



"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork."

Psalms 19:1

"With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."

Matthew 19:26

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## Wind: Evidence of God's Unknown Works

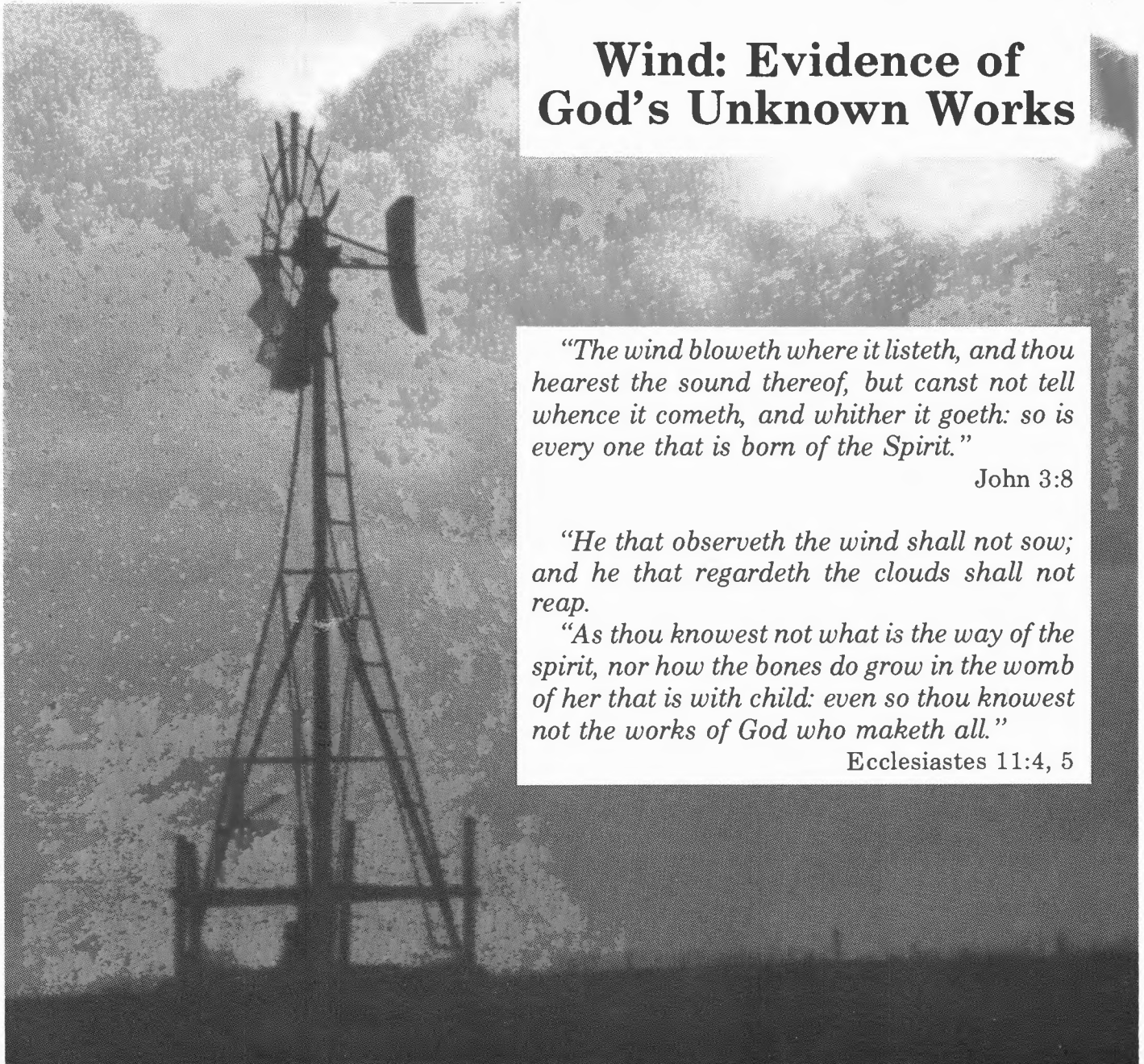
*"The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."*

John 3:8

*"He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap."*

*"As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all."*

Ecclesiastes 11:4, 5





Writings based  
on God's Word

# Light From The Word

"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Ps. 119:130).

## SPIRITUAL SEPARATION

Today there are vast numbers of churches, religious groupings, para-church ministries, denominations, movements and persuasions which consider themselves as Christian. These groups include almost every conceivable variety of beliefs, with markedly different degrees of emphasis upon the Bible. Even among the groups known as evangelical or fundamentalist, who claim the Scriptures as the foundation for their beliefs, there are innumerable differences in doctrinal interpretations.

The question arises as to how we should relate to other individuals who profess Christianity, particularly those who appear to be sincere in their love for the Lord. Although there were no apparent denominations in Bible times, perhaps it would be of benefit to carefully consider some of the scriptural teachings regarding the relationship of true believers in Christ to individuals or groups of other spiritual orientations.

The disciples of Christ had to be rebuked by Him because of their concerns with personal ambition and feelings of superiority. Following a discussion in which they had disputed who among them was the greatest, another issue was raised. "And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us. And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us" (Luke 9:49-50). The point was clearly made that the disciples did not have a monopoly on the power of the Spirit. Likewise, no group or individual today has the right to claim the exclusive favor of the Lord. Even Elijah had to be chastised when he despaired and said "I, even I only, am left" (1 Kings 19:10). The Lord replied, "Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees of which have not bowed unto Baal . . ." (1 Kings 19:18). The disciples had based their complaint upon the fact that these others were not following Christ and his group. In Christ's response he emphasized that their work should not be interfered with and that since they were not against Him there was benefit to their efforts. However, He did not

make any mention of forming an alliance or interacting with them in any way.

The Apostle John was very strong in his warning to believers regarding the influence of any who did not abide in the doctrine of Jesus Christ (2 John 9-11). It is clear that John sounded this warning to help prevent deception by teachers of false doctrine. This warning was surely intended to include those teaching a perverted gospel or advancing beyond what the gospel says, as well as those who did not believe in Christ at all. He even went so far as to admonish that the believers should not wish these misguided teachers well or "bid them Godspeed," and that those who did were partakers of their evil deeds. In this Scripture we can see a more defensive approach in dealing with individuals with variant beliefs. This position of separation was emphasized because of the danger of being deceived through close association with those of a different doctrine. It is scriptural to be tolerant of such at a distance, but it is also scriptural to exert very definite protective measures when the danger of spiritual deception approaches one's door. In an era when legitimacy is given to widely ranging forms of Christianity regardless of quality, it is evident that the doctrinal position of separation has been overlooked or ignored by many.

Finally, the strongest warning found in the New Testament regarding teachers of a different doctrine was given by the Apostle Paul to the Galatians, who had initially embraced the gospel of Jesus Christ through his ministry. Later, others had arisen who taught that in addition to faith in Christ, the believers must practice certain rituals of the old law such as circumcision in order to obtain salvation. It is important to note that the deception presented to these believers was not a markedly different religion, but a modification of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The reaction of the Apostle was utter dismay as he wrote, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel . . ." (Gal. 1:5). He then went on to prescribe drastic measures to eradi-

cate this error: "If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:9). How many true believers today are resisting altered Christian doctrines with that kind of vengeance? Instead, the prevalent trend is to welcome spiritual interaction with other professing Christians, many of whom have made numerous compromises in interpretation and application of the Scriptures. Misinterpretation has usually occurred because of a dependence upon the wisdom of man rather than staying with the Word and accepting all teachings of Christ and the Apostles as literal truths.

The three scriptural teachings cited above (given by Christ and the Apostles John and Paul) are the foundation for our position regarding spiritual separation from other professing Christians. This is made explicit in our refraining from addressing them as our brothers and sisters, which are family titles. They denote a close kinship. The Word tells us to first do good to those who are of the "household of faith" (Gal. 6:10). We are also instructed to do good to all men and without question we should be kind, respectful and helpful toward our fellow men of all races and creeds. However, the word household is another family term. It denotes a structured, recognizable grouping of closely related people. We are taught to "walk by the same rule" (Phil. 3:16), "be of one mind" (2 Cor. 13:11) and to participate as a body in loving discipline of erring members (1 Cor. 5). These functions can occur in accordance with the scriptural pattern only within an organized, visible church, where believers are truly responsible to Christ as well as to each other. May God help us, by His grace, to focus on the spiritual edification and perfecting of this portion of the body of Christ, our beloved church, so that we can present a distinct example to the lost sinners of the world and serve effectively to point them to Christ. We can likewise look forward with great anticipation to the day when the entire body of Christ will be revealed at His coming, when true believers of all ages and all nations will be joined to be with Him in Heaven forever.



# NEWS FROM EASTERN EUROPE

Elder Bro. Joe Ramsier — Don Sauder

## Visit To Hungary and Yugoslavia

Greetings in the name of our precious Savior! It was a real pleasure and blessing to travel with Bro. Don Sauder and Bro. and Sis. Andy Hunyady to Hungary and Yugoslavia May 21. The flight was very nice, but morning came quick as Budapest is six hours earlier than at home. We arrived at Budapest about 12:30 p.m. Friday, the 22nd. Bros. Janos Pop, Janos Ombodi, the elders at Budapest church and others were at the airport to meet us. Very loving greetings with a kiss were exchanged right at the airport. We all made our home at Janos Pops while in Hungary. Words cannot describe the love and hospitality shown us, they could not have been better. We enjoyed visiting various families in the scattered churches who served us very tasty lunches and at mealtime delicious food. They are good bakers.

Our object in going was to help the members and friends of the Budapest church in their effort to get approval and finances to build a larger church. They desperately need more room. Plans to enlarge the present building were refused by the government. The church is so crowded, the halls, steps and other areas are crowded with people standing to hear the Word of God. Their plans are to erect the new building directly across the road to seat 500 people. This seemed too small as the total members, friends and children total more than this, but this is as large as they are permitted to build according to the number of members, but there will be accommodations to hold more where they will still be able to hear. They were recommended to use the present building for an old folks home in time.

We met the president of the "Council of Free Churches in Hungary" and two other members. Accompanying us in our meeting were a number of their elders and George Hunyady from the Apostolic Christian Nazarene Church (Akron, OH). This council is the arm of the Hungarian government for this work. The president of this council, H. D. Jozsef Izakaes is also a member of the Hungarian parliament. They treated us very kindly and wished to help

where they could. Full approval was given if the church guaranteed to finish the building. They stated if the building was started and not completed, people would blame the government for the stoppage. We were able to see the completion of the transfer of \$140,000 contributed by the Apostolic Christian Church, to the bank account of the Budapest church.

They recommended ordering and making a down payment on materials such as brick, lumber, doors, windows, etc. to protect against inflation and availability. They suggested getting some from Austria which would be better quality. Another very favorable act was to exempt Bro. Zolton Szabo from military service, as he is an architect and should work with the church. Also they would work with the police to shut off streets when necessary to pour concrete, etc.

The president of the council also said 10 years ago this building could never have been built and we do not know if 10 years from now it would be possible either, so now is the time to build.

They want all monies coming from America to come through one channel for the church project. It was felt by all that Bro. Ben Maibach, who is secretary and treasurer of the Mission Committee, should take charge of this. The wages of the Hungarian members and friends is very small and it would be impossible for them to raise all the money needed.

It is hoped the American people will be so kind and generous to help until it is completed. If you could experience the sincerity and love of these dear brethren, your hearts would be deeply moved. I think we all experience the blessing of sharing the Lord's money and how He will open the windows of heaven and shower blessings upon us.

The church at Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, is badly in need of repair and they expressed very humbly they would appreciate a little help if only a few thousand dollars. All monies sent to Yugoslavia should go through the proper channels as through Bro. Andy Hunyady or World Relief. Monies that were sent by individuals direct to some boys made the government there suspicious

and even wondered if these individuals were connected to the C.I.A.

Because of this way of trying to help, some are sent back to prison, so if any one has a sympathetic heart, channel through proper channels. I have only given a brief report and am sure Bro. Don or Bro. Andy can give a far more complete report of our mission. May the dear Lord bless you all for sharing what God has given us with these precious souls.

Your Prayer Needy  
Bro. Joe Ramsier

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Uriel Gehring

What a joy to live, and breathe and have our very being in Him as new creatures in Christ Jesus our Lord. 'Behold my servants shall sing for joy of heart.' Isaiah 65:14. Nehemiah writes in Chapter 8, verse 10: "Go your way, eat the fat and drink the sweet, and send portions to them, for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy

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unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Joy is always present in the heart of the believer who is being led by the Spirit. "Ask and ye shall receive that your joy may be full." John 16:24. Even temptations are a joy as recorded by James, 1:2-4: "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into diverse temptations, knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." We shall be a joyous people as we give of ourselves for others as He has given of Himself for us.

The big joy at our Home is the betrothal announcement of Sis. LeAnn Wulf, Assistant Houseparent at the West House, to Bro. Nathan Gerber (Bluffton, IN). We rejoice with them and wish for them much joy in their future lives. They are planning an August 23 wedding at Morris, MN, LeAnn's home church. Bro. Nathan has been working at the Home with maintenance and recreation responsibilities.

Sis. Judy Luginbuhl will assume her new duties as our full-time counselor in late June. She has been serving as our Educational Coordinator. We wish her every success in her new position.

We have openings in several positions including Educational Coordinator, Alternate Houseparents and Assistant Houseparents. These positions are open to brothers or sisters, married

or single. (See the notices in this month's Silver Lining.)

Our second annual car wash and garage sale, which was held May 22 - 23, was very successful. The double feature netted nearly \$1,700. The money was used for the children's vacations. "Thanks" to everyone who contributed in any way to the sale effort — what a joy to labor together.

For their summer vacations, the East House chose to go to Cumberland Fall, KY; the West House went to the St. Louis, MO, area. Both houses were supervised by their Houseparents and their Assistant Houseparent. While on vacation, the East House attended church in Lexington, KY; and the West House attended church at Tremont and Champaign, IL. Both houses reported a pleasant, learning experience. "Thank you" to our church people for taking us in when we were in your area. We were "lifted" up by your love. Our fellowship is such an essential part of our most precious faith.

The volunteers who have been so helpful during our summer program include: Bros. Phil Baurer (Princeville, IL) and Dave Moser (Bluffton, IN), computer expertise; Sis. Pam Gramm (Gridley, IL), housecleaning, recreation, and aiding in the classroom; Sis. Marlene Steffen (Bluffton, IN), office duties, recreation and supervising lawn duties; and Sis. Mary Beth Klotzle (Altadena, CA), classroom tutoring

and assisting in the Independent Living Program. Thank you for your endeavors — they enrich our children's lives so much.

There have been some changes in our resident placements this summer. Javon S. (East House) has moved to a foster home in Fort Wayne, Jeff J. (East House) is now living with his father in Grabill and Mike T. (West House) is moving to an adoptive home in Indianapolis. Our learning experiences together have been profitable and rewarding to all of us, and we wish these three boys every success as they climb the ladder of maturation.

We have a new girl, Penny G., age 18, from the Fort Wayne area. Penny will be a senior in high school this fall. We welcome her to our Home and the East House.

We are enjoying fresh eggs from our very own flock of laying hens. By the time this is in print we will be enjoying our very own broilers, as they will be butchered next week. The garden is beginning to produce its goodies.

The most recent presentation about the Home, given by your reporter, was at the Fairbury fellowship hall; the Forrest congregation was also represented. Prior to the presentation, a delicious meal was served — following it, we sang some beautiful hymns together. Our Administrator, Tim Sauder, also gave a presentation at Cissna Park, IL, recently. Any church wanting a presentation should contact us. Presentations can be given in the sanctuary after the afternoon service, or a slide presentation is available for other settings.

Items for our annual Auction and Sale are coming in. This year we are adding a new approach to our Sale by inviting businesses owned or affiliated with our church members and friends to contribute new retail items or services to be auctioned. Contact your local Children's Home Representative if you have new items, antiques, quilts, crafts and/or time to donate. Remember the date, Saturday, August 15. See You At The Sale!

## AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOME

### Opportunity For Single Brothers or Sisters

Greetings Brothers and Sisters-in-the-Lord:

From its inception, our goal at the Apostolic Christian Children's Home has been to provide a Christian family setting to care for needy children and youth. We believe that this is God's ideal plan for raising children. However, at several times during the history of our Home, we have gone for extended periods without a full staff as we looked and waited for qualified couples to serve as Alternate Houseparents.

For the past six months we have been seeking an Alternate Houseparent couple to complete our staff. Because of a lack of response, along with a need to adequately care for our children and responsibly meet state standards, we now have openings for two single brothers or two single sisters as Alternate Houseparents. We also have a recent opening for an Assistant Houseparent in one of our houses.

Your servants in Christ,  
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### INVITATION TO MINISTERS VISITING FLORIDA

Bro. Vic Beer will be visiting Japan the last two weeks of July and first two weeks in August, with Bro. David Eisenmann serving alone. Your visit and help will be appreciated.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

Ephesians 3:20, 21

How often do we struggle with a problem, visualize over and over the way we think it will go, fret and stew as we can see no good outcome and then suddenly we see the beautiful, compassionate hand of God in the end result. His way to solve the problem was "exceeding abundantly above" what our earthly thinking could conceive. Don't we marvel that, even though we lacked the trust, He still was faithful to His promise to help us in times of need. God is completely trustworthy, isn't He? We find this out over and over and yet our powerful enemy tries to blind our eyes and hearts to these wonderful promises that belong to His children.

Two residents have joined our family recently. Carl (Chip) Johann came from Eureka May 26 as our 99th resident. He is the son of Joan Johan and Robert Johann. Chip was 26 June 22. He has one brother, three sisters, two nieces and one nephew. We hear that he loves cheeseburgers, french fries, spaghetti and pizza. In his spare time

he likes to watch sports on TV, attend games and write about sports. Our 100th resident, Brian Birkeland, lived at Alvord, IA, with his mother and stepdad, Vickie and Gilbert Knobloch, before coming to the Home June 8. Brian's father, Orvin Birkeland, is deceased. Two brothers, two sisters, four nieces and eight nephews make up the remainder of his family. Spare time for Brian is spent working math problems with his calculator, playing Uno, solitaire and putting together puzzles. When it comes to eating, some favorites are pizza, pancakes, waffles, sandwiches and floats. We are happy to welcome Chip and Brian to our family and hope they will soon feel "at home" here.

Recently, Barbara Shaw moved to the Lutheran Nursing Home in Peoria, IL, and Charlene Hirstein and Alice Tuffentsamer moved to the Apostolic Christian Restmor Nursing Home here in Morton. At last report all were doing well in their new homes for which we are grateful.

A large group of residents appreciated a love-filled annual outing to Forrest, IL, for church, food and fellowship. Good comments from the attendees were heard for days. Our younger (under 21) population is out of school for the summer. Summer school and day camp at Pekin Park will take up a portion of their days. Other activities include a trip to Cartville, shopping, swimming, bowling, bingo, walking,

bike riding, a trip to Six Flags and picnics. Right now the residents are anticipating the fun of our annual family 4th of July picnic. Family, yummy food and fireworks . . . who could ask for anything more!

## AMERICA

She lies between two oceans;  
She boasts of mountains high.  
Rich woodlands dot her landscape  
While rivers flow nearby.  
She offers grassy prairies  
With gently rolling hills;  
There's fertile soil for farming  
And busy textile mills.  
Her people have a birthright  
That not all lands can boast . . .  
Yes, freedom is her motto;  
It's heard from coast to coast.  
Though men fought hard to gain her,  
This country that we love,  
She's been from the beginning  
A gift from God above.  
Her red-striped flag waves proudly  
With one star for each state;  
Liberty and compassion  
Are what have made her great.  
Let's never take for granted  
This land that is so blest;  
May each of us pray for her  
And give to her our best.

