We know the small South Bend congregation is looking forward to the addition of the Stoller family. As they have felt God's guiding hand thus far, may they ever continue to receive His richest blessings.

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

"When we asunder part,  
It gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart,  
And hope to meet again."

Hymns of Zion #156, vs. 1, 4

"Honour thy father and thy mother:

that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

Exodus 20:12

## ILLINOIS, ROANOKE Marge Leman — Judy Luginbuhl

God be with you in the Springtime

When the violets unfold,

And the buttercups and cowslips

Fill the fields with yellow gold;

In the time of apple blossoms,

When the happy bluebirds sing,

Filling all the world with gladness —

God be with you in the Spring!

We truly rejoice with Sis. Karen Hangartner and Bro. Paul Kieser (Bloomington-Normal) whose engagement was announced March 2. Sis. Karen is the daughter of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Evelyn Hangartner and Bro. Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kieser (Bloomington).

We extend our sympathy to the family of LaVina Fehr (Deer Creek) and especially to her sister, Sis. Barbara (Bro. Lyle) Moser and her sister-in-law, Sis. Cynthia (Lloyd) Aeschleman of our congregation.

We also sympathize with Elsie and Dave Sauder in the death of their son-in-law, Louis Keubler.

Sis. Julie and Bro. Rich Lindburg, formerly of our congregation, are the happy parents of twin sons, Jacob Duane and Joshua David. Matthew and Mark are excited about their new brothers. Grandparents are Sis. Jane and Bro. Jerry Schumacher and Jeanette and Ron Lindburg (Roanoke). Sis. Julie and Bro. Rich's address is 524 EQ 12, Apt. 1, Palmdale, CA 93550.

A new daughter, Erin Mae, was born to Bro. Brad and Sis. Patty Hodel. Erin has one sister, Angie, and one brother, Dustin. Bro. Joe and Sis. Mardell Aeschleman and Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty Hodel are her grandparents.

This past month Jeff Neukomm (Sis. Sharon and Bro. Larry) has been a surgical patient and Sis. Cynthia Aeschleman and Sis. Rose Sauder were medical patients. We are thankful they are all home again.

We humbly thank Elder Bros. Norbert Steiner (Croghan, NY), Robert Beyer (Naumburg, NY) and Ed Ringger (Gridley, IL) and Bro. Rod Huber (Valparaiso, IN) for expounding God's precious Word to us.

The family of Marie Farney wishes

to thank everyone for all the deeds of kindness extended to us during our time of sadness. We are overwhelmed by the love and sympathy shown to us. May God richly bless each one of you.

Bro. Alvin Farney and family

#### ILLINOIS, TREMONT

**Dorothy Wagenbach**

**Carolyn Bolliger**

Once again we gathered recently in our fellowship hall for a potluck supper and an evening of singing. It is always a joy to fellowship with our brothers and sisters-in-faith.

We think of our hospital patients again this month. Sis. Ann Aberle is now home and feeling some better. Also, Fred Endress (Ruth) had hip replacement surgery and is at home recuperating. Still in the hospital are Sis. Anna Beutel and Sis. Louise Wagenbach (Bro. Simon). We hope these two sisters will be home again very soon. We are glad Sis. Mary Alyce Hofsess (Bro. Darel) is about again. She had the misfortune to break her arm from a fall on the ice. We miss Bro. Leslie Schweigert (Sis. Betty), who has been laid up at home for several weeks.

We wish to express our sympathy to Harold and Eunice Rowell in the recent loss of his sister, Eunice Espey (Vincennes, IN).

Bro. Dean Leuthold also lost a brother, Virgil Leuthold (Pekin, IL). We extend our sympathy to Bro. Dean and Sis. Mary Jane.

We especially want to thank our visiting ministers and their families. We appreciated having with us Bro. Marvin Leman (Bradford) and Bro. Paul Eisenmann (Burlington, IA).

We want to thank our many loved ones for remembering us on our 50th wedding anniversary. May God richly bless all of you.

Bro. Albert and Sis. Emma Aberle

Note from Bro. Benjamin Schmidgall: My humble thanks and appreciation to everyone who prayed for me while in the hospital, since returning home and for my repentance. We also thank you so much for all the cards, food and many deeds of kindness. May God richly bless and reward you.

#### ILLINOIS, URBANA

**Cheryl Mangers**

The solemnness and significance of March 9 will linger in all our minds for a long time, for it was on this Sunday that

our dear Bro. Dave Wiegand was ordained as a deacon. The services were conducted by Elder Bros. Don Sauder (Roanoke), Dale Eisenmann (Chicago) and our Elder Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield). What a special joy it was to have Bro. Ed and Sis. Elsie Hohulin in our midst as their support and love has been with us ever since the first Bible study was conducted here in 1956. Also appreciated was the support and presence of Elder Bros. Perry Zimmerman (Forrest), Art Bahler (Fairbury), Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park) and ministering Bros. Virgil Metzger (Chicago) and Everett Hari (Bloomington). Bro. Dave has been bringing forth God's Word from the pulpit here in Urbana since March 17, 1968. I know those of you who have been a part of our fellowship down here at some time or other join us in pledging our prayers, our love and our support to Bro. Dave and Sis. Ethel and their family as Bro. Dave assumes these additional responsibilities.

Our Sunday school children brought us the Easter story March 16. They talked about Christ's life here on earth, asked us "What think ye of Christ?" and concluded by singing, "Everybody Ought To Love Jesus".

We thank Bro. Keven Knapp (Bloomington) for the message he brought at Wednesday night Bible study.

#### ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

**Ellen Cox**

We are grateful to Bros. Jon Schmidgall and Dale Frank for sharing the Word with us. May God bless them and their families for coming to share with us.

Our dear Sis. Edna Mae Simon fell and broke her ankle and has required the service of a wheelchair to get around. We pray the Lord will grant her a full and speedy recovery.

Our Sunday school students presented an Easter program Palm Sunday evening, March 23 and it was appreciated by all.

#### MOTHER'S LOVE

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

You can't define a mother's love;  
It's prayers true and sincere,

It's tenderness and sympathy,  
A smile, a dream, a tear.

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

Carice Williams

A ministering brother mentioned recently that we need to remember that heaven's entrance gate is a narrow passageway and that we all need to be wary of the earthly cares we take upon ourselves lest when we get to the gate we won't fit through it. Let us ever be prayerful and careful to fit through that gate.

#### INDIANA, BLUFFTON

**Lucille Isch — Evelyn Ringger**

We were thankful to have visiting ministers Bro. Jaye Rinkenberger (Goodfield, IL) and Bro. Uriel Gehring (Leo, IN). What a joy and a blessing it was to hear the Goodfield choir sing to us the weekend of February 22. We thank them for coming.

The engagement of Bro. Doug Feichter (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Eunice Feichter) and Sis. Jill Isch (Bro. Stan and Sis. Jenny Isch) was announced February 23. We rejoice with them.

Two baby boys have been born. Bro. Duane and Sis. Karen Steffen are the parents of Bradley Duane born February 22. He has a happy sister, Jessica. Grandparents are Bro. Dwight and Sis. Lucille Gerber and Robert Steffen and Carol Tarr.

First-time parents are Bro. Lynn and Sis. Ronda Fiechter. Their son, Vincent Clay, was born March 2. Grandparents are Bro. Carl and Sis. Mary Fiechter and Bro. Harold and Sis. Violet Meyer. We wish all children to be brought up in the ways of the Lord.

Hospitalized in the past month have been Bro. Sam Kaehr, Bro. Russell Steffen and Sis. Bonnie Mulkey.

"Each for the other and both for the Lord." On a beautiful Sunday, March 9, Bro. Dan Pfister (Bro. Ted and Sis. Rose) and Sis. Sherry Stoller (Bro. Gary and Sis. Nancy) were united in holy matrimony in Latty, OH. May the Lord bless their lives together.

#### INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH

**Cindy Shorb — Sheri Leman**

"To every thing there is a season,

and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

"A time to be born, and a time to die;  
..." Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

It was time to die, March 6, for our dear Bro. Calvin Rauch. He is survived by three brothers, Bro. Jay, Jeff and Ervin; three sisters, Sis. Hilda Steffen, Mrs. Freida Lehman and Mrs. Emma Simon; five daughters, Mrs. Geraldine Aschliman, Mrs. Evelyn Meyer, Mrs. Freida Lamott, Mrs. Doris Jost and Mrs. Garnet Martin; 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. With deepest sympathy and offered prayers, we share the loss of a loved one with his family. Yet, we cannot help but feel joy for Bro. Calvin who has won his race and is now resting in peace with our Lord. May this be great comfort to all who miss him.

We welcome our converts, Trent and Tami Reimschisel, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. Richard and Sis. Elaine (Bluffton). May their love and zeal for our Lord continue to grow in their hearts and lives.

"... Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

"And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

"For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

Matthew 26:26-28

We say thanks to Elder Bro. Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH) for assisting as we shared a blessed evening of holy communion March 15.

Also visiting us this past month were Bro. John Reinhard (Bluffton) and Bro. Paul Gasser (Akron, OH). May God's blessings be with them for sharing with us and we welcome them back anytime.

Sunday, March 16, many of our families enjoyed a church dinner together. Then we were blessed by a beautiful evening of song, as our children and young adults presented their Easter program. One song reminded us — He could have called ten thousand angels, but He died alone for you and me. What a thought to remember, not only at Easter, but all year!

And now, as the income tax season has just ended — we leave you with this:

Kindness is another form of riches that can never be taxed.

From "Tranquilizing Gems"  
by Dennis Roth

### INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE

Lynne Wuethrich

The Francesville congregation had the joy of hosting the Detroit choir the first weekend in March. We all enjoyed their beautiful singing and the uplifting feeling it brought to our hearts. We want to thank the Detroit congregation for sharing their love for the Lord with us.

We also enjoyed having many couples from Roanoke with us for a weekend. It's a pleasure to make new friendships and enjoy the fellowship of one another.

Many have been blessed with the birth of new little ones. Loren and Sally Gutwein are the happy parents of Brandon Gregory, born February 25. Grandparents are Edwin and Mary B. Gutwein and Mr. and Mrs. James Mochel (Wakarusa).

Bro. Chuck and Sis. Margaret Anliker are first-time grandparents as their son, Kenneth, and his wife, Erin, had a baby boy March 2. We're sure Christopher Kenneth has brought them much joy.

Bro. Dave and Sis. Arlene Metzger also have a new little one born March 4. Little Abbie Sue was welcomed by her sister, Alivia, and two brothers, Austin and Trenton.

We rejoice with two of our converts to whom God has whispered "sweet peace". They are Cami Vogt (Bro. Ron and Sis. Dianne) and Carolyn Gutwein (Edwin and Mary B.). We look forward to the day they will be added to the fold.

Two of our loved ones, Sis. Mildred Clauss (Bro. Bob) and Sis. Stacy Ledford (Bro. Chris), were hospitalized this past month. We are thankful they are home and feeling better.

