



"Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the Lord our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season . . ."

Jeremiah 5:24

"And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not."

Isaiah 58:11

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## A DROUGHT: TO WHOM DO WE TURN?



The drought is of major interest, especially throughout the Midwest. It's the topic of discussion from coffee shops to churches and throughout the media. Letters to the editor in our local paper have ranged from individuals who are looking to the Scriptures, to those who are making predictions based on tea leaves and Tarot cards. After reading the advice of the "tea leaf" reader, Zechariah 10:1, 2 seems very pertinent:

*"Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd."*

Let's be sure that when confronted by circumstances that seem to be too big for us to handle, we turn to the only true Shepherd. To trust the One who gave His life for us, is not taking a chance, it's building on the only thing worthy of our confidence.



**APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN  
CHILDREN'S HOME  
Cindy Baurer**

bridge (brij') - to make a passage over or through; to get across.

This has been our goal in the Transitional Living Program at the Children's Home . . . to provide a "bridge" or a stepping stone for young adults who leave the Children's Home without a family or another support group to return to. This month we wanted to share with you a current description of our Transitional Living Program (TLP) and also our future goals. Denise, a former resident of the West House and now living in the TLP, explains it below in her own words:

*"The Transitional Living Program is run by the Apostolic Christian Children's Home. The Home felt that there should be a program for the kids who are getting ready to live out on their own. They thought that it would give people a better feeling about going out in the real world. The program where I live teaches us how to buy our own things like groceries, and budgeting to pay bills like phone and rent. We go to the laundromat to do our laundry. We have a budget we go by which really keeps all in line. Our budget tells us what we've done,*

*things we need to do and when we would like to get what we need.*

*Every Thursday we have a get-together (meeting). We talk about things that we would like to see changed and things that happened that week that we would like to see happen more often. Having meetings keeps us all together.*

*The people who live in the house at this time are Judy Luginbuhl and Cindy Baurer and me. Judy is a counselor at the Children's Home and Cindy is the office manager. They work very hard and then they come home to Home Sweet Home - the Transitional Living Program."*

From the inception of the Children's Home, I understand it was the original intention of the Board to be able to provide continuing services for younger adults after they left our Home. About three years ago, with that same burden on her heart, Sis. Judy Luginbuhl pioneered the beginnings of the Transitional Living Program. At that time it was borne out of a specific need that one young woman had after leaving the Home.

Since that time, I've joined Judy's efforts, in order to provide a transitional setting or a bridge for girls leaving the Children's Home and moving from adolescence to adulthood. The young women living with us learn, prac-

tice and utilize the daily living skills necessary to function independently and interdependently with others. Some of these skill areas include problem-solving skills, domestic skills, apartment hunting, shopping, using public transportation, vocational/educational planning, and financial budgeting . . . basically, those skills that most of us learned very gradually by watching Mom or Dad and then by practicing a little at a time on our own. In the Lord's strength, we've sought to

## OUR APOLOGY

### FOR THE LATE MAILING OF THE JUNE SILVER LINING

**Due to a computer breakdown, we were unable to print the mailing labels. A new disc drive was installed and a defective printer cable was replaced. We are sorry for the delay, as we try to mail the Silver Lining by the 15th of the month.**

**The Silver Lining Staff**

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There is an opening at the Apostolic Christian 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.

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If you have the educational qualifications, please pray about applying for this position.

Compensation includes salary and living expenses, plus excellent fringe benefits. For more information, call or write one of the brothers listed below.

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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).*

### Serving the Lord as a Single Person

Living for God as a single person is portrayed in the Bible as a special gift (1 Cor. 7:7). It is very clear that every child of God, whether single or married, male or female, young or old, is of equal spiritual worth before Christ. "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:27-28). "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ" (Rom. 8:17).

Sometimes single believers struggle with feelings of discontentment, unfulfillment, frustration, discouragement and loneliness which they attribute to their unmarried state. This frame of mind can even lead to envy, bitterness and ultimately despair. A major cause of these harmful attitudes is often an inappropriate self-concept. True humility is seeing ourselves in the same realistic manner in which God sees us. It is not an elevation of self nor is it an undue degrading of self. It does not include dissatisfaction with our basic God-given traits. "Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, why hast thou made me thus?" (Rom. 9:20). David said, "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalms 139:14). The Word explains that we only "see through a glass darkly" and only "know in part." However, it also promises "then shall I know even as also I am known" (1 Cor. 13:12). Although the full realization of how God sees us as individuals will occur only in Eternity, the more intimately we walk with Christ today, the more accurately we will know ourselves as He knows us. Perhaps the most harmful source of discontentment is having self as the center of our lives rather than Christ.

Self-centeredness is a failure to yield to Jesus and to allow Him to have control of our lives. Our primary goal as believers should be bringing glory to God in all aspects of our lives (1 Cor. 6:20). If we assume that our lives cannot be fulfilled because we are unmarried, we develop an unrealistic attitude

about God's plan for us. "For in him (Christ) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him" (Col. 2:9-10). If we claim this promise of completeness, we will not be so easily swayed when well-meaning but thoughtless comments are made such as, "Why aren't you married yet?" or "You ought to be settling down and making someone else happy also."