Marie A. Florian

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL OF ATHENS, AL Marilyn Walder

We have had many visitors at our church and Preschool over the past few years. Many ask how our Preschool was started. We are always happy to share with those who ask and thought it would be appropriate to publish a brief history so more would know how God has worked in this Preschool.

The Preschool started in the fall of 1981. Sis. Irene Haggermaker and Sis. Doris Moore, who had previously been working at Triana Village School in Huntsville, felt a burden to continue working with young children. They felt a preschool here would benefit this community as well as fulfill their desire and burden to teach in a Christian setting. The Preschool would also enhance the community's awareness of the beliefs and doctrines of our church. At that time, there weren't any Christian Preschools in this area and they saw a need for one as well as potential for growth. Their desire was made

## EDUCATIONAL COORDINATOR

### At the Children's Home

There is an immediate opening at the Children's Home for a brother or sister with a degree in education or a related field to serve full time as the coordinator of the Home's educational and vocational programs.

Responsibilities include individual tutoring, liaison work with the public schools and development of summer educational and work programs.

Sis. Judy Luginbuhl will soon assume her new position as Counselor, and it is our hope to have the resulting vacancy in the Educational Coordinator position filled by the beginning of the school year.

Your servants in Christ,  
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known to the National Education Committee who then presented it to the entire elder body. After much careful consideration and months of studying various aspects it was decided by the

elder body to start the Preschool as a pilot project. A board of directors was selected to serve as decision makers. At that time it consisted of Bros. Ed Hohulin, Ted Witzig, Jim Schlatter,

Lavoyd Moore and David Haggemaker. In November of 1985, Bro. Lavoyd was made acting administrator and Bro. Tom Schrenk took his place on the board. Then in the fall of 1986, Bro. Ed retired and Elder Bro. Aaron Steffen is now acting board chairman.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH BIBLE DISTRIBUTION MEETING

The eighteen churches in Illinois have worked together to organize a Bible Distribution Committee for the Illinois Bible distribution. A meeting was held at Fairbury, IL, April 4, 1987, with fifty-five brethren and ministers attending, all who have a deep interest and are participating in giving and sharing the Bible with those requesting a Bible. Elder Bro. Art Bahler welcomed the brethren and the meeting was opened with prayer. Elder Bro. David Bertsch shared and reviewed the Bible distribution over the past 25 - 30 years, including our contributions to the American Bible Society, Gideons and Braille organizations. Our present day efforts involve sharing the Bible through local church brethren throughout the land and overseas. From two to five representatives in each church are appointed to find and locate the need for Bibles. Contributions to the Bible Fund can be sent to Elder Bro. Ben Maibach. There is now established a central Bible Distribution Center at Leo, IN, with quantity orders being called or forwarded to Elder Bro. David Bertsch. During the past three years, the Bible distribution work has been blessed and is increasing. During the meeting, the brothers shared with one another the blessings of visiting individual homes, giving Bibles and visiting in prisons, placing Bibles in motels, hotels, rescue missions, doctors and optometrists offices, Salvation Army and supplying Bible tapes and Braille Bibles to the blind and the elderly who can no longer read. Oftentimes the personal visit to give a Bible reveals a need to feed, clothe and shelter the needy, that the World Relief Brethren can respond to. In the closing comments, Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman gave encouragement to the brethren in continuing this good work and of the many needy nations that don't have the Bible. Then the meeting was closed with prayer, thanking Almighty God for the blessings of the day and for the opportunity of giving and sharing the Living Word of God, the Bible.

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  
Third Year — August 1985 thru July 1986 — 18,247

#### Bibles Distributed — Fourth Year

	MONTH	TO DATE
August 1986 —	1729	1729
September 1986 —	865	2594
October 1986 —	1667	4261
November 1986 —	1565	5826
December 1986 —	2651	8477
January 1987 —	1113	9590
February 1987 —	1785	11375
March 1987 —	3135	14510
April 1987 —	2005	16515
May 1987 —	2023	18538
June 1987 —	3544	22082

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.

After much remodeling and preparation, the Preschool opened in the church basement in the fall of 1981, accommodating children from the ages of 2½ to 5. At the beginning, only one child was enrolled, but by the end of the first school year the enrollment had increased to 13. A lot of advertising had been done through fliers, etc. and by parent referrals. By the end of the second year, enrollment had increased to 20. The Athens church supported the Preschool by providing volunteers on a regular basis. Sis. Louise Hall was hired for the 1983-84 school year to help with the 27 children who were enrolled. Summer school was also started and once again the Athens church donated time and support. Then in 1984 an additional request was made to the Education Committee to start a kindergarten class. After this request was approved by that committee and the elder body, two kindergarten children were enrolled for the 1984-85 school year as well as 33 preschoolers. During the summer of 1985, six volunteers from other churches contributed to the Preschool. Sis. Irene resigned during that summer. Sis. Evie Blunier (Eureka, IL) volunteered her entire summer and was employed as Program Coordinator in the fall of 1985. Sis. Laura Haggemaker (Athens) was also hired as part-time help and Sis. Marilyn Walder (Cissna Park, IL) was hired to help with the increasing enrollment. By graduation in May of 1986, 53 children were attending. Thirteen volunteers from other churches, as well as five from the Athens congregation, contributed their time and talent to the Preschool during the summer. During the 1986-87 school year we had 45 children enrolled. This may sound like a decrease from 1985-86 but we limited the number of children per day to 35 according to the available space. We are operating at capacity and had 15 on a waiting list all year. Sis. Eunice Kelley (Athens) was hired as a part-time cook and aide. Currently, we have 45 enrolled for the summer and we are almost full for the 1987-88 school year. Advertisement has strictly been by



word of mouth. Sis. Laura finished her time with us in March to go to college full time. Sis. Joan Meister (Peoria, IL) was hired as a part-time aide. Sis. Evie Blunier has moved back to Eureka, IL, and Sis. Marilyn Walder is now the Program Coordinator. We have about 15 people who plan to volunteer this summer. Sis. Cindy Witzig (Morton, IL) has given 5 weeks of her time to help and Sis. Brenda Huber (Francesville, IN) has also given of her time. We have an opening for a full-time teacher for fall of 1987.

The Lord has truly blessed our Preschool and it has been a blessing to all of us who have participated in it in any way. We can't thank our board members and other volunteers enough for their unending support and everyone who has uttered just one prayer for us. We are especially grateful to our Athens congregation for their many hours of volunteer time and willingness to help. May God bless each one!

The Preschool is open from 6:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. We have opening circle time at 8:30 with a prayer, the Pledge, Christian songs, and a Bible story. This is a special and important part of the day and a favorite time for the children. Many times throughout the day the children discuss the Bible lesson and sing Christian songs during their play. The Christian teaching and influence is so important in young lives, especially for those who aren't getting such teaching at home. The children are separated into classes according to age for academic lessons that are taught to better prepare them for school. Free play and other activities

## TEACHER NEEDED AT ATHENS, AL PRESCHOOL

There is a need for a teacher at the Athens, AL, Preschool. Any sister interested should first discuss the need with her local church elder. The next contact would be the Athens Preschool Administration, Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore, for further details. It is preferred that the sister be a certified teacher; however, any sister with teaching training or experience would be considered. We want to express our thanks to Sis. Evie Blunier for her labor of love in working with the preschool children of Athens for these 2½ years.

Athens Pre-School Board

such as music, art and show-and-tell are incorporated throughout the day. A hot noon meal is served as well as morning and afternoon snacks.

We have made many improvements in our facilities during the past year. Once again we relied on volunteers to build an outdoor storage shed, paint inside, build tables and cubbyholes, build cubbyholes for our mats, resurface part of the playground and erect a new swingset. We also had an acoustical tile ceiling installed. The Lord has truly blessed our little school and our prayer is that it is indeed pleasing in His sight.

### ALABAMA, ATHENS Marilyn Walder

We want to thank Bro. Marshall Heinold (Washington, IL) and Bro. Elmer Witzig (Gridley, IL) for giving of their time to each spend a weekend with us when Bro. Lavoyd was gone. Twenty-six of us traveled to Cissna Park, IL, for Memorial Day weekend. It was a special blessing for each one who went. I'm especially thankful for the friendships that are being made between my two church families.

We had other visitors from Morton, Washington, Roanoke, Gridley, IL, Garden Grove and Oakville, IA, and Francesville and Indianapolis, IN. We want to thank Bros. Greg Schumacher (Washington, IL), Scott Wegman (Oakville, IA) and Bob Zimmerman (Roanoke, IL) for spending time with us. They completed many jobs at the Preschool and teacher's apartment. May God bless them for their willingness to serve Him.

It seems like we have been hearing a lot about heaven lately. It makes us as Christians anxious to be in our eternal home. Oh, what a day that will be when we see Jesus!

Oh I'm just homesick, homesick for  
Heaven  
To see those mansions prepared for me  
Oh I'm just homesick, homesick for  
Heaven  
For I shall live there eternally.

Since I met Jesus, since I met the  
Savior  
My heart gets lonesome just to feel His  
grace  
Since I met the Master since He  
washed my sins away  
My heart gets homesick just to see His  
face.

There'll be no heartaches there  
No sorrows we'll have to bear  
He'll dry each tear and He'll calm each  
troubled soul  
Oh I can hardly wait to step inside the  
gate  
And there I'll praise His name  
While the ages roll.

Oh I'm just homesick, homesick for  
Heaven  
To see those mansions prepared for me  
Oh I'm just homesick, homesick for  
Heaven  
For I shall live there eternally.

### ARIZONA, PHOENIX Ron and Ev Hoerr

Once again we rejoice in the miracle of birth. Melinda Sue was born June 3 to Bro. Bill and Sis. Sue Sanders. Little Mindy has two happy brothers, Jason and Jonothan. Her grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Emma Sanders and Bro. Jim and Sis. Lyola Ringger.

A reception was held June 14 for our graduates, Stacey Baum, Shannon Maurer, Sandy Yackley, Willow Beres and Matt Roth.

We are rejoicing with Marjorie (Robert) Rebbec as she answers the Master's call to repentance and readiness to become His child. We do love all our worshippers but that special "Tie That Binds" radiates within believers. May we ask His guidance for Marge as she builds on the rock of faith that leads to eternal life.



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Joe Greenback (Sis. Patty) has built his belief on the solid rock and has found the peace of God, awaiting baptism. We are very happy that Joe is standing at the door of the brotherhood of believers.

Recently one of our ministers mentioned that if your faith is good enough to live by, it surely is good enough to die by. What food for thought! Just days before, I'd been informed "in case of a disaster, you go last, with the captain". What joy to reply "I'm ready!"

Some of our "future church" met each other when the Tucson, AZ, Altadena and San Diego, CA, Sunday school children gathered here Memorial Day weekend.

We wish them God's blessings as the Ron Getz family moves to Indiana. We miss Ron, Sis. Jean, Dan, Chad and Travis.

Bro. Todd Zollinger has gone to Portland, OR, where he is employed. We praise the Lord for leading believers to Apostolic Christian church cities to work.

Our heavenly Father answered prayers for dear ones who had surgery or were sick. They included Bro. Ted Knochel, heart surgery; Sis. Tillie Gerst, eye; Sis. Shirley Mohrman, wrist; Bro. Dan Kokanovich, medical problems and Sis. Emma Sanders has been ill at home.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Harold Gramm and Floyd Schmidgall (Morris, MN) who came for the Emch-Zeltwanger wedding. Bro. Tom Leman (Denver, CO) deserves a special thank you, as do the brothers who labored to restore electricity during a power failure as the temperature climbed to 115°.

Many birds continue to visit and we daily trust that the Lord will send them. How great to see four hummers at one time.

"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God."  
Romans 8:28

### ARIZONA, PRESCOTT

#### Doug Schmidgall — Ethel Smith

We were fortunate to enjoy the abundance of God's blessings on the weekend of June 6 - 7. On Saturday evening, about 50 people gathered for a picnic and outdoor singing at the historic Groom Creek Schoolhouse south of Prescott. Later that night we received the earthly blessing of rain in a brilliant display of lightning and thunder from

thunderstorms all around the Prescott area.

On Sunday, about 85 were present for church services which included visitors from several churches. As a special blessing, enough children were in attendance to have three Sunday school classes. The children and teachers took advantage of the nice weather and held classes outdoors. Bro. Greg Gramm (Phoenix) was inspired by God's Holy Spirit to minister to us for which we are thankful. Bro. Greg vividly portrayed our Christian life as a hike along a mountain range. While there are many inspiring peaks, they are separated by lower ground. We enjoy each spiritual peak in our lives but we should realize that as we go on our life's journey, a valley separates us from the next peak. The walk in the valley is not nearly as enjoyable as our time on the peak, but we were encouraged to remember that the valleys in our lives are where we seem to grow stronger in the Lord. May we give thanks for all things in our lives, trusting that He knows what is best.

We give thanks to Bro. Greg and his family as well as all our visitors for being with us. It seems everyone lends their help in some way whenever we gather together and we certainly appreciate the support. We encourage and welcome visitors to the Prescott area. Services are scheduled for the first and third Sundays of the month for the remainder of 1987. Services are held at 2063 Thumb Butte Road. To let us know your plans and for more information, you may contact Bro. Harvey and Sis. Ethel Smith, 2180 Thumb Butte Road, (602) 445-2164 or (602) 445-4390.

### ARIZONA, TUCSON

#### Lisa Knapp — Sandy Bauer

Our prayers are with two of our sisters who have recently lost loved ones. Sis. Evelyn Knapp's mother, Sis. Bernice Kyburz (Fairbury, IL), passed away recently and Sis. Sandy Bauer's grandfather, Bro. Otto Scherer (Roanoke, IL), was called Home. He had been residing in the Peoria Home. We pray the Lord will bless and comfort the families of these loved ones as well as our sisters here in Tucson.

Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach (Phoenix) and his wife, Sis. Barbara, recently traveled to Tucson to share communion with us. As always, we appreciate their time and effort. Every-

one present received many blessings.

Our Sunday school Bible class and teachers attended the ACYF hosted by the Phoenix Sunday school over the Memorial Day weekend. More precious memories were made to add to our collection. Our thanks go to the Phoenix teachers for their love and efforts.

Sis. Jane Lang (Tremont, IL) will be with us for the summer. We welcome her and hope the Lord will bless her stay here.

Sis. MaryAnn Keiser (Princeville, IL) has left Tucson after spending several months here with us. We so enjoyed getting to know her and wish her many blessings in her future endeavors.

We have many families traveling now and will have all summer and our prayers are with each soul on the highways.

Our temperatures have been in the 100's for the past week. So our hot, but dry, summer season has arrived!

### CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA

#### Elaine Graf

Todd and Kim Moser and their little daughter, Heather, have returned to California from Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX. They were there for several months while Kim underwent extensive medical treatment. It is good to have them back.

Bro. Mike Drete moved to our area recently from Illinois. We welcome him back into our congregation. Lisa Steiner (Dr. Lyle and Kathy Steiner) has returned to California for the summer. Lisa attends school at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS.

On Sunday, June 14, our congregation voted for Sunday school superintendent. Bro. Tom Klotzle (Sis. Jody) was selected. May God bless him and grant him grace and wisdom in this position.

Joe Klotzle (Elder Bro. John and Sis. Lois) recently graduated from the California State Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Debbie Aberle (Bro. Richard and Sis. LaNae) and Carol Graf (Bro. Virgil and Sis. Marilyn) graduated from high school.

Ye sisters all, start on the way  
In service for the Lord . . .

Zion's Harp #143, vs. 5

Sis. Mary Beth Klotzle (Elder Bro. John and Sis. Lois) has left our con-



gregation for three months. During her time away from us she plans to work for eight weeks at the Apostolic Christian Children's Home at Leo, IN. Her brother, David Klotzle, has also left California. He intends to work in Ohio for a time.

The family of Jack and Charleen Bahler wishes to express its gratitude for the many donations, kind thoughts and prayers of you dear ones, all across the country. (Jack and Charleen were killed April 30, 1987, in Altadena, CA, in an auto accident.) Thank you all.

Eleanor (Bahler) Garrett  
sister of Jack

### CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO Scott and Anna Hoerr

We are so blessed to live in a land where freedom prevails. Even today the Statue of Liberty holds her torch high as a welcoming sign to all that come to America where there is liberty.

Now the Lord is that Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

II Corinthians 3:17

In the past month, we have been deeply thankful for our visitors. Our visiting ministers were Elder Bro. John Klotzle, Bro. Richard Aberle, Bro. John Kokanovich and Bro. Greg Gramm.

Services continue to be held at the Meadowbrook Middle School. Please call Bro. Peter Petrovic at (619) 789-1504 or Bro. Doug Wagenbach at (619) 679-8353 for more information.

### COLORADO, DENVER Mike Martin — Marlene Leman

We wish to thank the dear brothers who came to help on the remodeling of our church. Brothers came from Silverton, OR, Bern, KS, Roanoke, Chicago, Forrest and Goodfield, IL, West Bend, IA, and Smithville, OH. Because they worked so diligently, many other tasks were accomplished in addition to the original task for which they came. God bless them for their quality work and labor of love.

Our visiting minister this month was Bro. Jim Leman (Roanoke). May God bless him for his loving service to us.

"And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers." St.

John 10:4-5. How important it is to really know the voice of our Lord, that we may be able to discern just whose voice we are hearing and following.

### CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE Martha Hany

Our dear Sis. Anna Lanz, 87, has completed her journey to Zion and peacefully died May 27. Sis. Anna was a very gentle and kind person and surely, if she could return, she would say to each of us: "Come, let us journey gladly! Day follows after day; The way grows shorter daily; The flesh soon proves but clay. With courage and more love to be a little truer, Of earthly matters freer, And turned to things above! Zion's Harp #185. With these thoughts, may the Lord comfort her daughter, Faith Palozej, and family (Ellington). She also leaves five sisters and a brother.

The family of Bro. Kenny and Sis. Nancy (Schneider) Willis welcomed a joyous event May 30 in the birth of a son, Eric Richard. He is the brother of Chris, Mike and Crystal. Living in a time when it appears confusion and stressful conditions prevail in the world, may the new parents continue to look up to Him for guidance and direction in rearing a Christian family.

Our prayers have been answered as Sis. Mildred Gerber, Sis. Lydia Luginbuhl and David Cone, who were hospitalized, are now able to be home again and up and around. May they continue to be blessed with moderate health.

We will miss Sis. Amy (Luginbuhl) Cone and her two sons, Timmy and David, as they prepare to leave Rockville for a season to live in Morton, IL. As she relocates, may she feel the nearness and help of the Lord in all the undertakings and decisions involved with a family.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON Catherine Klopfenstein Rebecca Germann

"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

Our paths were again illuminated with the light of God's Word as minis-

tering Bro. Dan Stoller (Rockville, CT) shared the ways of truth with our congregation. We greatly appreciated having Bro. Dan, his wife, Sis. Dianne, and daughter, Dana, with us. Following services, several went on a tour of the Great Falls Park, along the banks of the beautiful Potomac River. We enjoyed having Robert Welk, who has lived in this area for many years, as our tour guide.

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." (Psalms 127:3). We have been blessed with a new baby in our congregation. Scott Andrew Germann was born June 12. His family includes his brothers, Kyle and Philip, and parents, Bro. Doug and Sis. Rebecca Germann. Grandparents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Jean Knapp (Eureka, IL) and Alberta Germann (Valparaiso, IN) and great-grandmother is Sis. Anna Hari (Francesville, IN).

Also, we are happy to welcome Curt Anliker (Bro. Ron and Sis. Vicki, Francesville, IN) to the Northern Virginia countryside. He is in training with IBM in Manassas for the next six months.

