



"Furthermore, we have had Fathers of our flesh who corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live." Hebrews 12:9

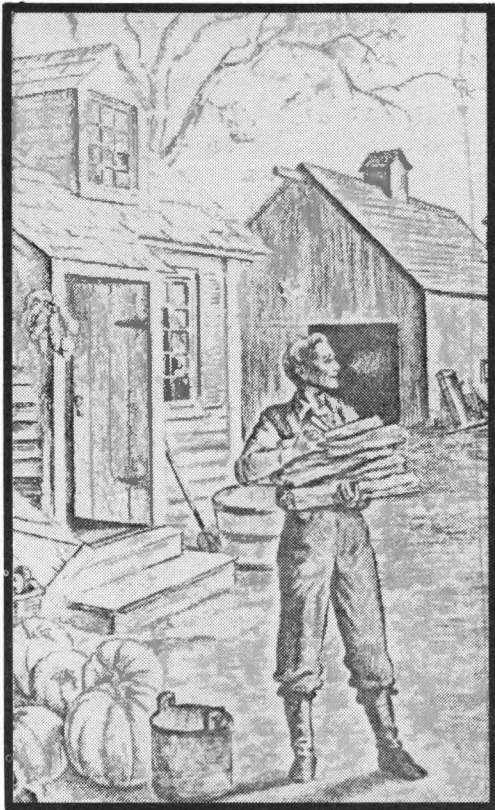
"Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul."

Proverbs 29:17

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## Home and Father

### MY FATHER'S BIBLE

I often think of childhood days  
 When round the table there,  
 Our father oft would read God's word,  
 And lead in earnest prayer.  
 And near the table on a shelf  
 There was a little nook,  
 Where Father laid his spectacles  
 And kept the sacred book.

And when the evening meal was past,  
 Unto the shelf he'd go  
 And read to us from God's good word,  
 That we its truth might know.  
 And peering o'er his spectacles  
 He watched if we took heed —  
 God's word commanded reverence,  
 In thought and word and deed.

Ah, would that men might in these days  
 Evaluate God's word,  
 And use it in their walk of life  
 As their shield and spirit's sword.  
 Those children of that former day  
 Are women now, and men  
 Still read the book their father read,  
 And heed it now, as then.

Written by Bro. Henry Beer

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN WORK PROJECTS

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men . . ."

Galatians 6:10

It has been just over 2 years since this Scripture was selected as the motto for the new Apostolic Christian Work Projects Program. Since that time and the first article in the Silver Lining (January 1985) a number of opportunities to work for the Lord have been developed and implemented with more being planned. Perhaps you have not heard too much about this program and would like to learn more.

A brief recap of the program and its purpose may be in order. It is to provide opportunities to serve the Lord on a voluntary basis for those who are so moved to contribute their time, effort and skills. Development and approval of projects will be under the auspices of the Work Projects Committee comprised of members of the Mission and World Relief Committees. Funding will be provided through these committees' funds and other sources as may be required.

In September, 1984, an informational letter, along with volunteer information forms, was sent to all the elders for distribution to their churches. To date, 52 volunteer information forms, representing 29 of our 80+ churches, have been received.

Some of the projects completed or in progress include: Haiti work teams (school roof construction), Honduras school building, Ft. Meyers church construction, Alabama summer school, recruiting for staff and vacation relief for Apostolic Christian Home & Facilities, Haiti grain bin construction, India medical assistance, Resthaven (Elgin) construction, Home Sweet Home renovation (Bloomington), Valparaiso church construction, Alabama storage facilities, Garden Grove, IA, Vacation Bible School and others.

The recently established Food Packaging Center in Bluffton has given many opportunities to help prepare the food packages that are sent to needy brethren and others in Eastern Europe.

Another special project is "Assisting Smaller Congregations To Grow". This project gives guidelines to smaller congregations how growth can be stimulated on both internal and local bases. It also includes accommodating migratory growth from larger congregations in the form of financial assistance where required and approved.

A new project that urgently requires additional volunteers on a current basis is the Mexico City project to rebuild living quarters destroyed in the earthquake.

Future projects in the planning stages include the Taylor, MO, church construction, Lafayette, IN, worship center construction, veterinarian assistance program, tape library and local church volunteer opportunity programs.

In March, 1985, the Work Projects Identification Program was distributed to all of the elders, providing the format for submitting recommendations for new work projects to be considered by the Work Projects Committee. To date, only a handful of suggestions have been received.

If you are interested in participating as a volunteer or in submitting a recommendation for a work project, please contact your elder who has the information and forms available.

Additional information regarding work projects will be included in the next issue of the Missionary and World Relief brochure to be published in the near future. Or, for information, you may contact the Work Projects Committee secretary, Bro. John G. Klotzle, 1689 Homewood Drive, Altadena, CA 91001, (818) 794-2262.

funds for these purposes are also available from the Works Project General Fund.

If you are interested, please contact your local World Relief treasurer representative or the project coordinator, Bro. Richard Beery, in Phoenix, AZ, on (602) 266-1517.

Submitted by: Bro. John G. Klotzle, Work Projects Committee Secretary-Treasurer. (818) 794-2262.

## NEWS FROM EASTERN EUROPE

Andy Hunyady

Dearly Beloved:

I am pleased to report that we have received several letters and thank you notes from Romania. That indicates that the first shipment of food packages, of December, 1985, have arrived and distribution by the local agency began about March 15. Thus far, all were in good condition.

An excerpt: "I, as the least among the sisters, want to thank you in behalf

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## MEXICO CITY WORK PROJECT

More volunteers are urgently needed to help with the construction of two multi-family dwellings in Mexico City. Those with construction skills or willing hands to labor who can spend one or more weeks there will find a blessing in assisting the homeless victims of the earthquake. The project is expected to

take several months to complete. The building materials are being provided by the Apostolic Christian World Relief Fund.

Local congregations are encouraged to assist volunteers from their congregation with the travel, food and lodging expenses. However, supplementary

of myself and several sisters in our community, for the packages that we received before Christmas and again today. Blessed be the Lord, and I thank you my dear brother for the beautiful card you sent me, with the nice message. May that star continue to point the way for us all towards heaven and our Lord! This is our wish to you from our heart!"

I. SZ.

A widow writes: "Beloved Brother... After a long illness and blindness, my dear husband was called home by our dear Lord. I want to convey my gratitude and sincere thanks to everyone who helped us. I thank God for all the beloved brethren in the far lands, who never fail to remember us in their

prayers and deeds. God bless you and reward you by repaying you manifold for your gifts!"

G. M.

The writer for an over 90-years-old widow writes: "Dear "Cousin" Andy, when will you come again to visit us? We have a young family here, and a granddaughter, who is waiting for you to come and help her and her family. They want to be instructed in the right way. They are determined to embrace the faith of your people."

C. M. J.

What is Dedication?

"... But first gave their own selves unto the Lord." II Corinthians 8:5

The Macedonian churches had been asked by the Apostle Paul to give a donation to the poverty stricken church at Jerusalem. Materially they, too, were poor; yet they had given so generously that Paul sees their complete consecration. The spirit of sharing and giving really set Paul's heart aglow.

This text, II Corinthians 8, verses 1 - 5, suggests that total dedication of life is our reasonable service. It is the right thing to do. It is pleasing to God! Let us continue this relation as perfect as we can!

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Ed Aeschleman

As pointed out in "Marching To Zion", increased industrialization and declining demand for labor on the farms has led many Apostolic Christians to seek employment in towns and cities where churches had never been established. Washington, D.C. is one of these areas where quite a large number of people with Apostolic Christian backgrounds now work and live.

To make it possible for these people to again avail themselves of the "church of their youth", services are now being scheduled in the Washington, D.C. area. The first service was held Sunday, May 11, 1986, by Elder Bro. Corbin Bahler and Bro. Ed Aeschleman. A total of 23 adults and 4 children attended with 17 of these from the Washington, D.C. area.

For those who may be traveling through the area and want to support this effort, detailed information follows:

Location: Best Western Westpark Hotel, 8401 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22102 (Tyson's Corner Exit off of I-495 Beltway - then west on Route 7 about one mile to hotel).

Date: Second Sunday of each month.

Time: Services 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (lunch 11:30).

Room #: Will be posted in hotel lobby.

If you are aware of anyone living in the Washington, D.C. area who might be interested, please pass this information on to them.

We solicit your prayers in support of this undertaking, both for the ministers who are asked to lend themselves and for the success of the church there, that, by the grace of God, there might be a saving of souls.

**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
April 1986 —	1051	11,778
May 1986 —	967	12,745

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.

## COUNSELING POSITION OPENING AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME

With joy and excitement we want to share a step of faith and growth in our program. In the past we have contracted private practicing social workers to cover our counseling. We feel that the needs of our children and staff would be better met, our money better spent and state regulations more adequately fulfilled if we hire our own counselor.

This full-time position requires that the brother or sister have at least a

bachelor's degree in social work, psychology or counseling (includes guidance counseling).

For further information on job description, responsibilities and salary, please contact Bro. Tim Sauder, Administrator, A.C.C.H., Box 151, Leo, IN 46765; 219/627-2159.

Your brothers in faith,  
The Children's Home  
Board of Directors

### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Uriel Gehring

Spring, with all its color and natural beauty is with us in full review; how heart-warming and heart-cheering it is to have new life all around us. With the bursting out of the green comes the invigorating waft of freshness, newness and a sense of deeper reverence and thanksgiving to our Creator for creating all things well and for including us in the great drama of life.

The timber area of the Home ground, barren for the winter months, is now a maze of gorgeous green; and one's mortal vision allows him to see only the perimeter area of the woods. A walk into the woods, however, reveals new life on the "ground" floor also. The crops have all been planted, and the little shoots are in various stages of development. The flowers are displaying their brilliant colors, and we stand by and watch in parade review as nature's scenario passes by. How inspiring it is, if only we take time to enjoy it. One of our adversary's more effective weapons in frustrating the believer's peace and tranquility is the fast time schedule we find ourselves in. Do we take time to enjoy our salvation, our church, our family and friends, our vocation, and the wonderful world of nature? Enjoying these things enhances our relationship with our heavenly Father — "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you." — a precious promise from His Word.

God gives us many opportunities to enjoy His blessings and to grow in grace. He wants to share His love with us in abundance. As He shares with us, we should be willing to share with others, for in sharing we receive an added blessing. Whenever we become

instruments He can use, we bring praise to His name. As believers at the Children's Home, we have many opportunities every day to be instruments of His. We, as a staff, work in close proximity and can encourage one another. Our relationships with our children are of a special nature, and once again we are afforded the opportunity of becoming useful tools in the molding of the attitudinal and behavioral development. What a challenge for us all! We ask for His help and your prayers to meet it.

We have a new boy, thirteen-year-old Jeff J., in the East House. He is from the Fort Wayne area. We welcome him to our family and look forward to many rewarding hours together. We now have thirteen children in residence. In addition, we presently have two girls enrolled in our independent living program.

The staff and children are eagerly looking forward to summer with its many activities. Summer jobs with the job training program are being arranged. The East House is planning a vacation out East. The West House is planning a vacation in Kentucky. The children are earning some of their vacation money with a garage sale and a car wash. Some of the children are currently participating in community activities such as 4-H projects, candy striping, working in a grocery store and working in a nursing home. It is extremely rewarding to see our children being productive in the community in which they live. It gives them a sense of "belonging" and "contributing", two much needed factors for their self-esteem. Two sixth grade boys, accompanied by their housemother, joined their class from Leo school for a one-day trip to Chicago, IL, where they

toured the Sears Tower, Fields Museum and the Museum of Science and Industry — a real learning experience.

The annual recognition dinner for retiring board members was held May 16. Our two retiring board members are Bro. Stan Hodel (Roanoke, IL) and Bro. Urb Bauer (Cissna Park, IL). Our two new board members are Bro. Bob Indermuhle (Sardis, OH) and Bro. Jack Krantz (Morton, IL).

The most recent church presentations about the Home were at Chicago, IL and Bluffton North, IN. Any church wanting a presentation should contact the Home.

Our guest speaker at one of our recent staff meetings was Sam Banks, program coordinator for Cunningham Children's Home at Urbana, IL. He gave us some very practical instruction on houseparenting and discipline in order to be more effective in guiding our children. We all profited from his presentation.

We are planning the schedule for our summer program and are looking for volunteers who would like to assist us. Our 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 contact us by phone (219/627-2159) or by mail (Box 151, Leo, IN 46765) if you are interested and would like information, schedules and/or applications.

Thank you to all volunteers who continue to lend so freely of their precious time and talent for the children at the Home.

Circle August 16 — it's the date for our annual auction and sale. We are already starting to plan for this event and would like to solicit your help. If you have an idea of what type of items you will be donating, please let your local Children's Home representative know. We need to compile a tentative list of specific items (especially large items) that will be donated, so we can publish the auction "Bill of Sale". Feel free to be creative! Last year, in addition to the beautiful crafts and quilts (in popular colors), wooden items (such as plaques, toys, rocking horses, cradles and doll houses) and tools (such as chain saws, vacuums, etc.) sold quite well.

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## 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 HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40. Many have been moved to show their love to Christ by supporting this haven of security and care for the handicapped. This support is evident in various ways; many hours of time by volunteers, financial contributions and gifts of products. Although we, the staff and residents, do not see or hear each word of prayer that ascends to our heavenly Father for the welfare of the Home, we feel His guidance, protection and blessing are the response of a loving and omnipotent God to many sincere prayers.

The primary mission of the Home is to provide for dear ones who need special care because of their handicaps, and obviously, the need is very great. In providing this care a secondary mission is accomplished as a number of people from the community are able to have gainful employment in a Christian environment. Appreciating their jobs, and having a love for the residents, employees and their families often become involved in the Home's activities; thus the love of Christ is passed along.

All are enjoying the lighted display case which has been built into a hallway wall to display the beautiful wood

carving of "the Lion and the Lamb" which the Home received some time ago. Also, carpeting has been installed on the lower portion of the hallway walls, an attractive and functional improvement.

Our special birthday people in June are Harold Miller, Aldine Winger, Doris Hutchison, Donnie Parks, Sharilyn Rowell, Janet Wilt, Lyle Steffen, Willis Belsley and Edwin Gerig. "God's blessings, dear ones, God's blessings to you!"

The beautiful June days our Creator gives us make our outings extra special. As guests of David Metz and his family, some of the residents plan to spend a Sunday at Forrest, IL, church. Swimming, an outing to Six Flags, a luncheon at Gridley, IL and the Tremont, IL, Turkey Festival are summer activities that are looked forward to this month.

A thought for the graduates — "He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul; he that keepeth understanding shall find good." Proverbs 19:8.

In gratitude to Christian fathers —  
I saw you stand bravely for years,  
But saw no trace of senseless fears.  
I saw you stand calmly through stress,  
But caught no glimpse of bitterness.  
I saw you stand prayerful in grief,  
But saw no trace of unbelief.

Though you spoke well of Jesus Christ,  
I caught your faith, watching your life.

Perry Tanksley

### ALABAMA, ATHENS Marilyn Walder

We are thankful for our two precious new babies. Margaret Christine has come to bless first-time parents, Robert and Carol Schrenk. Grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Mary Gramm (Gridley, IL) and Bro. Tom and Sis. Joan Schrenk. Another little girl, Ashley Dawn, has arrived in the home of Jeff and Janice Flanagan. Big sister, Heather, and grandparents, Bro. JR and Sis. Louise Hall and Ed and Dezzie Flanagan, also welcome her into their hearts.

Francis Ray and Sis. Joan Schrenk have been hospitalized for surgery. We wish them God's nearness as they recover.

We have had visitors from the Peoria, Eureka, Gridley, Bloomington, Cissna Park and Chicago, IL, congregations.

"As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." John 17:18. Christ spent many hours in prayer while He lived on this earth. He prayed for His disciples. We are Christ's disciples, too, and should take the words of His prayer as being said for us. We cannot comprehend the craftiness of Satan and all the ways he sneaks into our lives. Christ didn't pray that we should be taken out of the world, but that God would keep us from evil. He sent His disciples into the world so they could influence the world to believe in Christ. In order for a Christian to be in the world influencing others without being influenced by the evil around us, we have to be focused on Christ. We need to talk to God through prayer and listen to God by reading the Word. Through fellowship and attending church, we can help one another to overcome the evil around us. May God bless each one to be a true disciple of the Word.

### TO HIM THAT OVERCOMETH

To him that overcometh shall be given  
The fruit from trees of life in Paradise!  
He who has served the Lord and well  
has striven  
Shall rest from toil, and take from Him  
the prize!  
God will refresh him with heavenly  
blessing!  
Eternal rapture shall be his part!

Grant me, Lord Jesus, strength for  
overcoming  
Sin, world and Satan and his gloomy  
host!

O make me faithful, let me be  
victorious  
Thy face to see on yonder blessed  
coast!  
There wilt Thou bless me, with joy  
refresh me,  
There I'll discover eternal rest!  
Hymns of Zion #217

### ARIZONA, PHOENIX

#### Ron and Ev Hoerr

"... There was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour." Luke 23:44. Good Friday was just the kind of day described above, when Bro. Tom Leman came from the Denver church to preach our Good Friday services. Easter Sunday was a bright, sunny day when Bro. Todd Feller brought us the Easter message.

"Jesus took bread and blessed it and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take eat; this is my body." St. Matthew 26:26. Likewise, Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach and Deacon Bro. Noah Herman served us communion April 13.

Bro. Dale Strassheim (Milford, IN) brought us wonderful teachings from I Thessalonians 4.

We extend sympathy to Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Sophie Huber on the death of Sis. Hazel Huber (Indiana).

Bro. Tim, Sis. Verene and little Sammy Sutton enjoyed a farewell picnic as they leave us to go to Francesville, IN. We pray for God's blessings on these dear ones as they reestablish their Christian home. O, may the Christian love be ever glowing within our hearts; this is our Saviour's will!

Bro. Ed and Sis. Shirley Zollinger were honored with a reception for their 25th wedding anniversary given by their children in the congregational room. May the Lord continue to bless them through the years.

Caroline Collins was in the hospital and Sis. Lindy Schambach had foot surgery.

"For there is none other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12

Todd Zollinger (Bro. Ed and Sis. Shirley), having found the Rock on which to build his spiritual house, told us May 17 of his need to be saved. Once again, it reminded all of us how fortunate we were to be given grace to answer the call. Bro. Todd's baptism took place May 18. May he always find

much comfort being close to the Lord. Elder Bro. Ed Frank (LaCrosse, IN) came to minister unto us on a Wednesday evening. We truly appreciated his message and welcome him back.

Sis. Lavina Dotterer was a recent hospital patient. Bro. Ed Frautschi was a surgical patient.

Our church has been blessed with three babies. Our sincere prayer for these little darlings is that the scripture "Train up a child in the way he should go..." Proverbs 22:6, will be fulfilled in their lives.

On April 15, Kevin John was born to Bro. Randy and Sis. LaNae Meyer. Little Kendall welcomed the new baby along with grandparents, Bro. Len and Sis. Charlotte Meyer (Chicago, IL) and Bro. Glen and Sis. Joyce Metzger (Lester, IA).

On May 2, Erin Ruth was born to Edward and Jeanne Metzger. Big brother, Kurt, is happy to show his sister to grandparents, Bro. Dan and Sis. Josephine Schlatter (Forrest, IL) and Florence Metzger (Phoenix).

First-time parents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Candy Meiss. The Lord blessed the Meiss household with Richelle Nolana Meiss. Her grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Nola Weuthrich (Francesville, IN) and Bro. Harold and Sis. Anna Meiss (Morris, MN).

May the new parents find guidance in Proverbs 22:6 and 15, 22:13 and 29:15.

### ARIZONA, TUCSON

#### Sandy Bauer — Lisa Knapp

On Wednesday evening, April 23, we were privileged to partake of holy communion. Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach (Phoenix) lent himself in this service so our souls could be renewed and strengthened.