Sometimes such comments can cause single believers much anxiety. Feelings of inferiority and even guilt may follow. Such feelings, based on the fact that one is unmarried, have no scriptural justification. The best response is to quickly forgive those who make thoughtless comments and continue to claim the full measure of joy and hope which accompanies a life which is surrendered to Christ. "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 15:13).

Another attitude which robs contentment is excessive thinking about what might be or what one wants to be. This "what if" attitude prevents a believer from living in the fulness of Christ in the present, whatever his current state may be. It can lead to such frustration that wrong solutions are considered. The Apostle Paul prayed three times for his thorn in the flesh to be removed. God's answer was, "My grace is sufficient for thee" (2 Cor. 12:9). Paul could have reacted by trying to force his own will. Sometimes individuals blame the church for their difficulties. They feel that if dating and marrying other professing Christians were permitted their problem would be resolved. Once again, the right solution is to focus on Christ and put one's complete trust in Him. The Apostle Paul wrote, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). Mary portrayed a beautiful example of graceful submission when she said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38).

It is very important to recognize that the Scriptures offer the option to choose to be single. "I say

therefore to the unmarried and widows, it is good for them if they abide even as I" (1 Cor. 7:8). When this option is viewed as an opportunity and the matter is placed entirely in God's hands, harmful attitudes such as frustration and discouragement are replaced by faith and contentment. The overwhelming desire of every believer's heart should be for God's will to be done. "Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it (His will) to pass" (Psalms 37:4-5).

The special gift of being single provides much greater freedom and opportunity to help others. Those who are married have a primary commitment in life to their spouses and families. Whereas, "He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord" (1 Cor. 7:32). This affords the single person a unique opportunity to serve the Lord in many special ways.

When God gives a gift or a calling it should be viewed as something to be cherished and sustained (1 Cor. 7:24). If our calling is to be single, this does not carry with it any shame nor does it require any apology. Rather, all brethren would do well to adjust their perspective, if necessary, and acknowledge the godly honor which is bestowed upon this calling. Early in God's creation He observed that it was not good for man to be alone (Gen. 2:18). God has provided fulfillment not only through marriage, but also by intimate fellowship with the brethren and, ultimately, through oneness with Christ our Savior. "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

With Jesus Christ as the center of our lives, we can find peace and contentment as well as unlimited opportunity to serve others. Jesus said "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).



show the young women love and acceptance while they gradually face the challenges and responsibilities of adulthood.

The work has been both rewarding and discouraging. Eventually we must face the inevitable, that each individual person has the privilege of making his or her own choices in life, no matter how hard we try to influence them. Again and again we must reflect on Paul's teaching in I Corinthians 3:6, "I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase." God only asks us to plant and water; He will give the increase, in His own time.

Looking to the near future, we anticipate two or three girls will be leaving the Children's Home and needing a "bridge" to independent living. Also,

at least one young man will be in need of some supportive services after leaving the Home. In addition, the older residents at the Home could greatly benefit from some independent living skills classes before they even leave the Home. We are thankful to be able to respond to these needs with a full-time TLP Coordinator, who will live in the house for young women and also facilitate other supportive services for young men who leave the Home and for the older teens still at the Home. We are pleased to announce that Sis. Colleen Reardon will soon assume the duties of TLP Coordinator. Colleen has been with us for nearly a year, as an Assistant Houseparent in the West House. Please keep her in your prayers, that in the Lord's strength she can help

to build a strong, steady "bridge" for our young people.

At our recent annual Recognition Dinner, retiring board members Ken Manz (Junction, OH) and Jim Schlatter (Chicago, IL) were recognized and graciously thanked for their five years of service. New board members are Bros. Wally Ramsier (Mansfield, OH) and Eldon Waibel (Forrest, IL). Present board members include Bros. Brace Wieland (Leo, IN), President; Phil Gutwein (Francesville, IN), Vice President; Tom Schrenk (Alto, MI), Treasurer; Bill Baumgartner (Bluffton, IN), Secretary; and Jack Krantz (Morton, IL). We are grateful for the energy and countless hours these brothers devote to us.

Progress continues on our new house thanks to volunteers during the past month from Bluffton, Bluffton North, Milford, Remington and Wolcott, IN, Bradford, Fairbury, Forrest, Morton and Tremont, IL, Latty and Toledo, OH, and Philadelphia, PA. Interior painting and wallpapering have been the main focus in the past month, with floor coverings and plumbing fixtures next on the schedule. Landscaping work is also planned for the upcoming weeks, to complete the exterior of the house. Cabinets, vanities, window coverings, and finally furnishings are scheduled to be in place by August 13, the day of our Auction. At 9:00 that morning, we plan to have a dedication ceremony followed by an open house of the completed building project. We invite all to attend.

Tim Reinhard, who had been our building project Volunteer Coordinator, has left us to return to his former work. We'll miss him and really appreciate his dedication and the "endless" hours he invested in the work here. We're thankful Bro. Jack Krantz (Morton, IL) and Dale Steiner (Tremont, IL) have come to replace Tim and also Bro. Andy Hunyady, who left last month.