We heartily invite all to come and spend some time in our nation's lovely capital and surrounding areas. How inspiring it is to see the monuments dedicated to those who founded our country and to think of what a price was paid that we might enjoy our Christian freedoms. We hope you and your family will join us for services as we currently meet the second Sunday of each month at the Best Western Parkway Hotel at Tysons Corner off I-495. Those Sundays that are not scheduled services, we will meet in the home of one of our local families to sing and listen to a church tape together. Please call ahead if possible for location of meeting on unscheduled weekends as your presence would be most welcome!

Job opportunities abound in the surrounding areas. For information concerning this or about services, please call Bro. Ralph Klopfenstein at (703) 979-3476 or Bro. Doug Germann (703) 481-5163.

### FLORIDA, FORT LAUDERDALE Terri Huber

We appreciated and enjoyed the visit of Bro. Earl Ringger and his family (Gridley, IL). Bro. Earl ministered to us Sunday, as well as delivering a talk on the Bible's rules to overcome sin for

our June Bible study. We were blessed by the words and principles God conveyed through Bro. Earl.

We held our annual elections this month. The newly-appointed Sunday school teacher is Bro. Mike Hohulin. We know that he will prayerfully prepare for this new responsibility and consider it a privilege to be in service for the Lord. Our new trustee is Bro. Brad Troxel, usher is Bro. Rodney Gress, kitchen coordinator is Sis. Doris Huber and sound system technicians are Bros. Dale Ringger and Brad Troxel.

Seth Sauder is an elated high school graduate as of June 14. He is the son of Bro. Roger and Sis. Judy. Amy Sutter (Bro. Rich and Sis. Kathy) had the honor of being elected treasurer of her senior class.

Young Jamie Kuntz underwent minor surgery in June. Her parents, Bro. Bill and Sis. Joan, are thankful to have her well again and acting her usual lively self!

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

We were very happy to have our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI) and Elder Bro. Bud Klopfenstein (Ft. Lauderdale) share communion with our congregation. It was Bro. Bud's first service, one of the blessings of his new office. May God guide him in this new responsibility. We want to wish our dear friends, Debra Beer (Bro. Vic and Sis. Dotty) and Rodney Nemity (Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Nemity, Ft. Myers) much happiness in the new life as man and wife. May, as their announcement so stated, "This union ordained by God," always be a blessing to them and all around them! We were also very happy to be in Sarasota for the testimony and baptism of our eldest son, David, who has turned his life to God! His testimony and baptism was a real blessing! It was an answer to prayers by many! We were able as a family to have all six of our children together and we even felt the presence of those who were not able to be with us. With thankful hearts we think back on these past blessed weeks, and know God is looking down from heaven. This world could know such joy, if more would turn their troubled hearts and lives to God! God left us His Word to find the way. The Bible is the most positive word this world has to offer,

for "in it there is no lie". We are so thankful to know it doesn't change and "swing with the world." What do we think of someone who doesn't keep their word? We can soon see what is in a man's heart by what comes out of his mouth. May we all pray to show thankful hearts, even in troubled times. Worry doesn't help or change anything. Let's show our willingness to let God take care of all! That's easy to say, but hard to do!

We welcome any ministers traveling our way the last two weeks in July and the first two weeks in August. We have a real need and would be thankful for a visitor at this time. Of course, all visitors are welcome! We will miss our Bro. Vic and Sis. Dotty Beer who are planning a trip to Japan and the Orient, including a visit with Bro. Vic's sister, Sis. Lois Ehnle. We wish them God's traveling blessings!

Dathan is thankful that school is out for the summer. We trust he will keep on improving.

We also thank Bro. Gary Maibach (Smithville, OH) for spending Wednesday evening service with us. May God inspire each one who ministers the Word.

#### FLORIDA, SARASOTA Lucille Heiniger

David Eisenmann gave his testimony and was baptized as one of our brothers-in-faith May 24. We welcome Bro. David to our fellowship.

"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Acts 2:38

Another dear soul has turned to the Lord in repentance as she felt her need to live for the Lord. We wish Marilyn Bryant God's rich blessings and grace from above to receive that wonderful peace from Him.

The church apartments are available for rent up until January 1, 1988. Anyone wishing to rent one, please contact Bro. Jeff Streitmatter, 3620 Pembroke Drive, Sarasota, FL 34236-6707 for available dates. Bro. Don Sellers also has his home available for rent through the winter months. If interested, contact Sis. Elda Martin, 2338 Linwood Drive, Sarasota, FL 34232-4214.

Our visiting ministers this past month were Bros. Leland Plattner (Zapata, TX), Homer Reineck (Tolledo, OH), David Eisenmann (North Ft. Myers, FL), Gene Leman (Wolcott, IN), Edwin Bahler (Remington, IN), Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI), Elder Bro. Bud Klopfenstein (Ft. Lauderdale, FL), Bro. Rod Huber (Valparaiso, IN) and Bro. Gary Maibach (Smithville, OH). We wish to thank each one for the messages they brought to us as they proclaimed the Word of God in truth and sincerity.

#### ILLINOIS, BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL Donna Hodel — Karen Brummitt

We welcome two families to our congregation. Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary Masters and their family have recently moved to our area and have started to assemble with us. Bro. Gary and Sis. Candy Klopfenstein, having occasionally assembled with us, have now decided to make Bloomington-Normal their church. We are thankful for each one that gathers with us.

On May 27, we had our semi-annual business meeting. On May 31, our Sunday school picnic was held at Underwood Park. There was a nice turnout and everyone had an enjoyable afternoon.

Our Vacation Bible School was held June 8 - 12. It is a blessing to hear our children sing with such enthusiasm and watch them, as they listen in awe, to the stories of the Bible. Special topics were presented to our Bible class by the following ministers: Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL), Bro. Jaye Rinkenberger (Goodfield), Bro. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington), Bro. Byron Stoller (Gridley) and Bro. John Lehman (Bern, KS). We wish to thank them for sharing their time and service with our young adults. May God add the increase to the seeds that were sown.

Laura Kieser has been able to assemble with us again, after being laid up with severe back pain. Sis. Wilma Kieser is recuperating from leg surgery. May they feel God's healing power.

#### ILLINOIS, BRADFORD Marilyn Tanner

Our new Sunday school teachers are Bro. Larry Endress and Sis. Becky Joos. Bro. Gary Endress was elected superintendent. We pray that each may have His special grace to carry out

their duties in a Godly way. Our thanks are extended to Bro. David Kieser and Sis. Verla Hausmann, retiring teachers, for their time spent teaching the children.

On June 13 we gathered together to partake of the Lord's Supper. We wish to thank our Elder Bro. Joe Stoller and Elder Bro. Ed Schwartz (Bluffton, IN) for being with us that special evening.

Our hearts were saddened after communion when we received the message of the sudden, tragic death of Stephen Hausmann, 20, (Bro. Alfred and Sis. Verla). We sympathize with the family. Besides his parents, Stephen leaves a brother, Fred, two sisters, Heidi and Keri, and a grandmother, Sis. Marie Stahl. May God comfort and console them in their great loss.

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted . . ." Acts 3:19. We rejoice that Weston Stahl (Sis. Charlotte) has answered that call. We are grateful to the Lord that the door of grace is yet open and pray that others might seek to enter in.

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh." Ephesians 5:31. On June 21, Sis. Angie Knobloch (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Diane Knobloch) and Bro. Doug Herrmann (Bro. Walter and Sis. Betty Lou Herrmann, Princeville) were united in marriage. May the Lord bless these dear ones through the years ahead.

Recent visiting ministers here were Bro. Carroll Gerber (Bluffton North, IN), Bro. Clifford Grimm (West Bend, IA) and Bro. Walter Herrmann (Princeville). May God bless them for serving us through His Word.

Note of thanks —

Words seem so inadequate at this time to express our sincere thanks for the prayers and the many kind expressions of sympathy during the loss of our beloved Steve. May God bless each and every one of you.

The Alfred Hausmann Family,  
Marie & Bernice Stahl

Paul Knobloch (Bro. Jim and Sis. Helen) and Lynne Webber (Sandy and Bob Clark) have announced their engagement. Our prayers are with this couple as they plan their life together.

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## ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN

### Cheryl Mangers

We recently organized a local World Relief Committee. Asked to serve were Bro. Rich Fischer and Sisters Margie Heintz and Wilma Blunier.

On June 14 we said farewell to Bro. John Wiegand, who has taken a job in Oregon and will relocate in the Portland area. We will miss him, as he has been a part of our congregation since his birth.

Visiting ministers this past month included Bro. Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton, IN) and Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL). We thank them for sharing their time and lending themselves in service.

The week of June 15 was Vacation Bible School week here in Champaign. We thank the brothers and sisters who spent time with our children — teaching them more about God's love and ways. They included Bros. Rod Anliker, Stan Wenninger, Greg Schumacher and Rich Graham and Sisters Peg Hoerr, Steph Schieler, Betsey Schrenk, Lorna Clauss, Lori Bostrom and Kathy Stoller. Special out-of-town guests were the Schrenk children from St. Louis — Nathan, Rachel, Peter and Matthew.

A hearty welcome is extended to our new family, Bro. Dan and Sis. Sandy Guingrich and sons, Bryce, Traever and Blake, who have moved here from the Peoria area. Bro. Dan will be a student at the University of Illinois this fall.

## ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

### Kathy Schlatter

As the road rose, right after the dip and the bumpy railroad tracks, there lay a muffler. I'm sure you can picture the scene and imagine with me what preceded it. A car roaring along at a faster-than-posted speed hit hard at the dip, loosening the muffler, which shortly thereafter let go, creating a noisy nuisance, adding to the din of the world. But then I realized that car could be me. My life has been going too fast and we are being forced to sell our home and look for another (as a result of eminent domain). For me that's been quite a dip, with the rising mortgage rates and uncertainty the bumpy tracks. I realized how much I've talked about this. I think everyone I've met in the last four months knows. I'm ashamed. As a car is a useful functional vehicle when muffled, not causing un-

necessary noise, so should I be as a Christian — with peace as my password. I really don't want people to think the road of life knocked my "muffler" off. Thankfully, Christ can soothe even a noisy reaction to a road with a few dips.

Our visiting ministers come gladly, we believe, and speak willingly. It's too bad when their visit isn't acknowledged; on the other hand, if we remember their message, they probably wouldn't even mind being forgotten. Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington, IL), by God's grace, left us with an indelible message in a topical Bible study about "Putting on the Whole Armor of God" (though it took me some time to mention it here).

Our most recent visitors were Bros. Bert Butikofer (Elgin, IA), Dave Wiegand (Champaign) and Earl Ringger (Gridley, IL). We were privileged to listen to Bro. Earl along with the 6th, 7th and 8th graders and the Bible class as a part of Vacation Bible School. We are thankful for our brothers' efforts and particularly remember how they reminded us of our God, the Creator of all creation, the One who knows what is best for each one of us.

June is traditionally the month of weddings and graduations, though May has taken over as the time of many graduations. Sis. Peggy Hunziker took advantage of both, graduating recently with her B.S. in nursing from the U. of I., Chicago, and marrying Bro. Shon Haerr (Taylor, MO) in Morton Sunday, June 7. Bro. Shon is engaged in farming in Taylor where they will make their home, and Sis. Peggy will be working at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL. We wish them all the blessings of His love, joy and peace.

Bro. Brad Eisenmann has graduated from the U. of I., Champaign, with a B.S. in engineering and is returning to our area with his wife, Sis. Cindy. Bro. Brad will be working downtown for Amoco, and Sis. Cindy will be teaching math at Proviso West H.S., Hillside. Bros. Scott Wegman and Kurt Pflederer also have their degrees from Champaign. Bro. Scott, originally from Oakville, IA, is employed by a soil testing company in the near western suburbs, using his degree in agronomy. Bro. Kurt, with a degree in horticulture, is working for a landscaping firm in the southern suburbs. He is originally from Tremont. Bro. Kevin Leman (Morton) who is still a student at the U. of I., is



spending at least his summer in our area, working downtown at a large accounting firm.

Our high school graduates include Leigh DesCarpentries (Bro. Bud and Sis. Kay), Bro. Todd Eisenmann (Bro. Dale and Sis. Judy) and Bro. Martin Hodel (Bro. Merle and Gayle). Leigh plans to attend the U. of I. in Champaign, Bro. Todd is looking for a carpentry apprenticeship and Bro. Martin is looking toward a degree in architecture in the future, Lord willing. Rachel Rassi (Bro. Greg and Sis. Carla) and Teri Meyer (Bro. Lenny and Sis. Charlotte) are our eighth-grade graduates. We wish all of our graduates and newcomers the Lord's deep grace and guidance. Truly He wishes to use all those abilities He has put within us, and He will nurture them in us as we are willing to listen to Him.

Our high school and eighth-grade graduates were recognized at our recent Sunday school picnic. Our teachers put so much into each Sunday, which our Sunday school students appreciate, but they especially enjoy the Sunday school picnic. Both groups need the support of the whole church, which was shown by the large group of all ages who gathered. 'Twas a very hot day, with lots of Illinois humidity and for the first time, the black tar on the roof of the park building was softened so much that it began to gather on the edge of the roof, pool in droplets and globs, and slowly, but eventually, drop. We adults cautioned the children about the tar, making sure they didn't stand under the edge of the roof and talked to them to make sure they didn't step on the gloops that had already dropped. The children weren't nearly as concerned as we were. After all, they had no experience with the messiness of tar, the difficulty in getting it off any materials, much less of skin and hair. Maybe on a spiritual plane, that's why it is good for us to have brothers and sisters of all ages. Hopefully, when we are younger, we will listen to our older brothers and sisters, avoiding sticky spots and looking up to prevent being caught in the "wrong place at the right time". The heat of present-day life may make some situations sticky. Let's watch and listen to our eldest brother and to our other spiritual siblings carefully to avoid some awfully black consequences.

We extend our prayers for her quick

recovery from surgery to Sis. Doris Kuerth. May the Lord bind up her physical and mental pain and give her peace.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Norm and Sis. Gloria Stahl and their family because of the tragic death of their nephew and cousin in Princeville. Words fail, hearts are full, and prayer and faith in Him alone can lift up those who sorrow.

This year we took our annual bus trip to St. Louis, MO, the last weekend in May. First, we were at the riverfront and visited the Arch. Its construction is so amazing and especially when a person looks down from the center top, he or she could wonder, "Where is the support?" Yet we do believe there is enough support. Then in our lives, don't we believe that Christ will always provide us with enough support? Let us remember He always will support us if we lean on Him.

We were so warmly welcomed by the tiny core church at St. Louis. As our children played together Saturday evening while we sang, I observed why we enjoy being together with the brethren so much. Within the brotherhood we share burdens. The way is not nearly so long nor so difficult when we feel the support of others. We hope the St. Louis church members and children felt our love and desire for their spiritual best. We would hope their church would grow, but the Lord knows. We are so grateful for their faithfulness and fellowship.

On a sober note, Sunday morning, as we left our motel, we were admiring the clear sunny day (and wondering where the last roomful of people were). There were some tall evergreens and woods beside us, and the bright colors of grass and trees and sky were breathtaking. Immediately, however, in contrast, we noticed a large splash of brown — a huge dead branch in one of the evergreens — in the midst of all the growth. We were surprised someone hadn't cut it out of the tree, for the effect was shocking and unsightly. I hope we all are evergreens with no dead branches. We don't want just to look better, however; we will be more productive if we are pruned and all dead and extraneous branches are removed. And how dead it might be if someone patterned themselves after us, saw in us this very visible dead branch, and thought, "I can do that, too." Let us be

no stumbling block for any sister, brother, friend or child.

## ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

### Elaine Sauder — Mary Knapp

We are known by the works we do and the fruit we bear. Faith without works is dead. These were words spoken by Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL). We were truly blessed with the presence of a large group of visitors from Athens, AL, over the Memorial Day weekend. On Sunday evening, we gathered for a potluck and an enjoyable time at the fellowship hall. How rewarding it is to fellowship with loved ones from so far away.

On Sunday, June 14, Bro. Curt Knapp (Bro. Harry and Sis. Gladys) and Sis. Beverly Mogler (Bro. Ervin and Sis. Elma) were united in marriage at Iowa City, IA. We welcome Sis. Beverly as she makes Cissna Park her home.

Our Bible class journeyed to ACYF at Bloomington, IL, June 7, where they, with other of our church groups, presented a program in the afternoon at the Braden Auditorium. Our prayers are that these will be lasting memories for our youth.

Daily VBS classes are now being held for two weeks for our preschoolers through grade school. There are also four evening classes (twice weekly) offered for the high school youth. Lessons for these are given by visiting ministers. At the close of the two weeks a program will be held Friday evening, June 19, at the church.

Bro. Tim Sauder visited with us Saturday evening, June 13, to show slides and tell of his work at the Leo Children's Home. We should endeavor to learn more of the cares and needs of these special homes.

Our high school graduates this year are Kara Drayer (Bill and Judy), Jill Hofbauer (Jim and Betty), Dawn Krumiede (Ron and Sis. Shirley), Doug Young (Harv and Sis. Kate), Bro. Leon Kaeb (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mary Lou) and Greg Martin (Bro. Vernon and Sis. Rosie). There are also many of our youth who are enrolled or finishing higher schools of learning. May they all be blessed in whatever they pursue, keeping God's teachings in their hearts.

Visiting ministers this month have been Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL) and Bro. Paul Gasser (Akron, OH).

Bro. Gerald Rudin had back surgery

and is recuperating at home. Sis. Emily (Hari) Buckner has moved to Fairview Haven Home at Fairbury, IL. We will miss Sis. Em but know it is God's will for her move.

Our expression of sympathy goes out to the family of Sis. Kathryn Farney on the loss of her sister, Anna Lantz (Rockville, CT). We offer our sympathy at the sudden death of Steven Feller, son of Dick and Darla and grandson of Bro. Bill Feller. Steven drowned while swimming.

Again God's greatness was witnessed lately when an earthquake was felt over a vast area.

In the near future our nation will be observing Independence Day, the anniversary of the day the Declaration of Independence was adopted by founders of the new nation. They considered it an important occasion for rejoicing by succeeding generations and by solemn acts of devotion to God.

We wish to thank everyone who remembered us at our 50th anniversary with all the beautiful cards and gifts. We especially thank all who attended the "open house" which really made our day.

Sincerely,  
Alph and Ernie Eisenmann

### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE Gail Leman — Susan Knapp

Our congregation rejoices to hear of three dear souls, Chuck Zimmerman (Bro. Orville and Sis. Lula), Lanae Schrock (Bro. Byron and Sis. Mary) and Julie Schrock (Bro. Steve and Sis. Gerri), who are turning their backs on the world and what it has to offer and are seeking God's guidance through repentance. May our heavenly Father supply their every need.

On Saturday, June 6, we were privileged to hear the testimonies of what the Lord has done in the lives of two dear souls. The following day we were able to witness the baptism of Alan and Joanne Roth. We welcome them with open arms as our brother and sister-in-the-Lord. May they always remember this weekend and the very special promise they made to their Lord.

After taking the first important step in their lives, our Bro. Mike Zobrist (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Joyce) and Sis. Susan Knapp (Bro. Frederick and Sis. Marge) have been led to believe it is God's holy and divine will to become one in Him. We wish them God's bles-

sings as they begin to make plans for their special day.

We want to thank Bro. Ervin Knecht (Lamar, MO), Bro. Bill Schlatter and Bro. Don Manz (Junction, OH), Elder Bro. Joe Stoller (Princeville), Bro. Wes Knapp (Goodfield), Bro. Lloyd Kraft (Gridley, KS) and Bro. Doug Schock (Pulaski, IA) who came and ministered to us. May God richly bless them for their labors of love.

"My country tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, to thee we sing . . ." May we remember to, first of all, thank our God for this wonderful country of ours and to pray for those who are not blessed with freedom as we are.