In February, we had our annual election of officers. They are: Trustee - Bro. Wendell Anliker; Ushers - Bros. Ron Anliker and Larry Leman; Fellowship Center Trustee - Bro. Brian Huber; Missionary Committee - Bros. Jim Gudeman and Sid Leman; Parkview Haven Board - Bro. Harry Yaggie; Fund for Parkview Haven Needy - Bro. Harold Gutwein.

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### INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS

Kathy Freed — Gail Bradford

We were privileged recently to have Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler speak to us at midweek services.

We were touched and blessed once again during our monthly visit to Brookhaven Nursing Home to sing a few hymns and visit the shut-ins there. We need to remember these gentle ones who are near the end of life's journey.

To help strengthen us in our Christian walk, our ministers have begun a series of classes on alternate Wednesday evenings. After an overview of the Bible, the lessons will focus on the Christian home and instruct us in applying Christ's teachings in our relationship between husbands and wives and parents and children.

Our area was hit by several tornadoes which ripped through central Indiana. We were thankful there were so few injuries, but there was much property damage.

As the turbulent weather season nears, we can be comforted by keeping our confidence in the Lord. The psalmist said, "Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea; in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast." (Psalm 57:1).

Because of the weatherman's warnings, we seek safe shelter in stormy weather. In the same way, we can prepare for the inevitable storms of life by reading and heeding the Word. Paul's wonderful message of courage can strengthen us when events seem to overwhelm us: "Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." The Word is our armour against daily perils, and we will be protected by hearing and obeying its teachings.

### INDIANA, LACROSSE

Deb Nuest — Sandy Heinold

We seem to be in an age when everyone wants to feel secure and be on the winning side. Athletes train from a child to excel. Men almost shorten their lives in achieving the things of this world for a sense of security for themselves and their families. So often the finer things of life can be purchased with a small amount of money, but far beyond all of this is peace with God, along with the joy of sins forgiven. Bro.

Larry and Sis. Joyce Wenninger (Latty, OH) were with us for our Wednesday evening monthly Bible study entitled, "Evangelism". Bro. Larry cautioned us not to be careless in allowing shallow doctrine to affect our soul's welfare. Bro. Larry encouraged us to stay close to the ways of our church, which have proved so beneficial through the years.

The LaCrosse congregation had a joyous weekend receiving two souls into the brotherhood; Bro. Larry Bucher (Bro. Ken and Sis. Carol) and Bro. Bill Feller (Bro. Lynn and Sis. Mary Ann). A weekend such as this provides us a time to recollect on our own experience we once made. Let us always be thankful for the precious heritage which is available unto us.

Our visiting ministers this month were: Bro. Larry Wenninger (Latty, OH), Elder Bro. Robert Grimm (Goodfield, IL) and Bro. Vernon Wettstein (Congerville, IL). We sincerely appreciate these brethren sharing the Word of God with us.

The world is all filled with their celebrations. We, as Christians, have so much more to celebrate with the coming of the Easter season and the memory of Christ's resurrection. Truly we are entering a blessed season. At this time of year we have had communion in our congregation here at La-Crosse.

### EASTER

Oh, who among the sons of men,  
By word, or deed, or song, or pen,  
Can ever fittingly convey  
The meaning of this blessed day?  
It gilds the holy sacred page,  
It brings to every clime and age,  
To every people, tribe and race,  
The story of redeeming grace.

Christ is the world's dear Paschal  
Lamb.  
He is the great "I was, I am".  
Through Calvary's pain and dismal  
gloom,  
He conquered over death and tomb.  
He rose His own to justify,  
And draws all men up to the sky.  
If you have found the Christ - His way,  
Then you can keep this Easter Day.

My Garden of Verse  
by Henry Beer

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### INDIANA, LEO Thelma Schlatter

For Lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come and the voice of the turtle is heard in the land.

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

### SONG OF A BIRD

"I awakened this morning before the dawn

To hear a lone bird lift his voice in song.  
I wondered if he always started his days

Singing to God his offering of praise.

Do you suppose God was trying to say,  
'Arise a little early, just to pray.

For a day started in praise to Me,  
Will be a day of greater blessing for thee."

Eileen Williams

Easter sunrise service is a time of Christian joy in thankfulness and praise of His victory while fellowshiping in His love.

We are happy to welcome Bro. Tim Steffen, his wife, Monica, and their children, Paul and Kimberly, to our congregation. They moved from South Bend.

Congratulations go to Bro. Oliver and Sis. Emma Jean Stieglitz as their daughter and son-in-law, Bro. Randy and Sis. Sue Gasser (Rittman) presented them with a new granddaughter, Alexis Suzanne.

Sis. Dorothy Norr (Bro. Robert) has undergone another heart surgery. Art Levy is also a hospital patient. Many prayers are offered for our sick, aware that He is the great physician.

Bits of This and That:

Life is like a coin. You can spend it anyway you want to, but you can spend it only once.

A failure in life is a man who earns nothing but money.

You cannot escape God's purpose or change His program.

Responsibility — your response and His ability.

If we view life's events as God's appointments, it will dispel disappointments.

Every man must do his own growing, no matter how tall his grandfather was.

Turn your cares into prayers, and

enjoy beautiful springtime.

(from various sources)

### INDIANA, MILFORD

#### Joyce Kaiser — Shelby Beer

A precious little boy was born to first-time parents, Bro. Tim and Sis. Marla Steffen. Uriah Michael came into this world February 22. Grandparents are Bro. Walt and Sis. Dorothy Steffen and Bro. Dave and Sis. Barb Wuethrich (Francesville). May their search for direction in rearing this little one be directed heavenward.

We want to thank Bro. Earl Ringger (Gridley) and also the men's quartet for sharing the love of God with us on the weekend of February 22 and 23. On Sunday evening we had our annual Singspiration program. It was a blessed and refreshing weekend.

"For he shall give His angels charge over thee." Psalm 91:11. Sis. Priscilla Haab has broken her ankle and is also now a resident of the Lakeland Loving Care Center in Milford. Sis. Eleanor Beer has spent time in the hospital and Amy Cockburn (Bro. Bob and Sis. Sue) suffered with a broken arm. Sis. Aldine Reimschisel has not been able to worship with us recently. We rejoice with her as she celebrated her 89th birthday.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Herman Weisser, Idola Best and Bro. Bob Hoerr in the passing of their sister and aunt, Bertha (Weisser) Ehnle, who spent part of her life here in Milford.

We want to express a special "thank you" to all our God-fearing mothers who have given so much in our behalf. Surely the greatest gift anyone could ever give to his or her mother would be to turn your life over to Jesus.

### "TELL MOTHER I'LL BE THERE"

When I was but a little child, how well  
I recollect  
How I would grieve my mother with my  
folly and neglect,  
And now that she has gone to heaven I  
miss her tender care,  
Oh, Saviour, tell my mother I'll be  
there.

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

Gospel Hymns #801

**INDIANA, REMINGTON**  
Susan Getz — Beth Virkler

Generations follow generations — yet it lives.

Nations rise and fall — yet it lives.

Kings, dictators, presidents come and go — yet it lives.

Torn, condemned, burned — yet it lives.

Hated, despised, cursed — yet it lives.

Doubted, suspected, criticized — yet it lives.

Damned by atheists — yet it lives.

Exaggerated by fanatics — yet it lives.

Miscontrued and mistated — yet it lives.

Ranted and raved about — yet it lives.

Its inspiration denied — yet it lives.

Yet it lives — as a lamp to our feet.

Yet it lives — as a light to our paths.

Yet it lives — as a standard for childhood.

Yet it lives — as a guide for youth.

Yet it lives — as an inspiration for the matured.

Yet it lives — as a comfort for the aged.

Yet it lives — as food for the hungry.

Yet it lives — as rest for the weary.

Yet it lives — as light for the heathen.

Yet it lives — as salvation for the sinner.

Yet it lives — as grace for the Christian.

To know it is to love it.

To love it is to accept it.

To accept it means life eternal.

Author Unknown

We were very thankful Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH) and Bro. Marshall Heinold (Washington, IL) were willing to teach us of the promises of God. Bro. Marshall taught us biblical guidelines for personal financial planning on a Saturday afternoon and evening. We were reminded we are only stewards of all the Lord has given us. On judgment day we will be accountable for all our money transactions.

Bro. Jacob and Sis. Emma Bahler celebrated 60 years of marriage together. They express their thanks and appreciation to brothers, sisters, relatives and friends who remembered them with beautiful cards and well wishes. May God bless each one.

Our dear Sis. Nathalia Schini has gone home. She had not been well for some time and she slipped away in her home. We will miss her but are thankful she feels no more pain and suffering. What a glorious place we have to look forward to where there will be dear ones who have gone on before and no more struggling. There will only be

the sweet presence of the Lord and those who love Him.

Please note a correction in the minister's book. Ken Schneider's telephone number is 219-261-3314.

**INDIANA, SOUTH BEND**  
Pauline Laidig — Jill Lehman

THE GIFTS OF GOD

A precious flower blooms in spring,  
And earth becomes a lovely thing;  
A rose appears, where ground was bare,  
And fragrant blossoms fill the air.

A daffodil, bright as the sun,  
Brings smiles to almost everyone;  
A tiny bluebird sings a song,  
And children laugh the whole day long.  
These are the gifts of spring's rebirth,  
Gifts of endless joy and worth.

Who can deny this priceless land  
Or these — the gifts of God's own hand?  
Patricia Emme

We were very thankful to see that God has laid His healing hand on Sis. Helen Martin as she was once again able to assemble with us after having surgery this winter. Spring is a beautiful time of year and we have many shut-ins who are not able to enjoy this beautiful season. May we remember them in our prayers.

Saying farewell is hard to do and it is with much sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Bro. Tim Steffen and his wife, Monica, and their two children, Paul and Kimberly. They will be moving to Fort Wayne and attending the Leo church. A farewell potluck is planned for March 23 and we wish them God's blessings. They will be greatly missed.

Thought for the month: "How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well."

Cecil Frances Alexander

**INDIANA, VALPARAISO**  
Cheryl Bucher — Peg Huber

If your home was on fire, and you had time to grab only one thing, what would you clasp before you ran?

Our convert, Sandra Whitaker and her husband, Tom, had the misfortune of losing their home in this way recently. Sandra sought her Bible while her purse and other possessions perished. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Luke 12:34. "For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?

or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matthew 16:26.

When Sandra was asked what we could do to help her, she responded "Just pray for me." What a reminder that He, plus nothing, is more than enough to meet every need!

We sing "Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide, ever near the Christian's side". Yet, how near the Holy Spirit is depends on us — our attitude, our love for Him, and our willingness to apply His Word to our lives. We were reminded through the memorandum reading recently that the Holy Spirit could depart from us, if we, His temple, become a cold, unwelcoming and uncomfortable dwelling place for Him to remain. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." I Corinthians 3:16, 17. Not only can we defile the temple of God in our health habits, but with our senses — what we allow our eyes to see, our ears to hear, etc. "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." I Corinthians 6:20. We thank Elder Bros. Jesse Beer (Milford) and Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL) for sharing their time and love in bringing the conference summary to us.