Our summer volunteer program for our regular campus is in full swing. Recently we've been blessed with volunteers from Bluffton, IN, and Bradford, Gridley, Princeville and Tremont, IL. In addition, we're especially thankful to have volunteers who are staying several weeks: Sisters Joyce Kaiser (Tremont, IL) in the East House, Camille Strahm (Bern, KS) in the West House and Shelly Rigenbach (Smithville, OH) in the office. We're grateful



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God is faithful and continues to provide for our needs, in His time. Sis. Carol Kieser (Bradford, IL) has been hired as Assistant Houseparent to replace Sis. Colleen Reardon when she assumes her duties in the TLP. We extend a warm welcome to Carol! We remain in need of a married couple and/or single sisters to serve in various houseparenting positions once our new home is completed.

There is rejoicing in our camp as Sandi Stoller (daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Patsy Stoller, our new Alternate Housparents) has recently answered the Lord's call to repentance. Our prayers are with her as she makes a commitment to Jesus Christ as her

personal Saviour. Our gracious Lord, who desires that all would come to Him, is tenderly calling other young hearts. Several of our residents here at the Children's Home are seeking the Lord and have recently made an open confession of their faith. Please join us in praying for them, that they can build a firm foundation on the solid rock, Jesus Christ, and stand strong against the wiles of the devil.

David K. (12) has recently joined the Gerber family in the East House. We welcome him to our "family." We said goodbye to Mike and Jon E. who were also in the East House as they moved back to their own family. We'll miss them and will keep them in our prayers.

Plans are busily being made for our 12th annual Auction and Sale to be held August 13. We are arranging for

buses and vans to travel to the Sale from several locations throughout the Midwest; for more information, contact your local rep, or you may contact Bro. Jeff Thames (phone 309/828-2027), our Bloomington representative who will be coordinating buses from central Illinois. Also, we welcome your donated items and your volunteer help during Sale time. Again, please contact your local rep. for details.

### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Face to face with Christ, my Saviour,  
Fact to face – what will it be?  
When with rapture I behold Him,  
Jesus Christ who died for me.

"Face To Face,"  
Mrs. Frank A. Breck

## CALLED TO SERVE

*"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, TO VISIT THE FATHERLESS and widows IN THEIR AFFLICTION and to keep himself unspotted from the world."*

James 1:27

Here, at the Apostolic Christian Children's Home, we sense a real urgency about the work that James described. Since our Home opened in 1975, the Lord has given us opportunity to provide a Christian family home for nearly 70 troubled young people, temporarily or permanently "fatherless." The demand for our family-like placement alternative has increased so that we are operating at capacity and must turn away many children in need of help.

The Lord has burdened our hearts to respond to this growing need. As you may know, construction is nearly completed on our third family residence, with capacity for eight youths. As a result, we have several new openings for staff positions:

- A Married Couple To Serve As Houseparents
- Single People To Serve As Assistants or Houseparents

These are challenging and rewarding opportunities for mature and committed couples and single people to work as a team with a dedicated and unified staff of brothers and sisters, striving to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of young people. No experience is necessary. We will train you.

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As summer vacations are being planned, the anticipation of seeing faces and places that we have not seen before is so exciting! But how much more exciting to anticipate that glorious day when we meet our Saviour, Jesus, face to face – what will it be?

There is also a great deal of excited anticipation here at the Home for the Handicapped for those who will be moving to Oakwood Estate later this summer. Those who will be living in the new home will be Mike Bodtke, Doug Clauss, Anna Eberhard, Lucy Endress, Marlene Esslinger, Marian Funk, Rhonda Gerst, Ed Getz, Gloria Heiniger, Doris Hutchison, Frank Kyburz, Sonja Metzger, Harold Miller, Herb Stieglitz and Alan Unsiker. I know each of them would appreciate your prayers as they make this move.

The staff for Oakwood Estate will be Helen Schuon, Resident Service Director; Sherry Funk, Head Cook; Barb Muehe, Janet Lane, Judy Miller, Mike Haliburton, Marie Wildermuth, Amy Hauschild and Jennifer Birkey, Program Assistants.

Our calendar is filled with many summer activities. Swimming cools us off on some of these hot days. Horseback riding is great therapy — and fun, too! And what would summer be without camping and baseball? There is also the annual trip to Six Flags, and a very special Sunday spent at Forrest. Some of our residents were eligible to participate in the State Special Olympics Competition. They have learned that practice, practice, practice pays off.



We wish a happy birthday to the following residents who will have their special day in August: Susan Landis (5), Peggy Full (5), Martha Clymer (6), Eric Ringwald (8), Shirley Pfeifer (23), Barb Hostetler (28).

Face to face! O blissful moment!  
Face to face - to see and know;  
Face to face with my Redeemer,  
Jesus Christ who loves me so.

**APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN  
PRESCHOOL OF ATHENS, AL  
Marilyn Walder**

Our graduation was held May 20 to complete our 7th school year. Thirty-five children participated in the program. The children did a wonderful job and we feel that God was glorified through the songs and Bible verses. We had a good turnout of parents, relatives and friends.

We were fortunate to have our board members and their wives here with us for graduation. Also with us were Elder Bros. Dale Eisenmann and Sis. Judy (Chicago, IL), Ed Ringger and Sis. Pat

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Please take to Material Aid Center at Wing, Bluffton or Leo.