### ILLINOIS, ELGIN Elizabeth Schambach Betty Bachtold

May God bless our beloved visitors who ministered the Word and shared in His service. This month they were: Elder Bros. Stephen Rinkenberger (Cissna Park, IL), Arthur Bahler (Fairbury, IL), Perry Zimmerman (Forrest, IL) and Bro. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka, IL).

"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." St. Luke 15:10. Many brethren from far and near gathered May 30 to hear Rachel Kellenberger (Bro. Keith and Sis. Sharon) share her testimony of faith and conversion toward God and our Lord Jesus. The following day she was baptized and can now embrace this living hope. "And never let my purpose falter, O Father, Son and Holy Ghost! But keep me faithful to Thine altar . . ." Zion's Harp #41.

On June 6 it was a special blessing to be able to assemble in the Lord's house and name and partake of holy communion. "To Father, Son and Spirit praise For help and guidance on our ways! Thou givest power from above, Hast chosen us, through Christ, in love To be Thine own!" Zion's Harp #200.

We welcome back home Bro. Ted, Sis. Heidi and little Naomi Patricia Schock as they recently moved here from the Champaign area.

Kirk Lyndon brought much joy to the home of Bro. Les and Sis. Alison Schambach May 18. Little helpers include Erica, Mark, Keith and Gregory. Grandparents are Bro. Albert and Sis.

Dorothy Schambach, and Henry and Marion Brown (all of Elgin).

Bro. Rick and Sis. Cindy Schmidgall, Matthew and Aubrey happily welcomed Andrew James June 4. Grandparents include Ken Schmidgall (Peoria, IL), Jean Schmidgall (Morton, IL) and Bro. Leonard and Sis. Violet Wulf (Morris, MN).

On June 15, Britt Steffen was especially happy when a little sister, Whitney Sophia, was born to Bro. Larry and Sis. Susie. Bro. Earl and Sis. Kay Steffen (Elgin) and Bro. Jack and Sis. Millie Prather (Eureka) are the happy grandparents.

Dear ones who have submitted to surgery this past month are Sisters Joyce Weiss (Bro. Paul), Helen Banwart, Todd Schambach (Bro. Bob and Sis. Jeanne) and Eva Schambach. Bro. William Wewetzer remains in the hospital. May our prayers on behalf of all who are afflicted help ease their pain and strengthen body and soul.

Our Sunday school youth gathered for their annual picnic June 11. We were thankful for the blessing of rain, as well as warm Christian fellowship which we all enjoyed.

At this time of writing, our youth and friends are gathering for Vacation Bible School. We pray God's true spirit and blessing can rest upon this endeavor. We sincerely thank all brethren and teachers who helped in any way.

In appreciation, we thank Sis. Norma Schambach for her many efforts in Sunday school. Sis. Betty Bachtold has been chosen to help in this capacity.

Just a reminder: Silver Lining dues of \$7.00 for Elgin are now due. Make checks payable to either one of the reporters.

### ILLINOIS, EUREKA Kathy L. Rocke

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord." Psalm 127:3. Kayla Marie Hartter was born to Bro. Ron and Sis. Janet Hartter May 17. She has a brother, Michael, to welcome her home. Grandparents are Bro. Sam and Sis. Gladys Schmidgall and Bro. Dan and Sis. Dorothy Hartter.

Bro. Craig and Sis. Marilyn Martin were blessed with Jennifer Kay May 20. Bethany is happy for a little sister. Jennifer's grandparents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Verna Wettstein and Bro. Nelson and Sis. Maryellen Martin. May God grant grace and wisdom to

these family circles as they raise them to love the ways of God.

"Is any sick among you?" James 5:14. It seems we always have those who have infirmities in this mortal body. Our prayers are with Bro. Lee Blunier and Sis. Della Anliker who suffer the pain and distress of illness. May we also remember those confined to their homes, whose days often become very lonely. Sometimes just a card helps drive the gloom away.

The first two weeks of June were set aside for Vacation Bible School. May the tiny seeds of faith that were planted in the tender hearts bring forth the precious fruit in due season.

"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." St. Luke 15:10. Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving that a soul has come in repentance. We wish Ed Leman (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Velma) the Lord's nearness and grace as he seeks to build on the solid Rock, Jesus Christ.

We welcome Bro. Mark, Sis. Cheryl and Laurel Zimmerman back "home" as they have recently moved here from Champaign. We are thankful the Lord has guided them to return to this area.

### ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

#### Jean Bachtold — Crystal Fehr

We rejoice with Bro. Randy and Sis. Dawn Steidinger as God has blessed them with a precious baby girl. Janelle Lynn was born June 10 and is welcomed home by Kyle, Karla and Dallas. Grandparents are Bro. Maurice and Sis. Alma Steidinger (Fairbury) and Bro. Bill and Sis. Jean Aberle (Forrest). May God bless their family circle.

Two lives were joined as one as Janice Huber (Bro. Reuben and Sis. Marie) became the wife of Dr. Richard Elliott, Jr. (Richard and Joanne). We certainly wish them God's blessings and every joy as they spend their new life together.

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance for ye serve the Lord Christ."

Colossians 3:23, 24

Concerning the election of our new Sunday school teacher, Bro. Richard Huber (Sis. Dawn) will replace Bro. Norman Young (Sis. Lola). May the

Holy Spirit instruct him, as well as each teacher that works in God's vineyard.

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Grover Bazzell who passed away May 15. Grover is the father of Bro. Don Bazzell (Sis. Carol) from our congregation.

We think of those who were hospitalized this month and pray for their recovery. They were Mark Bazzell (Bro. Don and Sis. Carol), Charles Farley (Arlene), Sis. Sophie Kellerhals and Sis. Lydia Wiedman.

Bro. Uriel and Sis. Judy Gehring were with us the weekend of June 13 and gave an informative slide presentation on the Leo Children's Home. We indeed should be thankful and may we never forget to share with those who are less fortunate.

Bro. Jim Hoerr (Peoria) and Bro. Uriel Gehring (Leo, IN) ministered to us this month. We are so thankful for untiring efforts to expound God's holy Word unto us.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Nina (Bahler) Steffen have been blessed together with 50 years of married life and wish to submit this thank you:

A special thank you is extended to our family, relatives and friends for remembering us on our 50th anniversary and helping make it an occasion of special blessing and memory.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Nina Steffen

As we think of Independence Day, we truly want to thank our heavenly Father for the blessed freedom we have in this country of ours.

### ILLINOIS, FORREST

#### Sharon Adams — Patsy Stoller

We tarry in this blest and tranquil union

And thus united speak the farewell word

Ye loved ones, now the parting hour is nearing

The Farewell greeting sounds in one accord

Our hearts are yet in close communion beating

In Jesus' name we bid the farewell greeting.

Zion's Harp #114

A farewell singing was held for Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary Masters and their family and also for Sis. Elsie Hoffman and her three children. Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary will be assembling with the

Bloomington, IL, congregation and Sis. Elsie will assemble at Cissna Park, IL. We will certainly miss these two families in our congregation but pray God's blessings be upon them in their new locations.

We are always grateful for ministering brothers who come to visit and share God's precious Word with us. With us this past month were Bro. Doug Grimm (Sabetha, KS), Bro. John Lehman (Bern, KS) and Bro. John Hartman (Fairbury). We offer our thanks to these brothers for their willingness to serve!

Once again we've had loved ones hospitalized. Sis. Leona Ricketts (Bro. Meredith), Sis. Aldine Wackerle, Wes Broquard (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Roberta) and Bro. Paul Zimmerman (Sis. Loretta) are all able to be among us again.

Bro. Fred Leman and Bro. Wayne Zimmerman have been chosen to serve as our new Sunday school teachers. May they feel the love and inspiration from God.

May God bless the union of hearts of Stephen Mueller (Bob and Sis. Elaine) and Tina Heavilin who were married May 30.

The engagement and approaching marriage of Stephanie Mueller (Bob and Sis. Elaine) to Eldon Kaeb (John and Adeline, Arrowsmith) has been announced recently. May God bless them as they plan and begin their future together.

Vacation Bible School has once again been a blessing to us. Many of the children were able to participate and the story of Jesus and His love was once again taught. We trust the seeds that have been sown will someday spring forth and bear fruit in the lives of these, our precious heritage.

We sincerely thank everyone for their prayers, cards, gifts and many kind deeds shown to us while Esther was in the hospital and since returning home. May God bless each one.

Bro. Earl and Sis. Esther Gerber

We cannot adequately express our sincere humble thanks for the outpouring of love we felt through the many prayers, cards and gifts of love we received during Clarence's heart surgery and since returning home from our family, the dear brothers and sisters-in-faith and our beloved friends. We pray God will richly bless each one.

Clarence and Laura Kachelmuss



**ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD****Bev Joos**

Beginning the good 'ole summertime, we have truly experienced the effects of the torrid, hot sun. Even though this light is necessary to our very existence, its tremendous power is evident in the crooked, widening cracks of thirsty earth, the peeled, blistered skin of outdoor workers, and the curled, drooping leaves of our once lush vegetation. There is yet another even more powerful light source. The sun's power is definitely second rate to the Son's power. His power does not blister the skin, but convicts the soul. Though the sun's power lights the daytime hours, the Son's light shines around the clock. The glow of the Son's light shines brightly on the pathway we must tread and leads us safely to be with God. When we seek relief from the sun's rays, let us bask in the Son's beams.

The lives of two families have been brightened by the addition of new daughters. Arriving May 31, Jessica Lyn was welcomed into the home of Doug and Shari Eastman. She is cuddled by her sister, Shannon. Happy grandparents are Bill and Dottie Eastman (Eureka) and Bro. Wes and Sis. Mildred Knapp. Excited, first-time parents are Bro. Ted and Sis. Kenda Tauffer whose little girl, Teddi Lyn, was born June 5. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Marie Tauffer (Morton) and Roy and Sis. Corrine Roth.

Summertime warmth also stems from seeing all of those warm children's smiles in Summer Bible School. We are grateful for the many efforts of the dedicated teachers. We adults received many blessings also from three evenings of visiting ministers and special singing groups. We extend our appreciation to Elder Bros. Edwin Ringger (Gridley), Chuck Hemmer (Peoria) and Dale Eisenmann (Chicago) for their uplifting messages. We were also inspired by the beautifully sung hymns of praise and wish to thank the Goodfield Bros., the Roanoke Mixed Choir and the Mortonaires.

All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.

J.W. Van De Venter

Desiring to surrender her life to our

Saviour, we rejoice and welcome Leanna Johnson as our new sister-in-faith. May she feel God's warmth as she places her faith in His guidance.

Those who required hospitalization or surgery this past month were Bro. Ben Hohulin, Sis. Florence Bauman and Sis. Carolyn Rokey. May God be with them and give them renewed strength.

Our sympathy is offered to Sis. Viola Wagner, Sis. Loretta Hess and Sis. Shirley Debolt for the loss of their brother, Roland Hartman (Morton). We wish them God's special love during this time of sorrow.

We have treasured memories to cling to as we bid our final farewell to Bro. Sam Schieler who passed away May 27. We will miss his quiet strength, but are comforted that he had lived for the Lord. Deep sympathy is extended to his son, Bro. Bob, and Sis. Marci and their family.

The entire Bob Schieler family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the many kindnesses shown them. The cards, flowers, visits, food and prayers offered were dearly cherished.

**ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY**  
**Perry A. Klopfenstein**

As our many graduates proceed from one educational level to another, we wish them much success. May the meaning of success be seen through spiritual eyes rather than through secular eyes. True success is not achieving financial security, status, acclaim, and a life of ease. Rather, it is to be at peace with God and man, and to find godliness with contentment. Our high school graduates this year were Drake Christensen, Shelly Schlipf, Doug Wettstein, Craig Wettstein and John Meiss.

During the week of June 8 - 12 a daily Vacation Bible School was held for students K - 8. The theme was "Lord, Teach Us To Pray". On the evenings of June 9 and 11, our high school students were privileged to hear two visiting speakers. Bro. Ron Heiniger (Normal) spoke on "The Biblical Pattern of Repentance and Conversion" and Bro. Marvin Leman (Bradford) spoke on "Our Special Religious Heritage". Both messages offered a special enrichment.

During our annual business meeting June 3, new Sunday school teachers were selected. Sisters Sandy Gramm and Kay Hock and Bros. Stephen

Baner, Timothy Kaupp and Perry Klopfenstein were given these teaching responsibilities. Bro. Joe Stoller will serve as superintendent for the coming year.

On May 20, Elder Bro. Charles Hemmer (Peoria) came to help serve holy communion. We appreciated his efforts and kindly teachings.

Our recent hospital patients have been Vi Hany and Don Schieler.

Bro. Lynn and Sis. Elaine Stoller are the parents of a new daughter. Natalie Nicole, who was born June 12, has two sisters, Candice and Holly. Grandparents are Sis. Lucille Stoller (Gridley) and Bro. Dean and Sis. Betty Nussbaum (Forrest).

**ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Susan Kieser**

This summer we are doing a study of the women of the Bible. So far we have learned about Hannah, Ruth and Esther. Bro. Walt Anliker (Eureka) spoke about Hannah's life and her unwavering faith and trust in God. He reminded each of us to completely trust in the Lord and not to doubt His doings. Bro. Bill Hodel (Roanoke) spoke on Ruth and her quiet trust. Esther's life was portrayed by Elder Bro. Dan Koch (Tremont). We would like to thank each of these brothers for giving their time for our benefit.

We are still meeting in 244 Schroeder Hall at 7:30 p.m. July 30 will be the last Bible study of the summer. All are welcome to come join us.

**ILLINOIS, MORTON**  
**Phyllis Farney — Marcia Kelley**

Bro. Gus Laidig wishes to thank those loved ones who remembered him with prayers, visits, cards and gifts of love while in the hospital. God bless all who were so kind.

May our heavenly Father richly bless our graduates and all those who will be going on to schools of higher learning. It is our prayer that they will lean on Jesus as they make their many decisions in life.

Bro. Charles Rein was called Home. His funeral was May 29. We sympathize with his wife, Sis. Ollie, his family and friends.

The theme for our Vacation Bible School was The Family of God — "but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15). We had a very blessed week, June 1 - 5, as our program read "From Pre-Schoolers to

Grandparents, 1987 Vacation Bible School is for Everyone!" We want to thank the Vacation Bible School committee for all their preparation in planning Vacation Bible School for everyone — from young to old. It was such a joy to begin each evening singing hymns of praise with the Sunday school students. As they filed out to their respective classrooms, it was heart-warming to note their eager faces and happy smiles. While the younger students were having their lesson in their classrooms, the high school students through the adults heard a message centered on the theme "The Family of God". We sincerely thank Bros. Rod Huber (Valparaiso, IN), Dave Wiegand (Urbana, IL), Dennis Kaufmann (Bloomington, IL), Marshall Heinold (Washington, IL) and our Elder Bro. Joe Braker for teaching us about God.

Sis. Peggy Hunziker (Bro. Al and Sis. Ginny) and Bro. Shon Haerr (Bro. Norman and Sis. Sally, Taylor, MO) were united in marriage June 7. With Christ as the head of their home, we pray He will bless and keep them as they walk life's pathway together. We will miss Sis. Peggy here in Morton.

Bro. Carl and Sis. Ida Huber have recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. May our heavenly Father continue to richly bless and keep them in His loving care.

June 20 was the wedding day for Jane Wittmer (Bro. Maurice and Sis. Ella) and John Fehr (Bro. Richard and Sis. Madelyn, Roanoke, IL). We wish them God's richest blessings in their new life together as husband and wife.

This past month our congregation was also visited by Elder Bro. Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO) and ministering Bros. Lenard Meyer and Greg Rassi (Chicago, IL), Ben Wysong (Sabetha, KS), Gerald Sutter (Taylor, MO), Marvin Stieglitz (Leo, IN), Carl Wyss and Don Wagenbach (Washington, IL). Our hearts go out in gratitude towards each minister and their families who sacrifice their time to travel and share God's Word with us.

We are so fortunate to live in America and to have and enjoy our many freedoms. May each one of us continue to uphold our country and our leaders in prayer and thank our heavenly Father for all His many blessings.

## KEEP AMERICA IN YOUR CARE

We are faced with many problems that grow bigger day by day  
And, as we seek to solve them in our own self-sufficient way,  
We keep drifting into chaos and our avarice and greed  
Blind us to the answer that would help us in our need . . .  
Oh, God, renew our spirit and make us more aware  
That our future is dependent on sacrifice and prayer,  
Forgive us our transgressions and revive our faith anew  
So we may all draw closer to each other and to You . . .  
For when a nation is too proud to daily kneel and pray  
It will crumble into chaos and descend into decay,  
So stir us with compassion and raise our standards higher  
And take away our lust for power and make our one desire to be a SHINING SYMBOL  
of ALL THAT IS GREAT AND GOOD  
As you lead us in the struggle toward NEW-FOUND BROTHERHOOD!

A Prayer By  
Helen Steiner Rice

## ILLINOIS, PEORIA

### Kathy Huthmann

On June 11 the Lord blessed the home of Bro. Jim and Sis. Julie Barth with a little boy. Trenton James was welcomed home by Laura Rose. His grandparents are Bro. Morris and Sis. Ida Mae Barth (Roanoke) and Bro. John and Sis. Dot Hoerr.

Tyler Adam was born to Bro. Bill and Sis. Joan Schick (Washington) June 5. Billie and Ryan are his big brothers. Tyler's grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Dollie Schick (Washington) and Bro. John and Sis. Dot Hoerr.

Bro. Oscar Hoerr would like to express his thanks for the cards, gifts and prayers to those who remembered him during his illness.

Bro. Greg and Sis. Stephanie Hunziker have moved to the St. Louis area where Greg will be going to school. May God bless them as they make their new home there.

Bro. Ray and Sis. Francis Wiegand wish to thank everyone for the cards, gifts and thoughtfulness as they cele-

brated their 50th wedding anniversary.

June 8 started the week of our Vacation Bible School. We want to thank the visiting ministers who came to preach God's Word to our Young Group and Bible Class. These ministers were Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL), Elder Bro. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park) and Bro. Wes Knapp (Goodfield).

We wish God's healing power to the hospital patients this month: Bro. Lester Bittner, Bro. Oscar Hoerr, Sis. Mary Lawless and Sis. Aldine Waibel.

## ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

### Marjean Lehman

"Hear the words of exhortation from the Master of creation. We can feel His love for all. Heed obey His tender call." We want to thank the visiting ministers who were with us this past month. They were Bro. Kenny Dietz (Bradford), Bro. Clifford Grimm (West Bend, IA), Elder Bro. Leroy Huber (Eureka), Elder Bro. Don Sauder (Roanoke), Elder Bro. Bob Walder (Congerville) and Bro. Carl Wyss (Washington).

"My Lord, an offering do I bring; my heart I give to Thee. I gladly give this heart of mine, which Thou dost ask of me." On May 30 we heard the testimony of faith and May 31 witnessed the baptisms of two dear souls. Our new sisters-in-faith are Sis. Melinda Christ (Bro. Walter and Sis. Doris) and Sis. Kathy Streitmatter (Bro. Floran and Sis. Twylla). Three dear friends have found peace with God and were announced to our congregation June 14. They are David Berchtold (Bro. Lavern and Sis. Joan), Brian Rumbold (Bro. Ronnie and Sis. Jackie) and Tim Rumbold (Bro. Ronnie and Sis. Jackie). They look forward to giving their testimony of faith and erecting a covenant with God. June 27 and 28 has been set aside for this purpose.

"Love of all gifts is the greatest which the Spirit does bestow." On June 14 we heard the engagement announcement of Sis. Karen Menold and Bro. Bill Schrock (Oakville, IA). Parents are Bro. Leonard and Sis. Marie Menold and Bro. Bob and Sis. Edith Schrock (Oakville, IA).