We're thankful for the fellowship of many visitors from various churches recently, including Bro. Chris Huber who shared in the ministry.

Our friends, Maryanne Rice and Dorothy Clausen are recovering from recent illnesses. How thankful we are that the greatest physician hears every prayer for healing — both physical and spiritual!

**INDIANA, WEST LAFAYETTE**  
PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Lily Vogt

We would like to thank Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington) and Bro. Rod Huber (Valparaiso) for sharing God's Word with us. How we do appreciate our faithful ministers.

As springtime approaches, we can simply look around us and see God's love. We have such a wonderful, loving God who provides for our every need.

THE EXTRAVAGANCE OF GOD

More sky than man can see,  
More seas than he can sail,

More sun than he can bear to watch,  
 More stars than he can scale.  
 More breath than he can breathe,  
 More yield than he can sow,  
 More grace than he can comprehend,  
 More love than he can know.

Ralph W. Seager

### INDIANA, WOLCOTT

#### Lorene Furrer — Elaine Bahler

"... Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40. There are many ways we, who have been blessed so abundantly, can give of ourselves to help others. Recently, Bros. Irvin Furrer and Tim Schwab returned home safely from Haiti on a work project there. Certainly it makes us view our lives in a different perspective when we see how others live. On February 23, Bro. Uriel Gehring (Leo) was with us and talked about the Children's Home. Truly there is much we can do for the Lord.

In this season of new life, Bro. Jon and Sis. Wendy Schwab have a new little addition to their family. Lance David was born March 11 and sisters, Tiffany and Brandy, are thrilled with him. Grandparents are Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene Schwab and Elder Bro. Wendell and Sis. Marcella Gudeman (Francesville).

We also rejoice and are thankful for several new converts in our congregation. This Easter season can have a much deeper meaning for each of them. We look forward to our Easter program March 26. They are always enjoyed by all.

We have heard that Bro. Ralph Ravellette has had an emergency appendectomy while visiting his family in southern Indiana. May God's healing strength be with him.

Many have enjoyed and benefited from Bro. Marshall Heinold's (Washington, IL) Financial Planning seminar, as we at Wolcott and Remington did March 15. Thank you, Bro. Marshall, for giving of your time and talents.

### IOWA, BURLINGTON

#### Edith Massner — Dixie Messner

We were all blessed and did rejoice when Sis. Monti Taeger (Bro. Dick and Sis. Dorothy) and Bro. Jeff Wagenbach (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Bonnie, Oakville) were united in holy matrimony by Elder Bro. Ed Lanz. Bro. Duane Kilgus (Fairbury) was also with us. Adding to the inspiration of the marriage cere-

mony were two couples from our community who have been married many years. Bro. Walter and Sis. Dorothy Stoller celebrated their 60th anniversary and Bro. John and Sis. Lena Wegman have been married 69 years.

Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago) so kindly helped Elder Bro. Ed Lanz read the memorandum. We were grateful for the teachings and reminders they gave us. May God give us much grace to live by His holy Word. We were thankful to have Bro. Dale, Bro. Ed and also Bro. John Steiner (Oakville) with us for Sunday afternoon services.

John Taeger has moved to the Burlington Care Center from Mediapolis. We would also like to remember others from our congregation who are shut-in and unable to assemble with us: Sis. Stella Landes, Sis. Lena Wegman, Hettie Baker and Sis. Katie Schumacher. Perhaps if we cannot visit them we could remember them with a card or special prayer.

### IOWA, ELGIN

#### Gloria Frieden

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of the birds is come . . .  
 Solomon 2:12

How welcome are the signs of spring after enduring another long, cold winter. How excited we get when the robins return and the lawns return to their fresh green color. And once again the farmers return to the soil to till and plant, believing that God will provide a crop. It is a work of faith. May we remember God's promise to the Israelites . . .

If ye shall walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

Leviticus 26:3, 4, 5

Our Sunday school children have been busy learning verses and songs for the upcoming Easter program. How important it is for them to learn and love the precious Easter story.

### IOWA, GARDEN GROVE

#### Eileen Funk

We are truly sorry that we have not written for so many months in the Silver Lining. Due to the accident that befell our dear Bro. Bill Funk, and then his death in January, our small world here in Garden Grove was turned around and all our time and energy devoted to our dear brother, father, grandfather, uncle, minister and leader. The accident happened September 30, 1985, on a Monday, after enjoying a special and blessed day together on Sunday. He was with his son, Bro. Brad, mounting their horses and getting ready to check cattle, as they have done so many times together. No one knows what happened. It happened so fast, and he was never able to tell us. He was on the ground and the horse was up. He was taken by helicopter to Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, which is approximately 60 miles from all of us. He was there 7½ weeks. He struggled hard, and we all struggled and prayed with him. Our small congregation felt prayers and support that we didn't know were there, from brothers and sisters in our church, friends and the community. It was overwhelming! With God's grace, we managed to keep spirits up, and we saw Bro. Bill slowly improve until he was transferred to Leon Hospital, much closer to home. The family stayed with him day and night and saw improvements, heard him speak some and even walk with help. On one special day he said to his wife, Sis. Verle, "We will praise the Lord the rest of our lives!" Then, suddenly, he took a turn for the worse, and went back to Des Moines, where he died January 25. After seeing his struggle and knowing he would be with the Lord, we were all relieved for him. Our hearts will always hold him dear to us with memories of him and the church he started and loved.

We want to thank everyone, everywhere, all our brothers and sisters, and friends in our Apostolic fellowship, for the prayers and support, both spiritually and financially, for your love and all the acts of kindness. We are a small congregation, but were taken care of by our large body in Christ. We wish to thank also the ministers who have taken turns in helping Bro. Glen. Bro. Glen is now alone in the ministry and invites help from anyone that would feel so moved.

The following is an obituary:



William G. Funk, son of Joseph and Mary Grusy Funk, was born November 24, 1918 in Gridley, IL, and died January 25, 1986 at Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines, IA, age 67.

Bill married Verle Moser February 1, 1948 in Oakville, IA. He farmed at Gridley, IL, until 1967, then moved to Garden Grove, IA.

He was converted and became a member of the Apostolic Christian Church in 1941. He served as minister of the Garden Grove congregation for 17 years. It was through his love and hard work that the new church building was built in 1977. He took an active part in the community by serving on various committees.

Preceding him in death were his parents and an infant sister, Rachel.

Survivors include his widow, Verle (Garden Grove); three sons, Tony and his wife, Eileen (Humeston, IA), Bradley (Garden Grove) and David and his wife, Ly-Lee (Huxley, IA); three daughters, Rachel Smith and her husband, Eugene (Leon, IA), Willa Clark and her husband, Don (LeRoy, IA) and April Parmer and her husband, Buck (Derby, IA); twelve grandchildren; two sisters, Ella Schlipf (Bloomington, IL) and Louise Witzig (Gridley, IL); four brothers, Leo and Wilbert (both of Morton, IL) and Alwin and Roy (both of Gridley, IL); other friends and relatives.

We, here at Garden Grove, could use more help and would like to take this opportunity to urge anyone to consider moving here. Pray about it if you would feel so moved. We have several industries that could provide employment and a new school and hospital. We offer a beautiful countryside and quiet country living. Please visit us and remember us in your prayers.

The Garden Grove Congregation

The following is a memorial to Bro. Bill:

### THE ROSE BEYOND THE WALL

Near a shady wall a rose once grew,  
Budded and blossomed in God's  
free light,  
Watered and fed by morning dew,  
Shedding its sweetness day and  
night.

As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,  
Slowly rising to loftier height,

It came to a crevice in the wall  
Through which there shone a beam  
of light.

Onward it crept with added strength,  
With never a thought of fear or pride;  
It followed the light through the  
crevice's length  
And unfolded itself on the other side.

The light, the dew, the broadening view  
Were found the same as they were  
before;  
And it lost itself in beauties new,  
Breathing its fragrance more and  
more.

Shall claim of death cause us to grieve  
And make our courage faint and fall?  
Nay! let us faith and hope receive;  
The rose still grows beyond the wall,

Scattering fragrance far and wide,  
Just as it did in days of yore,  
Just as it did on the other side,  
Just as it will forever more.

A. L. Frank

### IOWA, IOWA CITY Janette Schulz

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." Romans 12:15. I'm sure you will all rejoice with our little congregation and its latest additions! Bro. Roger and Sis. Rhonda Reker and their daughters, Stephanie and Rachel, have begun attending our church since Bro. Roger's job transferred him closer to Iowa City. They previously assembled with the group in Ames and West Bend, IA. New employment has also brought Sis. Kathryn Massner from Oakville, IA to Iowa City. We wish them all God's blessings as they begin new steps in life through faith.

We want to extend our thanks to all of our visitors this month, including ministering Bros. Roy Ehnle and Nathan Stoller (Bradford, IL), Clifford Grimm (West Bend, IA) and John Rowell (Burlington, IA). May God richly bless them and their families for making the effort to assemble with us so willingly.

### IOWA, LESTER Alice Metzger

We rejoice to report that two young souls have begun their heavenly race by turning to the Lord in repentance. Jill Metzger (Bro. Gene and Sis. Delores) and Dawn Meyer (Bro. Raymond

and Sis. Twyla) have rejected the sinful pleasures of the world and instead are seeking the true and lasting pleasure of serving God.

On March 5, Bro. Verlyn and Sis. Linda Kellenberger became the parents of Adam Dean. The new little boy has a brother and two sisters. His grandparents are Sis. Elaine Kellenberger and Sis. Karoline Doorneweerd. Chad Robert was born March 16 to Bob and Shirley DeSmet. He has two sisters and his grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Elgeva Knobloch and Clete and Bev DeSmet.

Dave Leuthold (Andy and Elsie Leuthold) passed away at the Veteran's Hospital in Sioux Falls after a lingering illness. The family is grateful for kind deeds and condolences offered to them at this time.

There have been many cases of flu and colds. However, the only known hospital patient was Sis. Sheryl Knobloch.

We welcome the stirrings of spring after a very long winter. We know that the sun will soon warm the earth and the trees, grass and flowers will respond with a beautiful showing.

### IOWA, OAKVILLE Debbie Wagenbach

We are thankful for our two precious new babies. Reilly Paul has come into the lives and family of first-time parents, Bro. Colin and Sis. Barb Wagenbach. He is also welcomed home by his grandparents, Bro. Paul and Sis. Dorothy Wagenbach and Sis. Hilda Gerst. Little Marlys Kiefer is the first daughter of Bro. Mark and Sis. Mindy Kiefer. She is certainly a sweet little girl and has one big brother, Miles. Marlys is also a joy to her grandparents, Bro. Dick and Sis. Dorothy Taeger (Burlington) and Bob and Delores Kiefer.

February 23, Sis. Monti Taeger became the bride of Bro. Jeff Wagenbach at the Burlington Church. We trust that God will bless their union with His binding gift of charity. Bro. Dick and Sis. Dorothy Taeger (Burlington) and Bro. Jerry and Sis. Bonnie Wagenbach are their parents.