(Gridley, IL), David Bertsch (Leo, IN) and Joe Braker and Sis. Shirley (Morton, IL) from the National Education Committee. We thank them for coming to our graduation and giving us their support.

On Saturday, May 21, we held our semi-annual board meeting. We made some important decisions pertaining to the school. We were pleased to have our board members and their wives present along with four elders from the national board. Bro. Ed Haggenmaker (Athens) was selected to serve on our board as the local representative. We want to thank all of these brothers and their wives for their unending devotion and hours of time they spend for our preschool. May God bless them always!

We currently have 31 students enrolled. We hope to get our openings filled so we can start the 1988-89 school year with a full enrollment. We have more and more competition as time passes because more daycares and preschools are opening all around us. We ask for your prayerful support.

Summer school is going well. The children are learning about God's wonderful world. We are doing many activities and are taking a break from our more structured routine during the school year.

If you are interested in volunteering some of your time here, please write to Sis. Marilyn Walder at Route 11, Box 333, Athens, AL, or call 205-233-0591 anytime.

**ALABAMA, ATHENS  
Marilyn Walder**

We were fortunate to have Elder Bros. Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI), Joe Braker (Morton, IL), Ed Ringger (Gridley, IL), Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL) and David Bertsch (Leo, IN) with us May 21 - 22. They and their wives attended our preschool graduation and board meeting. We thank them for the messages they brought to us Sunday. Bros. Ted Witzig (Morton, IL) and Tom Schrenk (Alto, MI) were also with us. Other visitors this month were from Leo, IN, Latty, OH, Cissna Park, Washington, Gridley, Roanoke and Eureka, IL, Atlanta, GA, and Oakville, IA.

On Saturday, June 11, David and Barbara Coulter brought their testimonies before the church. We heard what great things God has done in their lives. Barbara told us of how she couldn't sleep at night because of fear

for her soul and how wonderfully God took that fear away and gave her peace. We welcomed them into the family of God as they were baptized Sunday. Elder Bro. David Bertsch (Leo, IN) was here to assist Bro. Lavoyd. We are so grateful and thankful to God that He has worked in their lives and has established one more Christian home. May God bless them and their two boys with strength to fight temptations and faith to believe that God is always with them.

Recently we had a Bible study on Romans 5. We discussed verses 3 - 5 which say, "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." How can we glory in tribulation? We discussed how difficult it is to glory during the trial. It seems easier to thank God later after we can see a purpose or how God used it to draw us closer to Him and make us more like Him. If while we are having tribulations, we have patience to allow God to work and we think about the experiences we have had with former tribulations, we can again have a hope that it will be okay eventually. All of these things seem to build on each other. We need to realize that with God all things are possible and that He has never forsaken us. If we just remember that He has never made a mistake in our lives, we can trust Him to get us through again. Let's tell others how wonderful and powerful our God is!

**ARIZONA, PHOENIX  
Ron and Ev Hoerr**

"Rejoice in the Lord always . . ." Philippians 4:4. Rejoice, we did, at the baptism of Nathan Knochel May 22. He gave his testimony the evening before. His parents are Bro. Herb and Sis. Joanne Knochel. His grandparents are Elder Bro. Joe and Sis. Elizabeth Waibel who came from Bay City, MI, for this important occasion.

That evening we all enjoyed a church supper and fellowship singing.

Peace, Peace . . . Alan Knochel has found peace in "the good work that the Lord hath begun in him" (Philippians 1:6) and he is looking forward to stepping into the baptismal waters. His parents are Bro. Ted and Sis. Madeline



Knochel. Alan, we rejoice in your closer walk with the Lord and Master.

And, our delight continues! We never know when we will hear His small voice saying, "Come unto me!" Stephanie Tooley had been attending U. of I. at Champaign-Urbana, IL, when she became aware something special was happening. Stef is spending the sum-

mer with her parents, Jerry and Sis. June Tooley (Casa Grande, Phoenix Church). May the Lord be ever so close as she builds on a firm foundation.

We heard, "We have ears to hear what it takes to make us a soldier of the cross," when visiting ministers were here. Our thanks are extended to Elder Bro. Joe Waibel (Bay City, MI), Bros.

Noah Herman (Tucson), Wayne Miller and Charles Sinn (Fort Scott, KS).

The Lord has blessed us with two more of His special gifts. Nathan David was born to Bro. David and Sis. Kelly Zeltwanger, their first May 28. His grandparents are Bro. Lyle and Sis. Marilyn Zeltwanger (Valparaiso, IN) and Bro. Jerry and Sis. Cathy Emch (Phoenix).

On June 1, Bro. Dennis and Sis. Sheri Frank became first-time parents when Ashley Ann arrived. Her grandparents are Bro. Ray and Sis. Shirley Frank and Bro. John and Sis. Anna Mae Getz (all of Morton, IL).

Best wishes go to Bro. Todd Zollinger (Silverton, OR) and Sis. Michelle Metzger (Lester, IA) on their engagement. Bro. Ed and Sis. Shirley Zollinger (Phoenix) are his parents.