Loved ones hospitalized this month were Sis. Esther Sutter and Sis. Evelyn Knapp. Our prayer is that God will heal these dear sisters.

When troubles come and things go  
wrong  
And days are cheerless and nights are  
long  
We find it so easy to give in to despair  
By magnifying the burdens we bear —

We add to our worries by refusing to try  
To look for "the rainbow" in an  
overcast sky —

And the blessing God sent in a  
"darkened disguise"  
Our troubled hearts fail to recognize,

Not knowing God sent it not to distress  
us

But to strengthen our faith and redeem  
us and bless us.

Helen Steiner Rice

### CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

#### Sherise Strahm — Marian Petrovic

At the last two gatherings we were uplifted by the Word brought forth by ministers, Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger (Altadena) and Bro. Noah Hermann (Tucson, AZ). We appreciate their efforts and all the support we continue to receive.

Bro. Frank and Sis. Gail Szabo were blessed with a son, Ferenc Pierre. We rejoice with them and in God's wonderful work. We wish that many newfound joys and abundant grace be bestowed upon their new family.

Our San Diego group wishes to extend a heartfelt welcome to Bro. Keith and Sis. Carol Kaufman (Phoenix, AZ) who recently relocated to the San Diego vicinity. May God be with them as they settle here.

### COLORADO, DENVER

#### Mike Martin — Marlene Leman

Bro. Rod Schmidt (Sis. Betty, West Bend, IA) and Sis. Cindy Streitmatter (Bro. Alfred and Sis. Ginny, Princeville, IL) were united in holy matrimony. We hope they will begin to see more clearly what it will be like when the saints (God's children) are united with Christ. We also pray that they can learn how God's love really works in that God gave and Christ gave of themselves for us. Likewise they should give of themselves for each other. May God bless them!

We were privileged to have Bro. Wayne Miller (Ft. Scott, KS) visit us and speak God's Word. We do so appreciate visitors! May God be the rewarder of those who do give of themselves for His work.

When you have a child God holds you responsible for your every action. You are to care for it, protect it and lead it on the right path. It seems too often that these words are only spoken to parents. We must consider those who are newly-born Christians, because we are looked to as parents of Christianity and bear the same responsibilities as a natural parent. In order to

fulfill the duty of being a parent, there must be maturity, love, discipline and the ability to fulfill Hebrews 5:14, "But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

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

"There are loved ones in the glory  
 Whose dear forms you often miss  
 When you close your earthly story  
 Will you join them in their bliss  
 Will the circle be unbroken

By and by, by and by,  
 In a better home awaiting

In the sky, in the sky, in the sky."

Hymns of Zion #222

Our hearts were saddened as two very dear souls were laid to their heavenly rest this past week:

Bro. Harold Lanz, 92, died Saturday, April 26. He leaves his wife of 58 years, Anna (Fehr) Lanz; a daughter and son-in-law, Faith and Raymond Palozej; three brothers, Bros. Art, Carl and Alvin; seven sisters, Sisters Hulda, Gertrude, Olga, Helen, Evelyn, Edna and Clara.

Sis. Emily (Ludwig) Schneider, 97, died Monday, April 28. Emily was the oldest member of the Apostolic Christian Church of Rockville. She leaves four daughters, Sisters Lea Zahner, Bertha Trueb, Barbara and Ruth Schneider. A daughter, Arline, passed away earlier. Although our Christian circle is missing some important links, we have fond memories of the love and fellowship they left behind with so many of us. May God be a comfort to their dear loved ones.

"No matter what may be the test,  
 God will take care of you;  
 Lean, weary one, upon his breast  
 God will take care of you."

Hymns of Zion #138

There are many in our congregation who have endured trials of afflictions of the body. Jim Fellows (Sis. Muriel and Bro. Emery) was hospitalized in Rochester and is now recovering. Sis. Terry Mangold is now able to assemble with us again, as well as Sis. Marie Kloter who had been ill for some time. Our dear ones, Marion (Bro. Alden) Reutter, Helen Lanz and Sis. Emma

Marti, also have been hospitalized recently.

We surely miss all these friends of the truth and our dear members. May God richly restore them to a full measure of health.

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

Romans 6:4

We rejoice with our dear beloved Bro. Bruce Luginbuhl and Sis. Pat Condry who were baptized Sunday, May 18. May the Lord ever walk beside them and be their constant guide and companion. We marvel at the work of the Lord, when one can arise from the depth of sin and darkness and be born again with a new spirit. May they always hold fast to their "first love".

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**FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE**  
**Terri Huber**

This month has been quite eventful for our congregation. Elder Bro. Joe and Sis. Shirley Braker (Morton, IL) were here for a short while. Bro. Joe had communion service with the help of Bro. Bud Klopfenstein. It is a time of turning inward and renewing our commitment to the Lord.

We are sad to say "farewell" to Sis. MaryAnn Kieser, who has returned to her home in Bradford, IL, after spending the winter working and fellowshiping with us in the Ft. Lauderdale area. We appreciate each person who worships with us, and therefore are delighted to welcome Bro. Dave and Sis. Debbie Huber (Morton, IL) and their children. Bro. Dave's work has brought him to our area for about two months.

Visiting ministers, in addition to Elder Bro. Joe, were Bros. Duane Farney (Croghan, NY) and Wendell Gerber (Bluffton North, IN). Bro. Wendell's visit was rather special as many of us remember when he and his family lived in Florida and when he was put into the ministry here in the Ft. Lauderdale church in 1962.

We are thankful that Greg Umland (Gridley, IL) is able to gather with us after being unexpectedly hospitalized in Miami. We extend sympathy to those who have lost loved ones. Sis. Katherine Fulop flew to Ohio to be with family after the death of her sister-in-law. We have also been praying for

Bro. Dale Ringer, who has been studying for several months and took the CPA exam early in May.

Mother's Day has come and gone, with each family celebrating it in their own way. It is nice to have a formal time to express our appreciation for our mothers. We often forget to show our moms on a regular basis how much we love them.

At Bible study early this month, we studied the Holy Spirit and the consequences of blasphemy against the Spirit. It is a privilege to be able to discuss and share with our brothers and sisters at a meeting such as this, and we are thankful that those present feel free to participate.

A favorite event of our people is a beach picnic. The potluck group has had several meals on the beach this spring. It is a thrill and a blessing to be able to enjoy food and fellowship under the palm trees with the sound of the ocean waves in the background. We invite you to visit Fort Lauderdale and join us for a beach picnic!

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**FLORIDA, NORTH FT. MEYERS**  
**Kay Eisenmann**

Once again it is time to pay tribute to our mothers! As we were reminded of great women in the Bible, Bro. Vic Beer brought out the love of Ruth, and how she wanted to help her mother-in-law, Naomi, who had lost two sons and a husband! This message doesn't sound much like what we often hear concerning mothers-in-law, mothers and equal rights for women. A Christian mother knows her true worth to the Lord and also her real purpose in life! That is to raise her children in the fear and admonition of the Lord!

Jesus always took time for the children as we are reminded in Mark 10:14, "Suffer the little children to come unto me for of such is the kingdom of God!" Many under two years of age died as a result of Christ's birth. A child can teach us much when we see the work of the Lord in their lives! As in our family circle, we see our grandson, Dathan (age 10), dealing with his battle with cancer of the lining of the brain. He is so concerned for the rest of the family and showing a real trust in God. It is unreal how loving and kind he is through it all. At this writing, he will start his treatment this next week and the outcome is all in God's hands! Also, Sis. Marie Keller is having surgery, so please remember them in your loving

prayers! We, as a family, want to thank all for your cards and gifts and may God bless you all.

Visitors this past month included Bro. Arnie and Sis. Marge Gerst (Taylor, MO). We thank Bro. Arnie for ministering the Word to us and thank all others, who include North Ft. Meyers church in their vacation plans.

### FLORIDA, SARASOTA

#### Lucille Heiniger

Two very dear sisters, Sis. Dora and Sis. Szilvia Kovacs (Budapest, Hungary) have been visiting this past month at the home of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Margaret Pflederer. Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Margaret met them while touring Europe about a year ago. We all here have enjoyed them very much. They will leave Thursday to visit some of the churches in the northern states before returning to their home in Budapest the latter part of July.

Our love and prayers go out for Dathan, 10-year-old son of David and Sis. Sue Eisenmann, as he has had surgery again since our last writing. At this writing, he is getting therapy for his prolonged illness. We covet everyone's prayers in his behalf. Those wishing to send him cards can send them to their home at 1742 Jewel Drive, Sarasota, FL 33582-9750.

Bro. Duane Farney (Croghan, NY) and Bro. David Eisenmann (North Ft. Meyers) were our visiting ministers this month who so willingly gave of themselves to bring us the Word of God in truth and sincerity.

Father's Day will be past when you receive your Silver Lining in June. As we love our fathers here on earth, how much more should we love and live for our Father in heaven who so lovingly supplies our every need.

Here is a poem recited by a friend that gives us food for thought and maybe some precious memories of our own dear father here on earth.

#### FATHER'S TABLE GRACE

As we sit around the table, our heads bowed low,  
My thoughts go back to childhood, and the finest man I know.  
He doesn't speak good English, he's just a simple man;  
But when he's talking to the Lord, even a little child can understand.

I was young and reckless, but oft the thought still comes to me  
When I told my dad I was old enough to leave.

He sat there at the table, and a look came on his face;  
He never spoke another word 'till he said the table grace.

He said, 'Our Gracious Heavenly Father, we're all gathered here today,  
To give Thee thanks for blessings, so humbly we pray  
My oldest son is leaving, but I'm sure he knows what's best;  
But just in case, would You stand by him and help him stand the test?

And Lord he's awful neglectful about church on Sunday mornin',  
And if he gets with the wrong crowd, will You let him hold your arm?  
And if he flies too high, would You clip his wings?  
But don't let him fall too hard, I'm sure Lord, You can handle things.

I've tried my best from day to day to teach him right from wrong,  
And he's grown to be a fine young man, and he's always blessed our home.  
And we pray Thee, Lord, for guidance that he won't build upon the sand,  
For we won't worry half as much if we know he's in Your hands.

And, oh yes, Lord, it won't be long till I'll be coming home,  
Don't make me wait too long,  
We pray Thee Lord for guidance, please cleanse us from our sins;  
So we can all be together in heaven, In Jesus name. Amen."

The table was silent, as tears ran down my face  
And from that day on, I've based my life on father's table grace.

### ILLINOIS,

#### BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL Donna Hodel — Nancy Kaufmann

We welcome Bro. Ted and Sis. Heidi Schock as our new brother and sister-in-faith. They gave their testimony in Elgin May 3 and were baptized the following day. Truly the angels in heaven are rejoicing. We are happy to have Bro. Ted and Sis. Heidi fellowship with us even if it is only for a short time while they finish school in this area.

A precious little girl, Olivia Louise, was born to Bro. Ron and Sis. Louise

Walder. She is welcomed home by her brother, Caleb. Grandparents are Bro. Dale and Sis. Dorothy Walder (Cissna Park) and Bro. Wayne and Sis. Lucille Unsicker (Peoria).

After spending much time in thought and prayer, our congregation has placed a new brother in the ministry. Our prayers go out to Bro. Dennis Kaufmann, his wife, Sis. Bonnie, and their three children, as they take this new responsibility upon them. We know that the Lord will always be with them and truly bless all of their labors of love.

Visiting ministers this past month were our Elder Bro. Dan Koch (Tremont) and Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley). We thank them both for the inspiring messages that were brought forth.

### ILLINOIS, BRADFORD

#### Marilyn Tanner

Jeffery Dietz and Sara Schrock were married March 29 in Elgin. May their marriage be blessed and we pray that they will put God at the head of their new home. Their parents are Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Mardell Dietz and Bro. Mel and Sis. Ada Mae Schrock (Elgin).

A baby boy, Evan Daniel, was born April 21 to Sally and Jim Mummert. He has three brothers, Christopher, Joshua and Kyle, to welcome him. Grandparents are Bro. Loris and Sis. Lottie Stisser and the Floyd Mummerts (Wyoming). We wish them all God's blessings.

"Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth."

Ecclesiastes 12:1

May our graduates remember this verse as they graduate and step forward to an unknown future. Our five high school graduates are Barry Dietz (Bro. Kenny and Sis. Mardell), John Ehnle (Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna), Matthew Elsasser (Bro. Jordan and Sis. Sharon), Lori Kieser (Bro. Loris and Sis. Martha) and Brent Knoblock (Bro. Jack and Sis. Nancy).

In June we think of Father's Day. We are certainly thankful for all our wonderful Christian fathers and husbands. What would we do without their love, leadership and examples. May they all be blessed.



## ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

Kathy Schlatter

Each time a minister stands to speak, he is reminded of God's being there when His people make supplication, very much like Daniel in Daniel 2. Daniel was the speaker, but others were important to pray before times.

"Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.

"Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah (better known as Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego), his companions;

"That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon."

Daniel 2:16, 17, 18

Each of us are especially reminded of God's omnipresence at particular times. I have had a bit of organizing to do lately, an event here, a dinner there. I was concerned that they would go well. God was so very good. They went really smoothly. How was God's goodness and presence reflected to me? I saw Him in two ways. First of all, I was overwhelmed by His generosity in answering prayer because all went so orderly. But secondly, and as importantly, was the realization that so many others who offered themselves (and didn't always get the credit they deserved) and helped so energetically in the communal effort were the reason that all could be well. Does this make sense? It means that our elders, deacons and ministers have tremendous burdens laid upon them in the church, but each member has a part in this body. All have the responsibility of being alive in Christ and each of the various functions are crucial. One man or five men cannot be a church, but they can be our leaders, communicators to us in the Spirit.

Month follows month so quickly. Soon another year has passed and then another. Yet we are continually able to sit in heavenly places, hearing the Way, the Truth, the Life. Visiting brethren who shared in ministering unto us were Elder Bro. Wayne Fehr (West Bend, IA), Bros. Gary Anliker (Elgin, IL), Uriel Gehring (Leo, IN), Ralph Garber (Morton), Leroy Hartman (Peoria),

Gene Bertschi (Roanoke) and Earl Ringger (Gridley, IL). We also were thrilled to have a few words (translated) from Elder Bro. Janos Ombodi (Budapest, Hungary) who was visiting his daughter and her family in our area.

Elder Bro. Wayne Fehr assisted our Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann with the testimony service and baptisms of our dearly beloved Shannon and Raelynn Stahl (Bro. Norman and Sis. Gloria) and Martin Hodel (Bro. Merle and Gayle), now our brothers and sister-in-Christ. Their testimonies were so touchingly personal and individual but with the same unity of spirit. How fortunate we are to fellowship, not only as human beings, but as spiritual beings, and how grateful we, the church, were to be able to welcome many visitors from varying distances to join us in rejoicing in the sealed-in work of the Lord!

Communion, April 25, given by our Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann and Deacon Bro. Lenard Meyer, again knit us more closely as one body. After the many visitors (our extended church family) we enjoyed the weekend before, this quiet Friday evening for us "home folks" was like the renewing of the bond in a human family when the company, however dear, has left. The Lord has brought so many of us from so many different home churches and increased our love so that we, in Chicago, may be unified. A sister shared her delight in feeling more and more a part of Chicago church each time we share the breaking of bread. I appreciated her comment, needing to be reminded of my own first years in the congregation. Loving one's brothers and sisters, knowing and saying more than "Greetings, brother or sister," takes time and grace. And our partaking of the Lord's supper reminds us of His sorrows, given to grant our joys, and bonds us more tightly each time we are so privileged.

Bro. Uriel Gehring spoke briefly on the Children's Home in Leo, IN; its mighty undertaking in the Lord, its staff and needs. He and Sis. Judy were also available to talk individually to those with other questions. Bro. Earl Ringger came up on a Wednesday evening with his wife, Sis. Dixie, to present a topical Bible study on perseverance vs. "once saved, always saved". We were well-taught of the simplicity of the Scriptures and our continual choice as spiritual beings. We, who are

converted, have security in our Lord's promises as we choose Him, but being human we must have godly fear, realizing our terrible state if we would stop choosing closeness and obedience to our Lord.

Bro. Darrell and Sis. Cindy Gerber have been blessed again with a healthy child. Kyle Joseph was born May 5 and joins brother, Shaun, to round out the Gerber family. Loving, helpful grandparents are Bro. Dwight and Sis. Lucille Gerber and Richard and Donna Marbach (all of Bluffton, IN). We extend our congratulations and offer our prayers for the successful growth of these two loved boys, physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. May the Lord provide every needed support.

Tom Waldbeser (Cissna Park, IL) is a student at De Vries Institute and, more importantly, is seeking his Lord. Our belated welcome, though tardy here, we hope has been extended warmly within the church. May the Lord make us good soldiers and confidants.

Bro. John Schrenk had cataract surgery and Bro. Lenard Meyer was hospitalized recently for tests. Sis. Sara Adam also had surgery again. Such unexpected changes in our loved ones' physical well-being cause in us a bit of fear and the realization that we are promised nothing physical: yet spiritually we are promised everything in Him. We entrust these, our precious church family members, to His care and keeping.

Bro. Gottlieb and Sis. Emily Lehmann celebrate 53 years of married life this May 27, 1986. We visited them recently and saw their new, lovely Elgin Resthaven apartment. In our evening visit we got to know them better. I'd like to share a bit.

Bro. Gottlieb was born December 26, 1902, in the southern part of the Black Forest. He was one of eight children (of whom two others survive) in a Lutheran household. Sis. Emily's parents (Lauser by name) were originally farmers in a smaller village wherein was our church, but when they bought a store and moved to Heidelberg, our church met in their home. Sis. Emily was the youngest of 17 children, ten of whom lived to adulthood. Now she is the only one of her family left and was blessed with another birthday May 5.

Gottlieb came to the United States in 1926. Originally, he had considered

going to visit a cousin in New York, but when that cousin moved, he came instead to Chicago where another cousin lived. Emily came to the United States in a more roundabout way. First she went to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where she had a sister. After being there for a year, she decided to come to the United States. In Peoria, IL, she had another sister, Hilda. There she worked, as did her sister, for rich families, learning the language and working toward bettering herself. Eventually she moved to Chicago as part of that process.

Gottlieb came to our church in Chicago because he had gone to school with the Haas brothers. For Emily it was her church. And so they met because of their church ties (a way that comes highly recommended). Though they were committed to marrying one another as much as two years earlier, because of the Depression and tough times financially, they waited until May 27, 1933.

Gottlieb and Emily lived in an apartment until the rent was raised from \$35 to \$42. They decided then to buy a house, and in 1937 bought the house at 3046 N. Natchez Ave. for \$5500. They paid it off in five years (by careful saving, I'm sure) and lived there for 49 years — until their move this spring to the Elgin Resthaven apartment.

Shortly after their marriage, Gottlieb was laid off at Stewart-Warner. They lived on savings and then he found work for 1½ years as a janitor at Sears' 79th St. store. He went back to Stewart-Warner then, operating an automatic screw-making machine and continued in that same kind of work, never being without work again. Gottlieb said that the war years brought more money. Before that, times were difficult (rather an understatement, I think). Later he worked for others who began their own, similar, businesses and asked him to work for them. In fact, he worked up until several years ago. Near the last he had finally cut down to only half days.

In 1940 Gottlieb and Emily took the most important step in their lives, repenting and allowing the Lord to convert them. They have been an asset to the church in their quiet witness and many years of Christian hospitality.

Especially after their trips — some within the United States, to Mexico, through the Panama Canal and around the South American continent, several

times to Germany and England and the European continent — they would share their trip, their home and their love in fellowship. They have brought mementoes back for many, as well. Their trip to the Holy Land was quite a highlight for them.