Visiting ministers lately in Oakville have been Bros. Arnie Gerst (Taylor, MO), Wayne Banwart (Champaign, IL), John Rowell and Harvey Heiniger (Burlington). We are thankful for their willing service in our congregation.

March 8 the members of the Burlington and Oakville churches gathered in

Oakville to hear Elder Bro. Ed Lanz and Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL) exhort and once again warn of the dangers we as God's children must face in our daily walks of life. Let us take these warnings very seriously and apply them to our daily struggles, that one day, standing before our God to be judged, we do not feel His condemnation.

We have just recently laid to rest our dear friend, Marie Mulcrone. May God comfort the hearts of the loved ones who remain on this side of the grave. Marie is survived by her sisters, Sis. Bertha Cordell and Sis. Nettie Rothlisberger.

Note: We wish to thank everyone who remembered us on our 65th wedding anniversary with gifts, flowers and cards. May the good Lord bless you all.

Bro. Walter and Sis. Dolly Stoller

#### IOWA, PULASKI

**Mary Jane Knapp — Sarah Teubel**

Can we ever say "thank you" enough to those of like mind and faith who travel to worship and fellowship with us? A special thank you is extended to ministering Bros. Willis Wiegand (Goodfield, IL) and Frederick Knapp (Congerville, IL) who were here February 16. On Saturday evening Bro. Jack Krantz shared with us pictures and experiences of Honduras and the work being done there by our brethren. It was truly a blessed weekend for us.

The Sabetha, KS, junior and senior Bible classes spent February 22 and 23 with us, giving opportunity for the young folks to get acquainted. Bro. Ken Hoerr (Peoria, IL) was here to speak to them on Sunday and shared many inspiring thoughts, for which we say a prayerful thank you.

We were privileged to have Elder Bro. Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO) spend March 2 with us, humbly bringing forth God's Word and many kindly teachings. That evening Elder Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville) joined him and, together with Bro. Russell, they shared with us the conclusions of the brotherhood conference. It certainly should cause each of us to stop and ask ourself, "Am I really doing all I can to serve my Lord and Savior?" Do we take each plea from our elder body and apply it to our life or do we shrug it off, saying to ourselves that the admonitions were intended for our brother or sister? Let us not take their efforts and concerns lightly.

At our annual business meeting the following brothers and sisters were elected to fill various responsibilities in the church. Sunday school teachers: Bro. Roger Musselman, Sis. Laura Wuthrich and Sis. Lynn Townsend; trustee: Bro. Howard Musselman; usher: Bro. Joel Wuthrich; speaker: Bro. Ken Teubel; head cook: Sis. Ernestine Wuthrich; and Silver Lining reporter: Sis. Sarah Teubel. May God bless those whose terms expired and grant grace to those called upon to fill the positions.

#### IOWA, WEST BEND Polly Zaugg — Phyllis Banwart

##### A MOTHER'S FAITH

It is a Mother's faith

In our Father above

That fills the home with happiness

And the heart with truth and love!

Helen Steiner Rice

This serves to remind us of the day set aside in honor of our mothers. We appreciate that faith our Christian mothers have left for us. May we continue to preserve it for our children.

On February 23, we were privileged to have Elder Bro. Gene Marti (Lamar, MO) with us. May we always remember the many teachings our ministers have for us.

We have many hospital patients to report at this time. May God ever provide for their needs. They are Sis. Jessie Fehr, Bro. Ray Anliker, Bro. George Sauder, Bro. Larry Wickman, Neil Schmidt (Bro. Dwaine and Sis. Lucille), Lucille Wirtz (Bro. Edwin) and Sis. Beverly Wirtz (Bro. Verner). Bro. Harlan Metzger had the misfortune of fracturing bones in his leg.

Our best wishes go to Sis. Twyla Schmidt (Sis. Betty Schmidt) and Bro. James Wulf (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Violet, Morris, MN) on their engagement. They are planning a June wedding. Also, Dennis Schmidt (Bro. Dwaine and Sis. Lucille) is engaged to Annette Ford (Mr. and Mrs. John Ford, Humboldt). An October wedding is planned. Our prayers are with these young couples as they take this important step in life.

#### JAPAN, SHIODA Sheila Moser

We are thankful that Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle could return safely

home to Japan after spending most of the month of February in America. While there, they were at the winter conference and visiting family. On February 8, their daughter, Jewel, became the bride of Robert Maeda in Chicago, IL. We want to wish the young couple many blessings as they begin their life together.

Once again we had a chance to share Japan with family. My brother, Dan, and his wife, Pam Moser (Lester, IA) spent about a week with us. We hope that they will long remember their visit as a blessing-filled experience.

#### KANSAS, BERN

**Linda Esslinger — Shirley Strahm**

We rejoice with Beth Plattner (Bro. Eldon and Sis. Waneta) who has sought the Lord and found the needed grace to repent. May she build upon a firm foundation as she starts upon this new pathway of life.

A new little bundle from heaven came to the home of Bro. Dean and Sis. Jan Strahm February 27. They have named him Nick Alan. Awaiting his arrival at home were a happy and excited sister and brother, Gina and Greg. Grandparents are Bro. Alpha and Sis. Mamie Strahm and Bro. Henry and Sis. Loree Plattner (Sabetha).

Dwight Edelman (Bro. Fred and Sis. Joan Edelman) and Vicky Grimm (Mr. and Mrs. Larry Grimm, Sabetha) have announced their engagement. Also making their plans for marriage known to us are Kristy Hertzler (Bro. Frank and Sis. Ruth) and Brian Schweitzer (Bro. Fred and Sis. Charlotte Aberle, Sabetha). May both couples seek the Lord's guidance and direction in this important step in life.

We are happy to report Sis. Julia Metzger (Bro. Wilhelm) is back in her home again. Hospitalized this month have been Bro. Frank Hertzler for surgery on his foot, Bro. Pete Esslinger, surgery, and Sis. Lena Strahm (Bro. Amos). Sis. Esther Esslinger (Bro. Pete) fell and broke her arm. Our thoughts and prayers are with each one. How we miss their faces in church when they are not able to assemble with us.

How thankful we are God is still talking to us through His humble servants. May we do our part by heeding the teachings that come forth. Visiting ministers this past month have been Bro. Gene Metzger (Lester, IA), Bro.

Wayne Miller (Fort Scott), Bro. Roger Aberle (Sabetha) and Bro. Roy Wernli (Lamont). We thank each and every one for their efforts.

The weekend of March 1 and 2 was a most spiritually uplifting weekend when we heard the testimonies of two dear couples. They were Don and Pat (Fehr) Menold and Earl and Donna (Dettwyler) Edelman. We welcome them as brothers and sisters in our fellowship. May we always diligently strive to show to one another the love we heard so much about that weekend.

Friendship is the sunshine  
That drives the clouds away,  
And makes the load seem lighter  
As we travel day by day.  
And so we thank the Father,  
Who loves and guides us too,  
That it has been our fortune,  
To walk along with (you).

Author Unknown

#### KANSAS, FORT SCOTT

**Teresa Bahr**

Bro. Dave and Sis. Joleen Sinn are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Amy Marie, born March 13. Amy has a brother, Joel, and grandparents are Bro. Wayne and Sis. Juanita Sinn (Fort Scott) and Bro. Carl and Sis. Nova Kipfer (Bluffton, IN).

A group of us enjoyed a blessed weekend visiting Princeville, IL, as we traveled there with the Kansas choir. May God bless them for being such gracious hosts.

March 14 marked the 50th wedding anniversary of Reuben and Caroline Banwart. A reception held in their honor was attended by family and friends.

#### KANSAS, GRIDLEY

**Vola Young — Judy Kraft**

A number of the married couples invited company, and enjoyed a weekend of fellowship. Bro. Mike Leman (Denver, CO) was among those who visited. He was with us Sunday to minister the Word. We have been blessed with other visiting ministers, Elder Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS) and Bro. Bill Emch (Lamont, KS).

#### KANSAS, KIOWA

**Janice Bahr — Gay Farney**

Christ was born — humbly  
He lived — loving, teaching, healing

He died — cruelly  
He was resurrected — victorious over death  
He sits on the right hand of God — interceding for us  
He is coming again — Halleluia!!!  
Praise His Name!!!

There is really no way to express the gratitude and love that fills our hearts upon remembrance of all God, through Christ, has done for us. But as Easter comes and we partake of holy communion, thus remembering the broken body and shed blood of our Lord and Savior, let us truly be thankful for His love, and humbly fall upon our knees in renewed faith and consecration unto Him.

We were doubly blessed this past month to have Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart and his dear wife, and ministering Bro. Wayne Miller and his dear wife (Ft. Scott) in our midst one Sunday this month. They came to share in the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of our dear Floyd and Sis. Matilda Schupbach. We are truly thankful that they lent themselves to teach us from God's Word while they were here. We are so happy for Floyd and Sis. Matilda, and pray that God will bless them through many more years of marriage, if it is His will. In a world where the wedding vows seem to mean so little, it is a joy to see one last for 50 years.

Psalm 66:1, Make a joyful noise unto God all ye lands: — What a blessed fellowship we enjoyed this month, when our Kansas choir (consisting of anyone in our Kansas churches who wishes to sing) traveled to Princeville, IL, for a weekend. The love and kindness we were shown will forever linger in our hearts, and we truly thank each one for all they did for us while we visited (and sang) there. God bless you all!

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

Hymns of Zion #218

These most assuredly would be the words of our dear Sis. Lucy Hoffman, who fell asleep in the arms of her Lord this month. To her dear husband, Bro. John, and her family, we extend our deepest love in their loss, but for Sis. Lucy, who spent her last years in the Manor here, we are truly thankful her

trials are over.

We are so thankful to again have our dear Sis. Mildred Frieden in our midst after almost five weeks since undergoing knee surgery. She has been so touched by the love that everyone has shown her through cards, meals and visits. Though no words seem adequate to express her gratitude, she would like to say, "Thanks so much and God richly bless you all!"

#### KANSAS, MANHATTAN

**Heidi Baumgartner — Kim Meyer**

We have just resumed school after a refreshing spring break. A few weeks before our vacation, Bros. Loren Strahm and Tim Zimmerman came from Gridley to minister God's Word unto us. We appreciate all those who put forth the effort to assemble with us.

Tom Ehle (Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois), who attended Kansas State for two years, recently returned home after studying in Germany for some time. He showed slides from his travels in Europe and the Soviet Union. We were able to view these slides in the apartment of Sis. Lori Aberle, Sis. Patti Knobloch, Cristy Meyer and Sis. Natalie Wysong. Viewing these should make us appreciate the freedoms and liberties we have in the United States.

From the Sabetha congregation, Bros. Ben Wysong and Doug Grimm labored for the Lord by ministering unto us. Again, we are thankful for these deeds of kindness.

As with many other places, a college campus presents numerous trials, temptations and pressures. But by yielding to God's Word and Spirit, we need not be overcome by them.