Our prayers for the ill this past month have been for Bro. Dan Kokanovich, Rachel Roth (back home from the hospital), Sis. Dorothy Kraft and little Mindy Sanders (Bro. Bill and Sis. Sue) at home.

God builds struggles in our lives to strengthen us.

May grace be with all that love the Lord.

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| December 1987 —  | 1029  | 8459    |
| January 1988 —   | 6611  | 15070   |
| February 1988 —  | 1864  | 16934   |
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| April 1988 —     | 1968  | 20929   |
| May 1988 —       | 1903  | 22832   |
| June 1988 —      | 1837  | 24669   |

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.

**ARIZONA, TUCSON**

**Lisa Knapp**

The engagement of our Bro. Dean Sinn to Sis. Heidi Aberle (Tremont, IL) was announced June 5. What a special blessing God gives us when He provides a helpmate for our earthly life! May Bro. Dean and Sis. Heidi feel the blessings grow as they plan their lives together.

Our Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach (Phoenix) was with us recently to spend the day. A church supper was enjoyed in the afternoon. We certainly wish to thank Bro. Richard and Sis. Barb for traveling the "familiar" road to Tucson once again. May the Lord add His blessings.

An A.C.Y.F. weekend was hosted recently by the San Diego, CA, congregation. We could feel how welcome we were even as we arrived. Our Sunday school students and teachers alike received blessings untold, and as always, we added special memories to our collection. May God richly bless each sacrifice of time and effort.

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### CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA Elaine Graf

On May 29, the engagement of Bro. Fred Witzig (Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary) to Sis. Nancy Martin (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Janet, Princeville, IL) was announced. May God's blessings be on them as they make plans for their future together. They plan to be married September 4.

Ministering Bro. Greg Rassi (Chicago, IL) served Altadena on Wednesday night, June 8. We thank Bro. Greg for his labour.

Bro. Linn and Sis. Brenda Stoller have relocated to the Atlanta, GA area. It was a blessing to have them as part of our small congregation. Their new address is 306 Spring Walk, Peachtree City, GA 30269.

Bro. Albert Kaisner has moved to the retirement home at Fairbury, IL. Bro. Albert lived in California for many years. He served as a minister in California and retired from the ministry several years ago. Ann Marie Pride-more has returned to Illinois after living in California for about nine months and is again attending the Princeville church. Sis. Lisa Steiner graduated from Kansas State University in Manhattan and has returned home to California.

Ben Aberle (Bro. Richard and Sis. LaNae) graduated from high school this June, and this is Brian Crockett's (Bro. Bob and Sis. Judy) last year of middle school.

Sis. Martha Slenker has not been able to assemble with us for some time due to her health.

### CALIFORNIA, MAYWOOD Ben Ammann

On Sunday, June 26, we had a blessed day with many visiting members from Phoenix and Tucson, AZ, San Diego and Altadena, CA, and Illinois for the testimony and baptism of Bro. Fred Erhart. Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach and Elder Bro. John Klotzle held the testimony service.

Bro. Ernie and Sis. Marcelle Dapper and Sis. Julia Ann Dapper were with us. It was nice to see them again.

### COLORADO, DENVER

Mike Martin — Marlene Leman

The heat of summer has spread itself over the Rocky Mountain region, and along with it, severe storms. Denver

was hit by five tornadoes June 15. The Lord teaches us to accept the bad with the good. The good aspect of summer is our many visitors and extended fellowship. We also welcome back our summer residents.

Since last year at this time, our number of Sunday school students has doubled. We have just had our election for Sunday school teachers. Bro. Eric Huber and Sis. Diane Roecker have been chosen to replace Bro. Mike Martin and Sis. Barb Baer. We ask God to bestow an extra portion of grace for these teachers that they may teach the Word in truth and simplicity. May God also bless the outgoing teachers for their labors and love shown to the children.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

I Thessalonians 4:16-18  
Amen

### CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE Marthy Hany

"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

The weekend of May 21 - 22 was, indeed, a time of sharing and renewal of our faith in Christ's sufferings beginning with singing of praises Saturday evening and on Sunday, a covered dish dinner following by our participation in the Lord's supper. Even though God has created each of us with a unique and distinct personality, we lose our identity and become as one before God as we partake of holy communion — symbolized by the many individual grapes which were crushed to make the wine and the many kernels of wheat which were ground to make the loaf. Surely it is a foretaste of that day when we will stand together, yet, individually before our Chief Shepherd! We thank Elder Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford, IN) who assisted Elder Bro. Corbin Bahler. May the Lord's grace

and nearness be their reward for being so willing to be spent in our behalf.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Revelation 21:4

My dear brother-in-Christ and husband, Werner Hany, 85, died suddenly May 25 while raking grass, a chore which he enjoyed. I deeply miss him but realize that Bro. Werner is now free of the limitations and afflictions of the body awaiting the sound of the trumpet on that glorious day! He also leaves three brothers, Otto (Ellington, CT) and Adolf and Karl in Switzerland.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die . . ."

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2

On June 7, Matthew David was born to Bro. Dick and Sis. Ann Hoffman. Although premature because of complications, mother and child are doing well and I'm sure that Cheryl, Eric and Kristy are delighted to have a new baby brother with whom to play.