Their three children, too, and their children's children, have been special blessings from the Lord. Daughters, Esther and Nancy, are both married. Esther lives in England. Nancy lives in South Dakota with her husband and three children. Their son, John, and his wife live in Glen Ellyn, IL, and also have three children.

At the end of the evening, we left Bro. Gottlieb and Sis. Emily in their beautiful apartment. The yellow tulips in front of Resthaven were reflected in their sunny smiles. They seem more relaxed now with the facilities available to them, taking care of each other, still sometimes playful even. "Keep the faith," Gottlieb said. They have certainly given us an example of that kind of perseverance.

#### ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

##### Myrna Weerts — Elaine Sauder

Our hearts and minds were refreshed and stirred by the reading of the conference letter April 19. We appreciate the time and effort Elder Bro. Steve Rinkenberger and Bro. Ed Alt so willingly rendered unto us.

We're thankful Wesley Kiefer could receive peace yet in the eleventh hour before passing on to his eternal home. Our home ministers officiated at the service. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family.

We also wish to express our deepest support and sympathy to Sis. Velma Rinkenberger and her family at the loss of their mother and grandmother, Sis. Sophia Steiner (Dan, Tremont). May the following words grant them hope and comfort.

All who believe in God's mercy and grace  
Will meet their loved ones face to face,  
Where time is endless and joy unbroken,  
And only the words of God's love are spoken.

Helen Steiner Rice

The first Friends Bible Study was held Sunday morning, May 4, in the fellowship hall. The attendance and interest is encouraging. May the minis-

tering brethren be inspired to sow the seeds which are so necessary for our dear friends' salvation and spiritual growth.

We thank the Gridley Men's Choir for sharing an evening of song and fellowship with us May 4. May they be blessed for the time and love they shared with us.

"Precious Memories" was the theme for the Mother-Daughter Dinner May 8. It certainly was a precious and spiritually uplifting evening spent with our loved ones honoring those mothers and daughters so dear to us.

Several from here participated in packing boxes for the World Relief clothing drive. May the Lord bless all who give of themselves for others.

We're thankful that David Weerts (Bro. Ken and Sis. Myrna) has found employment in DeKalb. His presence will be missed in the Cissna Park fellowship. We pray for the Lord's nearness and spiritual guidance as he pursues this step in life.

Jeanie Maul (Bro. Bill and Sis. Wanda), Doug Rinkenberger (Elder Bro. Steve and Sis. Velma), Mark Waldbeser (Bro. Fred and Sis. Joan), Bro. John Walder (Bro. Melvin and Sis. Irma) and Daren Yergler (Bro. Max and Sis. Donna) will be graduating from high school this spring. May the Lord bless them in their new endeavors and may they walk hand in hand with Him wherever they go.

Sis. Sharon (Kim) Eisenmann is recuperating after a fall which resulted in a broken arm.

Those hospitalized this past month were: Bro. Edward Alt, Sis. Margaret Kupferschmid, Sis. LaVerne Farney (all surgical), Sis. Mattie Mauer and Bro. Bill Beer (both medical). Let us not neglect to remember these dear souls in their afflictions.

A thought for our fathers on Father's Day —

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

#### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

##### Joan Schrock — Gail Williamson

"And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Ephesians 6:4

We are thankful to have earthly fa-

thers who have brought us up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. May our heavenly Father bless them for the love and patience they have shown to us.

We extend congratulations to our 1986 high school graduates. They are: Jill Schrock (Bro. Steve and Sis. Gerri), Lynda Schrock (Bro. Allen and Sis. Carol), LeAnn Stahl (Bro. Ernie and Sis. Norma), Crystal McClure (Bro. Bob and Sis. Sharon), Michelle Wettstein (Bro. Vernon and Sis. Judy), Sis. Susan Knapp (Bro. Fred and Sis. Marge), Jay Hartman (Bro. Gene and Sis. Carrie), Benj Knapp (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Linda), Ben Walder (Bro. Bob and Sis. Gloria), Bro. Troy Schrock (Bro. Byron and Sis. Mary), Bro. Mike Zobrist (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Joyce), Jim and Bro. John Ott (Bro. Don and Sis. Carolyn) and Bro. Jim Roth (Bro. Keith and Sis. Pauline). Sis. Tammy Roth (Bro. Mark) has graduated from ISU in accounting. May God guide each step they take.

We are thankful our Father's healing hand has touched the lives of several in our congregation. Those recently hospitalized were Bro. John Wettstein, Mary Wettstein, Sis. Della Stahl and Elizabeth Schieber (Bro. Mike and Sis. Mary).

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**ILLINOIS, ELGIN**  
**Elizabeth Schambach**  
**Betty Bachtold**

**TO OUR GRADUATES**

God bless you at this happy time  
 that means so much to you;  
 God bless you in your hopes and plans  
 throughout the future, too.  
 And may the strength and guidance  
 that your faith in Him bestows  
 Be a constant source of help to you  
 as each day comes and goes.

We congratulate the following graduates: Keith Braun (Herman and Sis. Sharon), Sis. Amy Gasser (Bro. Walt and Sis. Mary), Rachel Kellenberger (Bro. Keith and Sis. Sharon), Valerie Schambach (Bro. Ron and Sis. Nancy), Donna Schifferer (Bro. Howard and Sis. Pat) and Sherri Schock (Bro. Norm and Sis. Virginia).

We were privileged to view the slides which Elder Bro. Nathan Steffen and Bro. Walt Gasser presented concerning their trip to India. Even though we saw the tremendous poverty in which

many Indians live, we often saw the love of God radiating from their faces and we heard of the numerous acts of love shown to the visiting brothers. "Unto every nation Thou dost bring salvation through Thy blessed light..." Zion's Harp #97. How thankful we can be that through World Relief we can share the true Gospel with these souls who are also beloved by Christ.

Again we extend sympathy to Ann Farney in the sudden death of her granddaughter's husband who resided in Rock Island.

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." Psalms 1:1. Our congregation was uplifted as we listened to three dear converts testify of the goodness of God which led them through repentance and to peace. We welcome into our brotherhood Sis. Lillian (Hari) Foell, Bro. Ted and Sis. Heidi Schock. Parents of the couple are Bro. Richard and Sis. Lyla Schock and Bro. Howard and Sis. Pat Schifferer.

Elder Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville, IA) assisted Elder Bro. Nate on this blessed occasion. Also visiting us recently were Bros. Everett Hari and Kevin Knapp (Bloomington), Doug Schock (Pulaski, IA) and Ed Bahler (Remington, IN).

We heartily welcome two new couples into our fellowship: Bro. Gottlieb and Sis. Emilie Lehman (formerly from Chicago) and Mark and Tammy Herrmann from the Princeville area. May they feel the love of God among us.

We rejoice with Bro. Ken and Sis. Mary Lindoerfer as they welcome a new granddaughter, Jessica Lynn, into their family. Jim and Julie Lindoerfer reside in Bloomington with their other children, Daniel and Lora.

On Saturday evening, May 17, it was our blessed portion to sit in heavenly places and in faith commemorate the suffering and death of our dear Lord Jesus. Elder Bros. Orville Ringger (Bluffton, IN) and Robert Walder (Congerville) shared in serving holy communion with Elder Bro. Nathan. "Anew, Lord we are bound to Thee through Thy blest sacrament which we partook..." Zion's Harp #200.

At this time of writing, Sis. Mary Moser is quite ill in the hospital. May God be especially near to comfort and sustain her.

As Father's Day approaches may our

hearts be moved with faith and love to honor the Father of fathers. How graciously He has provided us with earthly parents who cared for us.

Thanks for the many get well cards and prayers on my behalf. Sincerely,  
 Bro. Frank Schock.

As a reminder to the Elgin congregation, subscription fees will be due and payable in July. The fee is \$7.00 per year and checks can be made out to: Mrs. Elizabeth Schambach, 934 Diane Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120.

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**ILLINOIS, EUREKA**  
**Kathy L. Roche**

**MY HAND IN GOD'S**

Each morning when I wake I say,  
 "I place my hand in God's today"  
 I know He'll walk close by my side  
 My every wandering step to guide.

He leads me with the tenderest care  
 When paths are dark and I despair -  
 No need for me to understand  
 If I but hold fast to His hand.

My hand in His! No surer way  
 To walk in safety through each day  
 By His great bounty I am fed;  
 Warmed by His love and comforted.

When at day's end I seek my rest  
 And realize how much I'm blessed,  
 My thanks pour out to Him and then  
 I place my hand in God's again.

Anonymous

"Repent ye, and believe the gospel." Mark 1:15. April 19 we heard the testimonies of Janet Zimmerman (Tom), Shelly Kupferschmid (Bro. Richard and Sis. Maribeth) and Norman Knapp (Bro. Bob and Sis. Jean). How strengthening it was to hear how the Lord had worked in their hearts. The following day we welcomed them as our brethren in the Lord. We thank Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman (Forrest) for being with us for this important work.

"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." St. Matthew 26: 26 - 28. May 3 23 gathered together to partake of holy communion. Such a solemn and precious occasion as we remember anew what our Lord has done for us. Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger

(Gridley, IL) was with us to assist in the breaking of the bread and the drinking of the cup, for which we give God thanks. May we all be strengthened in our faith.

We have those who will be graduating and going on to schools of higher learning or finding employment. We wish God's guiding hand to Bro. Kurt Eastman, Kent Getz, Tom Knecht, Sis. Vicky Knecht, Janice Martin, Bros. Dale Schumacher and Andy Wiegand as they go forth toward their occupations.

We are thankful ministering brothers have come into our midst and spoken the Word unto us. May God bless Bros. Tim Zimmerman (Gridley, KS), Glenn Dill (Tremont), Mike Rinkenger (Congerville) and Jim Leman (Roanoke).

Bro. Fred Knecht has been a hospital patient this month. We are thankful his stay was short and he is again assembling with us.

Our Sis. Lena Wiegand passed away April 14. May God comfort her dear husband, Bro. Dan; her sons, Kenneth, Bros. Willis, Daniel, Jr., Robert and Elton (Dietz) and daughters, Sisters Elizabeth Blunier (Bro. Sam), Norma Hangartner (Bro. Roy), Charlene Schumacher (Bro. Robert), Margaret Getz (Bro. Melvin); one brother, Bro. Elmer Aberle; and one sister, Sis. Mary Aberle.

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation for all the many acts of kindness, love and caring in the past and during the loss of our dear wife and mother, Lena Wiegand, who in her special way, touched the lives of many.

Bro. Dan Wiegand & family

We will soon be commemorating Father's Day, when we honor our earthly fathers for their love and deeds towards their families. How much more we should give thanks and praise to our heavenly Father who has made a way of salvation for our souls! May God, our Father, be praised!

Note of Thanks: Words cannot express my appreciation for all the prayers offered in my behalf since my surgery. I also wish to thank all the loved ones who visited me and brought in gifts of food and flowers. The many meaningful cards helped to brighten each day. May God bless each one.

Sis. Viola Leman

"Haste and seek your soul's salvation; Heed the word of God today!" Zion's Harp #52. We are rejoicing as

another soul has heeded the Lord's invitation. May God grant much grace to Keith Knepp (Bro. Gary and Sis. Nancy) as he seeks his soul's salvation.

### ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

#### Carol Bazzel — Joan Zehr

Bro. Randy and Sis. Ronda Stoller have been blessed with a new little son, Trevor Lee. He was born May 12 and has two brothers, Jeremy and Ryan, who welcome him. Grandparents are Bro. Duane and Sis. Arlene Kilgus and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta Stoller (Forrest).

We are so thankful to God that another dear soul has heeded the call to repentance. Tami Streib (Bro. William and Sis. Dorothy Streib) has found grace to follow the Lord — we know God's blessings will follow.

Our visiting ministers the past month were Bros. Kent Mogler (Minneapolis, MN), Dean Messner (Winthrop, MN) and Gary Brown (Forrest).

Called to rest on May 10 was our sister, LaVina Kilgus, 79. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her family who will miss her presence in their family circle. Surviving are four daughters, Sis. Marguerite Lorch and Julia Rabe (Fairbury), Thelma Hoerr (Champaign) and Norma Zimmerman (Bloomington); three sons, Elmer (Morton), Ronald (Deer Creek) and Rudy (Congerville); and one brother, Bro. Eli Meiss (Fairbury). Her husband, a daughter and two grandchildren preceded her in death.

Our sincere congratulations go to our graduating seniors. As they go their separate ways, we pray for God's guidance and direction in their lives. They are Annette Bazzell (Bro. Don and Sis. Carol), Tami Steffen (Bro. Henry and Sis. Lola), Janis and Bro. Doug Moser (Bro. Lloyd and Myrna), Jackie Hoffman (Sam Hoffman and Mary Lynn Hoffman), Nelson Zehr (Bro. Warren and Sis. Delores), Bruce Young (Bro. Norman and Sis. Lola), Robert Kelson (Bro. Bud and Sis. Sharon), Brian Moser (Keith and Nita), Renae Meiss (Bro. Carlos and Sis. Jane), Bro. Troy Oberlander (Sis. Linda and Allen Oberlander) and Bro. Kenny Zapp (guardians, Bro. Maurice and Sis. Alma Steidinger).

At this time of year we think of July 4 — the birthday of our great nation. We need to pause and consider our freedom with which God has blessed our nation. The most precious is our free-

dom of worship. May we have thankful hearts and pray that our nation can enjoy this freedom in these last and perilous times.

### ILLINOIS, FORREST

#### Sharon Adams — Patsy Stoller

"O Father hand, that guides me so securely . . ." Zion's Harp #180. As we remember our earthly fathers who have so faithfully guided us and whom we love and appreciate so much, let us never forget our heavenly Father who guides us so securely each step of the way.

We were richly blessed and strengthened as we gathered together for communion, when Elder Bros. Edwin Ringger (Gridley), Art Bahler (Fairbury) and our home Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman so bountifully reminded us of our Saviour's death and His blood that was shed for our sins. May we with added strength continue to walk closer to God each step of the way. Three dear souls recently gave their testimonies of faith and were baptized. We welcome Bro. Ed Honegger, Bro. Harlan and Sis. Jean Knapp into the fold of believers. Here to share this joyous occasion were visiting ministers, Elder Bro. Art Bahler (Fairbury), Bros. John Hartman, Merle Kaisner (Fairbury) and Earl Kilgus (Remington, IN). Also visiting us this month and bringing us God's precious Word was Bro. Jim Plattner (Princeville). May God continue to richly bless and inspire our dear ministering brothers, who so faithfully bring us God's true holy Word.

Sis. Laura Wenger was hospitalized this past month, and we are thankful she is able to gather with us again.

Several new babies have been welcomed in homes recently. Jonathan David, new son of Bro. Paul and Sis. Loretta Zimmerman, has two brothers, Benji and Stephen, to welcome him home. Grandparents are Elder Bro. Perry and Sis. Dorothy Zimmerman and Bro. Lyle and Sis. Helen Huette (Fairbury/Phoenix, AZ). Bro. Ed and Sis. Renee Wenger have added another girl, Emily Danielle, to their family. Other daughters are Sarah, Rachel and Bethany. Grandmother is Sis. Nathalia Wenger. Bro. Greg and Sis. Jill Stoller welcome home Laura Jean. Their other children are Sheila, Sara, Michael, Ben, Heidi and Rebekah. Grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta

Stoller and Bro. Dave and Sis. Beulah Ehnle (Princeville).

Seniors graduating this year are Jeff Kaisner (Larry and Cynthia), Cathy Roth (Leonard and Marilyn), Kim Metz (Bro. Gene and Sis. Carol) and Amy Waibel (Eldon and Marge). We wish them God's blessings and may they always remember their teachings of Sunday school and at home.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all who remembered us with cards and gifts on our 40th anniversary. Every card and gift we received was special. Also, we thank our children for having the open house for us. It will long be remembered. God bless each of you.

Our love, Sid and Helen Leman

Reminder: July is the month for the Silver Lining dues for Forrest.

### ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD Trish Gerber

It is with great joy that we meet our new brother, Jerry Mooberry, and our new sisters-in-faith, Vikki Krissman, Lisa Bauman and Deb Farney. We spent two very fulfilling weekends as we listened to our dear friends' testimonies and witnessed their baptisms. Our appreciation is extended to Bro. Ervin Knecht (Lamar, MO), Bro. Dave Wiegand (Urbana), Bro. Fred Knapp (Congerville) and Bro. Bill Hodel (Roanoke) who ministered to us on those special days.

We also thank Elder Bro. Don Sauder (Roanoke), Bro. John Hartman (Fairbury), Bro. Dale Frank (Oakville, IA), Bro. Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville) and Bro. Chuck Hemmer (Peoria) for sharing God's Word with us this past month.

It's good to see Pat Musselman (Gary) and her precious children doing well after their car accident and brief stay in the hospital. Molly Heinold (Scott) is home from the hospital after having undergone some tests. Sis. Vi Wagner (Ray) has felt God's healing power as she recovers from her surgery.

Our dear Bro. Sam Heiniger, 96, passed away. Our prayers of sympathy are extended to his family.

As we celebrate Father's Day, our thoughts turn to our wonderful fathers, husbands and grandfathers. May God bless all of them . . . not only on this special day . . . but every day throughout the year.

### A FATHER'S DAY TRIBUTE TO MY HUSBAND

"Daddy, help me reel him in, a big fish is on my line!"

A childish voice cries out and then, strong hands grasp his small ones. Our little boy proudly lands his catch . . . he's having so much fun!

"Hey, Dad, listen to the song I learned on the piano this week!"

I hear the sound of tinkling keys . . . a sudden stop here and there. She tries so hard to play it right with her dad standing near.

"Daddy, let me help you feed the calves . . . I can do it!"

Patently, Daddy pours some feed into a smaller can. Together they enter the calves' pen, my "baby's" such a "little man".

"Dad, there's a dance this week, is it okay if I go?"

I listen as he speaks to her so earnestly and with so much love. I know as he makes his decision, he asks for God's help from above.

"Daddy, help me move the hose, it's rubbing against this tree!"

God trusted us with this "special" child and once again I see . . . My husband stop to help him out . . . so loving and tenderly.

He wakes up every morning with a smile to meet the day. He's off to work at the "crack of dawn" in his special cheerful way.

He's providing for his family the comforts he can give. But even more importantly, he's showing us how to live.

My husband gets down on his knees, each morning in silent prayer. And for every decision that he makes, I know the Lord is there.

He tells our five children the most important thing is to obey God's command. He tells Bible stories and always is ready to lend a helping hand.

I know that our children look up to him and hope that they will be . . . The kind of loving, God-fearing person . . . my husband has turned out to be.

And I thanked God again and again for blessing me in such a way. For He is the one who fashioned this man I love more with each passing day.

### ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY Carol Klopfenstein

"For even Christ pleased not himself."  
Romans 15:3

The greatest joys in life come to us when we are serving others. When we acquire the unselfish mind of Christ, His joy will remain in us and our joy will be full. (John 15:11). Jesus always thought of others and was unconcerned that He didn't even have a place to lay His head. He didn't pity Himself, He pitied others. His physical comfort was unimportant to Him — He didn't please Himself.

When we pity ourselves and live self-centered lives, we can easily find many reasons to be dissatisfied and unhappy. But when we have the mind of Christ that is fully occupied with the welfare of our fellow man, we find ourselves busy, happy and fulfilled. We have to give before we will receive. (Luke 6:38). We have to hate our life in this world before we can keep it unto life eternal (John 12:25).

We rejoice that two young men have been buried with Christ by baptism and are raised up unto newness of life. The evening before their baptism, Bro. Curt Meiss (Bro. Pete and Sis. Jan) and Bro. Trent Meiss (Ed and Sis. Barbara) told the church of their repentance and conversion and the wonderful transformation God has performed in their lives. We were glad to have Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton) and ministering Bros. Joe Gerst (Iowa City, IA) and Bob Pflederer (Morton) with us for this blessed event.