On May 31 a breakfast was held for the graduates at the fellowship hall. They are Sis. Melinda Christ, Keri Herrmann, Tiffany Kerns, Sis. Cindy Martin, Sis. Lynn Martin, Ann Pride-

more, Becky Siebenthal, Sis. Robin Steiner, Dawn Streitmatter, Tracy White, Brent Graham, Larry Martin, Tim Rumbold, Rodney Stahl, Dennis Wagenbach and Brian Wieland. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not." Ecclesiastes 12:1.

On June 14 the Sunday school picnic was held at Jubilee Park. The Sunday school students sang of God's love and a potluck meal was enjoyed by all.

Mike Martin underwent surgical procedures but did not have to stay in the hospital.

Our congregation expresses sincere sympathy to Sis. Marie Stahl and her family in the death of her grandson, Steve Hausmann.

Thank you note: We surely wish to express our most sincere appreciation for the many prayers, cards, telephone calls, floral tributes, food donations, gifts of money and your kind expressions of sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved one. May God richly bless everyone.

The Ray Martin Family

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Micah 6:8

### ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

**Marge Leman — Judy Luginbuhl**

June 1 - 12 our summer Vacation Bible School was held for all the Sunday school children. The second week the Bible class met in the evening with the following ministers to visit with them: Bro. Earl Ringger (Gridley, IL), Bro. Bruce Leman (Roanoke, IL), Bro. Jim Plattner (Princeville, IL), Bro. Kevin Knapp and Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington-Normal, IL). We sincerely appreciate these brothers taking time to share with us. Not only do we thank our ministering brothers, but all the loved ones who helped in any way for the two weeks of Bible school.

This past month our Elder Bro. Don Sauder, Elder Bro. Joe Ramsier and Bro. Andy and Sis. Theresa Hunyady traveled to Hungary to visit some of our churches there and to meet with the Council of the Free Churches of Hungary. This council is a buffer between the Communist government and the small churches in that country. One of the members of the council is also a

member of Parliament. The reason for the meeting was to assure the authorities that financial support was there and will be forthcoming from the American churches to help our brethren in Budapest build their new church. For the Communist government to grant permission to build this new edifice is a very historical event and we humbly thank our great God that so many prayers were answered.

Our only hospital patient this past month has been Olivia Kempf.

On June 13 Gregory Sauder and Jamie Studer were united in marriage. Bro. Jerry and Sis. Ann Sauder and Verle and Rachel Studer are the parents of this happy couple. It is our prayer that God will bless Greg and Jamie as they established their home here in Roanoke.

We are so thankful to hear Marjorie (Martin) Rebbec (Phoenix, AZ), has turned to the Lord in repentance. Marjorie is the daughter of Sis. Barbara Martin and the mother of Bro. Marty and Sis. Patty Rebbec of our congregation. We truly share the joy this family feels.

### ILLINOIS, TREMONT

**Dorothy Wagenbach  
Carolyn Bolliger**

A sweet baby daughter, Lauren Nicole, was born May 25 to Bro. Joe and Sis. Nancy Schweigert. Happy grandparents are Bro. Chris and Sis. Ida Schweigert and Bro. John and Sis. Carolyn Schlipf (Gridley, IL).

Bro. Dan Steiner, Sr. and Sis. Charlotte Bahler (Goodfield) were married May 20. We wish them God's blessings as they now walk together.

We were saddened by the death of our dear Sis. Clara Sauder June 4. Sis. Clara's cheerful disposition will be missed by all of us. We extend our sympathy to her children and their families, Bro. Robert, Bro. Earl and Sis. Marlene Kaiser (Bro. Melvin), all of Tremont.

June 7 was the wedding day for Sis. Christy Koch and Bro. Nelson Musselman. Their parents are Elder Bro. Dan and Sis. Carol Koch and Sis. Esther and the late Bro. Carl Musselman. May God bless them as they start their new life together.

We are thankful for visiting ministers, Elder Bro. Roy Sauder (Peoria) and Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington) who visited us this month.

Steven Beutel (Bro. Fred and Sis.

Jeannette) spent a few days in the hospital. Also, Rebekah Meister (Bro. Mike and Sis. Dorothy) had more foot surgery and is spending some time on crutches.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Steve and Sara Garmon on the sudden death of his only brother, Doug, this past weekend.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Royaldine Hodel wish to thank everyone for the cards, gifts and flowers received on their recent 50th anniversary.

Elmer and Dorothy Brunner also wish to thank everyone that remembered them with cards and gifts on their recent 40th wedding anniversary.

### ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

**Vicki Bucher**

This past month we were blessed to have Bro. Doug Wagenbach (San Diego, CA) and Bro. Mark Bahr (Detroit, MI) minister to us. May the Lord bless them for their efforts.

A precious daughter, Ebony Joy, was born into the home of Bro. Chris and Sis. Stacy Ledford. Her brothers, Rustin, Shea and Jobie, are anxious to care for her. Her grandparents are Bob and Margaret Ledford (Winamac, IN) and Bob and Barb Ulbricht (Francisville, IN). Another little boy was born to Bro. Bill and Sis. Joannie Schick. He was named Tyler Adam and is a brother to Billy and Ryan. His grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Dolly Schick (Washington) and Bro. John and Sis. Dot Hoerr (Peoria). "Children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." Psalms 127:3.

Bro. Joey Herman had to spend some time in the hospital. We miss his presence in church and pray the Lord will grant him a speedy recovery.

As our nation celebrates Independence Day, we pause to reflect on the faith our forefathers placed in our Lord. We are grateful for the many freedoms we enjoy because of their courage and faithfulness.

### INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH

**Sheri Leman**

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."  
Psalms 118:24

We rejoice with and congratulate Deanne Dubach (Bro. Mike and Sis. Linda) and Dave Brinneman (Dale and Judy) for May 23 was their happy



wedding day. We wish them God's blessings in the coming years.

We ask God's blessings of health and strength and grace for Bro. Ted Kipfer (Sis. Theresa) and Daniel Shorb (Bro. Brett and Sis. Cindy Shorb), who have spent time in the hospital this past month.

As much anticipated summer vacations arrive let us remember it is He who restoreth our souls. (reference to Psalms 23:3).

### INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE

**Jacki Huber**

**FORGIVE** — We may, if we choose, make the worst of one another. Everyone has his faults. We may make the worst of these; we may fix our attention constantly upon these. But we may also make the best of one another. We may forgive, even as we hope to be forgiven. We may put ourselves in the place of others and ask what we would wish to have done to us, and thought of us, were we in their place. By loving whatever is lovable in those around us, love will flow back from them to us, and life will become a pleasure instead of a pain, and earth will become like heaven and we shall become not unworthy followers of Him whose name is Love.

Excerpt from "Leaves of Gold"

Author not given

We were inspired by recent visits from these ministers: Bros. Fred Knapp (Congerville, IL), Gene Lehman (Wolcott, IN) and Nelson Beer (Milford, IN). May the Lord reward them for their service to Him.

Our praise is given to God that souls are seeking their salvation and turning to the Lord in repentance. Harvey F. Gutwein has recently found peace with God. We rejoice with him and wish him God's continued grace and nearness.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sis. Lorna Putt who is currently in the hospital.

We extend our sympathy to the Dick Overmyer family in the death of Bev's father, Oliver Bell (Chalmers, IN).

### INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS

**Kathy Freed — Gail Bradford**

The past few Sundays have brought visiting ministers to our pulpit. They include Bros. Earl Kilgus (Remington), Steve Gutwein (Francesville), Kent Ringger (Bluffton), Jack Bollier (Leo) and Kenneth Weerts (Cissna Park, IL).

We thank the Lord for these faithful servants.

A precious little girl, Lydia Joy, has been welcomed by her big brothers, Seth and Caleb Fischer, and her parents, Bro. Steve and Sis. Joyce Fischer. Lydia's happy grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Lyla Schock (Elgin, IL) and Bro. Richard and Sis. Dorothy Fischer (Champaign, IL). Lydia was born June 13, just in time for Father's Day!

Young people from the sophomore class of Bluffton and Bluffton North visited Indianapolis June 6 - 7. On Saturday evening they enjoyed supper and fellowship. Bro. Ken Wuethrich led a discussion regarding how to lead a Christ-like life. A picnic followed church services on Sunday. We were encouraged by the strong faith of these teenagers and their understanding of the Word.

Have you noticed, as you read Scripture, how often opposites appear together? Here are some examples:

John 11:25 — Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

John 1:5 — And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Matthew 7:18 — A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Matthew 9:16 — No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment,

Matthew 10:39 — He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

Matthew 12:28 — Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 19:30 — But many that are first shall be last, and the last shall be first.

Matthew 20:27 — And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant.

There are many examples that attract our attention because of the contrast between these opposites. See how many you can find.

The Word is so vital and exciting. The more we read the more its teachings can effect our lives — so we can be vital, energetic witnesses for Christ!

Give Your Address Changes  
To Your Reporter

### INDIANA LACROSSE

**Sandy Heinold**

Ask, and it shall be given you;  
Seek, and ye shall find;  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

These teachings of Jesus, found in Matthew 7:7, were the theme of our Vacation Bible School this year. Bros. Wayne Anliker (Forrest, IL), Wayne Laubscher (Cissna Park, IL) and Dale Frank (Oakville, IA) inspired our hearts as they taught us that we can overcome the world if we ask for God's help and seek out His will. We wish to thank these brothers and their families for the special efforts they made to be with us this week.

Bro. Ron Schambach (Elgin, IL) recently spent a Sunday here, ministering unto us from God's Word. We hope that our ministers will always be able to feel our prayerful support as they meditate on the Word of Life. We thank Bro. Ron.

Those who spent time in the hospital were Bro. Enos Cadawalder, Bart Antrim, Sis. Carolyn Levy and Glen Gudemen (Bro. Donald and Sis. Mary). Although some in our congregation may be experiencing troubled and trying times, may they find comfort in knowing that God is only a prayer away. We hope each one can feel God's nearness in their lives.

### BLESSED PEACE

The greatest peace  
I've ever known  
I found in troubled times  
For when I put my trust in God  
He eased my troubled mind.

Dolores Karides

### INDIANA, LEO

**Thelma Schlatter**

"Two shoe salesmen, on separate trips, went to Africa to assess the market for shoes. After a study of the people, the first one cabled back to his company: 'No market here — everybody goes barefoot.'

"The second salesman, after a similar study, cabled back to his company: 'Send huge shipment! All sizes! All kinds! Nobody here wears shoes!'"

(Vince Garafalo)

The parallel to this story can be compared to our attitude for Christian service. Do we see opportunities, or are

we blind to them? Are we going forward with Him, or are we going backward? There is no standing still in the Christian life.

During these two weeks of Bible school, there are many lessons in Christian growth for those who serve as well as those who are served, for teachers and children both learn more of His Word.

Rich blessings are also in store for adults attending special evening Bible class. Elder Bro. Ed Ringger (Gridley, IL) kindly came to instruct in the first of the series.

The engagement of Sis. LeAnn Wulf to Bro. Nathan Gerber (Bluffton, IN) has recently been announced. She has been a faithful worker at the Children's Home for several years. Her parents are Bro. Leonard and Sis. Vi Wulf (Morris, MN). He is the son of Bro. Paul and Sis. Mary Jo Gerber (Bluffton, IN).

Bro. Steve Stieglitz has been a hospital patient. We commit him and others who are ailing to the Great Physician for returning good health.

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

#### Bits of This and That:

We can't avoid growing old, but we can avoid growing cold.

To grow old gracefully should be especially applicable to Christians.

A secret pleasure for all of us is to knowingly squander care on those we love.

God does not comfort to make us comfortable but to be comforters.

The fuller our cup of joy, the steadier will have to be our hand in holding it.

The secret of contentment is knowing how to enjoy what you have.

Scriptural love is love in truth.

#### INDIANA, MILFORD

**Marguerite Hoerr — Sue Schieler**

The first Sunday of June we always have our promotion program, and it is such a blessing to hear our Sunday school children sing songs of praise and recite verses they have learned. Sis. Pat Mikel has been elected to teach Sunday school for a three-year term.

The second week of June we had our Vacation Bible School, and what a revival it was. Our theme this year was "Experience the Christian Difference"

and we thank Bros. Chris Huber (Francesville), Dan Stoller (Remington), Nile Bucher (Bluffton North) and Floyd Schmidgall (Morris, MN) for teaching us. We also appreciated the men's groups from Francesville and Bluffton North and our own Sunday school and adult choirs who so beautifully sang for us.

Barbara Wuthrich (Bro. Alan and Kathy) and Michael Fiedler (Mr. and Mrs. John Fiedler, Akron, OH) announced their engagement and upcoming wedding July 18. Beverly Wuthrich (Bro. Alan and Kathy) and Sean Murphy (Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murphy, Warsaw) were united in marriage June 12. May the blessings of the Lord be upon both of these couples.

On Father's Day, Bro. Steve Price (Bro. Tom and Becky) and Sis. Tonia Tonner (Bro. Bill and Sis. Diana, Bluffton) were united in marriage at Bluffton. We welcome Sis. Tonia to Milford with open arms, and we wish them God's blessings as they walk life's pathway together.

Our hospital patients this month have been Sis. Aldine Reimschisel, Sis. Tina Lehman, Bro. Alan Wuthrich and Edna Graff. Our dear brother, Theo Brooks, has been unable to attend church, too, and we miss each one when they are absent.

Our gratitude goes to Bro. Bob Meyer (Bluffton North), Bro. Floyd Schmidgall (Morris, MN), Bro. Glenn Price (Sarasota) and Bro. Ray Sinn (Latty), who ministered to us recently.

#### INDIANA, REMINGTON

**Beth Virkler — Susan Getz**

#### PRAYER OF CONCERN FOR OTHERS

Father, help me to talk like a Christian: to speak in such a way that I build up another person's confidence in himself, instead of tearing down his reputation.

Father, help me to drive like a Christian: to be watchful and careful lest I cause harm to someone else on the highways.

Father, help me to give like a Christian: without thought of return, without anyone knowing what I do, and with Your approval as sufficient reward.

Father, help me to dress like a Christian: by not attracting attention to myself for being too fashionable or too cas-

ual; and help me to show by my appearance that I want people to know me for what I am inside myself. Father, help me to sleep like a Christian: at peace with myself because sin is forgiven; and at peace with others because I do not allow my anger to last through a day.

Father, help me to eat like a Christian: to eat healthily, to eat moderately, to eat gratefully, giving thanks to You who provide my food, and for the one who prepares my food.

Father, keep me from being so pious that I keep You out of the practical areas of life. Be with me when I am alone, and when I shed my inhibitions, lest in those moments I cancel out all that I seem to be when I'm on my best behavior.

Father, I ask this because I follow a Master who was never guilty of the slightest wrong-doing, and who always showed His love in the small details of living. Amen.

Bryan Jeffery Leech

The Lord spoke gently through Bro. Will Schieler (Milford, IN). We are thankful for his willingness to share.

Our thoughts are with Bro. Odell Pitman who is in poor condition. We pray the Lord will give grace and strength to endure.

#### INDIANA, SOUTH BEND

**Jill Lehman — Annie Meyer**

Visiting ministers this past month were Bros. Ted Witzig (Morton, IL) and Walt Steffen (Milford, IN). May the Lord bless them and their families.

Summer is a time for Vacation Bible School for both kids and adults. We look forward to this time with great anticipation. Lord willing, we will have Bros. Ray Sinn and John Hartman as our speakers this year.

"You cannot repent too soon, because you know not how soon it may be too late."

#### INDIANA, VALPARAISO

**Trish Bucher — Peg Huber**

"Love knows no depth until parting."

We extend our sympathy to the Ed Lester family in the loss of Ed's mother, Helen (Valparaiso) and to the family of Terry Bunn, in the loss of Terry's mother, Mary (Lewisburg, TN).

"... I know not how to go out or come in. Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart . . . that I may discern between good and bad . . ."

I Kings 3:7, 9

This is our prayer for our graduates: a wise and understanding heart in the ways of God. Our congratulations go to Shelley Robbins (Mrs. Barb), Sheryl Bucher (Bro. Gary and Sis. Lois), Sis. Kelly Thomas (Bro. Mike and Sis. Claudia), Sis. Candy Huber and Brett Huber (Bro. Rod and Sis. Mary).

We have been blessed with willing servants coming to Valparaiso this month including Bro. Karl Westfall (Francesville), Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL), Bro. Ed Alt (Cissna Park, IL), Bro. Bob Beebe (South Bend) and Bro. Nile Bucher (Bluffton North). We thank them for sharing in His service and trust they will feel Him "open . . . the windows of heaven and pour . . . out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10.

Mary Ann Rice recently had surgery. May we not forget to offer "the sacrifice of thanksgiving" (Psalms 116:17) as He answers our prayers for strength and healing in our loved ones.

It's hard to believe that half of 1987 is over, our actions and deeds transcribed in heaven's pages, our motives and thoughts noted by the Discerner of hearts. "Tis greatly wise to talk with our past hours, and ask them what report they bore to heaven." (Young)

We extend a hearty welcome to our Vacation Bible School, August 4, 5 and 6. We'd love to have you!

### INDIANA, WOLCOTT

**Elaine Bahler — Lorene Furrer**

A new ship of faith has set sail on the sea of life. On May 31 we welcomed Jeff Bahler (Bro. Lowell and Sis. Karla) as a brother-in-Christ. Though much of the course ahead is uncharted, may he always keep his eyes on the Lord to guide him to that heavenly goal. Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville) and Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington) were with us on that special day.

Our week of Bible School, hosted by Wolcott for Remington and Wolcott, began June 6, and was a week of blessings, instruction and encouragement. The young children were excited and eager and weren't ready for the week to end. On Friday night, they shared with everyone the songs they

had been singing through the week. The theme for the adult Bible School was "God's Plan Revealed" and covered values and events important throughout our lives. We sincerely thank Bro. John Reinhard (Bluffton), Bro. Kent Ringger (Bluffton), Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton), Bros. Kevin Knapp (Bloomington, IL) and Bro. Jaye Rinkenberger (Goodfield, IL) for all their special efforts on our behalf. Their love was evident and appreciated.

The sunny and warm day of June 14 was a special day in the lives of Sis. Pam Kyburz and Bro. Bruce Furrer. Many family and friends witnessed their wedding vows as God united them in marriage, a "three-fold cord, not lightly rent apart." Their parents are Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Pat Kyburz and Bro. Vernon and Sis. Jan Furrer.

### IOWA, ELGIN Gloria Frieden

There is hardly ever a complete silence in our soul. God is whispering to us well nigh incessantly. Whenever the sounds of the world die out in the soul, or sink low, then we hear these whisperings of God. He is always whispering to us, only we do not always hear, because of the noise, hurry and distraction which life causes as it rushes on.

Faber

How busy and full are the summer months. There is much to do; some work, some fun. But how good it would be if we could make ourselves set aside a few minutes each day to sit quietly under a shade tree, look up into the heavens, talk with God and wait for Him to speak to us.

Our Bible school theme this year was "Let Me Be Worthy". We give thanks to visiting ministers, Bro. Doug Schock (Pulaski), Bro. Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop, MN) and Bro. Bert Butikofer from our home congregation for their labors.

Other visiting ministers this past month were Bro. Art Gudeman (La-Crosse, IN), Bro. Noah Gerber (West Bend), Bro. Duane Kilgus (Fairbury, IL), Bro. Gary Brown (Forrest, IL) and Bro. Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski). We appreciate their visits and labors of love so much and welcome them all to come again.

During these vacationing months and at any time, we invite anyone to come and worship with us.

### IOWA, GARDEN GROVE Glen and Sally Funk

Twice a month we are blessed with a visiting minister to our congregation. These are richly rewarding times when we can fellowship with others of like mind and faith, meet and greet each other and feel the love of Christ that binds us together.

Bro. Doug Grimm (Sabetha, KS) ministered the Word to us May 17 and Bro. Dave Keiser (Princeville, IL) was here June 7. May God bless them for their labors of love and also the dear ones who came with them.