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: Be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

Isaiah 41:10

#### KANSAS, SABETHA

**Charleen Hartter — Nita Grimm**

"Great is Thy faithfulness," O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter, and spring-time  
and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses  
above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness,  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and  
love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that  
endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to  
guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for  
tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand  
beside!

(Chorus)

"Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is  
Thy faithfulness!"  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath  
provided —  
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto  
me!

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness",  
Melodies of Praise #216

Isn't it our joy as believers in Christ  
to rely on the great faithfulness of our  
God in whom we can trust completely  
to provide our every need? As a few  
more dear souls have turned to God  
seeking His pardon for sin, it is our  
prayer that they can feel the full bles-  
sings of this hymn writer's words.

Sis. Tillie Aberle passed from this  
earthly life into everlasting eternity  
and our sincere sympathy is given to  
her family at this time. When a Chris-  
tian dies; precious is the prize. Should  
the Lord call us home in this day, will  
He find us "a prize" for His kingdom;  
or will He say "Sorry, I never knew  
you"? May we offer ourselves to love  
and serve Him with our whole heart!

Bro. Tim and Sis. Charleen Hartter  
have a new little blessing, John Ben-  
jamin, born March 14. He has a broth-  
er, Seth, to welcome him home!

Sis. Marie Plattner was recently  
hospitalized and we wish her God's  
blessing as she recuperates.

We thank Bro. Noah Gerber (West  
Bend, IA) for spending a Sunday with  
us ministering God's Word!

Note — April is collection month for  
Silver Lining.

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

We had two visiting elders, Bro.  
Loren Stoller (Latty, OH) and Bro. Joe

Stoller (Princeville, IL) with us Febru-  
ary 22.

Sis. Carolyn Emch Gleichman (the  
late Bro. Charles Gleichman) passed  
away Wednesday, February 26, at the  
Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha,  
KS, where she had lived for two years.  
Funeral services and burial were at  
Lamont, KS, March 1. Bro. Charley  
and Sis. Carrie farmed near Harper,  
KS, for 41 years and came to church in  
Wichita many times. In 1967, they  
moved to Madison, KS, where they  
lived for 17 years before moving to  
Sabetha. Bro. Charley passed away  
January 1, 1986. Children are Sis.  
Kathleen Gallatin (Wichita, KS), Sis.  
Joyce Moser (Morris, MN), Richard  
Gleichman (Oklahoma City, OK) and  
Bro. John Gleichman (Detroit, MI).

"O come let us sing unto the Lord, let  
us make a joyful noise to the rock of our  
salvation." Psalm 95:1. The "Kansas  
Choir" which is made up of Wichita,  
Fort Scott and Kiowa congregations  
was privileged to travel to Princeville,  
IL, the weekend of March 15-16. We  
had a wonderful time and would like to  
extend our thanks to Princeville for  
their hospitality.

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**MICHIGAN, ALTO**  
**Liz Blough**

**THE MASTER'S HARMONY**

"And He hath put a new song in my  
mouth . . ."

Psalm 40:3

The notes were high — the music low,  
Sounded sort of out of tune you know.  
Notes weren't right, words seemed  
wrong

What is the matter with the song?

The song's all right, it's the singer  
that's wrong

The notes are bright, the words sing  
along.

But out of tune is the singer today,  
Makes the words not sing and the tune  
not play.

Do you know this happens to you and  
me?

When we are out of harmony?  
The song is gone, the words won't sing,  
We are out of tune in everything!

It takes the Saviour's matchless grace  
To put the harmony back in place.

He is the One who stirs the strings  
And from discord to harmony brings.

The Bay City and Detroit Sunday  
schools were with us the weekend of  
March 8-9. It was a blessed time en-  
joyed by all. We are thankful for all our  
other visitors that weekend and offer a  
special thanks to Bro. Jay Rinckenber-  
ger (Goodfield, IL) and Bro. Tom  
Schrenk (Athens, AL), who spent the  
weekend here and ministered the  
Word to us. It is a joyful time when so  
many of like mind and faith are gath-  
ered together.

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**MICHIGAN, BAY CITY**  
**Pam Schlatter**

We are pleased to have a new con-  
vert in Bay City. Sharell Pashak (Bro.  
Dean and Sis. Connie) has sought the  
cleansing power of the blood of Christ.  
We wish her the power of grace for  
conversion.

Sis. Alma Wackerle (Bro. Frank) and  
Bro. Ed Freidinger (Sis. Minnie) have  
been unable to assemble with us due to  
reasons of health. Michael Schmidt  
(Mike and Cheryl) was also hospital-  
ized this month with pneumonia, but  
has now returned home.

Clinton and Ileen Wackerle are  
happy grandparents of another grand-  
son. Kip and Patricia Wackerle have a  
new bundle of joy in their home. Little  
Nicholas J. is welcomed by his older  
brother, Aaron.

Bro. Alf and Sis. Hermine Kaeb have  
an added attraction in California.  
Their daughter, Mary, and son-in-law,  
Mike, have a new baby girl. Bro. Alf  
and Sis. Hermine are spending some  
time out in California enjoying their  
new little granddaughter.

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**MICHIGAN, DETROIT**  
**Bev Bahr**

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms  
and hymns and spiritual songs, singing  
and making melody in your heart to the  
Lord:"

Ephesians 5:19

The weekend of March 1 and 2, our  
Detroit choir traveled to Francesville,  
IN. It was an inspirational and enjoy-  
able weekend for our brethren and  
friends and we sincerely thank all in  
Francesville who made the visit such a  
memorable and blessed one.

Our prayers and sympathy are ex-  
tended to Bro. John, Sis. Martha and

Alan Gleichman in the passing of Bro. John's mother, Sis. Carrie Gleichman. Within two months, both of Bro. John's parents have passed away, and we trust that in the quiet moments of sorrow, Bro. John and his family can feel God's nearness and be comforted.

We look forward to our annual Easter program with our Sunday school and choir to be held Palm Sunday in the evening. It is a special time of inspiration and fellowship for our church.

"I am He that liveth and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen;" Revelation 1:18.

As we rejoice with the arrival of Easter and springtime, let us reflect on God's love for us all; a love so great that it cost the life of His Son, Christ Jesus. May our lives and faith ever express our gratitude for the many blessings that truly are ours.

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**MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS**  
**Barbara Olson**

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

On Sunday, March 16, it was our joy and privilege to be served holy communion by our Elder Bro. Harold Messner (Winthrop, MN) and Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer (Elgin, IA). We thank them (and their wives) for serving us and we trust that the Lord will richly bless them for their kind labors.

**WE ARE WHAT WE EAT**

In recent years we have seen a significant increase in information on nutrition. We can read dietary facts and figures on the labels of cans and on the packages of almost everything we eat. And the more we learn about foods, the more we realize the truth of the axiom, "We are what we eat". This fact has even been supported by studies of certain birds. In one experiment, seagulls, which normally feed on fish, were confined and given only grain. Their stomachs gradually changed in structure until they resembled the stomachs of ordinary pigeons, which are grain feeders. I also read of a Brazilian parrot whose color changes from green to

yellow when it eats certain fish.

Likewise, in the spiritual realm, we are gradually changed by what we continually take into our minds and hearts. Paul spoke of the beginning of this process in I Thessalonians 2:13. He wrote, "when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe." The Word of God is holy, living and powerful. If we make it part of our spiritual diet, coupling it with the exercise of obedience, we'll develop Godly character, vital Christian life-signs, and a strong resistance to sin. On the other hand, if we feed on the "junk food" of the world, such as trashy literature, we become spiritually anemic and highly susceptible to temptation. Yes, as Christians, we are what we "eat". So let's be sure we're on a daily diet of the Word of God.

Thought — The Bible contains the vitamins for soul health.

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**MINNESOTA, MORRIS**  
**Hildegard Koehl**  
**Rhonda Zeltwanger**

We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of spring after the winter season. It truly is wonderful how the cold barren earth warms and lush green grass appears. Day by day the temperatures rise and once more the outdoors comes to life again. The birds, too, are anxious as they are busily chirping.

Many prayers have been said for those who have been sick or hospitalized. Bro. Larry Nohl (Sis. Bonnie) has been ill with a bad virus for many weeks. Hospitalized patients have been Bro. Orville Nohl, Ruth Feuchtenberger (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Karen), Justin Wewley (Bro. Steve and Sis. Sara) and Kenny Feuchtenberger (Sally).

We sympathize with our dear Sis. Joyce Moser (Bro. Bill) and family in the loss of her mother, Sis. Caroline Gleichman. Sis. Caroline has resided in the Apostolic Christian Home (Sabetha, KS).

**LIFE'S CLOCK**

The clock of life is wound but once,  
 And no man has the power  
 To tell just where the hands may stop . . .  
 At late or early hour

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed

To lose one's health is more,  
 To lose one's soul is such a loss  
 As no man can restore.

The present only is our own;  
 Live, love, toil with a will  
 Place no faith in tomorrow  
 For the clock may then be still.

Author Unknown

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 Bro. Harold Gramm would like to express his sincere thanks for the many cards, calls and prayers during his hospital stay and after returning home. God bless you all!

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**MINNESOTA, WINTHROP**  
**Wanda Messner**  
**Mary Lou Schmidt**

**THE TRUE MEANING OF LOVE**

Only Love can transform an ordinary day into something special . . .  
 Only Love can give a new beginning to yesterday's dreams . . .  
 Only Love can warm a home with happiness and peace . . .  
 Only Love can comfort the heart and give meaning to life?

Author: Ray Mathews

As Mother's Day draws near, each of us think of our own mothers; the wonderful way they taught us Love, and how they gave so much of themselves to us! Let us show our appreciation to them throughout our lifetime!

We have had two births in the past month. When we observe how dependent these newborns are on their parents for all their needs, we, too, are reminded of how we must depend on our heavenly Father, for all of our needs. Vanesa Mae was born to Melissa and Jerry Isaacson (Winthrop). She is their first child. Grandparents are Sis. Dorothy and John Jacobson. Bro. Tim and Elizabeth Schmidt are also the proud parents of a baby girl, Cassandra Rae. Joshua, Adam and Katie welcome home their new baby sister. Excited grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Hazel Schmidt. We certainly rejoice with them!

Many prayers were uttered on behalf of Bro. Jerry Messner, Howard Lauwagie and other brothers from various congregations. God heard and answered those prayers, as they have all returned safely home! May God ever bless them for their deeds of kindness!

Our congregation and the Minnea-

polis congregation gathered together to record a tape of our singing for Regina, Canada. They will be using the tape for their Sunday worship service.

Hospital patients this month were Sis. Ella Mae Schmidt (Gene) and Bro. Marvin Messner. May a speedy recovery be theirs.

### MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY

#### Linda Ziegenhorn

We welcome Sis. Delores Stoller and her son, Kenny, who have moved from Bradford, IL, to the Kansas City area. We are very glad to have them, and hope they soon feel at home.