Sis. Ida Rinkenberger, 92, has laid down her armour of faith and exchanged her cross for a starry crown as she passed from this earthly life into eternity May 14. Although she will be greatly missed by the host of loved ones she left behind, it is a time to smile through the tears when we think how precious it is that her victory is won. Our sympathy is extended to her husband, Bro. Joe; her sons, Melvin (Sebring, FL), Orville and Bro. Lynn (Gridley), Raymond (Tremont) and David (Roselle); her daughters, Sis. Marie Meyer (Eureka), Sis. Esther Kaupp (Fairbury), Sis. Ruth Lowery and Sis. Dorothy Harsh (Bloomington), Verna Harsh (Normal) and Eleanor King (Pewaukee, WI); her sisters, Rose Rinkenberger (Fostop, MN), Sis. Tillie Rinkenberger and Sis. Sophia Kellerhals (Fairbury) and Minnie Rinkenberger (Forrest).

Bro. Mark and Sis. Marcia Campbell are the happy parents of a new son, Joel Robert, born May 17. Joel has a brother, Seth. His grandparents are

Bro. Bruce and Sis. Lucy Schmidtgall (Morton) and Charles and Margaret Campbell (Hudson).

### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Susan Kieser

Another semester is over at Illinois State and we sadly say goodbye to our graduating seniors. They are Diane Steiner (Tremont), Kathy Rocke (Eureka), Tammy Roth (Congerville), Greg Haab (Taylor, MO), Gene Beutel (Tremont), Todd Braker (Morton) and Danny Plattner (Roanoke). We wish them each God's blessings as they journey out into the world.

This past month Bro. Chuck Sauder (Tremont) spoke to us on "Decision Making" and Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley, IL) spoke on the topic, "Our Future". We thank them for their inspirational messages and wish them many blessings from above.

This summer's Bible studies will be May 22, June 12 and 26 and July 10 and 24. They are held in room 244 in Schroeder Hall at ISU at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us.

### ILLINOIS, MORTON

#### Phyllis Farney — Marcia Kelley

We gathered together to share holy communion Saturday evening, April 19. We were so kindly reminded of our duties as children of God. We cannot be thankful enough that our heavenly Father sent His Son, Jesus, to die and shed His precious blood upon the cross so you and I could have salvation. We would like to thank Elder Bros. Dan Koch (Tremont, IL) and Edwin Ringger (Gridley, IL) for coming to help our Elder Bro. Joe Braker and Deacon Bro. Robert Pflederer serve holy communion.

The week of April 16 - 23 was one of great loss to our Morton congregation. Three dear brothers are now at peace and "Asleep in Jesus". We shall miss their gentle smiles and warm sincere handshakes. Somehow we shall all try to fill the void which has been left.

Bro. Carl Schick's funeral was April 19. May his wife, Sis. Marie, his family and friends find comfort in God's holy Word.

Bro. Gilbert Strunk's funeral was April 21. May his family and friends be comforted by our heavenly Father.

Our church and our entire community are saddened by the death of one of our dear ministers, Bro. Francis Rother, whose funeral was April 22. Bro.

Francis lovingly served as our minister for 31 years. He also willingly gave of his time to serve for 19 years on the World Relief Committee. He is sincerely missed by one and all. We pray that his wife, Sis. Verna, his family and friends will be comforted and blessed by God.

Sis. Lydia Laidig wishes to thank everyone who remembered her with cards and gifts on her 80th birthday. May God bless all who were so kind.

Edward Ackerman was called into eternity. His funeral was May 9. May our heavenly Father comfort and bless his family and friends.

We have those who are in the hospital and shut-in or ill at home. We also have those who have lost loved ones. May they be assured of our prayers and sympathy.

We are rejoicing with Sis. Wendy Garber (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Lynn) and Bro. Todd Braker (Elder Bro. Joe and Sis. Shirley) as our heavenly Father has drawn them together in love. May He truly continue to bless them as "two shall become one" in Christ Jesus.

The family of Bro. Carl Schick wishes to express our thanks and appreciation for the prayers, cards, deeds of kindness and flowers received during the illness and recent death of our husband, father and grandfather.

The Francis Rother family wishes to thank everyone for their love, kindness and prayers during the illness and passing of their beloved one. May God bless each one of you.

As Father's Day approaches, let us express our special love to our fathers here on earth. How comforting and uplifting it is to know we also have our Father in heaven to love and guide us as we are told in II Corinthians 6:17-18, "... and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

### ILLINOIS, PEORIA

#### Susi Herman — Margo Marx

"With thoughts of Dad come thoughts of days the heart will always treasure."

This month we lovingly think of our fathers, who, with special love, have set a Godly example.

We have been abundantly blessed this month with visiting ministers and wish to thank each one. They were

Elder Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield), Bros. Gene Leman (Wolcott, IN), Jim Plattner (Princeville), Gerald Suttor (Taylor, MO), Earl Ringger (Gridley) and Dave Kieser (Princeville).

A little addition has been added to our congregation. Shana Marie is the new baby girl of Bro. Martin and Sis. Jamie Zimmerman. Erin Lynn is excited about having a new little sister. The grandparents are Bro. Ken and Sis. Darlene Hoerr and Bro. Bruce and Sis. Myrna Zimmerman.

Little Brittany is the new daughter of Robyn Wieland. Bro. Wayne and Sis. Erma Wieland are the grandparents.

First-time parents are Mike and Kim Rocke. Their precious daughter, Melissa Ann, was born April 25. Melissa's grandparents are Norman and Sis. Emma Rocke and Willard and Ann Metzger.

I would like to say "thank you" for the many kindnesses shown me during my recent surgery and confinement. Your prayers, cards, gifts and visits were appreciated. May God bless each one of you.

Rudy Hoerr

We were thankful to have four more souls added to the fold this past month. They are Sis. Lori Herman, Sis. Michelle Brewer, Sis. Kristi Willcox and Sis. Amy Rieker. May our heavenly Father richly lead, guide and direct them as they walk the narrow pathway of life.

The following loved ones have recently spent time in the hospital: Sis. Ella Vonbergen, Sis. Esther Hoerr, Sis. Barbara Herman, Bro. Jesse Leman, Bro. Dick Binkele and Randy Purdom. May we continue to pray for these loved ones and all who are shut-in or ill.

### ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE Marjean Lehman

"Give faithful servants ever who have but one endeavor,  
Thy Gospel to proclaim; who heed Thy Spirit holy  
And strive and labor solely, O, Lord,  
to glorify Thy name."

Zion's Harp #207

We wish to thank our visiting ministers of this past month. They were Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago), Bro. John Isch (Indianapolis, IN), Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL),

Bro. Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop, MN) and Bro. Ted Witzig (Morton). May God bless them to always speak the truth and may we always be willing to receive the true Word of God.

"Love of all gifts is the greatest which the Spirit does bestow,  
Though I had a voice like angels,  
lacking love I truly know  
That I'd be a tinkling cymbol or a  
wretched sounding brass;  
For although the sound were present,  
lifeless through this world I'd pass."  
"Love", Zion's Harp #37

On April 5, Jay Elsasser and Kim Weller were united in marriage. Their parents are Bro. Duane and Sis. Dorene Elsasser, Henry Weller (Texas) and Cheryl Weller (Peoria).

On April 27, Sis. Cindy Streitmatter was joined in marriage to Bro. Rodney Schmidt (Denver, CO). Parents are Bro. Alf and Sis. Ginny Streitmatter and Sis. Betty Schmidt (West Bend, IA).

May God bless these marriages as they walk life's pathway together.

"Heavenward, e'er heavenward let us  
wend our way!  
What the righteous seek is there found  
without delay,  
But not on earth. Joy here alternates  
with woe;  
Lift on high from earth below, thy heart  
and mind."

Zion's Harp #91

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Harold Steiner in the death of his mother. Sis. Sophia Steiner (Tremont) passed away April 25 and was buried April 28. Services were held in Tremont.

Those taking their turn on the sick list were Henry Bowdoin and Karen Menold. May God bless them with His healing touch.

Thank you note:  
We want to thank our many loved ones for remembering us on our 50th wedding anniversary. Also, thanks for the ones who did quilt blocks for our surprise quilt. May God richly bless all of you.

Bro. Herman and Sis. Lillian Stahl

"In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge."

Proverbs 14:26

## ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

### Marge Leman — Judy Luginbuhl

Father. A beautiful word. The Random House Dictionary defines Father as a male parent, one who exercises paternal care over another, a fatherly protector or provider. What a blessing to feel the deep love of Father and to feel so secure in his presence. Going beyond the earthly realm we also have a heavenly Father to care for us, to protect and provide for us as it is His will. We truly thank God for the gift of both our mortal and spiritual Fathers.

We have twelve young people graduating from high school this year. They are Tim Aeschleman (Keith and Nancy), Sis. Laura Braker (Bro. Harland and Sis. Martha), Diane Brown (Don and Helen), Sis. Colleen Fischer (Bro. Wilmer and Sis. Clara), Bro. Chris Leman (Bro. Bruce and Sis. Marge), Lynn Luginbuhl (Bro. Les and Sis. Judy), Sally Martin (Bro. Jim and Sis. Helen), Sis. Lynette Moser (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Christa), Ted Ratajski (Dave and Carrie), Jennifer Rechkemmer (Norm and Jan), David Steffen (Dan and Mary Jane) and Tammy Zimmerman (Bro. Bob and Sis. Madelyn).

Those dear ones who have spent time in the hospital this last month are Sis. Barbara Martin, Sis. Marie Martin, Bro. Harlow Blunier, Sis. Ann Sauder and Jane Martin. Dan Schwind had surgery as an out-patient.

We extend our sympathy to Elder Bro. Don Sauder and Sis. Wilma whose brother-in-law, Bro. Francis Rother, passed away.

Visiting ministers to our congregation this past month were Elder Bro. LaVoyd Moore (Athens, AL), Bro. Marvin Leman (Bradford), Elder Bro. Dan Koch (Tremont) and Bro. Walt Anliker (Eureka). We truly appreciate their labors of love and pray God will richly reward them and their families.

John and Melinda Tiraboschi have been blessed with a baby boy, their first child. Dan and Mary Jane Steffen (Benson) and Bernadine and Don Schwiderski (Wenona) are Anthony John's happy grandparents.

Laura Kay is the first child born to Bro. Dennis and Sis. Rita Schwind. Her grandparents are Bro. Marvin and Sis. Ila Pfister and Bro. Walt and Sis. Mary Schwind (all of Roanoke). Sis. Mae Sauder (Roanoke) and Sis. Lena Sauder (Tremont) are Laura's great-grandmothers.

Russ and Joan Leman are the happy

parents of their first daughter. Cheryl Ann is welcomed home by Christopher, Eric and Matthew. Don and Sis. Pearl Leman (Roanoke) and Mr. and Mrs. John Kaeb (Arrowsmith) are the grandparents. Sis. Margaret Leman (Roanoke) is Cheryl's great-grandmother.

A son, Alan Andrew, was born to Joanne Blakey. Alan's big brother is Aaron. Bro. Gene and Sis. Dorothy Bertschi are the grandparents.

## ILLINOIS, TREMONT

### Dorothy Wagenbach

### Carolyn Bolliger

We recently gathered to partake of holy communion. For this special time of spiritual renewing we want to thank our Elder Bros. Dan Koch and Leo Moser (Lester, IA) for giving of themselves in our behalf.

Our congregation experienced a great loss in the death of our dear Sis. Sophia Steiner, who the Lord saw fit to take from our midst after only a very short illness. We feel deeply for her husband, Bro. Dan Sr., and their children and families, Sis. Barbara Dill, Bro. Dan, Jr., Bro. Joe and Bro. Richard (Tremont), Bro. Harold (Princeville), Sis. Velma Rinkenberger (Cisna Park) and Sis. Carol Gress (West Bend, IA).

Sis. Hanna Koch, who is still confined to Restmor in Morton, IL, recently celebrated her 85th birthday. She wishes to thank all those who remembered her with visits, cards and gifts. All were very much appreciated.

Bro. Simon Wagenbach wishes to thank everyone from near and far who so kindly remembered him with cards and gifts on his 80th birthday. They especially enjoyed all the family coming home and the efforts they made to be here. May God bless you all everywhere.

We wish to remember our several hospital patients this month. Those spending some time in the hospital were Sis. Cherie Schweigert (Willard and Della), Jason Hangartner (grandson of Jerry and Sis. Melba), Bro. Ben Schmidgall (Helen), Sis. Katie Oertle and Bro. John Huetten.

We would like to recognize our many graduates this year and wish them God's blessings as they go forward into a new phase of life. Graduating from high school are Kyle Dill (Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Sandy), Michelle Holmes (Marshall and Sis. Phyllis), Rachel

Koch (Sis. Nancy), Carla Leuthold (Bro. Dean and Sis. Mary Jane), Mike Oswald (Don and Marcelle), Randy Schweigert (Clifford and Bertie), Dale Steiner (Bro. Dan Jr. and Sis. Shirley), Jeff Steiner (Bro. Richard and Sis. Ann), Joan Steiner (Bro. Joe and Sis. Marcella), Simon Wagenbach (Simon, Jr. and Sis. LaVonne) and Lisa Wilson (Ron and Barbara).

Eighth grade graduates are Jeff Kaiser (Loren and Christine), Jody Kaufmann (Bro. Dale and Sis. Jane), Sally Koch (Jerry and Bonnie), Shawn Rinkenberger (Ray and Cleda), Kevin Schaefer (Bro. Maurice and Sis. Marjorie) and Michael Steiner (Bro. Joe and Sis. Marcella).

We extend our sympathy to Ray and Cleda Rinkenberger in the death of Ray's mother, Sis. Ida Rinkenberger (Gridley, IL).

We always appreciate our visiting ministers each month. A special thank you is expressed to them and their families, Bro. John Steiner (Oakville, IA), Bro. Vernon Wettstein (Congerville), Bro. Noah Gerber (West Bend, IA), Bro. Dale Moore (Elgin, IA) and Bro. Duane Kilgus (Fairbury).

Again, it is the time of year when a special day is set aside to honor fathers. Surely we are especially thankful for our God-fearing husbands and fathers at this time.

We wish to thank all for their many gifts and expressions of love during the illness and death of our loved one. May God richly bless each one.

Bro. Dan Steiner and family

### ILLINOIS, URBANA

#### Cheryl Mangers

At our annual business meeting April 24, the following brothers assumed new responsibilities: Les Marti - Sunday school; Rod Anliker - trustee and Sam Furrer - usher. Sisters Wilma Blunier, Joan Hanson and Lorna Clauss have been asked to serve on our first appointed kitchen committee.

Our Elder Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield), along with Bro. Dave Wiegand, conducted communion services May 7. "O join us all in heart and mind, that access to God's throne we find." Zion's Harp #200.

It is hard to conceal our excitement when we drive by our building site on Devonshire Drive as our new church building is making great progress. As I stand there and gaze at the structure taking shape, my eyes always fill with

tears as I am overwhelmed by God's goodness and blessings.

Our graduating seniors from high school include Becca Wiegand (Bro. Dave and Sis. Ethel) and Julie Vogel (Jerry and Lois). Both plan to continue their education this fall.

Our graduating college seniors from the University of Illinois include Bros. Brian Waibel, Ben Wiegand, Bob Zimmerman, Stan Zimmerman and Curt Hodel, Sisters Jill Leman, Julie Bauer, Sue Frank and Michelle Wiegand and Doug Schumacher. Graduating from Parkland College this spring is Sis. Stephanie Schieler. Our prayer is that they each will continue to serve as lights in this world just as they have done in this college community. May God continue to bless them.

We offer our thanks and love to Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago) and Bro. Bob Pflederer (Morton) for their services this past month.

We will also miss Minoru Ichi Ju who has been in our midst since August, 1985, as he leaves us to go back to Japan. Minoru has been such an example in dedication and sincerity and an inspiration to us all — young and old alike. Minoru has made his home with Bro. Keith and Sis. Joan Hanson and family since October.

### ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

#### Ellen Cox

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

Zion's Harp #79, vs. 3

We rejoiced with our dear Bro. Max Pfaffmann and Sis. Mary Schick as they were united in marriage May 18. May they feel God's love and guidance as they begin their life together in Him. Bro. Max's parents are Ernie and Sis. Ida Pfaffmann and Sis. Mary's parents are Bro. John and Sis. Dolly Schick (all of Washington).

Two young families were blessed with sons in our congregation recently. Matthew Edward was born to Bro. Ed and Sis. Kathy Wyss. He is also being enjoyed by his older sister, Jennifer, and grandparents, Bro. Carl and Sis.

Lydiann Wyss (Washington) and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marjorie Schlipf (Gridley). Jordan Michael was born to Bro. Mike and Sis. Monica Fritz and is also welcomed by his big sister, Cheree. Jordan's grandparents are Bro. Nate and Sis. Ad Gutwein (Francesville, IN) and Bro. Harold and Sis. Sherry Fritz (Lexington, KY).

Our high school students, as well as the teachers and their wives, enjoyed spending the day with the Morton and Peoria Bible classes in Peoria Sunday, April 27. A special thanks is extended to Bros. Jim Plattner (Princeville) and Earl Ringger (Gridley) for ministering to us and to the Peoria Bible class and teaching staff for inviting us. It was a most enjoyable day.

It is good to have Sis. Sue Ruppert worshipping with us again after an extended hospital stay.

We are always thankful to our visiting ministers for sharing the Word with us. Serving us this month were our Elder Bro. Don Sauder (Roanoke, IL) as well as Bros. Walter Anliker (Eureka, IL), Chuck Sauder (Tremont, IL), Carl Feucht (Lester, IA), Ron Schambach (Elgin, IL), Sam Schlatter (Junction, OH) and Doug Schock (Pulaski, IA). Our special thanks also go to ministering Bro. Rod Huber (Valparaiso, IN) for speaking to us about "fear" at our monthly Bible study.

Our congratulations go to the following graduates: Sis. Gina Martin (Bro. Harvey and Sis. Sharon (Washington) and Mark Schumacher (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Betty, Washington) who are graduating from high school and Doug Schumacher (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Betty) who is graduating from the University of Illinois at Champaign and Sis. Grace Klaus who is graduating from the nurses training program at Illinois Central College. May God direct them as they go on to further schooling or out into the work place.

It is hard to believe summer is here already! We look forward to our vacation Bible school program which is scheduled June 9 - 13.

### TRIBUTE TO FATHER

A father is a guiding light  
Sent to us from above.  
He listens to our sorrows  
And soothes them with his love.

A father is a teacher  
Whose place no one could take,



For he's the source from which  
We learn to think and navigate.

A father is a gift from God  
From which we learn to be  
Patient, strong and loving,  
Filled with integrity.

Byron P. Tousignant

**INDIANA, BLUFFTON**  
**Lucille Isch — Evelyn Ringger**

"Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

St. John 6:54

We were privileged to partake of holy communion on the last Saturday evening in April. Elder Bros. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott), Phil Stettner and Bro. Bob Meyer (Bluffton North) were with us for a blessed evening and assisted our Elder Bro. Orville Ringger. We were reminded that because of Christ's love for us, His death on the cross, and His shed blood, we can have this great love one for another. How thankful we are!

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

Genesis 2:18

The engagement of Bro. Gary Fiechter (Herman and Sis. Phyllis) and Sis. Stacy Cook (John and Marcia) has been announced. We feel the Lord has drawn them together.

Bro. Jeff and Sis. Val Leman are the happy parents of a son, Shawn Alex, born May 2. He has a brother, J. D., and his grandparents are Bro. George and Sis. Evelyn Ringger and Wally and Sis. Marilyn Leman. On May 5 Bro. Stanley and Sis. Genny Isch became first-time grandparents as Bro. Frank and Sis. Gail Szabo, who recently moved to Carlsbad, CA, had a baby boy, Ference Pierre. The paternal grandparent is Bro. Moses Szabo (Budapest, Hungary).