Our thanks and praise were in abundance to God when Bro. Tom and Sis. Dawn Moser (Elgin, IL) answered our request for help with Bible school. We had 38 children attend this year and everyone had a blessed week. Sis. Kristen Plattner (Wichita, KS) also helped and her three children attended classes. It takes everyone helping and working together to make a successful Bible school. Everyone that helped will surely be blessed for their efforts.

Congratulations go to Eric Smith (Bro. Gene and Sis. Rachel Smith) on his graduation from eighth grade.

Katie Clark (Bro. Don and Sis. Willa Clark) had an accident and lost a small part of her finger. Part of the finger was reattached and then skin grafting was done. We are thankful to God that her finger is healed now. Aaron Palmer (April and Buck Palmer) was hospitalized for a tonsillectomy.

We have beautiful lakes and camping all around us and, most of the time, few people make use of them. They are fine facilities, but without large cities close, they are kept as a good secret. Come and visit us this summer and call if you are interested in any information on vacationing in this beautiful area.

### IOWA, IOWA CITY Bonita Frank

We were recently reminded in a sermon of the parable of the "talents". We all have at least one talent, and some have many. We were encouraged to fully use all we have for the Lord. It may not be great things, but it will be meaningful to Him, if we are following His direction.

Sunday, June 14, Sis. Beverly Mogler and Bro. Curt Knapp were united in holy matrimony. May God ever be near them and grant them much grace and happiness ahead. We are thankful to



have been granted Sis. Bev for many happy years.

We will miss two other sisters who leave us to seek employment elsewhere. Sis. Melody Knobloch has moved to the West Bend area to a job in a school system near there. Sis. Kathryn Massner has relocated to the Oakville area. We will miss these dear sisters and their cheerful, willing ways. We pray that God will continue to guide them and bless them, too.

Our visiting ministers this past month have been Bro. Dennis Kaufmann (Bloomington, IL), Bro. Gary Anliker (Elgin, IL), Elder Bro. Steve Rinckenberger (Cissna Park, IL) and Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer (Elgin, IA). We thank all for feeding our flock so well.

Mark Webber (Bro. Phil and Sis. Jan) graduated from high school this year. As he passes through this doorway into the rest of his life, may he ever remember God's teachings that he learned in Sunday school and at home. We wish the best for him.

#### IOWA, LESTER

**Kathy Metzger — Mary Knobloch**

"And when He had given thanks, he brake it and said, Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner he also took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me." I Corinthians 11:24-25. On May 31, Elder Bro. Harold Messner (Winthrop, MN) was here to assist Elder Bro. Leo Moser serve the Lord's Supper to our brothers and sisters. Once again it humbled us as we walked the road to Calvary and witnessed His suffering and death in our soul's interest and welfare.

We have been blessed with several other visiting ministers, Bro. Simon Wagenbach (Tremont, IL), Bro. Kent Mogler (Minneapolis, MN), Bro. Jon Schmidgall (Oakville), Bro. Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop, MN) and Bro. Harold Schmidgall (Gridley, IL). May God continue to bless the ministers as they bring forth the gospel of salvation and may His Word always bring encouragement to the redeemed and conviction to the sinner.

Two families have been lovingly blessed with "bundles from heaven". Michael Jay was born May 21 to Clar-

ence and Eileen Schelton. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Vera Knobloch. Sara Lynn arrived June 5 to Doug and Charlene Leuthold. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Emily Leuthold. May they look to our heavenly Father for guidance as they rear their children.

Surgical patients this past month were Glen Meyer (Bro. George and Sis. Charlyn); Sis. Kay Knobloch (Bro. Gus and Sis. Florence) and Jim Cunningham. May God's healing hand continue to touch these dear souls.

From the lips of a child came these words: "I love God and God loves me." As adults, do we speak these words? Do our actions and deeds speak these words? Do our Christian examples speak these words?

#### IOWA, OAKVILLE Debbie Wagenbach

The summer is half over and slowly sinking into fall. Time does not stand still and what a comforting thought that it is all in the hands of our heavenly Father.

Bro. George and Sis. Hazel Kuntz have recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They wish to express their appreciation to all those who remembered them on this occasion. Also celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary are Bro. Dick and Cleo Gerst (Peoria, IL). Their children hosted a reception for them in the Burlington area Sunday, June 14. We certainly do have a lot of couples celebrating 50th anniversaries this year. We are thankful to have them to look to as pillars of our faith.

Bro. Bill Schrock (Bro. Robert and Sis. Edith) and Sis. Karen Menold (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Marie, Princeville) are engaged. We wish them God's richest blessings as they plan for this important step in their lives.

Bro. Simon Wagenbach (Tremont, IL) and Bro. Bill Gerst (Alto, MI) have recently visited Oakville and have ministered the Word to us.

Bro. Scott Wegman (Bro. Sam and Sis. Rosemary) has taken employment in the Chicago area at Pittsburgh Testing Laboratories. We will certainly miss Bro. Scott as he will be attending the Chicago church.

#### IOWA, PULASKI

**Sarah Teubel — Mary Jane Knapp**

We give thanks to our elder brothers

for time spent in behalf of our soul's welfare. Often they travel many miles to visit and encourage us. We prayerfully thank Elder Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville, IA) who came and ministered unto us recently.

On Saturday evening, May 30, Elder Bro. Loren Stoller (Latty, OH) traveled many miles to serve holy communion to us and then lent himself to minister to us on Sunday. May he be richly blest with heavenly blessings. He was assisted by Bro. Russell Wuthrich. According to history in "Marching to Zion", the Froelich group demanded communion service almost weekly in an effort to return to the Apostolic pattern. Communion is for our self-examination, and also for the edifying and strengthening of our church body. We have such a contrast when we think how the Froelich group had to struggle so hard for this precious privilege and we sometimes feel we take the opportunity to partake of communion for granted. Are we striving to keep the Apostolic pattern?

According to Thy gracious word,  
In meek humility,  
This will we do, our dying Lord,  
We will remember Thee.

Hymns of Zion #3

We had an extra blessing that weekend, too, because Bro. Dave and Sis. Esther Stoller brought Bro. Loren and Sis. Irene. Bro. Dave's grandparents lived in the Pulaski area many years ago and Bro. Dave's father was born here.

Several of our congregation spent time in the hospital. Kristin Wuthrich (Bro. Ken and Sis. Lora), Sis. Ernestine Wuthrich (Bro. Bill), Bro. Richard Teubel and Sis. Elizabeth Wuthrich (Bro. Albert) are all home again.

#### IOWA, WEST BEND

**Polly Zaugg — Phyllis Banwart**

We are thankful for the visiting ministers, Elder Bro. Sam Anliker (Lamont, KS) and Bro. Kent Mogler (Minneapolis, MN), who served us this past month.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been hospitalized. Josephine Thoman was a medical patient.

Paul, Jr. and Emmy Banwart announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne, to David Jergens, son of

Robert and Joan. A September wedding is being planned.

We are happy to report one birth this month. A daughter, Lena Rose, was born to Bro. Mark and Sis. Deb Bruellman May 13. Two sisters, Jill and Minny, are on hand to welcome her as well as grandparents, Bro. Don and Sis. Verda Bruellman and Donald Cook (Fort Dodge).

Our annual Sunday school elections were held with the following chosen to teach: Bro. Norman Zaugg, Sis. Rose Grimm and Sis. Judy Metzger. We wish to express our appreciation to Bro. Wayne Grimm, Sis. Carolyn Gerber and Sis. Karen Banwart whose terms expire. May they be blessed for carrying out these important duties.

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**JAPAN, SHIODA**  
**Sheila Moser**

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Revelation 3:20

We rejoice as we share with you the happy news that a dear soul has responded to Jesus' knock on her heart's door and has invited Him to take over her life. Kuniko Iijima, a young wife and mother, has turned her back on this world and has begun her journey toward heaven. We ask that she and her family be kept in your prayers.

June 7 was the date of our annual Sunday school picnic. After being rained out for the past two years, about fifty children and adults gathered for a very warm but enjoyable outing. The children took part in singing, playing games and a short walk. Bro. Toru Saegusa shared an inspirational story with us all. We were thankful for the special time together.

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**JAPAN, TOKYO**

**Frank and Kathy Sauder**

"For we are laborers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." I Corinthians 3:9. This was the key verse used in our annual business meeting held May 10. At the meeting, it was decided to redo the assembly room. "We will not forsake the house of our God." Nehemiah 10:39. Last week, brothers, sisters and children gathered together to paint and wallpaper. One mother was overheard saying to her child: "See, you're

working in the House of God just like Samuel in the Bible story we had last week."

After writing for the Silver Lining for over 25 years, Bro. Yoshio Yamazaki has retired from the position. We are thankful to God for his many years of dedicated service.

We welcome Bro. Bruce Wyss back to Japan. He will continue his training with Mitsubishi in Nagoya through the fall of this year.

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**KANSAS, BERN**  
**Shirley Strahm**  
**Lori Baumgartner**

We Americans often take our many freedoms for granted and we, as Christians, do also. We Christians have so much to be thankful for because we have been freed from the most tyrannical bondage ever — the bondage of sin. Our country's forefathers had to fight many battles and shed their very own blood that we might live in a free United States of America. But, on the other hand, we as Christians didn't have to shed our own blood. Rather, we have a Saviour who died in our place so that we might be free from the tyranny of sin and someday have everlasting life.

We appreciate all of the visiting ministers who have been with us this past month and have brought us the precious Word. They were Bro. Clarence Dietrich (Silverton, OR), Bro. Howard Plattner (Wichita, KS), Bro. Wayne Miller (Fort Scott, KS), Bro. Dale Wulf (Lester, IA) and Bro. Tim Zimmerman (Gridley, KS).

In Memory of Alvin Strahm  
 who passed away July 25, 1986

It seems we scarcely knew him  
 In his years on earth.  
 Nor, realized till he had gone  
 His wondrous man's worth.  
 The work he gave, and freely toiled  
 For others all the while.  
 Looking back across the years  
 Forgetting our thanks and smile  
 And how we prayed for him  
 Our words he could not hear  
 Heart-breaking tears at last,  
 We saw the vision clear and bright.  
 The beauty of the soul  
 Who went away that night.  
 We know there was no other  
 So fine and so true as he  
 Whom we called — Father.

Missed by his family.

Those who are subscribing to the Silver Lining please be reminded that July is the month for dues to be paid.

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**KANSAS, GRIDLEY**  
**Vola Young — Judy Kraft**

Our thoughts and prayers have been with Bro. Loren Strahm and Bro. Eldon Metzger as they both required hospitalization. We are thankful that the Lord did comfort, care for and choose to restore health to these loved ones.

It has been our privilege to have visiting ministers in our midst. They were Bro. Charles Sinn (Fort Scott), Bro. Bill Emch and Bro. Roy Wernli (Lamont).

July is the month for collection of Silver Lining dues for the Gridley congregation.

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**KANSAS, KIOWA**

**Darcy Kisling — Janice Bahr**

Many gathered at the rest home this month to help sing and hold services.

We were saddened by the death of Floyd Tanner after an extended illness.

Sis. Kathryn Miller has moved to the rest home as she continues to recuperate from a broken leg. Surgery patients this month were Ray Schrock and Bro. Raymond Roth.

Sis. Dorothy Brown was again hospitalized for tests after continuing ill health. We pray that the Lord's healing power will be with each of these.

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**KANSAS, SABETHA**  
**Charleen Hartter — Nita Grimm**

"Sit and pause awhile, my spirit,  
 This great miracle behold; See the King of highest merit On the cross, so bare and cold! Out of heaven God has given His own Son in love untold!"

"Through the power of Thy dying,  
 Into Thy death, Lord, draw me; Let my body, all my being, There be nailed, Lord, with Thee; Calm and gentle May my will be; To my love give purity!"

Zion's Harp #226

The summer months continue to swiftly fly along as the golden wheat is harvested, the garden vegetables are gathered in, and other activities fill our days! Yet, do we take time to sit and pause with our inward spirit to reflect upon our Saviour's love for us, and all that He has taught us through God's Word? It seems to be somewhat of a

challenge to give the Lord an adequate measure of our precious time when we become so caught up in our earthly responsibilities and cares!

On May 31, Bro. Lee Martin was united in marriage to Sis. Natalie Wy-song. It is our prayer that the God of wisdom will sustain them by His grace, and that they may be found as true witnesses for Him forever!

Born to Frank and Sis. Julie Krogmann was a little son, Alec William, June 3. He is welcomed home by Joshua, Rachel and Nicole. The happy grandparents are Bro. Harvey and Sis. Arleta Wenger and Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Krogmann.

On June 12, a little boy, Jacob Scott, was born to Clark and Janet Strahm. He is also welcomed home by brothers, Kevin and Lucas. Grandparents are Bro. Walter and Sis. Mildred Strahm and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson.

Bro. Charles Sauder (Tremont, IL) and Elder Bros. Gene Marti (Lamar, MO) and Edwin Ringger (Gridley, IL) have visited our congregation in the past month, sharing God's Word and Spirit with us. May they be blest for their kind exhortations and labors of love.

What a wonderful finale to the commemoration of our 50th anniversary June 5 - 6 was the beautiful weekend provided by the presence of our dear children, relatives and precious friends convening here for the occasion. Our sincere thanks to all who had a part in making this a memorable occasion so precious and enjoyable. Thanks for your presence, beautiful cards, mailgrams, telephone calls, flowers and many tributes of love and friendship. God's blessings on you all.

Joe and Mary Aberle

Bro. Carl Hartman would like to express his heartfelt thanks to all who remembered him during his hospitalization. He appreciated so very much the efforts of those who came to sing for him along with the thoughtful prayers, visits, cards and flowers received from you all.

"God has given us two ears, two eyes and one tongue, to the end that we should hear and see more than we speak."

Unknown

#### KANSAS, WICHITA

Emma Miller

Silver Lining collections for Wichita

are due in August. If my Wichita readers want changes of address, subscription renewals or subscription deletions, see me the first Sunday in August or mail the information to me at my El Dorado address. Include payment of \$7.00 with your renewals.

May was a special month for Bro. Phillip Bowers, who graduated magna cum laude from Wichita State University. Bro. Phil, a quadriplegic for the past 16 years, was also presented with the WSU Alumni Association's Perseverance Award which is given annually to a senior who had to overcome overwhelming odds to earn a degree. Bro. Phil's eventual goal is a master's degree and a full-time job as a reading specialist.

Others honored with Bro. Phil at a church reception were high school graduates, Tim Carter and Heidi Cooper. Tim is the son of Sis. Carol and Earl Carter and Heidi is the daughter of Janet Cooper. Her grandparents are Sis. Gussie and Bro. Art Wullschleger.

#### KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON

Brenda Klein

We wish to thank our visiting ministers this month for sharing the Word with us. Bro. Virgil Metzger (Chicago, IL) and Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley, IL) were welcome guests.

#### MICHIGAN, ALTO

Juanita Gerst

"Oh, Jesus look upon my helpless situation; my heart feels deadly fear, my spirit, condemnation. Within me is the wish, but not the power to do, because my weary soul is full of grief and woe."

Zion's Harp #45

It is with glad hearts that we rejoice for two young souls who experienced those heavy hearts. Our prayers are with Matthew Steffen (Elder Bro. Aaron and Sis. Loretta) and Mark Steffen (Carl and Sis. Myrna) as they look towards the Lord for guidance and direction in their walk with Him.

We were glad for the recovery of Nathan Steffen (Elder Bro. Aaron and Sis. Loretta) so that he could leave the hospital to attend his graduation.

"Out on to Calv'ry's hill, Where Jesus died I'll go, to hear the words He speaks, to see Him in His woe." (Zion's

Harp #89). We would like to extend a very heartfelt thanks to Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville, IN) and his wife for coming to share communion with us and taking us back to Calvary's hill to remember Christ's death and suffering.

God has seen fit to bless yet another household with a little baby to love and grow in His name. Bro. Rod and Sis. Beth Steffen and family are pleased to welcome little Justin Steffen into their hearts and home.

#### MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

Pam Schlatter

"He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people." Exodus 13:22. We are thankful that as Greg and Lynette Munsel (Bro. Frederick and Sis. Delores Munsel and Bro. Gary and Sis. Shirley Wright) have sought out the Lord in repentance. We can assure them of the faithfulness of God. Even as He led the children of Israel by day and night, so will He abide with those who come humbly to the foot of the cross.

Our 1987 Vacation Bible School provided ample opportunity for blessings as well as the exercising of various talents on the part of the brethren. Our evening program with the theme "Signs of the Times" was subdivided into five topics, Information Signs, Warning Signs, Stop Signs, Yield Signs and Life at the Crossroads. We in particular wish to thank the visiting brothers, Elder Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford, IN), Elder Bro. Ed Ringger (Gridley, IL), Bro. Mark Bahr (Detroit, MI), Bro. Carroll Gerber (Bluffton North, IN) and Bro. Gene Lehman (Wolcott, IN), who so willingly exhorted us on those topics. Our day sessions included activities and lessons for the children. We pray for an increase from this planting and watering.

Our congregation was also privileged to have Bro. Homer Reineck (Toledo, OH) in our presence. May God be the rewarder of those who spread the Gospel news.

Bro. Curt and Sis. Sue Heimer are presently in the Columbus, OH, area where Curt has received his bone marrow transplant. Curt and Sue will be in the Columbus area several months. For those who would wish to send mail to them, their address is: 6084 Busch Blvd., Apt. 33, Columbus, OH 43229.



### MICHIGAN, DETROIT Donna Hartzler

"And he gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:"

Ephesians 4:11, 12

We appreciate visitors, including visiting ministers. We give thanks to Bro. Steve Gutwein for ministering to us Sunday, May 24, and to all who came to worship with us and help make the weekend a special one.

"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. Another special weekend was May 30 and 31. Elder Bro. John Klotzle assisted our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach in serving holy communion Saturday evening. On Sunday, Bro. John ministered to us. His messages included a comparison of the Old and New Testament readings where God gave guidelines to Moses and Aaron for entering the promised land, and Christ gave instructions for entering the eternal home in heaven. How important it is that we heed those instructions! We thank Bro. John for his labors of love in serving us. May God's blessings be with him.

On Sunday afternoon the annual meeting for the election of officers and Sunday school teachers was held. Those chosen were Bro. Nick Gutwein and Sis. Joanne Kaisner, Sunday school teachers; Bro. Ernie Weigele, trustee; Sis. Beth Knochel, secretary; and Bro. Kaywin Martin, treasurer. We thank the outgoing officers and Sunday school teachers for their time and efforts. We pray the Lord will bless them and those who are to assume the responsibilities in the various offices.

It is wonderful to see the results when all work together to a common goal. A lot of effort was put into the garage and bake sale which was held June 3 and 4 to raise money for Apostolic Christian Woodhaven. Thanks are expressed to all for their donation of items, time and effort to make it a success.

On June 3, Bro. Dan and Sis. Ruth Knochel welcomed into their family a new granddaughter, Alissa Louise. Parents are Gary and Mary Knochel (Chicago, IL). Best wishes to all!

Bro. Joe Szilagyi submitted to surgery June 4. He is now at home recuperating, but will require further treatment. We look forward to the time when Bro. Joe can again assemble with us. "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings;" Malachi 4:2.

### MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS Barbara Olson

#### PEACEMAKERS

In the United States of America, the 4th of July is Independence Day. We thank God for our freedom. But all Christians should be thankful for any nation that guarantees liberty for its citizens and works toward peace with other countries of the world.