On Sunday, March 2, we shared the day with the Fort Scott, KS, congregation. As many as were able came for church and a potluck dinner. It was truly a blessing to fellowship with so many brothers, sisters and friends.

Ron and Sis. Diane Smith have a new baby! Nathanael Eugene was born Sunday, March 9. He is welcomed by a brother, Mathias. Grandparents are Bro. Martin and Sis. Arlene Esslinger (Bern, KS) and Frank and Hazel Smith (Topeka, KS).

We would like to thank our visiting ministers for bringing us the Word of God. They are: Bros. Ben Wysong (Sabetha, KS), Nathan Stoller (Bradford, IL), Roy Wernli (Lamont, KS), John Lehman (Bern, KS), Loren Strahm (Gridley, KS) and Elder Bros. Eugene Marti (Lamar, MO) and Lester Harter (Bern, KS).

### MISSOURI, LAMAR

#### Janice Stoller — Becky Marti

All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors,  
He made their tiny wings.

The rich man in the castle,  
The poor man at the gate,  
God made them high or lowly,  
And ordered their estate.

The purple headed mountain,  
The river flowing by,  
The sunset and the morning,  
Which brighten up the sky.

He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell,  
How great is God almighty,  
Who has made all things well.

"Creation",  
Hymns of Zion #207

Surely the miracle of God's creation surrounds us in this beautiful spring season. May we ever appreciate all the blessings He provides for us each day.

God has sent a baby son to bless the home of Kurt and Mary Jo Marti. Kyle Douglas was born March 11. His happy grandparents are Bro. Charles and Sis. Alice Marti and Jess and Clara Searles. May they always seek God's help and guidance as they care for him. May every parent seek to raise their children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

### MISSOURI, TAYLOR

#### Loida Hodel — Lori Marquart

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
"Let not your heart be troubled —  
Let not your soul be sad —  
Easter is a time of joy  
When all hearts should be glad,  
Glad to know that Jesus Christ  
Made it possible for men  
To have their sins forgiven  
And, like Him, to live again . . .  
So at this joyous season  
May the wondrous Easter story  
Renew our faith so we may be  
Partakers of "His glory"!"

Helen Steiner Rice

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine."

I Timothy 5:17

We enjoyed having a part in hosting the mid-year elder conference February 19-22. Out of the 48 active elder brothers, 43 were present plus 2 retired brothers. May God bless the decisions made and may we accept them as a directive from Him for our good.

The willing cooperation of each one made it an enjoyable time for all and radiated a true Christian love and atmosphere. We say a special "thank you" to the sisters who helped us with our quilting projects. We are a bit "short" on quilters, so it was greatly appreciated!

Visitors who were here February 23 were Elder Bros. Lavoyd Moore (Ath-

ens, AL) and Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH) and Bros. John Klotzle (Altadena, CA) and Jim Hoerr (Peoria, IL). We thank them for sharing God's Word and message.

John Gerst (Bro. Arnie and Sis. Marge) is a second semester student at WIU at Macomb, IL. We count it a privilege to commit those away from home into God's care and keeping and look forward to the time when we meet again.

"Casting all your care upon Him: for He careth for you."

I Peter 5:7

Hospital patients for March were Francis Reitz (Elmer, Kahoka, MO) surgery, Jody Meyers (Danny) and Vernon Huber (Judy) medical. We sincerely hope it can be God's will that good health will be restored again.

"A sorrow shared is but half a trouble, but a joy that is shared is a joy made double!" We are happy to share the joy of our Sis. Peggy Sutter (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marge) and Bro. Douglas Hoerr (Bro. Don and Sis. Velma, Peoria) as their engagement was announced Sunday, March 9. May God continue to direct Peggy and Doug during this happy time as they make plans for their wedding day and future home together.

"When pure and upright hearts,  
By flames of love ignited,  
Are by the bond of faith  
More firmly yet united,  
The light of hope beams forth  
In radiance far and nigh,  
Invites us to partake  
The blessings from on high."

Zion's Harp #79, vs. 1

Bro. Elwood and Sis. Trudie Yackley, along with their two little girls, Nicole and Lindsey, are happy to announce the arrival of Reid Allen March 14. Grandparents are Bro. Mike and Sis. Luann Knapp and Sis. Clara Yackley of our area. We wish God's blessing on this little family in the important venture of rearing children.

Once again we were privileged to partake of holy communion on a quiet Saturday evening in the "Little White Church on the Levee". Our Elder Bro. Roy, assisted by Bro. Gerald Sutter, carried out this commandment for which we are grateful. We thank God for another milestone in each of our

lives and, with new zeal, hope to continue on trying to live closer to the one who "loved us so much that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life"! John 3:16.

### NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY

Ed Aeschleman

Visiting ministers during the month were Bros. Walter Herrmann (Princeville, IL), Lee Bahler (Rockville, CT), Simon Wagenbach (Tremont, IL) and Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL). Along with our dear ministering brothers, many others have also come to worship with us, especially from our neighboring church in Rockville, CT, which sometimes swells our small congregation to 40 or 50 in number. We are very thankful that our ministers are willing to travel so far to bring the holy Word to our little church and we sincerely welcome all of the other brethren who come to offer their support.

By the time this is printed in the Silver Lining, we will already have celebrated our loving Lord's victory over the grave. We are reminded that the suffering He first had to endure on the cross was for us and that it was done out of love for us and to do His father's will. It is a comfort to know that our Lord now stands ready to help us do our Father's will if we just ask and then obey.

### NEW YORK, CROGHAN

Alice Virkler

#### MY MOTHER'S PRAYER

I never can forget the day  
I heard my mother kindly say  
"You're leaving now my tender care;  
Remember, child, your mother's  
prayer."

I never can forget the voice  
That always made my heart rejoice;  
Tho' I have wandered God know where,  
Still I remember mother's prayer.

Tho' years have gone, I can't forget;  
Those words of joy I hear them yet;  
I see her by the old armchair,  
My mother, dear, in humble prayer.

I never can forget the hour  
I felt the Savior's cleansing power;  
My sin and guilt He cancelled there,  
'Twas there He answered mother's  
prayer.

Whene'er I think of her so dear,  
It seems her angel spirit's near;  
A voice comes floating on the air,  
Reminding me of mother's prayer.

Oh, praise the Lord for saving grace!  
We'll meet up yonder, face to face;  
The home above together share,  
In answer to my mother's prayer.

Gospel Hymns #808

The calendar tells us that spring is soon to arrive. However, the weather does not remind us of spring. We have had several inches of snow over the past weekend and our farmers are anxiously awaiting the warmer weather in anticipation of tapping the maples to make maple syrup. Our thoughts in the spring also go to Easter and after that Mother's Day. The above hymn reminds us of the many prayers that are and have been in mothers' hearts for their children, no matter what their age or where they have wandered. May we each remember the many prayers for us and someday be able to have those prayers answered, Surely we can feel that a mother's love is only surpassed by the love of our heavenly Father.

### OHIO, AKRON

Joyce Gasser

We noted Nehemiah rebuilding the walls and gates around the temple at Jerusalem, and upon completion the first thing the people did was gathered at the Water Gate, symbolizing letting in the Word of God, which should be first in our lives. It was on the first day of the seventh month and seven has to do with completion because God's Word completes what it is sent to do. Nehemiah 8:8 states: "They read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading." This exemplary way of giving the Word, the sense, and understanding revived them and caused them to repent and apply it to themselves, and as the Word given this way does, ". . . there was very great gladness".

Bro. Steve and Sis. Arliss Pamer and family are in Texas for a few weeks. Bro. Steve, who is a chemist, is fulfilling an assignment for PPG, his employer.

Bro. and Sis. Marvin Luginbuhl's daughter, Kelly, had surgery to help straighten her leg, which we hope will benefit her. Mary Leidal had surgery

and we pray she may gain strength rapidly.

Bro. and Sis. Don Gasser's son, Tim, left for Del Rio, TX, as he is commissioned as second lieutenant in the Air Force.

Scott Graf (Bro. and Sis. John Graf) took Denise Musser for his bride in a wedding ceremony. We wish God's blessings upon them.

### OHIO, COLUMBUS

Desma Klopfenstein

When spring comes to mind, it often brings thoughts of green grass, budding trees and new life springing up all around in "nature". It seems so similar to the change which takes place in the heart of a repentant soul, too. A life in Christ is begun and a new "nature" replaces the old one. The new nature is perfected in Him. Without Christ, this new "nature" would wither, as do the leaves with winter's coming. So as we enjoy the beauty of spring, let's be reminded of the new "nature" internally created through conversion. A nature which keeps the essence of spring all year long.

We certainly appreciated the efforts of those ministering brothers who visited us last month. Our thanks go to Bro. Pete Baltic (Mansfield), Bro. Ron Palito (Akron) and Bro. Ron Steiner (Rittman). To our visiting brothers, sisters and friends, we extend our love for their fellowship and kindness in traveling to share God's special day with our congregation.

### OHIO, JUNCTION

Les Manz

In speaking to the people about celebrating the Feast of the Passover, Moses said in Exodus 13:14, "And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What is this? that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand the Lord brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage." Communion being an extension of the Old Testament Feast of the Passover, we can learn from this teaching that we, too, in addition to going through a self-examination and remembering what the Lord has done for us, should tell our children how the Lord has delivered us from the bondage of sin. Elder Bros. Art Bahler (Fairbury, IL) and Loren Stoller (Latty, OH) served us communion in remembrance of the Lord's death and suffering and then

were with us to minister to us on Sunday, March 16.

Liza Carnahan (Jerry and Pauline) was hospitalized this month. Our thoughts and prayers are with her in hopes she will return to good health very soon.

#### OHIO, LATTY

**Marleen Reinhard — Patty Gerber**  
Little Crystal Lyn was welcomed home by her parents, Bro. Ray and Sis. Carol, and her three sisters, Dawn, Kim and Kayla, with open arms. They were proud of their new bundle of love as were grandparents, Bro. Delmar and Sis. Marguerite Stoller and Sis. Tootie Sinn.

We express our sympathy to Sis. Ede Stoller (Bro. Glenn) in the death of her father, Bro. Emil Fisher (Cissna Park, IL).

The church was full of well-wishers for the marriage ceremony of Sis. Sherry Stoller (Bro. Gary and Sis. Nancy) and Bro. Dan Pfister (Bro. Ted and Sis. Rose, Bluffton, IN). Also attending Latty for the day were several visiting ministers: Bros. John Isch (Indianapolis, IN), Walter Rager (Toledo), Kent Ringger and Jim Rinkenger (Bluffton, IN) and Marvin and Lynn Stieglitz (Leo, IN). We pray God's blessings upon these ministering brothers and also upon the newly joined couple.

Hospital patients this month were Tom Sinn (Kim), Cody Stoller (Bro. Millard and Sis. Irma), Allison Stoller (Bro. Dwight and Sis. Lori) and Sis. Mildred Stoller (Bro. Louis).