Our recent hospital patients have been Sis. Emma Baumgartner, Sis. Soph Gerber, Sis. Marcia (Bro. Bob) Steffen, Sis. Deb Neuenschwander, Sis. Lydia Kaehr and Bro. Charlie Meyer.

On Mother's Day, Bro. Lynn Stieglitz (Leo) was with us. We heard many good teachings. Now we pray that we can do what we have been taught.

**INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH**  
**Cindy Shorb — Sheri Leman**

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

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

Deuteronomy 11:18, 19

Praise be to God for our fathers and father-figures who have lived and taught us the Way, the Truth and the Life.

We give thanks to ministering Bros. Lynn Stieglitz (Leo) and Ed Schwartz (Bluffton) for lending themselves to God for our spiritual nurturing. We would be pleased to have them and their families back anytime.

The thoughts and prayers of many continue to be with Jodi Towle (Jeff), daughter of Bro. Walter and Sis. Lillian Bertsch, as she is still recuperating in the hospital. Also hospitalized this past month were Sis. Cyndee Fiechter (Bro. Dean), Troy Bertsch (son of Sis. Connie) and Daniel Barrone (foster son of Bro. Brett and Sis. Cindy Shorb). We wish good health to them all.

A closing thought: Prayer is not getting our will done in heaven but desiring God's will to be done on earth.

Perry Tanksley

**INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE**  
**Lynne Wuethrich**

There are little eyes upon you, and they're watching night and day;  
There are little ears that quickly take in everything you say,  
And a little boy who's dreaming of the day he'll be like you.  
You are setting an example every day in all you do,  
For the little boy who's waiting to grow up to be like you.

Author Unknown

Our congregation has been blessed with the arrival of three new little ones. Kevin and Connie Wuethrich have a new little girl, Kristy Lynne, born April 28. Kristy has one sister, Kara, who is thrilled with someone new at home. Grandparents are Bro. Chris Lee and

Sis. Ruth Wuethrich and Skip and Becky Tiede (Francesville).

Bro. Mark and Sis. Lynne Wuethrich are first-time parents of a new little boy, Caleb Andrew, born May 3. Grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Barb Wuethrich (Francesville) and Bro. Ken and Sis. Carol Bucher (La-Crosse).

Bill and Cheri Delph are also first-time parents of a new little boy, Justine Eugene, born May 5. Grandparents are Bro. George and Sis. Elaine Erb (Francesville) and Mr. and Mrs. Cicil Delph (Paoli, IN).

Our Francesville congregation is going to deeply miss two families as job opportunities take them to other areas. Bro. Chris and Sis. Stacy Ledford will be moving to the Washington, IL, area. They have three children, Rustin, Shea and Jobie. Bro. Ken and Sis. Lyn Wuethrich will be moving to the Indianapolis area. They also have three children, Heather, Seth and Sean. We wish them God's guiding hand as they make their homes in new areas. We hate to see them go but we realize they must follow in the path the Lord leads.

Once again we are thankful for the ministering brothers who have visited us this month. May God bless Bro. Victor Beer (North Ft. Meyers, FL) and Elder Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield, IL).

**INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS**  
**Gail Bradford — Kathy Freed**

Our prayers are with two in our congregation who lost their fathers recently: Bro. Bob Horn (father Emory Horn of Titusville, FL, formerly of Akron, OH) and Bro. Dave Smeltzer (father Elmer Smeltzer of Rome City, IN).

Hospitalized were Sis. Bev Meyer and young Benjamin Pearson, and Bro. Tom Freed who has been ill at home. We are thankful they are recovering.

New grandparents are Bro. Chuck and Sis. Doris Neuenschwander, whose grandson, Joseph Alan, was born April 24 to Bro. Dan and Sis. Tammy Neuenschwander (Bluffton). We rejoice with them.

Bro. Art Ringger, his family, and others from Indianapolis, visited in Lexington, KY, on a recent Sunday.

We gave thanks for our mothers on the day our nation has set aside to honor them. The Sunday school provided and served lunch. The younger

children sang for us, and the mothers were given flowers.

June 8 is the graduation date for our high school senior, Alan Schafer, who is valedictorian of Pike High School. He will study at the University of Chicago.

We cherish the years our children bless our homes, but the time is so brief! Have we leaned on the Lord as we have loved, counseled and guided them? Have we been the example the Lord has commanded? What can we say as they leave our tender care? We might repeat Joshua's encouragement to the Israelites: "Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9.

### INDIANA, LACROSSE

#### Debra Nuest — Sandy Heinold

The LaCrosse congregation has several young men and women graduating this year. We pray these souls will never forget their Christian upbringing and training. "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." Proverbs 3:5, 6. Being foolish and lacking understanding, we don't believe our Savior wants riches for us. Yet, we should get our priorities straight and strive to attain those spiritual riches which are so vital to our soul's welfare.

The engagement of Sis. Jeannie Nuest (Bro. Gene and Sis. Norma Nuest) to Bro. Calvin Schneider (Bro. Ken and Sis. Loretta Schneider, Remington) was announced. We wish them the Lord's guidance as he forms their lives together.

Two families in our congregation were each blessed with a healthy boy. On May 9 Bro. Curt and Sis. Lyla Frank had a son they named Brad David. Molly, Chris and Karla will have a new playmate. On May 15 Bro. Tom and Sis. LuAnn Troxel had a son, Ned Alexander. Rudy will be glad for a brother to play with.

Sis. Sis. (Harold) Heinold fell and broke her leg. Being the active person she is, we offer her our sympathies and wish her a speedy recovery. Bro. Aaron Heinold had surgery this past month and is recovering well at home. We also wish him the Lord's healing powers.

Our visiting ministers this month were Bro. Larry Wenninger (Latty, OH), Bro. Dan Stoller (Remington, IN)

and Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH). We sincerely thank these brethren for sharing the Word of God with us.

### INDIANA, LEO Thelma Schlatter

"Consider the ravens; for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them . . ."

Luke 12:24

"Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Luke 12:27

"If then God so clothe the grass, which is today in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?"

Luke 12:28

"Ravens do not pluck when they lose a tail feather. They even pull them out when loose so new ones may grow in. They do not cherish slights or hold grudges. They do not hire owls or canaries to entertain them. But they do work for their living and run countless risks — all without worry.

"And who has ever followed a lily to get beauty aids or to a seamstress to get its beautiful glistening, fragrant garment?"

"May you catch the thrill of the thought of how much more valuable you are than the birds and flowers!

May we work without worry,  
Trust without fretting,  
And serve without thought of credit."

(In part from an article by  
Dr. W. Caldwell)

Congratulations are extended to our graduates. Greg Stieglitz (Bro. Oliver and Sis. Emma Jean) and Thelma Willis (Bro. Bill and Sis. Joan Schick) are high school graduates. Sis. Patty Souder (Sis. Irma) and Sis. Renee Stieglitz (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Joan) have both graduated from nursing programs. We pray their future steps follow God's perfect paths of peace.

Our congregation was blessed by the ministry of visiting Bro. Earl Ringger (Gridley, IL).

Sis. Helen Norr was recently hospit-

alized. She is now home recuperating, for which we thank Him.

Bits of This and That:

If you want your neighbors to know what Christ can do for them, let them see what Christ has done for you.

If you must publish someone's faults, publish your own.

The world is better or worse for every man who has lived in it.

Two marks of a Christian — giving and forgiving.

When the outlook is dark, try the uplook.

The church is full of willing people: some are willing to work, and others are willing to let them.

It is easier to smile than to frown: it takes 64 muscles of the face to frown, and only 13 to smile.

Daily prayers lessen daily cares.

### INDIANA, MILFORD

#### Joyce Kaiser — Shelby Beer

May all our recent graduates "Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established." Proverbs 4:26. Graduation seems to be a time of reflecting the past and considering the future. Certainly some very important decisions must be made. How wonderful it is if one can have our Father in heaven to lead during this time! Those graduating from high school are Kirk Beer (Bernie and Peg), Anthony Beer (Bro. Levi and Sis. Katherine), Jon Haab (Bro. Ray and Sis. Paula), Lee Price (Stan and Sis. Ginger), John Zimmerman (Virgil and Nancy), Christy Steffen (Bro. Walt and Sis. Dorothy), Susie Hoover (Don and Sis. Ginny), Heidi Beer (Bro. Phil and Sis. Millie), Cris McDaniel (Bro. Bill and Sis. Ann Troup). Sis. Marlene Steffen (Bro. Walt and Sis. Dorothy) has earned her degree in nursing from Goshen College. Todd Beer (Bernie and Peg) has graduated from the Air Force Academy and Brian Brannock (son-in-law of Bro. Ray and Sis. Paula Haab) has received his degree from Purdue. Brian and Jill are making their home in Seattle, WA, where he has accepted employment. Our sincere wish and prayer for each one of these young adults is that they will always remember to "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." Proverbs 3:5, 6.

Little Simon Beer is feeling better

after spending time in the hospital again. May God's unending love and strength continually be felt by his parents, Bro. Steve and Sis. Connie.

We would like to extend our sympathy to the family of Idola (Weisser) Best, who recently passed away.

As we think of fatherhood, we know it brings responsibilities but it can also be rewarding. Fathers must not only provide for the physical needs of their families, but God commands fathers to instruct and guide their children in spiritual areas that will have eternal consequences. Children learn far more from that which is visible than that which is spoken. Fathers, be encouraged through the grace of God to take time to truly "bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

We pray that God's blessings will be with Bro. Ray Sinn (Latty) for proclaiming God's Word to us.

#### INDIANA, REMINGTON

**Beth Virkler — Susan Getz**

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Psalm 23:1. How many rich teachings there are in the Word of God, if we quietly listen. Recently, through this scripture which is so familiar to us, the Lord gently spoke to me. It seems we have so many "wants" in our lives, but the Lord will provide for all our needs if we daily draw our strength from Him. We should not become anxious, but quietly wait and trust in the Lord. He will provide if we believe in Him with all our heart.

Sis. Jodi Waibel (Bro. Bruce) is graduating from Purdue this spring with a teaching degree. We are thankful for those who are willing to be used of the Lord in our public school systems. We wish God's blessing on her future endeavors.

"What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." Mark 10:9. Bro. Calvin Schneider (Bro. Ken and Sis. Loretta) announced his engagement to Sis. Jeannie Nuest (Bro. Gene and Sis. Norma, LaCrosse, IN). We wish God's blessings upon this union of hearts.

#### INDIANA, SOUTH BEND

**Pauline Laidig — Jill Lehman**

As we recently paid a special tribute to our mothers, it is also our desire to honor our fathers, for their place is so important in the family circle. May God bless and encourage them along life's

way. This brings to mind how diligently our founding fathers strove for a land where our heavenly Father would be worshipped freely. We are so grateful and hope and pray this may continue.

With the approval of the elder body and the feeling that it would be well for our congregation to have an ordained deacon, Elder Bros. Wendell Gude-man (Francesville), Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI) and Jesse Beer (Milford) were with us April 27 and ordained Bro. Robert Beebe for this important work. May the Lord grant him grace and wisdom as he cares for the flock and may we support him as he does so. We appreciated the ministry of the brothers very much. A time of fellowship was enjoyed as we shared a pot-luck dinner.

On a recent Sunday, we were again blessed as Bro. Dave Wiegand (Urbana, IL) fed us from God's Word.

As vacation time is here, one of our brethren wished to submit the following:

Northern Indiana is a lovely vacation area as well as a convenient stop-off for those traveling on I-80. The South Bend church is located south of Mishawaka on Route 133 and Madison Road. We extend a hearty welcome to everyone to visit us anytime of the year. Our hearts and homes are open to you, so don't hesitate to call and bless us with your fellowship. Some telephone numbers of members of our congregation are: 219-862-2760, 219-291-2158 or 219-773-4373. Services are Sunday morning at 10:00 and Wednesday evening at 7:30.

A business meeting was held recently at which time the following were elected to fill vacancies or new positions: head song leader - Bro. Steve Stoller, Sunday school superintendent - Bro. Verne Lehman, high school - Bro. Marty Langhofer, primary - Sis. Anna Marie Stoller, nursery - Sis. Lavilla Langhofer, assistant V.B.S. director - Sis. Sue Beebe, trustee and real estate - Bro. Steve Stoller, food committee chairman - Sis. Ernestine Meister, assistant chairman - Sis. Shirley Lehman. We sincerely thank those who served so faithfully in the past. May the Lord bless them for their efforts, and be with those who are assuming new duties.

#### INDIANA, VALPARAISO

**Cheryl Bucher — Peg Huber**

Someone said to me recently that when she is tempted to not attend a

church service she thinks of Christ's words, "... could ye not watch with me one hour?" Matthew 26:40.

We rejoice that Scott and Marianne Rice have made known their desire to watch with Christ. "Watch ye therefore; and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:36. We wish them grace in their repentance to let Him truly be Lord of their lives as well as Savior.

Vacation Bible School planning and preparations are underway. What an opportunity to plant seeds in mature, as well as virgin, soil — seeds of scripture and song. How important inspirational songs can be in telling the greatest story ever, as indicated in Deuteronomy 31:19. "Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me . . . and verse 21, "... this song shall testify against them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed . . ."

We thank our Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann for leading us in a topical Bible study of the "Husband, as the Spiritual Head of the Household". We were reminded of the consequences of a lack of order in leadership, and the societal pressures to undermine or destroy effective spiritual headship. We also thank Bros. Gene Lehman (Wolcott) and Edwin Bahler (Remington) for sharing the Word with us this month.

#### INDIANA, WOLCOTT

**Lorene Furrer — Elaine Bahler**

David and Merri Schieler became the proud parents May 5 of a son, Clinton Samuel. Clinton has a three-year-old brother, Alex Robert. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Armstrong (Remington) and Sis. Marilyn Schieler.

Janell Hofstetter (Bro. Ted and the late Sis. Lynetta) is a Purdue student in the co-op program. She has accepted employment for the next two semesters at General Dynamics in Camden, AR. We will miss Janell, and wish her Gods guidance in her new surroundings.

#### IOWA, BURLINGTON

**Dixie Messner — Edith Massner**

Many friends and relatives were present to pay their last respect to our dear friend, John Taeger, 85, who

passed away. He is survived by one son, Bro. Richard Taeger, and seven grandchildren. Another son, James, preceded him in death. The following poem had been selected and does describe his way of life:

Loving and kind in all his ways,  
Sincere and true in his habit and mind;  
Upright and just to the end of his days,  
A beautiful memory he left behind.

He had a nature you could not help  
loving,  
A heart that was purer than gold;  
And to those who knew him and loved  
him;  
His memory will never grow cold.

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**IOWA, ELGIN**  
**Gloria Frieden**

Completing twelve years of schooling is quite an accomplishment and many put forth much effort and time into these twelve years to obtain good grades and graduate with honors. Lessons of life continue and there is a more important graduation day ahead for each of us. May God help us all to set our affections on things above, not on things on earth as we labor on preparing for, and looking forward to, our graduation into eternity.

Congratulations and best wishes are offered to our high school graduate, Tom Butikofer (Bro. Al and Sis. Laverne). Tom enjoys farming and plans to further his education in this field.

“. . . and the glory of children are their fathers.” Proverbs 17:6. May God grant them grace equal to their tasks and bless them each one.

Sis. Marie Butikofer recently attained her 96th birthday and wishes to thank all who remembered her.

We give our special thanks to Elder Bros. Leo Moser (Lester), Ed Lanz (Oakville) and Wayne Fehr (West Bend) who recently expounded unto us the teachings of our Lord and Savior. May each word fall on good ground and bring forth much fruit.

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**IOWA, GARDEN GROVE**  
**Sally and Glen Funk**

Eight members from Garden Grove traveled to Pulaski on Sunday evening, May 4, to have communion with their congregation. We want to thank Pulaski for inviting us to come and share with them, and Elder Bro. Ed Lanz and Bro. Russell Wuthrich for serving us so willingly.

We would like to thank the visiting ministers that have served us this past month. Bro. Arnold Gerst, Bro. LeRoy Hartman and Bro. Duane Metzger have all come and ministered to us. We really appreciate their efforts and their wives and families that came with them.

Garden Grove now has 18 children in Sunday school. At our recent business meeting we decided to add another Sunday school class and teacher. The teachers are Bro. Brad Funk - grades 6 - 12, Bro. Tony Funk - grades 3 - 5, Sis. Sally Funk - grades K - 2 and Sis. Eileen Funk - age 4 - 5.

We are planning Vacation Bible School again this summer and are all anticipating a rewarding week. Please remember us in your prayers.

We are proud of our graduate this year. Jeremy Smith (Bro. Gene and Sis. Rachel Smith) graduates from 8th grade. We wish him God's blessings as he begins high school next fall.

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**IOWA, IOWA CITY**  
**Janette Schulz**

Our congregation has been blessed with many visitors this month, including ministering Bro. Virgil Metzger (Chicago, IL) and Elder Bros. Leroy Huber (Eureka, IL) and Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO). May God bless each one who so willingly shares God's Word with us.

It has been such a busy time for many of us, with the end of the semester approaching for the students and others putting in many hours at work, in the garden or in the home. It was a real blessing to "sit and pause awhile, my spirit." Zion's Harp #226. Some of us were privileged to go to Gridley to witness the testimony and baptism of our new Bro. Trent Meiss. Elder Bros. Edwin Ringger (Gridley, IL) and Joe Braker (Morton, IL) and ministering Bros. Joe Gerst (Iowa City) and Bob Pflederer (Morton, IL) had so many good teachings to share with us. We were reminded that if our heart is full of the Spirit, there is not room for anything else. But, if we neglect our spiritual life by not taking time to read God's Word, to pray and to assemble with God's children, our heart becomes empty and Satan is eager to fill it with earthly things.

Hearing the two new brothers as they testified they are at peace with God and man and feel no condemnation made me wish I could turn back

the clock and start over with a "clean slate". As this is not possible, may each of us be encouraged to examine our lives and cast off any weights which may have accumulated since our own baptism. May we each pray for that humble, sincere attitude expressed by the converts — that we continually thank the Lord for our salvation, that we think nothing He asks of us can compare with what He has done for us, and that we truly love each of our brothers and sisters-in-Christ, esteeming them higher than ourselves and treating them as we would Christ Himself.

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**IOWA, LESTER**

**Kathy Metzger — Mary Knobloch**

"Ring the bells of Heaven - there is joy today." We are thankful to report another soul, Carla Knobloch, has answered God's call and is turning her back on the ways of the world. Her parents are Bro. Al and Sis. Lucy Knobloch. Our prayer is that God's love and grace be showered in abundant measure upon Carla and all those seeking their soul's salvation.

Believing children are a heritage of the Lord. We rejoice that God has blessed two families with healthy babies. On April 26, a daughter, Melissa Emily Marie, was born to Carl and Deb Leuthold. Grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Emily Leuthold and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hoff. On May 4, Bro. Rolyce and Sis. Lori Scheitlin (Fairmont, MN) welcomed Jan Michael into their home. Grandparents are Bro. Dale and Sis. Mary Knobloch and Bro. Ken and Sis. Charity Scheitlin (Burlington).

Bro. Jake Knobloch was hospitalized recently with medical problems and has again returned to the Health Centre. Surgical patients included Bros. Paul Leuthold, Silas Knobloch, Jerome Hartter and little Christopher Leuthold (Doug and Charlene Leuthold). We remember in prayer those that suffer bodily pain and are thankful when they can return home again.

On April 26, a tornado swept through our community damaging the farmsteads of Bro. Dale and Sis. Mary Knobloch and Bro. Bill and Sis. Ellie Knobloch. What a feeling of helplessness and devastation to see such destruction but how wonderful to feel and see the outpouring of love and concern as many people helped clean up after the storm. I'm sure the love and care of

all who gave of themselves helped to lift the burden these two dear families carried.