We share in the happiness of Sis. Bonnie Reutter (Bro. Alden and Mar-iam) whose engagement to Bro. Dean Maibach (Smithville, OH) was announced. May Christ be the focal point of their marriage as they prepare for their journey together on life's pathway with the faith and love of God to sustain them.

Sis. Adele (Luginbuhl) Trueb was recently admitted to the hospital for emergency surgery involving appendicitis, complicated by peritonitis. We are thankful, however, that all went well and she is able to be up and around again.

### FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE Terri Huber

It is exciting and gratifying to know that the Lord has seen fit to keep the door of grace open, as has been demonstrated by the repentance of Ken Moser (Bro. Ray and Sis. Barb, Oregon). Ken recently moved to Ft. Lauderdale from Decatur, IL. We are happy to welcome another lamb into the fold.

We would like to thank ministering



Bro. Gary Anliker (Elgin, IL) for his efforts on the Lord's behalf.

Also visiting in June were Elder Bro. Joe and Sis. Shirley Braker. Bro. Joe was here for a special reason — to help with the testimonies and baptisms of our new brother and sister-in-Jesus Christ. We had a weekend of spiritual enrichment when Bro. Seth Sauder and Sis. Susie Soto gave their testimonies and were baptized "in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

Communion services were also held, allowing young and old alike to confirm their commitment and commemorate Jesus' death on the cross that we might have eternal life.

Our new Sunday school superintendent is Bro. Mike Hohulin. He needs our prayers for this important work. We would like to thank Bro. Bill Kuntz, whose term as superintendent has expired, for his efforts over the past three years.

#### FLORIDA, NORTH FORT MYERS Kay Eisenmann

Why don't children of today look on parents as a friend instead of an enemy? It seems many children today have this humanistic nature, "I'm my own person. I can do what I want. Mom and Dad are old fashioned and don't remember what it's like to be young!"

We all know that all God-fearing parents would rather die for their children than have them to live a wasted life, for unless we live for God there is no way we can live in heaven with God!

May God impress this more and more in our hearts. Jesus' whole life showed how to have compassion and love for even the most sinful. Jesus took time for a kind word or to do a miracle to help a troubled soul. When was the last time you remembered to send a card or call to help the down-trodden. We all need to be as ready to help as we are to criticize. Things are surely upside-down in our society today, when we, as a nation, worry about the endangered species like the alligators and the panthers, and then legalize abortion. In these days of monthly payments for our worldly needs, how is it so many neglect salvation when the price has been paid and there are no payments to make! "Jesus paid it all." All Jesus asks is obedience to His Word. How hard is it to obey and love such a loving and kind Father? If

we want to inherit a heavenly home, we need to be a child of God. Death is sure. Whose child are you? Where do you want to spend eternity?

#### FLORIDA, SARASOTA Suellen Ott

The special task of God's children for this time is to be strong enough in the time of trouble and oppression. It is possible that even weak people can be ready. Everyone can be ready. I mean what I say: the Lord has given us all we need for the end of time.

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We are ever grateful to our dear ministers who have sounded the call in the past weeks. We pray they may be specially blessed in the summer months when visiting ministers seem few.

With open arms we welcome the Bro. Ron Koehl family to Florida. They will be living in Apollo Beach and attending church in Sarasota. We wish them all God's nearness and protection in their new home.

We are sad to report that Sis. Kathryn Schroeder has been ill for some time and not able to attend services. May our prayers be of comfort to her at this time.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path . . . Thou art my hiding place and my shield; I hope in thy word."

Psalms 119:105, 114

Reminder: June is collection month for the Silver Lining in Sarasota. \$7.00 is the amount due.

#### ILLINOIS, BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL De Anderson — Karen Brummitt

Our spring picnic was held May 22 at Underwood Park. Everyone had an enjoyable afternoon and evening.

During our semi-annual business meeting May 25, new Sunday school teachers were selected. Bro. Jerry Koehl, Bro. John Maurer and Bro. Dave Huber (Sis. Debbie) were given these responsibilities. We thank Bro. Steve Virgil and Bro. Harvey Walter for their dedication in teaching our children of Jesus and His love.

Bro. Alex Paton (Donna Martin,

Morton, and Don Paton, Peoria) and Sis. Diane Steiner (Bro. Dan and Sis. Shirley, Tremont) were united in marriage May 29.

June 11 was the wedding day of Daren Brummitt (Dave and Sis. Karen) and Wendy Wilson (Marsha Dault and Michael Wilson, Austin, TX). May these two dear couples feel God's hand gently leading them as they establish their homes.

V.B.S. was held June 6 - 10, with "The Family" as the theme. We want to thank the visiting ministers who came to speak to our Bible class. They were Bro. Wayne Laubscher (Cissna Park), Bro. Earl Ringger (Gridley), Bro. Ted Witzig (Morton) and Bro. Ken Wuethrich (Indianapolis, IN). We trust the seeds that have been sown will someday spring forth and bear fruit.

Our gratitude also goes to our Elder Bro. Dan Koch (Tremont), who ministered to us recently.