Bro. Ed Schwartz (Bluffton, IN) recently shared with us from II Corinthians 13, reminding us to examine ourselves to be sure we are in the faith, and that it shines out in us. We appreciate his teachings.

#### OHIO, MANSFIELD

**Linda Morrison**

Bro. Dan and Sis. Pam Sauder became first-time parents March 7 with the birth of their daughter, Lauren Marie. Grandparents are: Bro. Ken and Sis. Sue Sauder and Dorothy and Everett Martin. May God's love continue to bless them as their direct the tiny life entrusted to their care. May we each support them in prayer.

Elder Bro. Joe Ramsier (Rittman) and Elder Bro. Gene Pamer (Akron) were assisted by Ken Sauder when they served holy communion Saturday,

March 8. "This is my body which is given for you; . . . This cup is the new testament in my blood which is shed for you." (Luke 22:19, 20). "God loved people so much that He sent His Son to die in their place. God hated sin so much that He sent His Son to die that sin might be vanquished. You may see Christ's death on the cross as a sign of God's love — and it is. But don't overlook the fact that it is also a sign of God's wrath. And which of God's responses you experience issues from your response to His unspeakable gift." (Timeless Insights)

Our Sunday school program was held Palm Sunday. As we rejoiced with the children proclaiming Christ as the Risen King, we were again reminded of God's great mercy: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh; That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Romans 8:1-5.

Bro. Wallace Ramsier and Bro. Joel Beer made an effort to make a trip to Haiti on a work project, but due to the political climate of that country, they were unable to enter the country. If we are unable to enter heaven at the end of our earthly journey, what will be the reason?

We are the sheep and lambs  
He is the shepherd  
When we are cold He warmeth us  
When we are hot He fans us  
He giveth us our every need  
So pray and thank the Lord  
For what He giveth to you  
So record  
Of what He saideth  
Have faith when in trouble  
For He is with you forever  
Do not stumble into sin  
For whoever believeth in Him  
Will have everlasting life.

God made the earth  
God made the wind  
And He made people  
Who sinned  
And broke the steeple  
But we will be saved

And those who sinned  
Will be sorry  
And will mourn.

The clock strikes 9:00  
ding dong ding dong  
It is a fine time  
to go to bed  
I change into my nightie  
I say my prayer then Amen  
and dream what the  
mighty Lord giveth me.

by Emily I. Banks  
(10 years old)  
Mansfield, OH

#### OHIO, RITTMAN

**Diane Gasser — Judy Stoller**

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice,  
and weep with them that weep."

Romans 12:15

We were recently instructed that this is our Christian duty. So it was that many from our congregation travelled to Fairbury, IL, to rejoice with Bro. Steve Stoller (Bro. Everett and Sis. Marge) and Sis. Mary Lynn Steidinger (Bro. Donald and Sis. Alice) as they were joined in holy matrimony February 23. The following Sunday, March 2, there was much rejoicing with Bro. Greg Stoller (Bro. Dale and Sis. Jeanette) and Sis. Joy Gasser (Bro. Ron and Sis. Hope) as they promised faithfulness as husband and wife. May God's blessings be upon these two couples.

The same day we also experienced the second part of the above Bible verse. We were deeply saddened by the tragedy which resulted in the death of our Sis. Martha (Bauman) Beery and we did "weep with them that weep". Sis. Martha's home was destroyed by fire and she suffered severe burns. We find comfort in the verse "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Romans 8:18. We feel Sis. Martha has gone on to that glorious land where there is no pain or suffering. She will truly be missed as her life touched so many lives as she so unselfishly gave of herself for others.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Emma Weber and Bro. Charles Zolinger (Sis. Lillian) in the recent passing away of their brother, Albert Zolinger.

Our thoughts turn to those who have



had surgery or experienced a need of hospitalization this past month. They are Don Jenkins (Clara), Sis. Debbie Steiner (Don), Bro. Carl Ingold (Sis. Erma), Bro. Everett Stoller (Sis. Marge), Rachel Winkler (Bro. Andrew and Sis. Mary Jane), Bro. Lester Riggensbach (Sis. Lorene), Sis. Mary Winkler and Marlin Miller (Bro. Mike and Sis. Norene). May we remember each one in prayer in their hours of need. We trust if it is God's will health and strength will be restored to each one.

Two families were blessed with the arrival of precious baby girls. Bro. Doug and Sis. Dianna Bauman's little daughter has been named Amber Marie. Dara is her older sister. Grandparents are Marion and Sis. Delores Bauman and Bro. Harlan and Sis. Jean Stoller. Bro. Randy and Sis. Sue Gasser, along with Brady, welcome Alexis Suzanne into their family circle. Sis. Doris Gasser and Bro. Oliver and Sis. Emma Jean Stieglitz (Leo, IN) are the grandparents.

Peggy Saylor (Bro. Bill and Sis. Norma) and Jim Cogar are engaged to be married this summer. We wish them much joy and heavenly guidance as they plan to take this important step in life.

We so appreciate the visiting ministers who came and shared God's Word with us. They are: Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction), Bro. Ken Indermuhle (Sardis), Bro. Ernest Graf (Akron), Bros. Wallace Ramsier and Fred Domka (Mansfield) and Bros. Marvin and Lynn Stieglitz (Leo, IN). May God bless these brothers and their families for their efforts of love spent on us.

### OHIO, SARDIS

#### Paula Figel

Groundbreaking services were held for a new church at Sardis, OH, February 23.

Ministers present for the groundbreaking were Bro. Delbert Indermuhle, Bro. Ken Indermuhle and Bro. Bill Brake. Also present were members, friends and children of the Sardis church.

Bro. Delbert Indermuhle gave the opening prayer. This was a precious opportunity to witness the turning of the soil for a new edifice. Revelation 21 was read by Bro. Bill Brake and the song, "Saviour Like A Shepherd Lead Us", Hymns of Zion #118, was sung.

Bro. Ken Indermuhle gave the closing prayer. The service was closed with

the singing of "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow", Hymns of Zion #95.

### OHIO, SMITHVILLE

#### Verla Stoller — Ann Maibach

We are so thankful and our hearts rejoice as we see the Lord working in the hearts of our dear friends, Loren and Chris Rufener, as they have heeded His call to come to Him in repentance. We wish them much grace and pray our Lord will grant to them the peace that passes all understanding.

Bro. Joe and Sis. Rose Dotterer were blessed with their first child, a boy named Timothy John. The grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Betty Dotterer and Sis. Ruth Hilty. Ron and Candy Hartzler have also been blessed with a little girl, Ashley Elizabeth. Grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Mirian Hartzler. Great-grandmothers are Sis. Elda Hartzler and Sis. Clara Zollinger.

We thank Bro. Paul Gasser (Akron) for bringing to us many precious teachings from God's holy Word. We pray the Lord will bless him for his efforts.

Hospitalized this month were Bro. Dean Marty and Sis. Terri Stoller. We are thankful that they can assemble with us again.

### OHIO, TOLEDO

#### Josephine Rehklau

#### Frances Laidig

We were blessed by having Bro. Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton, IN) with us March 16. He encouraged us to be strong and stand fast in our precious heritage and salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." I Corinthians 15:58.

Sis. GERALYN Beard is our new Sunday school teacher for the intermediate class. Our prayers are with her in the work of the Lord, bringing the word of salvation to these young souls.

The message brought forth from our children in their Sunday school Easter program renewed our minds of the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and that the prophecies that are given in

the Word of God are fulfilled in their due time.

Sis. Lydia Meister, who has been in the hospital for several weeks, is looking forward to being able to return again to the nursing home. We pray this will be soon.

### OREGON, PORTLAND

#### Connie Steffen

We are nearing Mother's Day, thanking God for our God-fearing mothers. We see many cards with poems that praise, but they don't quite go into the depths of mothering. Mother is one who spends sleepless nights and prayer-filled days; One who soothes the sorrows and shares the joys; One who feels her children's pains as no one else can; and so often her feelings go far beyond her own home to the lives of other people's children. In Matthew 12:48, 49, we read Jesus' saying, "Who is my mother . . . ? And He stretched out His hand . . . and said, "behold my mother and my brethren." The Lord elevated God-fearing women to the highest station in life by referring to the older women as "mothers". I am pretty sure each of us has had a precious sister-in-faith that we could look to with love and confidence, one who would guide us in the proper way. Not always are they women who have borne children, in the natural sense of the word, but perhaps more in the spiritual way. A few years ago we had a dear sister-in-faith who had never had any children. As she neared the end of her journey, the tempter plagued her with that fact. However, by her steadfast faith and example of a God-fearing woman, she possibly had more "children" than most natural mothers have. Before she "finished her course" she wrote or talked personally to her nieces and nephews who had not yet repented, giving them a Bible and asked them to read it and repent so she could see them again in heaven. She is one of many who will welcome her "children" home.

We are having beautiful spring weather in the northwest and already are having some visitors to share the beauty with us. We welcome all who come and wish to encourage you to come fellowship with us.

We are so happy to have Bro. Paul and Sis. Ann Rumbold home again, after having spent the winter in Phoenix, AZ. Various ones have been visiting from Portland, OR, and we are

thankful to have all home safely. We so appreciate each brother and sister in our church family.

**PENNSYLVANIA,  
PHILADELPHIA**

**Ann Gasser**

We welcome Bro. Todd Earney (Burlington, IA). He has accepted employment in the produce department of the Shady Maple market. Some of our readers may have been there in your tours of Lancaster County. We now have two families and several single people in the Lancaster area.

Congratulations are extended to Matthew Aeschleman, who graduated from George Washington University, having earned his Master's degree in business administration.

**Sermon . . .**

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quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" I Timothy 2:2. The Word tells us to do that, but it will be by His direction, not by man's wisdom.

The United States, Russia, and all other nations will never get together and agree on everything. We know that. God's Word says that it can never be. It will happen only when our Lord Jesus reigns after His return.

"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air . . ." The power of the air! We were all caught up in that more or less, and we followed it. We had no help and no recourse because we didn't ask.

"... the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." Disobeying God's Word, disobeying the truth, disobeying all good teachings comes from a spirit. It's not the way things are, or just the way I am, or the way you are, or the way the world is that causes us to act as we do. We are either under the influence of that evil spirit, or under the Spirit of God.

Look at what the Lord brought us out of. We will probably never realize what desperate straights we were in as unbelievers. If we are faithful and enter heaven, probably we never will be able to comprehend the tragedy of the lost.

Thank God we understood that something needed to be done in our lives to make us right with Him. We needed to receive the Lord Jesus Christ into our hearts, and to follow

Him faithfully. If we had not done that, we would be lost. If we had not reached up for help and been converted, if we do not walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, our end would really be terrible.

"Among whom also we all had our conversion in times past . . ." Paul says that we all walked "... in the lusts of our flesh." Ephesians 2:3. He doesn't even leave himself out. The Apostle Paul had been caught up to the third heaven and saw things that were unspeakable; he couldn't even speak of those wonderful things that he saw. The Lord Himself spoke to him in that vision, saying, "Paul, Paul . . ." He called his name!