On May 3 we were again privileged to be partakers of holy communion. Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer was here to assist Elder Bro. Leo with this blessed sacrament. With humility we remember Christ's suffering and death on the cross and with tear-filled eyes look forward to one day partaking of a communion service with Jesus Christ our Lord in heaven above.

As Father's Day approaches, our thoughts turn to days and years gone by. Because of the love our fathers shared with us, we have beautiful memories to enjoy. May God bless all the fathers who bring up their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord!

#### IOWA, OAKVILLE Debbie Wagenbach

First of all, I wish to apologize for my delay in getting the Silver Lining news for last month turned in by the deadline. I shouldn't make excuses; however, I have found myself to be extremely busy lately.

We have been blessed with many visiting ministers the past couple of months including Bros. Duane Metzger (West Bend, IA), Uriel Gehring (Leo, IN), Arnie Gerst, Kent Heimer (Taylor, MO), Jim Hoerr (Peoria, IL) and John Rowell (Burlington, IA).

Our Bible school class has recently hosted the Bible class from Fairbury. It was a blessed weekend of fellowship for them and we certainly hope that lasting ties and friendships can be established by such occasions.

As I sit writing the news, my thoughts go to this evening when four of our Bible school seniors will be graduating from high school. It just seems like yesterday when I was doing the same. I remember the excitement, but also the hinting fear of leaving the safety of adolescence for the frightening adult world. We pray that God will direct our youth in the way He knows best and that they will listen to His words of wisdom. Our graduates are Karen Belsley (Richard and Fern), David Eberhardt (Bro. Jody and Sis. Ruby), Derek Massner (Bro. Doss and Sis. Bert) and Donnie Wagenbach (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Bonnie).

#### IOWA, WEST BEND Polly Zaugg — Phyllis Banwart Sandy Schmidt (Jim and Sherry),

who lives in Dallas, TX, has found that precious peace and is awaiting her testimony service and baptism May 24 and 25. Our prayers are with her. "All things work together for good to them that love God." Romans 8:28.

"I joy and rejoice with you." Philipians 2:17. A little son, David Frederick, made his arrival April 19 to Fred and Patsy Wirtz. His grandparents are Bro. Fred and Sis. Hulda Wirtz and Ralph and Dorothy Banwart (Rodman). Darrell and Julie Zaugg are the happy parents of a son, Benjamin John, born April 30. Grandparents are Walter Zaugg and the late Sis. Mabel and Mr. and Mrs. DeLos Biddle (Urbandale). Justin, Jeremy and Angela Scheitlin are excited to have a new brother, Jon Michael, born May 4. Thankful parents are Bro. Rolyce and Sis. Lori and grandparents are Bro. Dale and Sis. Mary Knobloch (Lester) and Bro. Ken and Sis. Charity Scheitlin (Burlington). Mike and Marilyn Banwart are the parents of a new daughter, Megan Nicole, born May 10. Grandparents are Art and Madeline Banwart and Mrs. Iola Block. Missy, Michael, Mandy, Matthew and Molly are happy to welcome home a baby sister.

As always, it seems we have several recent hospital patients to report: Bro. Marvin Fehr, Arlie Banwart, Manuel Fehr and Bro. Paul Banwart, Sr. Elizabeth Zaugg (Bro. Pat and Sis. Julie) and Carrie Fisher (Harol and Marie) are wearing casts as the result of broken bones.

Sympathy is extended to Bro. Cloyce and Sis. Carol Gress, Carrie and Christy in the loss of Sis. Carol's mother, Sis. Sophia Steiner (Bro. Dan, Tremont, IL).

"And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers . . ." Malachi 4:6. As we observe another Father's Day, may we honor our earthly fathers in love and respect.

#### JAPAN, SHIODA Sheila Moser

May and June are months which have been set aside to honor our mothers and fathers. With thankful hearts for all that God has given us through our parents, we take time to recall the special occasions we had with them. The love they have shown us throughout the years is a reflection of God's love for His children. Let us never

forget the love of our parents and always feel the love of our God.

Many visitors have been with us the past month. They were Elder Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene Maibach (Detroit, MI), Bro. Ed and Sis. Elsa Hoffman (Rockville, CT), Bro. Chuck Albritton (Bloomington, IL), Sis. Beverly Mogler (Iowa City, IA), Sis. Patty Steiner (Oakville, IA), believers from the Hungarian Sister Church, Sandor and Helen Hejja (San Diego, CA) and Steve Auer (Los Angeles, CA), currently living in Tokyo. We are thankful for the time and fellowship they gave while they were here. There are many blessings in Christian friendship.

There are friendships that we cherish in our daily walk of life.

Friends with whom we meet and labor in our earthly toil and strife.

Friends among the aged and youthful, Friends that live from us apart.

Friends of higher rank and station Find a place within my heart.

Hymns of Zion #91

#### JAPAN, TOKYO

##### Yoshio Yamazaki — Marie Inoue

We felt privileged this month that we could hear the message of truth and salvation inspired of God through our dear Elder Bro. Ben Maibach. Through the years of fellowship, Bro. Ben has been helpful to us and to our dear departed Bro. Saburo Utsuki. A memorial service was held in remembrance of Bro. Utsuki on the afternoon of April 20. It was a special blessing also to have Sis. Lorene share with us.

They traveled many miles to be with us, and we thank them and ask God's blessings upon them and their labors.

Other visitors who shared their time with us were from Bluffton North, IN, Iowa City, Oakville, IA, Rockville, CT and one of our sister churches in California. Their efforts to be with us and be spent in God's service for needy brethren were appreciated.

#### KANSAS, BERN

##### Linda Esslinger — Shirley Strahm

We had the privilege recently of listening to the testimonies of two dear souls, Jeff Baumgartner (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Nancy) and Beth Plattner (Bro. Eldon and Sis. Waneta). We welcome them as brother and sister. How it fills our hearts with joy and takes our thoughts back to when we

first started our walk with God. May God continue to grant them the needed grace and guidance as they walk this path of life.

Frieda Bauman fell and broke her wrist. We are glad to see she is still able to be out and about and is getting along real well.

Sis. Lena Strahm is out of the hospital and she and her husband, Bro. Amos, are now residents of the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha.

Sunday, May 4, we had the opportunity of partaking of holy communion. This is always a time for deep soul searching. What a deep appreciation arises from within when we think of all God has done for us. May we ever strive to keep our hearts unspotted by Satan and the world.

Visiting ministers at Bern have been Bro. Howard Plattner (Wichita, KS), Bro. Charles Sinn (Ft. Scott, KS) and Elder Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS). We thank them for being willing servants in God's service. Hearing the true Word of God and not words spoken to the itching of men's ears is truly a blessing from God.

On April 23 a precious bundle was born to Bro. Paul and Sis. Joan Kaeb. He has a brother, Troy, and two sisters, Kimberly and Tammy, to welcome him home. Grandparents are Al and Helen Dettwyler (Silverton, OR) and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mary Lou Kaeb (Cissna Park, IL).

We want to say "God bless you" to those who remembered us with cards, gifts and flowers on our 40th wedding anniversary.

Bro. Joe and Sis. Lila Rokey

Note: July is the month for the collection of the Silver Lining dues.

### KANSAS, GRIDLEY

**Vola Young — Judy Kraft**

We were taken back to the suffering and death of Christ Jesus in the partaking of holy communion. Truly this is a time of refreshing and strengthening for a believer. Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, with the assistance of Elder Bro. Ronald Nelson, served communion. We also thank these brothers for feeding the flock that same day.

We congratulate Cory Metzger, Victor Edelman, eighth grade graduates; Philip Metzger, Trent Edelman, high school graduates; and Sis. Jeanne Young, who graduated from Emporia State University with a degree in edu-

cation. We wish them all God's blessings and guidance.

### KANSAS, KIOWA

**Janice Bahr — Gay Farney**

My Lord, an off'ring do I bring; My Heart I give to Thee.

I gladly give this heart of mine,  
Which Thou dost ask of me.

Depart vain world, with all your sin!  
From bondage I am free.

A humble off'ring do I bring;  
My heart I give to Thee!

Zion's Harp #163

What a blessed weekend we recently enjoyed when our dear friend, Lynne (Murrow) Johnson (Gerald and Sis. Helen Murrow), gave us her testimony of true repentance and conversion, and was baptized into the brotherhood of faith. It is a humbling, yet uplifting, time for it reminds us of our repentance, and how blessed we are that a patient God is still calling souls to Him in this sinful world. It is our fervent prayer that God will richly bless Sis. Lynne in her new walk of life, and constantly abide with her in all she does.

Father's Day!! How wonderful it is that we have a heavenly Father to watch over us, guide us and love us. On top of His precious love, He gave us Dad, an irreplaceable person, who, along with Mom, makes a secure, happy world in which to grow. God knew how important a home is, and, Satan tries so hard to destroy it that I am just so thankful for the home I was reared in and the home I now have, for both have been in Christ. Thanks be to God for all His blessings.

In our area the wheat is turning to gold and soon will be the time of harvest. It is a busy time, but may we never forget to give glory and praise to the One who gives the increase, and put Him first in all we do.

### KANSAS, MANHATTAN

**Heidi Baumgartner — Kim Meyer**

As this semester and school year have drawn to a close, we reflect back on the last weeks. Again, we certainly felt God's presence as He so abundantly blessed us.

An interesting Bible study was given by Elder Bro. Gene Marti (Lamar, MO) at the chapel. He brought out the

impact, good and evil, that the various kinds of music can have on a person. We were also instructed on how to be a light and example to those who we daily interact with.

Then a singing was hosted at the apartment of Chris Strahm, Angela Plattner and Marla Schrader.

The annual spring picnic was held May 7 by Tuttle Creek. Families and friends of the students were there to enjoy food and fellowship.

Bro. Edwin Strahm (Manhattan) and Salina Baily (Larry and Sis. Linda, Sabetha) are both graduates this semester. We wish them the Lord's guidance as they pursue their careers.

Also leaving the Manhattan area are Sis. Lori Aberle (Bro. Roger and Sis. Lavonne, Sabetha), Wayne Anliker (Bro. Glen and Sis. Loree, Lamont) and Sis. Heidi Baumgartner (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Nancy, Bern).

### GOD CARES!

When His eye is on the sparrow  
And each budding leaf that grows;  
When He sends the dew each morning,  
And the sunshine to the rose;  
You may know beyond all doubting,  
In this trial you're passing through,  
God cares . . . and every moment  
He is watching over you!

Keith Bennett

This is the final article from KSU for this school term. The next one will be for September 1986. Thank you!

### KANSAS, SABETHA

**Charleen Hartter — Nita Grimm**

### MY FATHER'S BIBLE

I often think of childhood days when  
round the table, there,  
Our father oft would read God's Word,  
And lead in earnest prayer  
And near the table on a shelf There  
was a little nook,  
Where father laid his spectacles And  
kept the sacred Book.

And when the evening meal was past,  
Unto the shelf he'd go,  
And read to us from God's good Word,  
That we its truth might know.  
And peering o'er his spectacles, He  
watched if we took heed —  
God's Word commanded reverence, In  
thought and word and deed.

Ah, would that men might in these days  
 Evaluate God's Word,  
 And use it in their walk of life As their  
 shield and Spirit's sword.  
 Those children of that former day Are  
 women now, and men;  
 Still read the book their father read,  
 And heed it now, as then.

Henry Beer

These words bring back loving memories to me of gathering around the table and my father reading God's Word. As Father's Day was recently observed I hope many of us could call to mind similar scenes. The family is such a precious unit so attacked by Satan in these times. May we earnestly strive to keep the family sacred by praying, reading, singing and working together.

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

Deuteronomy 6:6 & 7

Emily Mae is bringing much happiness to first-time parents, Brad and Teresa Edelman, since her arrival May 9. Cliff and Sis. Barb Edelman welcome their granddaughter.

"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

We are thankful for Bro. Darrel Stoller's (Bern, KS) labor of love in bringing us the Word.

### KANSAS, WICHITA Judy Langhofer

With the beautiful symphony of spring reaching its climax, May seems to be a month for remembrances. It brings forth a nostalgia of years gone by, some more and some less. Back to childhood, school days, graduations, friends and suddenly there is a garden of remembrances. It's not a time to put our harps on the weeping willows but a time to sing our praises unto the Lord and to be in harmony with the season.

Sis. Dora Young added one more remembrance to her storehouse of ninety-one years May 12. She celebrated her birthday by having dinner in a local restaurant with several family members. A host of friends sent cards and each one recalled memories. One special bouquet of Cabbage Peace Roses was brought, hand-picked, from a grandson's rose garden. Other children and grandchildren gifted her in many ways and with each one came a special word of counsel and love. Her love for the church and her desire to be active motivates her to attend services whenever possible. Since a bad fall shortly after her 90th birthday, she has made her home with her daughter, Gussie Wullschleger.

Like a beautiful bud, not yet in full bloom, but containing its full fragrance locked within its pedals, picked by an unseen hand and lifted up as a sweet smelling savor unto the Lord, Justin Warner, a tiny tot of 18 months, left the surroundings he was becoming familiar to. He played in the orchards and gardens where his grandparents lived and worked. Now he plays in the garden of remembrances. He was the victim of an accidental drowning May 4. His parents are Andrew and Mary Warner (Buhler, KS). His grandparents, Bro. Howard and Sis. Ann Warner, have attended church here in Wichita for many years and we all have shared mutual sorrows and joys. Although we sorrow with them, the essence of God's love shed abroad in their hearts can turn ashes into beauty. How precious each moment can become when there are so few moments to share.

Graduation time will soon be only a remembrance for Mark Reimschisel (Bro. Max and Sis. Judy Reimschisel). His plans are to leave in July for Alabama where he will serve in the army medical corps.

We enjoyed our visitors of the month. Bro. Roger and Sis. Lavonne Aberle (Sabetha, KS) accompanied Bro. George and Sis. Elsie Lambert here for a weekend of fellowship with our congregation. It was good to have Bro. George and Sis. Elsie back after moving to the Sabetha Apartments several years ago. It was a blessed weekend of fellowship for us all. Also welcome visitors were Elder Bro. Eugene Marti and his wife, Sis. Mary (Lamar, MO).

### KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON Lester and Glendoris Huber

With grateful hearts and full of praise, we honor our heavenly Father, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

We are reminded at this time of year how grateful we should be for our parents and for the love and virtues that have been passed on to us by our God-fearing Christian fathers and mothers, which is truly a rich heritage.

We all had a blessed weekend when Bro. Art Ringger, our visiting minister, his family and several couples and their families came from Indianapolis, IN. Also during the month we appreciated visitors from different churches, as they traveled through on business and vacation trips. On a Wednesday evening, we were privileged to have with us Bro. Jim Plattner (Princeville, IL) who shared God's living Word with us. May God bless the efforts put forth toward the small congregations.

### A FURROW STRAIGHT AND TRUE

I remember hearing my grandfather say

That to plow a furrow straight,  
 You must fix your eyes on a distant point

And walk at an even gait.

But it took our new power lawn mower  
 To make his wisdom mine;  
 For I found if I didn't look far ahead,  
 Each swath made a crooked line.

Now I realize why my grandfather's life  
 Was like a furrow true;  
 As a boy he fixed his eyes on God  
 And walked toward Him his whole life through.

Bessie Gladding

### MICHIGAN, ALTO Liz Blough

Our Father which art in heaven . . .  
 We Christians honor Him daily. This month we have a special day set aside to honor our earthly fathers - Father's Day. We thank the Lord for all our fathers. "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:45.

Our graduates this year are Matthew Steffen (Elder Bro. Aaron and Sis. Loretta) and Mark Steffen (Carl and

Sis. Myrna). We extend our congratulations to them both.

Bro. Ferd Grawberg has been hospitalized and is now recovering at his home. We pray the Lord will strengthen him at this time. "For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord." Jeremiah 30:17.

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

We were pleased to have Bro. Homer Reineck (Toledo, OH) visit us on Mother's Day. He reminded us of the virtues that Godly women are to possess and the extreme impact they have on their families, and ultimately the nation and the world.

Father's Day will be a bit more special to two families this year. Bro. Ken and Sis. Pam Schlatter welcomed Chet Alan to their home and Ron and Jill Weiss brought home Brooke Joy to liven up their home. Chet's grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Margaret Schlatter and Bro. Howard Wieland. Brooke's grandparents are Bro. George and Sis. Marie Waibel.

Our sick list includes Sis. Muriel Rylance, Bro. Ed Freidinger, Bro. Scott Kent, Al Wieland, Joe Pashak and Sis. Anna Magyar. Let's not forget to remember our sick in prayer. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2.

When Nebuchadnezzar sought children to stand in the king's palace, "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat nor with the wine which he drank . . ." Daniel 1:8. The conclusion of the matter was that the children of Judah after three years were found ten times wiser than the king's seed. We would encourage our graduates as they step in a new direction, to purpose in their hearts not to defile themselves with the worldly temptations, but rather follow God's ways. The conclusion of the matter will be that they, too, will be wiser than the world, for in Christ are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Colossians 2:3. Our graduates this year include Heidi Broquard, Jim Gilmore, Chris Grew, Karen McNally and Bro. Mark Ramseyer.

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

Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to Kim Flannery and Ken

Martin as they have announced their engagement. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Pat Flannery and Sis. Karen and Bro. Kaywin Martin. May God's love and blessings be with Kim and Ken, trusting that in His grace their love can ever grow.

"Behold I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest." Genesis 28:15. Our convert, Colleen Reardon, has moved to Sarasota, FL, to be with her parents, Sis. Marie and Bro. George Reardon. Also, Ken Kaisner (Sis. Mary and Bro. Hartzell Kaisner) has moved to Illinois and is currently working and living in the Peoria area. We will miss them both and pray that they can ever be led and blessed in God's ways.

Rosalind Thomas (Sis. Marie and Bro. George Reardon) was hospitalized recently but is home and recuperating well after surgery. Several of our brethren are dealing with illness and afflictions and we pray that the Lord will ever be near them and grant them all His strength and health.

We are thankful for visiting ministers, Bro. Jim and Sis. Marlene Ramseyer (Bay City, MI) who spent a weekend with us and Elder Bro. Phil Stettner and his family (Bluffton North, IN). Bro. Phil shared with us in the ministry and led a Bible study on Deception. It was a timely and edifying evening and we are grateful for his willingness to lend of himself.

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**MINNESOTA, MORRIS**

**Ruth Nohl — Hildegard Koehl**

Saturday evening, April 19, we gathered together to partake of the Lord's supper, such a solemn and sacred feast. The Lord's presence was surely felt. We thank Elder Bro. Leo Moser (Lester, IA) for being with us and assisting Bro. Art.

We also appreciate the visits this month of Elder Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS) and Ken Lawson (Minneapolis). We thank them for their inspiring words.

We rejoice with our two converts to whom God has whispered "sweet peace". They are Joan Schmidgall (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Ruby) and Angie Schaefer (Bro. Herman and Sis. Eva Jean). We look forward to the day of their baptism.

On April 13, Roger and Mary Evink became the parents of Jason Douglas. He has a sister and a brother. The grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis.

Corrine Schmidgall. Amanda Jean was born May 11 to Dan and Chris Luthi. Three brothers welcome her home. Grandparents are Harold and Bernice Luthi.

Lowell Zeltwanger passed from this life at the age of 64 years. Our love and sympathy go to his wife, Mary, and their children, Duane and Donna, and their families. Also surviving him are his father, Bro. William, Sr., Bros. Kenneth, John, William, Jr. and Lyle and Sisters Dorie, Ann Meiss (Harold), Edith Joos (Albert), Ila Gramm (Harold) and Vila Schmidgall (Floyd). May God be with them in their time of sorrow.

May God's blessings be upon our graduates as they walk through life and may He lead their way.