A breakfast was held June 12 for our graduates and their families. We extend sincere congratulations to Cory Masters (Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary), Kevin Walter (Bro. Harvey and Sis. Margaret) and Lanae Kieser (Bro. Chuck and Sis. Marie). May God richly bless them as they pursue their chosen walks of life.

Tiffany Virgil (Bro. Steve and Sis. Bev) had surgery on her arm that was broken in a playground accident. May God grant His healing power.

#### ILLINOIS, BRADFORD Carol Kieser

Oh Hallelujah! Praise you Father for liberty in the land of the free! Do we realize what a precious gift freedom is? Nothing can be more glorious than the freedom from the guilt of sin! "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus!" Romans 8:1.

Wednesday evening, June 1, Sis. Audrey Ehnle's mother, Bertha Reed, gave her testimony of faith and was baptized. How beautiful to witness her sincerity and see the joy of the Lord in her smile! We were again refreshed in the spirit as Ann Ehnle (Bro. Gary and Sis. Carole) shared her testimony of faith June 11 and was baptized the following day. May the Lord be gracious unto them as they daily seek His favor and do His will. "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you." James 4:8.



We ask God's blessings on our three married couples. On June 10, Deonna Duckworth (Bro. Don and Sis. Delores) and Mike Buckman (Mr. and Mrs. John Buckman) were united in marriage. On June 11, Paul Knobloch (Bro. Jim and Sis. Helen) and Lynn Webber (Wyoming, IL) exchanged marriage vows and June 18, Marina Elsasser (Bro. Jordan and Sis. Sharon) and Kevin Endress (Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Endress) were united in marriage. As these new homes are established, may God find a place in each one.

Ronnie and Sue Eberle's son, Kevin, is an Illinois State University graduate. We pray for the Lord's guidance for him as he continues on.

We were blessed by the visits of Elder Bros. Nate Steffen (Elgin, IL) and Joe Stoller (Princeville) and ministering Bros. Gary Brown (Forest) and Don Manz (Junction, OH).

#### ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN LaRae Dill

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

Romans 15:13

This verse is reassuring to all, but extra special to Sis. Sandy Walder (Bro. Melvin and Sis. Irma Walder). Sandy shared her testimony May 21 and told of her experience of finding the Lord and His peace through this verse. It was good to be reminded of the confusion we lived in under Satan and the contrast of God's peace in a soul. On Sunday, May 22, we witnessed Sandy's baptism, the first in our new church building. Present during this weekend were Elder Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield, IL), Bros. Lenny Meyer (Chicago, IL), Jim Hoerr (Peoria, IL), Kenneth Weerts and Kenneth Eisenmann (Cissna Park, IL).

Others visiting our congregation were Bros. Mark Bahr (Detroit, MI) and Loren Schrenk (St. Louis, MO).

"Though it's hard to let you go, in the Father's hands we know, that a lifetime's not too long . . . to live as friends." (J. M. Smith) These words were read as a farewell to Bro. Rod and Sis. Anne Anliker and sons, Lucas, Lane and Austin, as they left our congregation to settle in the Fort Lauderdale, FL, area. Our congregation has

grown to know and love this family and they will be greatly missed. We're thankful though that they are following God's direction and His plan for them.

Our Sunday school students enjoyed learning more of God's Word as well as renewing friendships during Vacation Bible School held June 13 - 17. Sis. Betsy Schrenk spent the week in our area allowing the Schrenk children to attend Bible school with their Champaign friends. May God bless those who spent time preparing and teaching lessons throughout the week, Sisters Charlen Banwart, Susan Fehr and Betsy Schrenk, and Bros. Kevin Le-man and Todd Schrock. We also thank Sisters Lorna Clauss, Karen Kaiser and Wendy Zehr for coordinating craft projects. The students again enjoyed the enthusiasm and singing of VBS song leader, Sis. Wilma Simpson.

God blessed Bro. Dan and Sis. Sandy Guingrich with their first daughter, born June 21. Torey Lynn has three thrilled brothers, Bryce, Traever and Blake. May God guide Dan and Sandy as they raise their children for Him.

#### ILLINOIS, CHICAGO Kathy Schlatter

Maybe for some of you this is 4-H and county fair time as well. I appreciate the learning experiences and the communication opportunities available for my daughter and many others through 4-H. I also appreciate the fact that, although there are special awards, everyone can receive a blue ribbon on a project because that is equated with "meeting the standard." A red ribbon means "needs some improvement," and white means "needs much improvement." Much work and obedience to the criteria go into earning a blue ribbon. May we strive to become "blue ribbon" Christians, becoming more submissive to His will, the only way we can meet His standard. "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ." Philippians 3:13, 14.

We were so grateful to have visiting ministers share the Word with us. Bro. Curt Frank (LaCrosse, IN) came for a June graduation in the family. Bro. Jim Plattner (Princeville, IL) came Wed-

nesday evening for Vacation Bible School (VBS), speaking on change as it affects the church and prophecy fulfillment.

Two activities that have given some of us extra time together have been our bus trip to Winthrop, MN, Memorial Day weekend and VBS. How splendid once again was spending time traveling to and from Winthrop. Fellowship on the bus is not so bounded by the constraints of time. The young see their parents and others in a different light. Our brothers and sisters at Winthrop were so good to us. Surely the Lord will reward them for such overwhelming Christian love and hospitality.