While Thomas Jefferson was president, he responded to a national crisis in a way that kept America out of war. In late June 1807, the British committed an act of aggression that could have triggered an armed reprisal and quickly escalated into war between the two countries. The British warship, Leopard, attacked the American vessel Chesapeake as she cleared the harbor at Norfolk. In the murderous attack 21 Americans died. Later the British explained that they were merely looking for deserters from their navy. Although it would have been natural to retaliate, President Jefferson used restraint and did not order U.S. forces to attack. Instead, he deliberately postponed action until Congress decided that the best way to respond was to pass the Embargo Act. Thus war was averted.

If conditions call for us to defend our country to preserve our homes and our freedoms, we should meet the challenge with all strength and resolve. But first we should do everything possible to avert war and strive for peace. As Christians, we must faithfully pray for our national leaders that we may "lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence." I Timothy 2:2. Let's strive for peace and thank God for all who are peacemakers.

Lord, for our leaders we  
would pray  
And ask that they would  
choose Thy way,  
For only as they  
honor Thee

Will our beloved land  
stay free.

We would like to thank the West Bend, IA, Sunday school for hosting the Youth Fellowship Weekend June 13 - 14. May God richly bless all of them for their labors of love.

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

Thought — Blessedness is promised to the peacemaker, not to the conqueror.

### MINNESOTA, MORRIS Ruth Nohl — Hildegard Koehl

We were again renewed in heart and spirit as Elder Bro. Wayne Fehr (West Bend, IA) brought the Holy Word of God to us. We are ever grateful to our ministering brothers who preach God's Word to us.

The engagement announcement of Sis. LeAnn Wulf (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Vi Wulf) and Bro. Nathan Gerber (Bro. Paul and Sis. Mary Jo, Bluffton, IN) was made known to us. We rejoice with these two dear souls as they have been drawn together by God's will. An August 24 wedding is being planned.

A precious little "miracle", Stacy Joy, is the new little daughter of Bro. James and Sis. Hildegard Koehl. Stacy has an older sister, Melinda, who eagerly welcomes her home. Bro. William and Sis. Hilda Stefan (Lamar, MO) and Bro. Ernest and Sis. Gladys Koehl are the grandparents.

Hospitalized were Sis. Debra Joos (surgical), Sis. Sophie Nohl and Sis. Helen Joos. It is always a concern to us when loved ones are hospitalized, but we are always thankful for their returning health and strength.

Our college graduates are Sis. Patti Dapper (UMM), Byron Koehl (Alexandria Vo Tech) and Mark Brown (UMM).

#### LIVE BY FAITH AND NOT BY FEELINGS

When everything is pleasant and bright  
And the things we do turn out just right,  
We feel without question that God is  
real,  
For, when we are happy, how good we  
feel . . .  
But when the tides turn and gone is the  
song  
And misfortune comes and our plans  
go wrong,

Doubt creeps in and we start to wonder  
 And our thoughts about God are torn  
 asunder  
 For we feel deserted in time of deep  
 stress,  
 Without God's presence to assure us  
 and bless . . .  
 And it is then when our senses are  
 reeling  
 We realize clearly it's faith and not  
 feeling  
 For it takes Great Faith to patiently  
 wait,  
 Believing "God comes Not Too Soon  
 or Too Late!"

Helen Steiner Rice

**MINNESOTA, WINTHROP**  
**Wanda Messner**  
**Ella Mae Schmidt**

Flourishing youth, Thou our hope and  
 our fond expectation,  
 Hark to the voice that is calling in kind  
 invitation!  
 That hand obey, which oft has pointed  
 the way  
 To the dear Saviour's salvation!  
 Zion's Harp #168

What a wonderful and important  
 duty it is to be involved with our  
 Sunday school children and to "point  
 the way to the dear Saviour's salva-  
 tion!" Our new Sunday school teacher  
 is Bro. Verl Schmidt. May he feel God's  
 direction when teaching the tender  
 hearts. Our annual Sunday school pic-  
 nic was held at the Winthrop Park, and  
 the Sunday school picnic for the five  
 area churches was held at West Bend.  
 We want to thank the teachers and  
 children for all their efforts. May God  
 bless each one!

When we asunder part, it gives us  
 inward pain;  
 But we shall still be joined in heart,  
 and hope to meet again.  
 Hans. G. Naegeli

We said our goodbyes to Bro. Bruce  
 and Sis. Audrey, Jamie and Breann  
 Messner, as they moved to West Bend  
 this past month. Our small congrega-  
 tion will miss them, but we will "still be  
 joined in heart!"

We welcome back Sis. Geri Messner  
 who has been with her daughter, Kim  
 Moser, several months during her bone  
 marrow transplant. Kim, Todd and  
 Heather are now back in California.

May God continue to strengthen them.

**MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY**

"Be careful for nothing; but in every-  
 thing by prayer and supplication, with  
 thanksgiving let your requests be made  
 known unto God. And the peace of God  
 which passeth all understanding, shall  
 keep your hearts and minds through  
 Jesus Christ."

Philippians 4:6, 7

Give all your cares, anxieties and  
 problems to God and He will give you  
 peace.

We thank God that Sis. Anna Lou  
 Mattix is recovering from her illness. It  
 is so good to see her cheerful face in  
 church.

Eileen Braker is on the road to  
 recovery after surgery. We hope to see  
 her in church soon.

Jennifer Wales (Sis. Carole and Bro.  
 Don Wales) was in a car accident the  
 night of her high school graduation. We  
 thank God that her injuries were minor.

Jennifer Wales and Michelle Braker  
 graduated from high school and are  
 planning to attend college this fall.

Kenny Stoller graduated from grade  
 school.

I would like to thank the ministers  
 who served us. We appreciate their  
 faithfulness.

**MISSOURI, LAMAR**

**Janice Stoller — Carol Braker**

We are now in the busy season of  
 wheat harvest. It reminds us of the  
 spiritual harvest which God wishes to  
 reap. May we all do our part that He  
 may have a bountiful harvest.

Bro. Noah Schlupp is now feeling  
 better and was able to assemble with  
 us once again.

Bro. Wayne Streitmatter (Prince-  
 ville, IL) and Bro. Brian Wiegand  
 (Eureka, IL) are spending several  
 weeks in our area. We enjoy having  
 them with us.

**MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS**

**Loren and Betsy Schrenk**

We were blessed with a weekend of  
 Christian fellowship when Chicago, IL,  
 brethren chose St. Louis as the destina-  
 tion for their annual bus trip in May.  
 As we ate dinner and sang hymns in a  
 secluded, peaceful park, old friend-  
 ships were updated and new acquaint-  
 ances were made. Bros. Virg Metzger

and Greg Rassi ministered to us Sun-  
 day.

The potluck group of Bro. Bill and  
 Sis. Betty Hodel, consisting of many  
 Roanoke and Eureka, IL, couples,  
 spent the first weekend of June in St.  
 Louis. We once again experienced how  
 our joy and peace in Christ can be  
 shared in singing.

On Father's Day, we were richly  
 blessed by the visit of Elder Bro. Bob  
 Grimm's family. We thank Bro. Jay  
 Rinckenberger and Bro. Bob for minis-  
 tering to us. The messages emphasized  
 the joys and responsibilities of parent-  
 ing. An additional blessing of the day  
 was the visit of our Elder Bro. Roy  
 Grimm and his family.

We welcome Bro. Greg and Sis.  
 Stephanie Hunziker who plan to live in  
 the St. Louis area for three years while  
 he attends school. God's leading them  
 here is an encouragement to our small  
 congregation.

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

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 ev'ry mountain side  
 Let freedom ring!

Tabernacles #351

"Stand fast therefore, in the liberty  
 with which Christ hath made us free."  
 Galatians 5:1

We give thanks to our visiting minis-  
 ters this month. Bros. Vernon Wett-  
 stein (Congerville, IL) and Bert Buti-  
 kofer (Elgin, IA) were here May 17.  
 Elder Bro. Roy and Sis. Dona Grimm  
 hosted Dona's family the weekend of  
 May 24 honoring our retired Elder Bro.  
 Ezra Feller's 84th birthday. Elder Bro.  
 Bob Grimm (Goodfield, IL) and Bro.  
 Todd Feller (LaCrosse, IN) were vis-  
 iting ministers that day. "But the word  
 of the Lord endureth forever. And this  
 is the word which by the gospel is  
 preached unto you." I Peter 1:25.

Babies are part of our news — Steve  
 and Marsha Riney (Gene and Irene)  
 have a daughter, Karley Renae, born  
 May 16. Three-year-old Bethaney has  
 welcomed her home. David and Sis.  
 Marijane Foote have a little boy, David  
 Lester, born May 21. Two older sisters,

Jennifer and Julie, welcome him. May God bless these parents and give them the love and wisdom to rear these little ones according to His way.

Brad Marquart (Bro. Dave and Sis. Lori) was treated and released for a fractured collarbone. He has fully recovered for which we are thankful.

Our graduates this year are Kip Massner (Bro. Allen and Sis. Rosie), Galen Haab (Bro. Paul and Sis. Kathy), Todd Scott (Bro. Don and Sis. Janelle), Erin Barkley (Myron and Debbie) and Trent Heimer (Stan and Sis. Linda). Carrie Hoerr (Bro. Bob and Sis. Em) graduated from nurses' training. May God's blessings rest on all these young people and may they seek His guidance and counsel in whatever they choose to do in the future.

Bro. Shon Haerr (Bro. Norman and Sis. Sally) and Sis. Peggy Hunziker (Bro. Al and Sis. Ginny, Morton, IL) were united in marriage June 7. We gladly welcome Peggy into our Taylor "family" and wish God's blessings on them both. "Two are better than one". Ecclesiastes 4:9.

Bro. Curtis Heimer is doing as well as can be expected after the bone marrow transplant June 10 in Columbus, OH. Our ministering Bro. Kent was the donor and we are glad he has recovered enough to return home. "We need the prayers of those we love."

"His death and resurrection  
All prove He was divine:  
And now by faith I claim Him  
And make salvation "mine".

Spittal

June 14 was a special day for Judy Huber (Vernon) when, after giving her testimony as to her conversion the evening before, she was baptized and received into the circle of believers as our new "sister" in Christ. May God be with her and her family and we trust witnessing this miracle was a blessing and a day of remembrance for all of us.

#### A PRAYER FOR SERENITY

God, be my resting place and my protection  
In hours of trouble, defeat and rejection . . .  
May I never give way to self-pity and sorrow,  
May I always be sure of a better tomorrow.

May I stand undaunted come what may,  
Secure in the knowledge I have only to pray  
And ask my creator and father above  
To keep me serene in His grace and His love!

#### NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY Heidi Haerr

We would like to thank the following ministers and their families who visited with us during the past several weeks. Elder Bros. Nate Steffen (Elgin, IL), Bob Grimm (Goodfield, IL), Charles Hemmer (Peoria, IL), Bro. Harold Schmidgall (Gridley, IL) and Bros. Kevin Ryan, Dan Stoller, Everett Gerber and Lee Bahler (Rockville, CT) each travelled to join our congregation and lead our worship services. In addition we are thankful to other visitors who worshipped with us; each person is welcomed and appreciated.

#### NEW YORK, CROGHAN Alice Virkler

On Sunday, June 14, we gathered with the Naumburg congregation to listen to God's Word when Elder Bro. Robert Walder and his family were with us. In the evening we were in the Croghan church for services.

We extend congratulations and best wishes for the future lives of our high school graduates this year. May they remember what they have been taught in their years as they go to schools of higher learning or other positions in this life. They are Kristina Beck (Louis and Janet), Teresa Virkler (Ken and Judy), Timothy Virkler (Bro. Ted and Sis. Mae) and Lori Schneider (Bruce and Betty Richie).

Deepest sympathy has been extended to the family of little Jaclyn May Petzoldt who was taken from life at birth. Her parents are Bruce and Patty and she also has five brothers and her twin sister, Katelyn. Her grandparents are Don and Sis. Rita Petzoldt and her great-grandmother is Sis. Amelia Belle Virkler.

Bro. Lowell Virkler is a patient in the hospital, having undergone successful surgery for the replacement of his knee. Our thoughts and prayers have been for him to have a complete recovery.

A reminder that Silver Lining dues for the Croghan church are due in August.

#### NEW YORK, NAUMBURG Rachel Snyder

On the weekend of June 14, Elder Bro. Robert Walder was with us. The Croghan congregation assembled with us during the day and in the evening we joined them. We surely appreciate his coming and may the dear Lord bless him for his efforts.

Sis. Rosella Schultz has had to spend a few days in the hospital but we are thankful that she can be out again.

#### OHIO, AKRON Joyce Gasser

Psalms 34 is a Hebrew alphabetical psalm written by David, who knew that God is all these things for us. Having started the psalm before, we finish now.

Vs. 15: "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are open unto their cry". The Hebrew picture letter is eyes. God's eyes are watching to help us, they run to and fro in the earth to show himself strong in those who cry to Him.

Vs. 16: "The face of the Lord is against them that do evil . . ." It means mouth, or God's Word will take care of the enemy.

Vs. 17: "The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles." The Hebrew is sickle, depicting that when the righteous cry, the Lord will cut down anything that is in the way and take care of it.

Vs. 18: "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart . . ." The Hebrew picture is the back of a head, meaning subconscious. When we have discouragement, we need to pull some things from our subconsciousness of good things the Lord did for us in the past, realizing He helped us before and will help again.

Vs. 19: "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." The Hebrew means the coordination of our thoughts. We need to get our thought life coordinated with the Word.

Vs. 20: "He keepeth all the bones . . ." The Hebrew is a prophecy about Jesus. Even after David has committed wrongs, God gave him prophecy.

Vs. 21: "Evil shall slay the wicked . . ." The Hebrew is signature, meaning God is putting His signature to this, and will see us through.

Vs. 22: "The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants . . ." The Hebrew is



mouth. This is the letter used twice, which depicts double importance to speak it with our mouth, speak the Word as God says it.

Susan Grawunder (Bro. and Sis. Fred Grawunder) testified that, although she had good friends, a good job, and things going well at college, she wanted the inward peace and joy of salvation. She was exhorted to tell her friends of the Lord Jesus and help them. We rejoice in Sue's faith for salvation, and she was baptized with Elder Bro. Joe Ramsier and Bro. Henry Dotterer assisting.

Elder Bro. Chuck and Sis. Marian Hemmer and some others from Peoria, IL, and some of their family were with us and Bro. Hemmer blessed us with inspiring messages.

Elder Bro. Gene Pamer had eye surgery and is at home while it heals. Sis. Bonnie Bako is home from the hospital and Sis. Louise Graf had surgery on her hand. We pray they will recover strength speedily.

### OHIO, JUNCTION

#### Les Manz

Having been brought together by His Spirit, Bro. Elmer Gerber (Bluffton North, IN) and Sis. Henrietta Manz were united in marriage June 7. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their life together.

Our spiritual minds were nourished in His Word by visiting Bros. Carroll Gerber (Bluffton North, IN), Delbert Endermuhle (Sardis), Eugene Fetter (Toledo) and Elder Bro. Loren Stoller (Latty).

Following open heart surgery (valve replacement) and what appeared to be normal recovery, Jim Aldred was suddenly taken from this life. As a neighbor for many years and recently as a fellow worshipper, we will miss him. When life is snuffed out so quickly and somewhat unexpectedly, it reminds us to review our relationship with Almighty God and ask ourselves, "Would we be ready?"

### OHIO, LATTY

#### Patty Gerber — Marlene Reinhard

"For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord . . ."

Jeremiah 30:17

Those hospitalized this month were

Bro. Raymond Klopfenstein (Sis. Catherine), Nancy Laukhuf (Dave) and Sis. Vera Laukhuf.

The week of June 8 - 12 we had our Vacation Bible School. We trust the truth is being instilled deep into their tender hearts so that our heavenly home might be their main objective in life.

Our visiting ministers this month were Bro. Ernest Graf (Akron) and Bro. Walter Steffen (Milford, IN).

### EXTRA PRAYER

When the world falls down around you

And a prayer will see you through,  
Say an extra prayer for someone

Who may need it more than you.  
For who knows what hearts are  
breaking

In the silence of the night?  
Just that extra prayer you whisper  
May help someone see the light!

Everytime you help a stranger  
With an extra prayer — or two —  
You are building secret blessings  
That will all come back to you!

Nick Kenny

### OHIO, RITTMAN

#### Diane Gasser — Judy Stoller

### KEEP ON BELIEVING

There's no cloud too dark  
for God's light to penetrate,  
If we keep on believing  
and have faith enough to wait.

Helen Steiner Rice

Even though we must sometimes experience times of sorrow and trials we must remember that every cloud has a silver lining.

Several have experienced trials and afflictions of the body. They include Robert Arnold (Sis. Deanna), Sis. Wilma Ramsier (Bro. Kenneth), Bill Young (Sis. Donna), Jill Lorentz (Ken and Annette) and Bro. Bob Gasser (Sis. Neva).

Also, we extend our sympathy to those who experienced the loss of loved ones. Bill Young's (Sis. Donna) mother recently left this earthly sphere and we extend our sympathy to him as well as her nephew, Rex (Carol) Young.

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth

in a dark place, until the dawn, and the daystar arise in your hearts;"

II Peter 1:19

Bro. Fred Domka (Mansfield, OH) visited us and meditated upon the Word of Life with us, giving us guidelines as to how to live that we may inherit eternal life. May God continue to bless the brothers who bring us God's Word.

Mike and Helen Zollinger welcome Brian Michael as a blessed addition to their home. Brian's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Taylor and Carl and Sis. Martha Zollinger.

Gary Landis was united in matrimony with Jackie Newcomer May 23. Gary's parents are Bro. Vernon and Sis. Lib Landis and Jackie's parents are Jerry and Barb Newcomer. May God add His blessing to their marriage.

We apologize for missing Lisa Stoller last month in our list of those graduating this year. May God direct her as she now begins a new phase in her life.

No matter what may come into our lives may we always remember:

One thing never changes,

It remains the same forever;  
God truly loves His children

And He will forsake them never.

Helen Steiner Rice

### OHIO, SARDIS

#### Alice Ramsier

We have really felt the blessing of God throughout the construction of our new church building. The many gifts and laborers have been appreciated more than words can say. Now that our new church building is almost finished, we wish to extend an invitation to all those who would like to join in worship with us. We especially invite all who would like to attend our Open House August 2 and Dedication services August 9.

Visiting us this past month was Elder Bro. Andy Virkler (Bay City, MI).

Please give your address change to your reporter.

### OHIO, SMITHVILLE

#### Ann Maibach — Verla Stoller

How thankful we are to have brothers who are willing to stand before us and preach the Word. Our visiting ministers this month were Bro. Art Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN) and Bro. Roy Luginbuhl (Fort Lauderdale, FL). May

God bless them for their labors of love.

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." Psalms 127:3. Thankful for the safe arrival of Holly Joy are Bro. Ed and Sis. Verla Stoller. Big sister, Elizabeth, is excited to have a baby in the family. Grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Lucille Blough (Rittman) and Bro. Don and Sis. Luzelda Stoller.

Bro. Norman and Sis. Audrey Beery's little son, Andy, was injured in an accident, and had to be hospitalized for a few days. We are thankful that he has been able to return home.

### OHIO, TOLEDO

**Frances Laidig  
Josephine Rehkla**

It is summer vacation time again, and many will be traveling and doing other special things with their families and friends. The foremost thought in our mind is often — I hope it will be a safe trip. While thinking of this the Bible passage in St. Matthew 28:20 came to mind, ". . . lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." It was such a comforting thought and also a reminder that if we want this protection we must also stay close to God in prayer wherever we go. We wish all of you, loved ones, a pleasant summer.

Our visiting minister Sunday, June 7, was Bro. Earl Gerber (Forrest, IL). We thank him for visiting us and bringing to us a message from the Lord.

Father's Day brings to mind the love our heavenly Father has for all mankind; so also our earthly fathers are concerned about the welfare of their families.