Graduating from high school are: Chad Burnham (Allan and Ilene), Dwayne Feuchtenberger (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Karen), Sara Feuchtenberger (Bro. Wally and Sis. Diane), Donna Gall (John and Helen), Jill Koehl (Bro. Harvey and Sis. Wilda), Tearle Koehl (Jerry and Valvice), Carter Moser (Bro. Carl and Sis. Norene), Paul Moser (Bro. Joe and Sis. Hazel), Shawn Nohl (Bro. David and Sis. Eileen), Lois Schmidgall (Bro. Richard and Sis. Corrine) and Paul Schmidgall (Bro. Neil and Sis. Linda).

College graduates are Sis. Kim Feuchtenberger (Bro. Wally and Sis. Diane), Sis. Julie Fehr (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Diane), Sis. Linda Furrer (Bro. Glen and Sis. Eileen) and Gail Schmidgall (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Ruby).

Hospital patients this month have been Sis. Hazel (Joe) Moser, Bro. Paul Fehr, Sr. and Bro. Orville Nohl. May we remember those who have suffered afflictions of the body in our prayers. May they feel God's presence ever near them.

Patti Schmidgall (Bro. Gene and Sis. Dorothy) is engaged to Troy Wiese. An August 2 wedding is being planned. Lynette Griener (Emil and Arlene) is engaged to Dan Eystad and Fred Moser (Bro. Bill and Sis. Joyce) is engaged to Tammy Lembcke. Our prayers are with these young couples as they take this important step in life.

As Father's Day approaches, may God bless our fathers for all the kind and loving efforts they have shown us throughout our lives.

A dad is a special blessing —  
 So kind, so strong and wise,



The first to give encouragement,  
 The last to criticize –  
 A dad's the first to lend a hand,  
 The last to turn away,  
 The one who always seems to know  
 The perfect thing to say –  
 The special things about him  
 Are cherished more each year –  
 A dad's a special blessing,  
 So wonderful and dear.

Author Unknown

The William Zeltwanger family would like to thank all for their thoughts, prayers, cards and deeds of kindness in their time of sorrow. May God bless each one.

### MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

Wanda Messner

Mary Lou Schmidt

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve!" Joshua 24:15. We were privileged to hear the testimony and witness the baptism of Sis. Marcy Schmidt (Gene and Sis. Ella Mae) April 19 and 20. Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer (Elgin, IA) assisted our Elder Bro. Harold Messner with this blessed and joyous occasion. We certainly rejoice with her and wish her God's loving grace, strength and guidance throughout her pilgrim journey with the Lord!

Our congregation partook of holy communion also the same weekend. "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come!" I Corinthians 11:26. May God bless these elder brothers for their words of wisdom and labors of love. We would also like to thank visiting ministers, Bro. Don Miller and Bro. Ken Lawson (Minneapolis) for being with us that weekend.

Our annual Sunday school voting was held in May. Our new teachers are Sis. Carol Ann Messner and Sis. Lois Messner with Sis. Marilyn Messner being our new substitute teacher. Bro. Mark Schmidt will be our new Silver Lining reporter. We want to thank all those who have completed their terms and wish God's blessings and guidance on the newly elected.

Bro. Marvin and Sis. Geri Messner would like to say a special thanks to everyone for the many prayers that were said for their daughter, Kim; her husband, Todd; and their daughter, Heather. They feel that God has heard and answered these prayers as the doctors are unable to find any sign of cancer at this time.

We have had a ladies long, light brown, leather coat hanging at our fellowship center for several months. Please contact one of our ministers if you think this might be yours! Thank you!

With the Fourth of July approaching, we felt this special song would be quite appropriate.

### AMERICA

My country 'tis of thee,  
 Sweet land of liberty,  
 Of thee I sing:  
 Land where my fathers died,  
 Land of the pilgrim's pride,  
 From every mountain side,  
 Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,  
 Land of the noble, free,  
 Thy name I love:  
 I love thy rocks and rills,  
 Thy woods and templed hills;  
 My heart with rapture thrills,  
 Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,  
 And ring from all the trees,  
 Sweet freedom's song:  
 Let mortal tongues awake;  
 Let all that breathe partake;  
 Let rocks their silence break,  
 The sound prolong.

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

Tabernacle Hymns #351

### MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY

Linda Ziegehorn

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

Psalm 32:8

How heartwarming and wonderful to know that I have Jesus for my own personal teacher. He will instruct me in the way I should go. How can I go wrong if I just look to Him and let Him be in control?

Sis. Carole Kellenberger has recovered from surgery and is with us again. Louise Wreath also had surgery on her

eyes and is getting along fine. We thank God for their recoveries.

We had a work day at church this month to get spring clean-up done. It was a very warm feeling to visit with everyone and to share God's love as we worked together.

We would like to thank the Kansas and Missouri churches for providing us with a minister every Sunday. Our services start at 11:00 on Sunday and 7:30 every 1st and 3rd Wednesday night. We welcome any visitors who may be in the area.

### MISSOURI, LAMAR Janice Stoller — Becky Marti

The mighty tree, the cross, is spreading  
 Its arms of suffring everywhere;  
 For wheresoe'er man's foot is treading,  
 The cross is certain to be there.

O, do not fear the cross' affliction!  
 The Saviour suffered on it, too,  
 To cause eternal joy and pleasure  
 To ripen evermore for you.

"The Cross", Zion's Harp #171

Each day we should look to the cross and remember the death of our loving Saviour. As we recently partook of holy communion we were reminded of what He suffered that we might have a hope of eternal life and that we must daily deny ourselves, pick up our cross and follow Him if we expect to have a place prepared for us in the heavenly kingdom. We appreciated having Elder Bro. Sam Anliker (Lamont, KS) with us for this special occasion. We were also privileged to have Elder Bro. Leroy Huber (Eureka, IL) assemble with us and minister God's holy Word to us this past month.

Bro. Jay and Sis. Sharon Braker were blessed with their second daughter. Haley Lorene is welcomed home by Nicole. Grandparents are Sis. Cecile Braker and Robert and Leda Borgardt. May God direct them as they care for her.

Recently hospitalized were Bryce Barton, Chariti Braker and Andy Marti. We are thankful that they have all been released now.

Graduating from high school this year were Darwin Luthi, Sis. Janel Kellenberger, Sis. Janese Kellenberger and Sis. Michelle Knecht. May they seek God's direction for their lives ahead.

**MISSOURI, TAYLOR**  
**Loida Hodel — Lori Marquart**

“EACH DAY BRINGS A CHANCE  
 TO DO BETTER”

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

Helen Steiner Rice

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to two couples in our circle who have announced their engagements. Pam Riney (Gene and Irene) and David Hoenes have chosen August 16 for their wedding. Roger Sutter (Sis. Charlene and the late Bro. Dick) and Dianne Scott will be married September 6.

Dave and Sis. Marijane (Miller) Foote have a new little daughter, Julie Alicia, born April 19. She has an older sister, Jennifer, to welcome her home.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Deb Sutter are parents of Clinton Steve, born May 14. Three-year-old Angie, along with grandparents, Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marge Sutter and Bro. Don and Sis. Carolyn Ott (Congerville), welcome this little boy.

We’re glad to report that God has restored reasonable health to Sis. Roberta Bostrom following surgery April 30.

Bro. William and Sis. Ruth Cottrell are back with us again after spending the winter months in Florida.

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

Psalm 27:1

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

Visiting ministers to our church were Bros. Dan Stoller, Lee Bahler and Everett Gerber (Rockville) and Bro.

Duane Farney (Croghan). Many other visitors also came and helped with song leading, Sunday school and serving duties at lunch time, bringing our little church to spiritual life and we all feel the blessing of God.

We are thankful to know that the holy Word of God shall never pass away and that there are those who are always so willing to lend themselves to bring it to us. The truth of the Word and good Christian fellowship lifts us up and inspires us and gives us courage to meet this life and hope for a better life to come.

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

On Saturday evening, May 3, we gathered for an evening of song and fellowship to bid farewell to Bro. John and Sis. Maureen Virkler, Deanna and Joshua, who will be moving in the near future to Rockville, CT, where John has accepted employment. We will surely miss them in our small congregation and wish them God’s richest blessings in this move in their life.

Sis. Polly Grau was a hospital patient for tests and we are glad her stay was short and she can assemble with us again.

Our thoughts in the month of June go to our fathers of this life and those who have passed on before. May we remember them as the head of our family in this life. However, more importantly, may each of us remember and reverence our heavenly Father who is the head of our family in this life and also in the life to come.

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

Three arks are recorded in the Bible, each being a place of safety. Moses’ ark was the safety provision from Satan’s assault. Noah’s ark was the safety provision from God’s wrath. The Ark of the Covenant was God’s place of safety from the judgment of the law. In Jesus we are safe from all three things.

The first time the verb “come” is used is in Genesis 6, when God invites Noah and his family to come into the ark. They accepted the invitation. There was one door in the ark, and there is one door for us to come in for safety, as Jesus said, “I am the Door.” The ark was furnished with a window upward, and if we are going to walk in Jesus, we have to keep an upward look. The ark was pitched within and with-

out, and pitch here is the Hebrew word Kapher which means to make an atonement. We are pitched within and without because of the atonement as God has done something for us on the inside and outside.

After the deluge, the ark rested on the 17th day of the 7th month, and Noah came out. The resurrection according to the time of the passover was on the 17th day of the 7th month of the Jewish calendar. Oh, that we accept Jesus’ invitation, “Come” in the “Door” for His safety provision that we, too, will come out in the resurrection.

Sis. Bonnie Bako had surgery. Sis. Edith Graf fell, breaking a small bone in her leg and Sis. Helen Burr had a knee replacement. We pray for each to have a speedy recovery.

We were blessed to partake of communion with Bro. Joe Ramsier and Bro. Henry Dotterer assisting Bro. Gene Pamer.

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**OHIO, COLUMBUS**  
**Desma Klopfenstein**

We’d like to thank our visitors of this past month and extend an invitation to all. Bro. Gary Maibach (Smithville) and Bro. Homer Reineck (Toledo) brought God’s Word to us. May God bless these brothers and all those who proclaim the truth. Some of our congregation traveled to Akron in May for communion services there.

With June comes Father’s Day, and I’d like to share a little story of one father who was beyond compare in His child’s eyes.

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**“OF MY FATHER”**

Let me tell you about my father . . . He’s a person everybody loves once they get to know him. Years ago He worked as a creator. He designed and constructed some tremendous things — Mt. Everest, several oceans, I don’t know how many galaxies — and all from the rawest of materials: nothing.

Father has laid down the full purchase price for the entire company of mankind . . . But let me give you a personal sketch of my father . . . He’s one of few words, but they’re worth listening to. He’s loving, understanding. He’s honest, keeps His word, disciplines fairly, and such a companion to His children! He’s never too busy, never unavailable, never tired or irritable. The companionship I’ve shared

with my Father — well, it's hard to talk about. Generous? I've got His word to supply all my need . . . You may have guessed it — He's the King of kings. And you're right — He's not my natural Father. I'm just a commoner, but He let me into His family anyway. And there's nothing that thrills me more than this relationship: God and I — Father and son. Tell me something . . . Do you know God as your Father?

Author Unknown

The majesty and greatness of God is so amazing, yet we forget to look around us sometimes to take it all in. In its simplicity, this little verse focuses on the grandeur which God has created, and reminds us of the work of the redemption of man. We need then to come to the Lord as a child seeking forgiveness and that special relationship of Father and son/daughter.

### OHIO, JUNCTION

Les Manz

Our ministers were assisted in bringing God's Word to us this month by Bro. Marshall Heinold (Washington, IL).

Marti Joy is the newborn daughter of Bro. Tim and Sis. Becky Schlatter. Little helping hands will be Gretl, Heidi and Brent. Grandparents are Bro. Loren and Sis. Esther Stoller and Sis. Juliet Schlatter.

### OHIO, LATTY

Marlene Reinhard — Patty Gerber

Life without purpose  
is barren indeed —  
There can't be a harvest  
unless you plant a seed,  
There can't be attainment  
unless there's a goal,  
And man's but a robot  
unless there's a soul . . .  
If we send no ships out,  
no ships will come in,  
And unless there's a contest,  
nobody can win . . .  
For games can't be won  
unless they are played,  
And prayers can't be answered  
unless they are prayed . . .  
So, whatever is wrong  
with your life today,  
You'll find a solution  
if you kneel down and pray  
Not just for pleasure,  
enjoyment and health,

Not just for honors  
and prestige and wealth . . .  
But pray for a purpose  
to make life worth living,  
And pray for the Joy  
of unselfish giving,  
For Great is your Gladness  
and Rich your Reward  
When you make your Life's Purpose  
The choice of the Lord.  
Helen Steiner Rice

Choosing to make the Lord's work their purpose in life, three souls gave their testimonies of faith and were baptized the weekend of April 27. Bro. Jerry Klopfenstein (Bro. Raymond and Sis. Catherine) and Bro. Dale and Sis. Jodi Stoller were gladly welcomed as brethren in faith. Rejoicing with our congregation and the new lives dedicated to Christ were Elder Bro. Arthur Nohl and Bros. Dale Zeltwanger (Morris, MN) and Dan Sotoller (Remington, IN). We appreciate these brothers for their services to us.

Possibly asking themselves just what their life's purpose is, searching out their abilities, desires and opportunities and questioning how they can use their talents are our high school graduates, Kathy Sinn (Bro. Walter and Sis. Renee), Tom Stoller (Bro. Gary and Sis. Nancy) and Wendy Williamson (Robert and Sis. Janet). We know that these graduates need faith to commit themselves to new things without really knowing how everything will turn out in the end. We hope they will first turn to the Lord, and all these things shall be added. (Matthew 6:33).

Graduating from Parkview School of Nursing are Lane Stoller (Bro. Millard and Sis. Irma) and Jackie Gerber Yenser (Tim, Jack & Mary). We ask the Lord's blessings upon these women as they help those who are ill.

Hospital patients this month were Bro. Dwain Laukhuf (Sis. Wanita) and Sis. Deb Wenninger (Bro. Dave).

### OHIO, MANSFIELD

Linda Morrison

"And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God," Luke 9:2. Our visitors have included Bro. Ed Schwartz (Bluffton, IN) and Bro. Don Manz (Junction, OH). We were exhorted to recognize pride as it can enter our lives in so many different forms. We can walk our Christian life if we keep in step with God, our hand firmly grasped by His.

"Back to the basics" is a phrase often heard in regard to education. We trust our graduates will not forget their spiritual basics as they go forth into their life career choices. From your spiritual roots, go forward in simple faith. Soon to be graduated from high school are Tim Beer (Bro. Joel and Sis. Sue), Sherry Bocka (Fred and Penny), Toby Catron (Scott and Clara), Brant Enderle (Bro. Larry and Sis. Darlene), Brian Sauder (Bro. Richard and Sis. Carolyn) and Rick Vent (Richard and Sis. Becky). ". . . of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Ecclesiastes 12:12, 13, 14.

Hospitalized have been the following: Sis. Ruth Weiss (Carl), Bro. Byron Rice (Sis. Sarah), Doug Domka (Bro. Dan and Sis. Mary Ann) and Casey Banks (Bro. Larry and Sis. Nancy). "O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his mercy endureth forever." Psalms 118:1. God's mercy continues to be extended to our sick; may we continue to support one another in prayer. "Prayer is the root from which love springs triumphant. LOVE. In relationships with others, God's love makes all the difference."

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. . . And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:1, 4. That's a big order in today's society.

### A FATHER'S ABC'S

- A lways trust your children to God's care.
- B ring them to church.
- C hallenge them to high goals.
- D elight in their achievements.
- E xalt the Lord in their presence.
- F rown on evil.
- G ive them love.
- H ear their problems.
- I gnore not their childish fears.
- J oyfully accept their apologies.
- K eep their confidence.
- L ive a good example before them.
- M ake them your friends.
- N ever ignore their endless questions.
- O pen your heart to their love.
- P ray for them by name.

Q uicken your interest in their spirituality.  
 R emember their needs.  
 S how them the way of salvation.  
 T each them to work.  
 U nderstand they are still young.  
 V erify your statements.  
 W ean them from bad company.  
 eX pect them to obey.  
 Y earn for God's best for them.  
 Z ealously guide them in Bible truth.

Anonymous

We are sorry to bid "farewell" to Bro. Ben and Sis. Dorothy Stavenik. They will be making Rittman their church home since they have moved to that area. "Finally, brethren, farewell, Be perfect, be of good comfort be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

June is collection month for Silver Lining. Please contact your reporter. Thank you!

#### OHIO, RITTMAN

Diane Gasser — Judy Stoller

"Word of life, the fountain flowing  
 Purely from the throne above,  
 Life and strength to him imparting,  
 Who accepts the Word in love."

Zion's Harp #176

Word of Life was brought to us this past month by visiting ministers Bro. Ray Sinn (Latty, OH) and Bro. Walter Steffen (Milford, IN). We are thankful to them and may God's blessings be bestowed on them for their willingness to serve us in this way.

Those of our loved ones who have experienced illness or injury this past month are Sis. Donna Young (Bill), Bro. Dave Steiner (Sis. Carole) and Bro. Dave and Sis. Mary Maletich. Our prayer for them is that they may experience God's nearness, love and healing powers.

As new life bursts forth in the world around us we also have new life in the form of precious babies to report. Holly Catherine is the newborn daughter of Boyd and Barb Acker. Mark, Lisa and Shaun also welcome her into their home. Eugene and Debby Winkler now have a daughter and a son with the arrival of Matthew Reed. Happy for a little brother is Peggy. Sis. Betty Winkler is the happy grandmother. Dane Michael is the new son of Mike and Sis. Judy Musselman. Terrill and Lance are his brothers. Bro. Eugene and Sis.

Kathryn Bachman are Dane's grandparents. Also welcoming their third son are Bro. Dan and Sis. Karen Rufener. Jonathan Isaac's older brothers are Benjamin and Myles. Bro. Orin and Sis. Anna Rufener and Bro. Ed and Sis. Anita Riggenbach are the grandparents. Brian and Peggy Bauman are first-time parents with the birth of their son, Zachary David. Grandparents are Richard and Gladys Bauman and Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn Manz (Junction, OH).

Bro. Stan and Sis. Karen Beery's infant daughter, Hope Ann, left this life shortly after her birth. Graveside services were held May 7. Hope is survived by brothers, Tony, Corban and Adrian, and sisters, Rebecca and Abigail. Grandparents are Bro. Melvin and Sis. Elizabeth Beery and Richard and Gladys Bauman. Great-grandmother is Sis. Jeannie Bauman.

The family of Don Jenkins were bereft of husband, father and grandfather as Don left this life after experiencing a period of declining health. Funeral services were held May 5. He is survived by his wife, Clara; sons, Bro. Tom and Todd; daughters, Sue Plahuta, Sandi, Sis. Shelly and Sharon. Grandchildren, Michelle and Michael, will feel the loss of their Grandpa. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to both of these family circles in the loss of their loved ones. May God grant comfort to each one in their sorrow.

Believing it is God's will and according to His plan, Bro. Norman Zollinger (Sis. Elverna) and Sis. Betty Hartzler (Bro. Merle and Sis. Bonnie) have been announced to be married. We wish them God's guidance and blessings as they make plans and await their wedding date.

On the weekend of May 17 and 18 we were privileged to listen to testimonies and then witness the baptism of three dear souls. They are Rose Bauman (Bro. Allan), Dan Hartzler (Bro. Merle and Sis. Bonnie) and Jim Steiner (Bro. Carl and Sis. Carol). As we listen to the testimonies of converts, doesn't it take us back to the time when we, too, gave a confession of our faith? May we all strive diligently to keep those vows of faithfulness we made to our heavenly Father. We appreciate the labors of Elder Bro. Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH) who assisted with the testimonies.