"... had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh . . ." What did the flesh want? All the desires of the flesh, the pride of life. Our world is really in bad shape if you look at it and think about it. We read the papers. Perhaps some of us turn to the sports pages. What is it all? The pride of life, one of the very things we as believers do not need.

"... fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." Ephesians 2:3. That's a terrible finish to a sentence . . . even as others. We can't look down from a pedestal and say, "Those are all lost." That's where we were at one time and we need to remember that.

We no longer want to walk in the error of that way. We want to walk in the light, and thereby reach out and be a witness, a true witness for the Lord. May God give us insight in whatever circumstance we find ourselves, so that the Spirit working within us will impress on others that they should do something about their eternal destination. Bro. Willis brought that out last Wednesday night.

We can't just say, "Well, I'm safe." We have to stay faithful. Paul says, "... lest . . . when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." I Corinthians 9:27. We have to take stock of ourselves and make our own calling and election sure.

In the process, with the help of God, we can be a light to others. Let the barbs come and use the shield of faith. Let us not retaliate in the world. That will convince people that we are different. Don't react according to the flesh.

We should not be afraid to be spat upon. The Lord was so treated and it was a terrible thing. I don't believe I

know of anyone who has had that experience. Maybe some children do it, but He was an adult. He was spit on! God's Son! I can't get over that. That would almost be too much to bear, but the Lord suffered that . . . God's Son.

So, however, we can be a light or a witness, may God help us to be that. We want to be a light to everybody. Our light may be shining most brightly when we are not aware of it. May God help us so that our lives aren't lived uselessly, just getting by.

If we are born again, we were at one time with those on the outside without a promise. We were the uncircumcised lost. Think of that song about the ninety and nine. One was out on the hills astray, and rejoicing took place when he was found. In the chorus of that song, we sing, "Rejoice, I have found my sheep!"

"But God, who is rich in mercy . . ." Ephesians 2:4. God doesn't cut everything short as we might. I have a friend at work who is very militant. If things aren't just exactly right, he is very vocal and says that, "I'll take care of that," or "I'd straighten this out, or that out." We're thankful that maybe we aren't in charge. We are thankful that God is in charge.

His mercy! Look at what has transpired in this world. Still in mercy, He calls out to mankind to repent. He still hasn't "called it a day". He's still letting time go on. But the judgment will come.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us." Ephesians 2:4. He surely must have loved us to do what He has done for us. He sent His Son, and that wasn't easy. We can only imagine in a very small degree what that must have been like . . . to send His Son into this wicked world which He had once destroyed because of sin. Then Noah and his three sons and their wives started anew again. And again, transgression.

Then we think of Moses at the tabernacle when the Lord told him to stand back and He would destroy the whole lot of them, and Moses interceded. The Lord surely is rich in mercy and He is still patient with us.

"Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved)" Ephesians 2:5. What a wonderful message! It is still valid today, not just to the church at Ephesus. The world desperately needs this message.

There is no condemnation in Christ Jesus. Condemnation comes to those who don't want to believe or to change their lives. They love darkness rather than light. Christ Himself is the Light.

"And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 2:6. We are here together tonight, believers for the most part, and he has raised and lifted us up out of the miry clay and set our feet upon the solid Rock. I know that I don't appreciate it enough.

I don't consider often enough what my condition would be if I weren't a Christian. Still, sometimes I wonder, if we weren't, where we would be tonight. But here we are together, and able to rejoice in the Lord and have fellowship in His name and His Spirit.

"That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." Ephesians 2:7. This is what He has done.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8. Many times we read in the Word that we are saved by grace. The love that God has for us was demonstrated when He sent His Son to this earth. That Son obediently gave His life. They didn't take it from Him . . . He gave it. By believing upon Him, believing upon that Sacrifice and the Lamb of God, we are saved. That faith is not of ourselves; it is the gift of God.

We are going to earn wages if we sin. The wages are death. Satan will pay those wages. But the gift of God is eternal life.

"Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:9. We are nothing so we cannot say, "We did this or that." That would accomplish nothing at all. After we have believed and are God's children, then we will show by our works whom we are following, who our Captain is, and who our Master is.

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10. That isn't contradictory. He is not telling us first one thing, and then another. He is speaking of the new walk of life that we have as His children.

Old things are passed away and all things become new. This is necessary. The old sinful things must pass away, and everything should be new in our walk. Then we will be pleasing to Him,

and receive His blessings and His help. Our motivation has changed.

"That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world." Ephesians 2:12. That verse spells complete alienation, darkness, gloom and dismay. "That at that time ye were without Christ" . . . weren't believers. We didn't believe in the Lord Jesus, not in the fullness we should have, and were aliens with no hope of salvation.

We were not part of Israel. We were not of the right name, the right family, the right lineage. We were strangers from the covenants of promise. We had no hope at all. Not even the slightest bit of hope. Not even a little ray of light. There was just no hope. We were separated from God. What a forsaken condition we were in.

"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." Ephesians 2:13. We are His children, or can be.

"For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us." Ephesians 2:14. That dividing wall was broken down by our Lord and Savior.

"Having abolished in his flesh, the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby." Ephesians 2:15, 16. By the cross. That is the only way this can be done.

"And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh." Ephesians 2:17. Gentiles heard it. The Israelites, the Hebrew children, the Jews, heard it.

"For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father." Ephesians 2:18. We are thankful that we have this privilege to be grafted in. We also pray God for mercy for those who do not believe. Rather than jest about it, or take it lightly, or treat the unsaved with scorn, we should be praying that God will continue to call and have mercy on those who have rejected Him, both Gentiles and Jews.

"For through him we both (the Jews and the Gentiles) have access by one Spirit unto the Father." Ephesians 2:18. That was an almost unheard of thing to those people. They could hard-

ly receive that. The Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write these words, and we, two thousand years later, can read them and see the wonderful provision that was made for the Gentile people, which we are.

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God." Ephesians 2:19. What a different feeling we have here from that of the twelfth verse! No more strangers and foreigners, no more aliens, but fellow citizens with the saints.

Across the way, not too far from here, we have a Mexican border. Many people there have a very meager existence, and they look to this country as a place of hope. They cross the border, and it is illegal unless they go through the right channels. It probably doesn't enter our minds too much because we are Americans, but think how we would feel if we were in their place. We would want to come to a country which has more opportunities and where things are better. What a privilege it would be. In this relationship, we can understand a little bit how it was with the Jew and the Gentile.

". . . strangers and foreigners, but (now) fellowcitizens with the saints . . ." How thankful they must feel when they are assimilated into our society and receive their citizenship. It must be a wonderful thing.

We know how it was when we were alienated from the Lord, and we thank Him that He allowed us to become one of His children. We pray now that we can fight the good fight and hold fast. We are ". . . of the household of God." The most beautiful part!

"And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets . . ." Look at the establishment he has here: "Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Cornerstone." Ephesians 2:20. So, the next time we are tried, the next time small things give us trouble, when we come into some temptation or trial, may we remember Whose we are, Who purchased us, what was done to receive us and take us in and what Foundation we are on. Then we can stand firm and fast in His strength. Paul was convinced that with the Holy Spirit's help he could do it, and we should be convinced that we can too, with the Spirit's help.

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Did you ever consider that we who are the Gentile people have no blood line of any spiritual use? There is no connection with the seed of Abraham at all. Do you ever think how fortunate we are, we who are not heirs to the blessings that the children of Israel were given, that we have been able to become brothers and sisters of Christ Jesus, who came for His own and His own received Him not?

I sometimes think of the Jewish people, of the Jews who refused the Lord. The Jewish race has suffered much in this world, as we all know . . . great and terrible difficulties and persecutions. They couldn't believe most of them. There were a few believers, but for the most part, blindness overcame Israel. Since the Jews weren't able to or chose not to receive Him, the Lord turned to the Gentile people.

It was all in the plan of God. We can read it. The Lord made no mistake in the Old Testament with the law. It was not a mistake. It was all preliminary to events coming up. We can understand this. Jesus once said that it was not meet to give the children's bread to the dogs, when a woman had asked Him for help. Yet because of her faith and her persistence, He did help her. She requested the crumbs that fell from the children's table.

But the fullness of the Gospel message, the privilege to become sons and daughters of the living God and to walk in the blessings of Jesus Christ, has opened to us wonderfully.

This chapter "spells out to us" how it was with us before we believed, when we were dead in sins, and the mercy that He had toward us. Let us go through the chapter, and see if we can be encouraged by a kindred Spirit with the Word, and an association with the Word.

It thrills our hearts, our spirits, and our souls when we can read these

words together and say, "That's how it is with me." I pray God that He will help me to walk with Him all the days of my life, so that in the end I can be as a "building fitly framed together . . . unto an holy temple in the Lord." Ephesians 2:21. We are not looking for just a good beginning or a good life in our middle years with the Lord, but to be true and faithful until our life's end.

We don't know yet what we are going to confront in life. Things change tremendously from one day to the next. There is no guarantee at all of life even going on. Are we going to be able to handle every event that comes in our lives? Tomorrow? The next day? Or the day after that? Trials will come, but may the Lord help us through them; it will be by His strength and His help that we'll be able to do anything at all.

Oftentimes we find that our strength is feeble. Men's efforts are so unable to cope with the problems that arise in life. If the Lord is our helper and the Word is truly our charter, we have something wonderful. It's not of this world, and it will carry us on through to heaven. It will help us that much.

"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins." Ephesians 2:1. Quickened means "made alive". To receive the Gospel message we had to know that we were in darkness, that we were lost and needed help.

The promise in His Word is that He will quicken us and make us alive, if we believe upon Him. It is not dependent on any works that we can do or upon any sacrifices that we can make by giving up things in this life. This can't do it at all.

Believing upon Jesus Christ and then walking a new life with Him is what makes us come alive from the dead out of trespasses and sins.

"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world,

according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." Ephesians 2:2. That is so true. We can see ourselves as we were, and we can go out into this world and see the evil of it. There is a system to this world. We know that. There is a power that controls what is happening around us. Why is there war in the world? Why is there unrest in the world? Why aren't countries at peace with each other? We have it so good. We have an easy life if we compare it with times past. Life really isn't that hard, to be honest with ourselves.

Sure, we work; but we are living a pretty good life, most people, especially here in the United States. Then why aren't nations at peace with each other? Why isn't there good will? There is a power at work.

Daniel was confronted by the power of the prince of the kingdom of Persia. He prayed, and the angel couldn't come for three weeks to answer his prayer, or to bring him the message. He prayed for twenty-one days, and finally the angel came and ministered unto Daniel and told him, "From the first day you started praying thy words were heard . . . but the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days" and I was hindered and couldn't come. Then he said, "Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and now I am come to tell you" what is to take place. Daniel 10:12-14.

So, there is a power in this world. We formerly walked according to that worldly power. It's influence is great. That's why the masses are not walking the Christian, or converted, walk of life. That's why the leaders of our world and of our nation are, for the most part, not God-fearing.

We pray for our leaders and for those of all nations so that "we may lead a

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