### OREGON, SILVERTON

**Rose Lee Kuenzi**

"Savior, bless us as we part, Fill our souls with love divine, Comfort ev'ry troubled heart, May we feel that we are thine. Goodbye, dear friends, If on earth we meet no more; Goodbye, dear friends, May we meet on heaven's shore. Amen." Gospel Hymns #774. This and other farewell songs spoke our heart at fellowship times as the time drew near for our dear Sis. Jane Metzger to leave Oregon to return to the Lester, IA, area where she was born and raised. Sis. Jane has lived and worked among us for the past five and a half years and we have shared many hours together. We will surely miss her and pray that God will bless her future

and be with us all until we meet again.

Surgical patients this past month were Cliff Kuenzi (Violet) and Sis. Gloria Kuenzi (Bro. Lewis). Both are recovering well and able to assemble with us again, for which we are thankful.

We have been pleased to welcome many visitors now that summer vacation time is here again. This season coincides nicely with Oregon's fresh fruit season, thereby allowing visitors to "graze" in seemingly endless fields of various kinds of berries and cherries. It is not uncommon to see airplanes loaded with styrofoam containers or fresh fruit or frozen trout and salmon caught in our many lakes or the Pacific Ocean. A little caution is advised if carrying on luggage containing Oregon's State Rock, the Thunder-Egg. On recent visitor had to open her suitcase after passing it through the scanners to prove she wasn't concealing a weapon!

### PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA

**Jerry Isch**

Our congregation was blessed with three visiting ministers: Elder Bro. Corbin Bahler (Rockville, CT), Elder Bro. Norbert Steiner (Croghan, NY) and Bro. Ben Manz (Junction, OH). May God bless them richly for being used in His service to us.

It was a blessing to be able to partake of holy communion in May. Elder Bro. Norbert Steiner was assisted by Bro. Ed Aeschleman in serving us.

### INDIANA, BLUFFTON

**Lucille Isch — Becky Isch**

Services were held in our church for Raymond Schwartz May 27. We extend our sincere sympathy to his sisters, Sis. Gladys Fiechter and Sis. Katie Maller.

Our hearts were saddened to hear of the accident in Florida which claimed the life of Bro. Ray Kipfer May 30. He will be truly missed by his wife, Sis. Charlotte; his daughter, Sis. Carole (Bro. Al) Isch; and his son, Bro. Ken (Sis. Judy) Kipfer. We also extend our love to his sisters, Sis. Minnie (Bro. Elmer) Isch and Sis. Mary (Bro. John) Moser. May God's love surround this family and may they take courage in knowing that someday they can all be together again.

We are rejoicing with Bro. Nathan Gerber (Bro. Paul and Sis. Mary Jo) and Sis. LeAnn Wulf (Bro. Leonard

and Sis. Violet, Morris, MN) as the Lord has shown and directed them to walk life's pathway together. They plan to be married August 23 in Morris.

Bro. Doug and Sis. Jill Fiechter are pleased with the arrival May 18 of Janel Lyn. Her grandparents are Bro. Gerald and Sis. Eunice Fiechter and Bro. Stan and Sis. Genny Isch.

A dear baby daughter, Ashley Danielle, was born May 19 to Bro. Kim and Sis. Lisa Troxel. She has a "big" sister, Tiffani, at home. Bro. Bob and Sis. Evie Gerber and Bro. Ken and Sis. Joyce Troxel (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) are her grandparents.

Bro. Jeff and Sis. Linda McAfee welcomed Vincent Allen May 28. His older brothers are John and Adam. Bro. John and Sis. Irene Neuenschwander are his grandparents.

Bro. Dave and Sis. Sharon Imel are enjoying little Jenna Marie, who was born June 7. Waiting to help at home are Joshua, Jami and Justin. Proud grandparents are Bro. Ezra and Sis. Tillie Kaehr.

First-time parents, Bro. Bob and Sis. Kim Maller, are thankful for Deone Marie, who was born June 10. Bro. Bob and Sis. Gladys Maller and Bro. Ralph and Sis. Jean Baumgartner are her grandparents.

Our loved ones who have been in the hospital this month are Sis. Mary Ann Gerber, Sis. Mildred (Bro. Roger) Baumgartner, Bro. Harry Aschliman, Sis. Mary Speheger, Sis. Emma Ringger, Sis. Alice (Bro. Gaius) Gerber, Sis. Ruby (Bro. Doug) Gerber, Bro. Jack (Sis. Diane) Schwartz, Bro. Ezra (Sis. Doris) Reinhard, Jr., Sis. Lu (Bro. Ervin) Moser and Bro. Russ (Sis. Alice) Steffen. May the Lord continue to be with them and all who are sick or shut-in.

Our 26th Annual Bible School was held beginning June 1 and concluded with a delightful program June 12. Four hundred fifty children attended and were taught of the love of Jesus and that He is our dearest friend.

A special and loving thank you is extended to Bro. Lynn Stieglitz (Leo) who was with us June 14 and shared God's precious Word with us.

### OHIO, MANSFIELD

**Linda Morrison**

"Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation."

Psalms 5:1

Bro. Nelson Beer was a welcomed messenger of the Word Sunday, May 24.

Our high school graduates were recognized at a special service Sunday, May 31. They are Bro. Chuck Beer (Bro. Joel and Sis. Sue), John Oesch (Sis. Kate Oesch), Julie Sauder (Bro. Ken and Sis. Sue) and Steve Vaughn (Dottie Vaughn). Bro. Mark Masters encouraged them to remember their Sunday school background as they look forward to their future accomplishments and goals.

June 8 to 12 was our Vacation Bible School. The theme for the week was "Service in the Lord's Army". Monday - "Enlistment and Commission" by

Elder Bro. Ed Schwartz (Bluffton), Tuesday - "The Christian Armor" by Bro. Harold Emch (Girard, OH), Wednesday - "Halt, Who Goes There?" by Bro. Sam Schlatter (Junction, OH), Thursday - "When the Battle Seems Lost" by Bro. John Reinhard (Bluffton, IN) and Friday - "Victory, Marching to Zion" by Bro. Lynn Stieglitz (Leo, IN). "My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding; That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge." Proverbs 5:1, 2. The time we spend in the Word of God is truly time well spent. May God bless these brothers for their time and effort spent on our behalf.

Sunday, June 21, Elder Bros. Ed Lantz (Oakville, IA), Loren Stoller (Latty) and Joe Ramsier (Rittman) assembled with us. We were reminded that salt of itself is not really good but it is used to make other things better; "Ye are the salt of the earth . . ." Matthew 5:13. Trusting God's will to guide: ". . . and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee;" Titus 1:5, Bro. Kenneth Sauder was chosen to serve as our local elder pending a review at the Elder Conference. "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." I Peter 5:2-4.

Our prayers have been in support of Jarred Sauder, 4-year-old son of Scott and Julie Sauder, during his hospital stay following an accident with the lawn mower. Jarred lost his toes and part of his foot. His recovery has been miraculous. He is so pleased to walk and even run again. God is so good!

Angela Suzanne was born June 23 to Sis. Susan and Rick Foss. We hope her stay hospital will be short. Elijah, Isaac and Zachery are anxious to have their little sister home with them. Bro. Jim and Sis. Clara Zimmer are the prayerful grandparents.



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**SILVER THREADS**

THE STORY OF THE PILGRIM  
AND THE APOSTATE CHRISTIAN  
Ephesians 6:10-18

My friends, this story which I tell,  
Is not new to your ear.  
For it began so long ago,  
And continues year by year.  
It's the story of a pilgrim  
Who, clad in armor tight,  
Met a worldly Christian  
Who was not armed to fight.

Now perhaps it should be noted here  
(Lest the details should be lost)  
That these two men had met before  
While kneeling at the cross.  
And both had donned the armor  
Which the Captain did provide —  
The breastplate and the Gospel shoes,  
And the sword kept at their side,  
The shield of faith, the Word of truth  
(A most abundant ration),



And best of all, upon their heads,  
The helmet of salvation.

And both men picked their crosses up  
And started on their way,  
But had not gotten very far  
Till one was heard to say,  
"My cross is very heavy;  
It doth hinder where I go.  
I'll drop it here along the way.  
The Captain will not know.  
And I will leave this narrow road  
And walk the road that's broad.  
Then I'll not need these heavy shoes  
With which my feet are shod.  
And won't you travel with me, friend,  
Along this easy way?  
Think of all the fun we'll have!  
Oh, let's begin today!"

But the pilgrim slowly answered,  
"Friend, this I cannot do.  
I cannot lay my cross aside  
And travel hence with you.  
For my will and my desires  
Are in the Captain's hand.  
And the cross which I now carry,  
I do at His command.  
As for the road that's broad, my friend,  
That's not the way to go.  
It leads to sure destruction,  
For the Captain told us so."

"Nonsense," laughed the worldly one,  
"They both end up the same.  
But your road leads through battle-  
grounds,  
And mine through fun and games.  
For up ahead they stomp and shout  
'Hooray!' and clap their hands.  
'The Lord has won another soul,  
From the enemy of man.'  
And, oh, it looks like so much fun  
To clap and shout His praise,  
And never fight the battle,  
And never run the race."

And so their pathways parted.  
Each went their separate road.  
One chose the way that looked like fun,  
And one the crown of gold.  
Now many times the narrow path  
Does cross destruction's way.  
And so sometimes they chanced to  
meet  
Like they did thus one day.

"Greetings, sir," the pilgrim called.  
And then he looked again  
Lest his eyes deceived him.  
Was this his Christian friend?  
"But what's happened to your loin-  
cloth?"  
He asked in sure surprise.

"The everlasting truth of Christ  
That was gird about your thighs?"

"Oh, that," the other answered,  
"I traded it away.  
It's much more comfortable to wear,  
The words that people say.  
But you, my friend, look weary.  
Is the battle waging hard?  
Why not watch the Captain,  
And cheer Him from my yard?"

"No, the Captain's always with me,"  
The pilgrim to him said.  
"I can't forsake Him now, you see."  
And so he plunged ahead.  
And again the two were parted  
As each continued on their way.  
But oft the pilgrim thought of him,  
And often did he pray.

The next time they came together  
When the two ways met again,  
The pilgrim sadly shook his head  
When he saw his wayward friend.  
"Where," he asked so sadly,  
"Is the plate of righteousness  
That one time hung so brightly  
From your laden chest?"

"It was so very awkward  
That I left by the way.  
And instead I donned the works of men  
That you see me in today.  
For you see they suit me better,  
And I think them rather pert."  
(And the pilgrim groaned in spirit  
For they were but rags of dirt.)

"And your sword and shield?" the pil-  
grim asked,  
"Those also have you lost?  
The ones the Captain gave you  
When you knelt there at the cross?"

"I seem to have mislaid them,  
But I really need them not.  
Remember, friend, I stand and cheer  
When the battle wages hot.  
All I really need, you see,  
Is this helmet on my head  
To keep me in His army,"  
The deceived one smugly said.

"But surely you're mistaken, sir.  
Oh, don't you see the light?  
You cannot be His soldier if  
You are not armed to fight."

When the conversation ended,  
Their paths again did part.  
The pilgrim clad in armor full  
With a burden on his heart,  
Turned again to battle

The enemy of man,  
Trusting in his Captain  
And heeding His command.  
And the riches and the treasures,  
Which he acquired in his race,  
Shone like jewels in his eyes,  
And joy was on his face.

And when they met the next time,  
Many years had passed.  
They met again on Jordan's shore,  
And this time for the last.

"Well done, thou faithful pilgrim,"  
Said the Captain of the fight.  
"Removest thou thine armor,  
And don this robe of white.  
For thy battle now is over.  
The victory has been won.  
Come now into the wedding feast,  
Thou good and faithful son."

"Good Captain," said the worldly one,  
I have no armor on  
Save this helmet on my head."  
(But it, my friends, was gone!)

"O foolish, slothful servant!"  
The Captain said that day.  
"Without thine armor thou hast made  
Thyself an easy prey.  
For the enemy has crept upon thee  
And taken thy salvation.  
He led thee down the easy road  
That leads to condemnation.  
For thou wast never with me  
When the battle waged so hot.  
O ye that work iniquity,  
Depart, I know thee not!"

And so the worldly Christian,  
Who cast his armor off,  
Joined his other playmates,  
Eternally now lost.  
But as you travel through your life,  
You'll meet many with his name.  
And no doubt they'll try to tell you  
That the Christian life's a game.  
But it's not a game, dear pilgrim,  
For the Bible tell us so.  
It's a battle to the end,  
And the winner gets your soul.

— Michelle Richard  
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#### BEHOLD THE DESERT FLOWERS

Millions of tiny raindrops  
Sent from Heaven above  
Each with a message from God  
Of His eternal love.

Every flower of the desert  
Was bowed in ardent prayer  
That He would not forsake them  
Nor forget that they were there.

Thunder rolling off in the distance  
Was music to every ear  
As the raindrops started falling  
There arose a crescendo of cheers.

Now the hilltops are all blooming  
With flowers of every hue  
Each morning their petals are  
sparkling  
With the early morning dew.

We, too, like the desert flowers  
Are in need of God's blessed rain  
That our withering hopes might  
flourish  
And be restored again.

So, let us bow as the flowers  
And plead in ardent prayer  
That He will not forsake us  
Nor forget that we are here.

W. L. Cordill

### Sermon . . .

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walk of life as the brethren of the Lord, then we have time yet. A timely reminder here is to take care and set things in order.

"And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men." (Acts 20:25, 26). There again is a question that comes to us. Have we done our full and complete duty toward one another? In our families? In our neighborhoods? In our congregation?

If you are like me, you will find that at times we have not lived up to the standard of our calling and have reason to humble ourselves before the Lord. He will help us carry it out more fully.

"For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." (Acts 20:27). This is a very important verse. "Hirelings" will not preach the whole counsel of God because they are hirelings. The Lord Jesus said that in John 10. Those who serve the brethren out of love because the Lord has given them those duties will not flee when the wolf cometh. They will warn and take extra special care of the sheep.

Paul told them, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." (Acts 20:28). Now we all have a ministry. It may not be on the pulpit or as a shepherd of the flock, but each one of us have a talent and a responsibility. The Lord will show us our ministry. Ministry doesn't mean rulership, but helping one another. We can help one another throughout this life.

Often I think that many who so kindly minister to other people, are worthy of a greater reward than those who minister the Word. However, the Lord Jesus promised that we in this labor will also gain a reward in the final reckoning.

"For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock." (Acts 20:29). This is taking place in our time, loved ones. The deceptive forces of Satan surround us. If we are not alert, and our love for our Lord grows cold, we can be victims of these seductive forces. "Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." (Acts 20:30). Sad to say, this has taken place in our time. It is a warning to us that we should be of one heart, one mind and one judgment. Then the Lord can unite us and bless us. Then the church will grow in numbers and godliness.

Paul reminded them further, "Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears." (Acts 20:31). That was because he loved them. We can certainly be aware that our dear shepherds love us also. While they do not complain, yet, we know that they have many conflicts in private, and perhaps at night when the rest of us are sleeping.

But Paul was not hopeless. He said, "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." (Acts 20:32). An inheritance here on earth can be a blessing, or it can be trouble. But, the inheritance that he speaks of is the inheritance of eternal life that God grants to His servants and followers who walk and abide by the word of grace. That grace can build us up from

day to day, and throughout our life. That inheritance is life eternal.

When we think of the physical things of this world and time, they fade in importance. They grow small, especially as we grow older. In another writing the Apostle Paul said, "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. . . While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." (II Corinthians 4:16, 18). Inheritance and the other blessings of eternity that are spoken of are not seen yet. We shall see them if we have faith and are faithful to our Lord. That will be a wonderful inheritance, will it not, loved ones? He said that which is visible is temporal. We need to use some of it. We need not hang our hearts on it. That which is invisible is spiritual and eternal. He said, "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then (if we attain that resurrection of the just, we can see and know) face to face." (I Corinthians 13:12). So shall it be with all who are faithful.

"I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel." (Acts 20:33). How blessed if we can feel that we would be glad to give to others; rather than seek and desire, perhaps, even that which is not honestly ours. "Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:34, 35). So it is today.

Then he knelt down with them at the seashore and prayed with them, and they all wept sore because they loved him. They fell on his neck and kissed him (Acts 20:36, 37).

"Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship." (Acts 20:38). In the remaining chapters of this book of the Acts, we can read what happened to him in Jerusalem. We do not have a record of how it went with the Ephesian church, but we know that the advice and counsel that he gave them fits very well into our day and time. We need it, and we need to follow it.

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## SERMON BY BRO. ERNEST A. GRAF OF AKRON, OH

### Best Inheritance Is Life Eternal Acts 20:17-38

We can see that the Apostle Paul was not one to preach to people and then forget about them. After they were converted and churches were established, he would always follow up. In various places we read that he returned and strengthened them in their faith. Why? Because they, even as we, were mortal. Our human nature is to forget. That is why we gather together in the house of God.

It is good for us to store in our memory the words of God, but we cannot think we have learned all these lessons and need no more to be taught. We need to be reminded.

It was the Apostle Peter who said, "Though you know these things, I find it worthwhile to remind you of them again, and again." (II Peter 1:12, 13).

It's good to be present in the house of the Lord, but during the week, take the opportunity and time to read the Word. Every time we do so with prayerful hearts, the Lord blesses us. It is His objective to lead us through this life to life eternal, if we will cooperate.

The Apostle Paul wanted to speak once more to the elders of Ephesus. They met him there at Miletus, and he said, "Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons." (Acts 20:18). We see here that the conduct of this apostle and his fellow laborers was just as important as the Word they shared.

We read earlier in the Book of Acts that he was there at Ephesus for two years. (Acts 19:10). Soon there was persecution. He escaped safely from them and went on to other labors. Now he was concerned for them and said that he served "the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations . . ." (Acts 20:19). His fellow Jewish people that he loved and would gladly have seen them all con-

verted, were some of the worst to persecute him. Yet, he continued. He said, "I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house." (Acts 20:20). By every possible means he preached the Word that there might be converts and that also they might be sustained and kept in the ways of the Lord. If we could stand in the position of our elders for a few days, we would probably know better what Paul was talking about. It should be sufficient to us to be admonished out of the Word by our dear brothers.

Paul said he testified "both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." (Acts 20:21). It is just that simple for those who have not yet come to know the Lord. They must turn away from the sins of this world and seek the Lord God, confess their sins and then have faith in the Lord Jesus for salvation.

To truly believe in the Lord Jesus includes being obedient to His Word. I fear there are many millions of people deceived in our day and time, when they are taught simply to believe in Jesus and you are saved. That is necessary and a good beginning, but it is only a beginning. Those who want to be at peace with God and have a hope of life eternal need to yield their whole life and will unto the Lord and Saviour, and to our heavenly Father. Then they can experience, through conversion, a happy and blessed walk of life.

We are glad when people, even in their older years, come to the Lord and finally attain peace with God. But, we feel sorry for them for all the years of blessings and fellowship they have missed. Quite often their families have suffered a spiritual loss because they did not have the environment they

could have had if their parents had been believers.

"And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:" (Acts 20:22). The Holy Spirit had already shown him in every city that there were bonds and afflictions awaiting him. "But none of these things move me," he said, "neither count I my life dear unto myself." (Acts 20:24). In our day and time, none of us are threatened so much with physical persecution but in the ease and comfort of our life, it is only too easy to count our "own life dear unto ourselves".

Jesus said plainly, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." (Matthew 16:25). That is important for us today. It is significant that the same things that were important and necessary in the time of the Apostle Paul, are also important and necessary in our day and time.

Paul looked far beyond the things of this world and time. He said, ". . . so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." (Acts 20:24).

This he had diligently pursued and in one of the last days in his life, he wrote to Timothy, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness (in heaven), which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." (II Timothy 4:7, 8).

Now, the question is, are we situated that we can love the coming of our Lord and Saviour? Or, do we fear it? If perhaps we have not yet been converted, or have become careless in our

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