We extend our best wishes and may God's blessings be upon our high school graduates. They are Pam Chris-

tian, Robin Graf, Marvin Hartzler, Janeen Hilty, Ross Maibach, Brian Meadows, Marci Miller, Craig Saurer, Chris Shane, Paul Trent, Jon Widmer, Steve Woyat, Dawn Young, Arlyn Zollinger, Tony Zollinger and Alan Blough.

We have recently celebrated Mother's Day and now Father's Day is approaching. May we always show our love and respect for our earthly parents every day, not just on their "special days". Those of us who have Christian parents are truly blessed. Let us remember to thank our heavenly Father for our parents and the faith they have preserved for us.

#### OHIO, SARDIS

Paula Figel

How many times have we dropped to our knees when trials come and we wonder why? Why? Why? What purpose is this for? Where have we gone wrong? We try to read His mind and see His plan for us. Yet, the view from our perspective is usually nothing like that of our Father.

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thessalonians 5:18. Often this is the hardest thing and the last thing we want to do when feelings of rebellion, bitterness, self-pity, anger, resistance, etc. come over us. We know we shouldn't feel that way and try to be thankful, but we're usually fooling ourselves. The best thing to do is to be honest. God already knows how we are reacting, but being honest with ourselves and laying open our heart before our Father will lift the burden.

Many people are blessed with loving parents and Father's Day is a special time to thank our dads for their love and unselfish giving. It is easy to take for granted what's been given by God. As we ask God to bless our fathers, let's also ask Him to bless and care for those who don't have fathers. May they find comfort in knowing that God is willing to be their Father now and throughout eternity.

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105. What a blessing it is to have our path lit up by the Word of God. Bro. Andy Stoller (Smithville, OH) ministered God's Word to us. May God bless him and his family for being with us.

It's that time of year again. The all-day meeting at the New Martinsville church will be held June 29. The morning song service will start at 10:30 with

lunch served at 11:30. The afternoon service will begin at 1:00. Services will be held Saturday evening, June 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sardis church. All are welcome. If overnight accommodations are needed, please feel free to call at Sardis.

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### OHIO, SMITHVILLE

**Ann Maibach — Verla Stoller**

O Father hand that guides me so  
securely,  
O Father eye that watches over me!  
O Father heart that hears my prayer so  
surely,  
And thinks of me in love and charity!  
Conduct me further on my pilgrim  
journey,  
The narrow way that leads to heaven  
above,  
And make me worthy of that life  
eternal,  
Alike in sore distress, in peace and love.  
Zion's Harp #180

What a blessing it is to know that our heavenly Father is watching over us and helps us along life's pathway. At this special time of year we think of our earthly fathers and how much we appreciate all they have done for us. May God richly bless each of them.

Those graduating from high school this year are Carrie Blough (Bro. Ben and Sis. Janette), Polly Uhler (Dale and Sis. Marilyn) and Dan Zollinger (Bro. John and Sis. Marge). We wish each of them God's blessings.

Two dear souls, Art and Doug Stoller (Bro. Harold and Sis. Luella) have heeded God's call and have turned to Him in repentance. May God grant them much grace as they begin their new lives with Him.

Bro. Ralph and Sis. Marie Marty have been blessed with a new little daughter, Kathy Ann. Her brother, Aaron, is happy for a new sister. Her grandparents, Bro. Dean and Sis. Martha Lou Marty, and Bro. Don and Sis. Luzelda Stoller are also happy for another grandchild.

Those dear ones who have been hospitalized are Sis. Carolyn Gasser and Sis. Roberta Stoller. We pray that they will feel the nearness and tender mercy of the Lord.

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### OHIO, TOLEDO

**Josephine Rehklaue  
Frances Laidig**

"Jesus said, 'Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.'

"This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.'"

I Corinthians 11:24-25

We were privileged to partake of holy communion Thursday evening, May 8. Elder Bros. Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI) and Loren Stoller (Latty, OH) were with us for this special occasion. May God bless them for this service.

A group from the Latty congregation spent the day with us Sunday, May 18. We enjoyed their fellowship.

Robert Beard (Bro. George and Sis. Clara) is in the hospital. We wish him a good recovery.

As graduation days are drawing closer, we have four students graduating from high school. They are Kent Rager (Bro. Walter and Sis. Sharon), David Breitwieser (Bro. John and Sis. Karen), Gayle Harmon (Bro. Howard and Sis. Collette) and Jane Bradford (Sis. Gail and Bill). We wish them God's blessing in their future endeavors.

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### OREGON, SILVERTON

**Rosa Lee Kuenzi**

As graduation time comes again, it somewhat takes each of us back in time to our own various graduations, and whether it be from grade school, high school or college, it can be equally important to the individual participant. It is comparable to the first wobbly yards ridden on your bike as a child; the first miles driven in the family car as a teen or maybe that first long-term financial commitment as an adult . . . it's exciting but scary. Perhaps the common factor is the feeling of being ALONE, without the "training wheels" we depended on. In life there are many such "scary" times, so if we can learn early to place our confidence in Christ and let Him be our strength and constant companion, we will never need to feel alone again. So when something in life happens to "pull the rug out from under us" we will still have Him to depend on, and He will never leave us alone.

In our congregation we have three

graduates, one from each level of education. Joel Metz (Bro. Art and Sis. Betty) graduates from the 8th grade and will attend Woodburn Union High School next year. Kenny Knecht (ministering Bro. Ed and Sis. Judie) graduates from Molalla Union High School and Vance Snook (Sis. Liz) has earned his Business Degree from Chemeketa Community College, while working full-time at the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles in Salem. The Silverton and Portland congregations will extend their congratulations to these three at a potluck supper to be held at Silver Creek Falls Park.

Congratulations are also in order for Brian Kuenzi (Bro. Rich and Sis. Rosa Lee) and Ramona Windschigl (Ed Windschigl and the late Cheryl Ballard Strunk) who have announced their engagement. The young couple plans to marry August 16. May God bless their marriage.

We are beginning to enjoy more visitors as summer approaches. We encourage each of you to include Silverton in your summer and fall vacation plans.

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### PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA

**Ann Gasser**

A brother from the Philadelphia congregation submitted the following:

Recently our congregation was asked, "How do we measure up to God's standard?"

This reminded me of the time I was measuring a board and something wasn't right. I soon discovered that the first section of the foot rule had been broken off by my son. Had I trusted the rule, I would have come up short.

As children of God, let us remember to use His foot rule — the Holy Bible — to measure our lives. Let us not be like King Belshazzar who would not humble his heart and was "weighed in the balance and found wanting".

We were thankful to have visiting minister, Bro. Lee Bahler (Rockville, CT) and his wife with us recently.

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### TEXAS, ZAPATA

"Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not

much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?"

Hebrews 12:9

We are reminded often in God's Word of a father. As we grow in years and learn from our earthly fathers, we oftentimes suffer correction and admonishment. And, as we look back at those times, can we not say it was to our benefit?

Once we are renewed in the spirit, we do well to suffer correction and admonishment. For, as our earthly fathers cared for our flesh, so much more does our heavenly Father care for our spirit.

We encourage all who can to come join our small summer congregation. Visitors are most welcome.

## SILVER THREADS

### OUR MOTHER

Full twenty years she went away  
And left us here below.  
But still we see her smiling face  
And oft we miss her so.

A mother's love is endless —  
It's deeper than the sea.  
The memories that she left behind  
Will ever precious be.

And when our cares and toils are o'er  
And our earthly race is run  
We hope to meet her there one day  
Beyond the setting sun.

Tribute to Sis. Anna Wenger

### WHY GOD MADE FATHERS

God made fathers to be the friend  
Each son and daughter needs  
To listen to their problems  
And encourage brave new deeds . . .

God made fathers to be a guide  
Who's gentle, wise and strong  
To answer questions  
And to teach them right from wrong . . .

And God made fathers to give the love  
That means security  
To those entrusted to his care —  
His happy family!

Elizabeth Gerus

### A CHRISTIAN'S CREED

Whatever you think, both in joy or in woe,  
Think nothing you would not want  
Jesus to know.

Whatever you say in whisper or clear  
Say nothing you would not want Jesus  
to hear.

Whatever you sing in the midst of your  
glee

Sing nothing God's listening ear  
wouldn't agree.

Whatever you write, with haste or with  
heed

Write nothing you would not want  
Jesus to read.

Whatever you read though the page  
may allure

Read nothing unless you are perfectly  
sure,

Consternation would not be seen in  
your look

If Christ should say solemnly, "Show  
me that book."

Wherever you go never go where you  
fear

The Saviour might ask you, "What  
doest thou here?"

If in this short life you are asked to bear  
pain

Just believe in your heart it's for  
spiritual gain.

If you grieve in your heart at the  
passing of kin

Or your soul is distressed in the battle  
with sin

You know, though temptation the devil  
has hurled,

"Greater He that's within you than he  
in the world."

Author Unknown

### Sermon . . .

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This morning a lot of people have no desire to be in church. Be thankful that God has given you the faith and the desire to come here. My heart aches when I think of those not in church this morning. I know some who are not in church, and you probably do too. There is a continual burden on my heart for those who are lost.

There may be someone here who is lost, someone who is living without hope, someone who realizes, whether you admit it or not, that you are lost. May the Holy Spirit speak to you this morning, and in the power of God convict you in your sin so that somehow, by the grace of God, He can start to work on you. It's time for you to start the work on your soul's salvation, and work it out in trembling fear of God.

I once heard a man say that he didn't fear God. It shocked me because I knew this man quite well. He attends another church very close to where I

live. He said that he didn't fear God, and I couldn't understand it. His name is Coy. I said, "Coy, the Word says, 'Fear God, and keep His commandments.'" Ecclesiastes 12:13. He dropped it there, but I had felt it a duty to remind him of what the Word says. He was a close friend. If we fear God, we will keep His commandments to the best of our ability, won't we?

The hospitals are filled today with people who are there as a result of not facing reality. Why do people get sick? The reasons vary an awful lot, but it seems to me that a good percentage of people get sick because of a failure to face reality, of trying to make something be that is not. We should accept life as it really is, be ourself, and not try to be something we are not. Pretending . . . that's hypocrisy. If we pretend and try to make-believe, pretty soon tension builds up.

It is the same when a person tells a lie. That lie automatically puts tension on you. When somebody asks you a question about the subject, you have to think, "Now what did I say?" You have to repeat the same thing, to lie in the same manner. That's one of the many reasons why we should never lie.

In verse ten of the chapter which we read, we are told that ". . . the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night . . ." at a time when we least expect it. Probably there is someone here who doubts that the Lord is coming soon. We don't know, of course, but He's coming. In the world, people doubt and ask questions, such as, "Where is the promise of His coming?" II Peter 3:4. We read this already. There is doubt. There is a lack of faith.

If you are not a Christian this morning, it is probably because you don't have enough faith. If you have enough faith to be humble and surrender your will into the will of God, then God will meet you, and He will start to work in your life.

We are reminded that the heavens and the earth will pass away. "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved," the question is asked, "what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved" (the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved!), "and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?" II Peter 3:12.

I don't think that I can even imagine

what heaven is like. I feel guilty, sometimes, of sort of dreaming. I like to dream, I guess. But even in my most private dreams, I cannot imagine what heaven—or hell—will really be like. I've got my own thoughts about it, but I don't really know. I'm confident that heaven is the place for me. By the grace of God, through the shed blood of Jesus, that is where I am planning to spend eternity.

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return," if we have drifted, "unto the Lord". Isaiah 55:6, 7. We should live and walk as close to God as we can. How terrible it is to be separated from God! We fail, don't we, many times? We often look too much on the material things of life because that is what we can touch, see and feel.

I once read, and can remember some of it, about how money had corrupted the world and the minds of men. It went as follows:

Money can buy a bed, but it can't buy sleep.

Money can buy a house, but it can't buy a home.

Money can buy medicine, but it can't buy health.

Money can buy many things, but it can't buy love.

The Word says that "... the love of money is the root of all evil." I Timothy 6:10. Love is the one thing that will make us happy in this world. Oh, the unending, boundless mercy of God. God is love, and the love of God that is in our hearts is what makes us happy! I rejoice this morning that the love of God is in my heart, and I pray that it is in yours. If the love of God is not in your heart, then you are missing the most joy in this world. Pretty soon life will be over, and we will stand before Jesus Christ, God Himself, who loves us so much, and who is so merciful!

I sometimes think about how we fail God so miserably in our weakness, in our times of some major disobedience or in whatever our lot might be. We fail sometimes. We try every day to do what we ought to do, don't we? Sure we do. We try. But we come so short in comparison with what God has done for us.

To be justified is to become just as if we had never sinned, through the shed blood of Jesus. To be sanctified is to be

set apart, and to not be a part of this world. Sanctified and justified. What a blessed feeling it is to not have to worry about death, to not have to fear death.

When I was a little boy, I was afraid of the dark. Some of you might have been, but I was. I was scared in the dark. When I used to go to bed, I looked at a little plaque on my wall that glowed in the dark, and I will never forget it. I know you know it and have prayed it. It said:

Now I lay me down to sleep;

I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to keep.

If I should die before I wake,

I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to take.

I prayed that prayer as a little boy every night. Some nights I pray it today as a man. It's simple, but that is what I pray . . . that God will keep me; and if He should come as a thief in the night at a time when perhaps I am not as spiritually awake as I ought to be, that I will go to be with Him, and that I will be with you and all those Christians who have gone on before in all eternity.

In the last part of the chapter, we read and were warned about being careful in preparing for the day of the coming of the Lord. I'd like to read once more the seventeenth verse: "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness." II Peter 3:17. Yes, we can fall. We can fall if we turn away from God.

When we realize that we are lost sinners, when we realize that we are doomed for hell, we are convicted by our sin. We realize suddenly that we are headed for hell, and that we are following the devil and all that he teaches and stands for. Then we can make a great change in our lives. Then we no longer desire to follow after the world. We are sorry for our sin, and repent of it.

We allow ourselves to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. We turn around one hundred-eighty degrees, and we face God and we walk toward God. As long as we walk toward Him, as long as we are living for Him, as long as we are on that narrow pathway that is leading to heaven, then we will be ready when He comes back.

But if you turn your head a little and look on either side, you'll see many things that will entice you. The devil has prepared many snares. He tells lies to try and trick us, the church, to turn away from God. But if we keep our

sights on the glory and beauty of heaven, and on the cross between us and heaven, if we can envisage the blood that flows down that cross, we'll be ready by the grace of God.

I hope and trust that each of you is a Christian, a child of God. My heart bleeds for you if you are lost. My deep desire is that, if you are lost, God will soften your heart and help you to realize what you need to do, and that He will break your stubborn will.

Most likely you do have faith enough to believe in God. You know that there is a God. You do not doubt that there is a God, but you can't break loose from that grip that the devil has on you. You can't lay aside your own thoughts, your own will, your own stubbornness, and your own pride. These things we must give up, and surrender ourselves into the will of God.

We need only say, "Lord, here I am. Take me and use me. Do with me, Lord, whatever you want." We need to lay aside the "me", and the "I", and "what I want". Surrender into the will of God. Then God will bless you! There is no greater standing in all the world. There is just no way I can describe it this morning. I've tried many times, but I can't think of the words (I don't believe the words are in Webster's Dictionary) that can describe the peace that God's people have!

When I was a small boy, before my Mother died, I used to go home after Sunday school, and she would ask "What did you learn?" I am thankful for those times and days. I am thankful for the example in our home.

I hope that you and I, as God's people and as parents, can be good examples in the world today, that we can let our lights shine to the honor and glory of God. Oh yes, we have a duty to each other. We ought to try to live together in peace as much as lieth within us, but yet, let us live for God. He sees our hearts. He knows our hearts. He knows our thoughts. He knows our motives. He knows YOU.

When you enter into your "closet" to utter that private prayer as you so often do, no doubt, I ask you to pray for me that I might always lay aside my own will and let my will become God's will. If I can do that, I know I will be ready when He comes.

May the Lord bless the words that we have read together this morning.

(Sermon edited for publication by the Silver Lining Staff)

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## SERMON BY ELDER BRO. LAVOYD MOORE OF ATHENS, AL

Text: II Peter 3

This particular chapter contains so many simple and wonderful teachings of God that it would be hard to discuss all of them during the time in which we are assembled on this Lord's Day.

Consider the impressive beginning. In the very first verse was written: "This I write in order to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance." II Peter 3:1. Yes, we have to stir ourselves, don't we? From the youngest of us to the oldest, we have to go back in time occasionally, and remember our repentance, our conversion and our baptism.

We were vividly reminded last evening, when we heard the words of those who recently have found peace in their lives, of our own conversion, and of the time before that when we were lost and without hope.

It is wonderful to live day by day with peace and joy in our hearts, believing that should we die, we stand ready to meet the Lord face to face. I know that many of us long for that day, and we pray for God's will to be done so that the return of our Lord and Saviour might be soon. I long for that day.

I don't know exactly how it is going to be, but I'm sure that it will be for our good. God would not allow anything that would not be good for us. Anything else would be our own doing, would it not? The Word says, "... all things work together for good to them that love God..." Romans 8:28.

Sometimes we have a cross to bear and things are rather hard. But whatever our cross, compared with the cross that Jesus hung on, it is not much to bear. No, it's not very much. He hung on Calvary's cross and gave His life for you and me. He suffered for you and me.

It would be good if each day we took a little trip in our thinking back to Calvary. In our thoughts we should see the Lord Jesus Christ hanging on Cal-

vary's cross with the crown of thorns upon His head, humbly surrendering Himself in obedience. Yes, even unto death. Why? Because of love... God's love for you and me. He was willing to do this.

When we get discouraged and weary (and we all do), and think that our cross is pretty heavy, let's think of that cross. Think of the cross that Jesus carried. He carried it Himself, and then He was crucified on it. We need to stir up our thoughts and remember this as often as we can.

We heard last night that the Word says to pray without ceasing. Whenever we have a free moment, that free moment of thinking can be used for prayer wherever we are.

It is important that we are always aware that it is quite likely we are living in the last days. We are warned that in those days scoffers will walk after their own lusts, questioning the Word of God and questioning the authority and the power of God. People are raising such questions today wherever you look.

I know people who like to argue and debate the Word of God. The Word of God is not debatable. It is the true Word of God and cannot be changed. It is important that we discuss it, but on a careful basis. I would never argue or debate the Word of God, but some people try to stir up problems and troubles. The world is filled with troublemakers.

I am glad to be one of you today, of the church, of the bride of Christ. We are not troublemakers, are we? We are peacemakers. We must be peacemakers. Within the life of a peacemaker, there cannot be hate, envy, strife or malice. If such would be in our lives, it would be wrong. It cannot continue. If it does, it must be done away with.

We can read in Romans that when we arise out of the baptismal waters,

we must not continue in sin. The Word says God forbid that we would continue in sin. It should not be. Each of us will give account unto God for all the things that we do, including all the hidden things that are covered up, that perhaps no one knows about except God. Individually, we must work out our own salvation in trembling fear of God.

The earth was once covered with water and all perished except Noah and his family. One day soon, the end of time is coming when each of us will leave this life in one way or another. We will then spend eternity in either heaven or in hell.

That is a reality that we must face. We may die this very day. Let us ask ourselves these questions: "Where will I spend eternity?" "When I stand before the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, and give account of my life, what will He tell me?" "What will He say to me?" "Will I hear the words, 'Well done, good and faithful servant?'" Are you a good and faithful servant of God this morning? Or will you hear the words, "Depart from me. I never knew you."

It will be too late then to try to do anything. It will be too late when you stand there. There won't be a lawyer to plead your case. There won't be anybody there to try to twist the facts a little bit. The facts are being recorded now, beloved. Whatever we are doing this day is being recorded very carefully. On Judgment Day, all things will be revealed.

We are warned that "... the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." II Peter 3:7. It is sad when we look around and see how many people live such ungodly lives.

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