We have been privileged in our congregation to enjoy VBS without interruption. Those who give of their time for teaching, for crafts and for snacks deserve our support. Certainly the time given takes a bit extra, but our children depend on us to have our priorities right. Thus as we pray for spiritual fruit, must we not spend time as husbandmen?

At our Sunday school picnic in June, we traditionally recognize our graduates with Bibles. We are so thankful that our high school graduates this year are all converted. Mik Bozzay, son of Bro. Mik and Sis. Aranka, is repenting. He expects to go into the tool and die industry, attending Triton Junior College in the fall. Sis. Luann Eisenmann, daughter of Bro. Dale and Sis. Judy, and Sis. Raelynn Stahl, daughter of Bro. Norm and Sis. Gloria, plan to attend the University of Illinois - Chicago in the fall, Sis. Luann in nurses' training and Sis. Raelynn in pharmacy. Bro. Shannon Stahl, son of Bro. Norm and Sis. Gloria, plans to attend the U. of I. in Champaign in engineering. Bro. Martin Hodel will also be attending school in Champaign in the fall, transferring to the field of architecture. Bart Pfeifer, son of Bro. Glen and Sis. Nancy, Amanda Plattner, daughter of Bro. Jake and Sis. Jeanne, and Esther Bozzay, daughter of Bro. Tibor and Sis. Pearl, are eighth grade graduates, going on to high school in the fall. For these young people on the thresholds of new beginnings, we offer our congratulations and our prayers.

We welcome Sis. Gloria Streitmatter (Sarasota, FL) for a longer stretch of time in our area as she begins her medical internship here. May we enjoy the blessings of fellowship with her and give her our support. However, we also



have difficult goodbyes to say. Bro. Brad and Sis. Jean Hoerr and their sons, Jason and Matthew, have returned to the Peoria area, where Bro. Brad will be working with his father. Bro. Kevin and Sis. Janine Rocke and their infant daughter, Erin, are also returning to central Illinois. His new job is in the Peoria area, too. We send our love and prayers with these two precious families, thanking them for the joy and service they have shared with us. We will miss them.

Our baby room is still filling up. Matthew Schieler was born May 22 to Bro. Darl and Sis. Cindy. His brother, Jeremy, and sisters, Rachel and Marla, are thrilled and proud. His grandparents, Bro. Bill and Sis. Elsie Rager (Latty, OH) and Sis. Marilyn (Bro. Robert, deceased) Schieler (Wolcott, IN) are grateful, as are we all. Bro. Larry and Sis. Barb Stevig have another girl, Bonnie, who joined them on her sister, Erin's, second birthday, June 5. Bonnie's grandparents are Bro. Dale and Sis. Dorothy Walder (Cissna Park) and Bro. Keith and Sis. Alice Stevig (Morton). We are so happy for these couples and us as a church for these healthy babies. May we support their parents and families as we pray for their growth, especially spiritually.

Bro. Karl Lehman has had a difficult bout with pneumonia. We are so thankful that he is now recovered. Sis. Pauline Schrenk has a broken shoulder to complicate life. We pray that her movement will only be temporarily limited and that healing will be rapid. May we often remember those with physical trials in prayer. When we are in good health, everything seems easier and can look so much brighter than when pain and limitations assail us.

Have you ever looked out at the world and said (even inside), "It just isn't fair"? I must confess I have. Perhaps I was viewing the size of someone else's family or their bank account. Maybe I envied their youth or their age. It might have been their home, their prestigious position, their intelligence or even their spiritual gifts that I coveted. Usually the Lord speaks to me in this manner. First of all, He gets me to acknowledge my blessings. These are very real and overwhelming, even though in a particular category they may not appear to be the quantity of someone else's. He also reminds me of so many on my prayer list — whose burdens I would rather pray about than

have for my own. I am often stirred about this time by the glories of our diversities as Christians. If the one I look at is a Christian, He moves me to know how useful they are, where they are with what they have, and how He has work for them because of what He has given. If, on the other hand, the person I am seeing is not a Christian, He asks me if I would consider trading their life, possessions or gifts for my own. And though I am foolish, I am never that foolish. He asks me to pray more for the Christian and the non-Christian, the one I may see "above" me and the one I may see the needs of. Finally, He has quieted my foolish heart because I become aware not only of all the praying I need to do, but He shows me places where I can fill needs. When I have come full-circle, instead of coveting and asking why others have more, I am ready to be molded and ask why do I have so much.

#### ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

**Elaine Sauder — Mary Knapp**

Our Bible class, along with their teachers, attended the Annual ACYF at Normal. All Illinois churches were involved in this event.

We are looking forward to the all-church picnic scheduled for Sunday afternoon, June 26.

The recent engagement of Bro. Jim Walder (Bro. Chas. and Sis. Wilma) and Sis. Beth Frank (Bro. Bob and Sis. Rosie, Tremont, IL) was announced. This weekend is the wedding of Dawn Krumweide (Ron and Sis. Shirley) and Jay Martin (Bro. Vernon and Sis. Rosie). They will be married at the Rossville Church of Christ with the reception following at our fellowship hall. We wish them well as they plan their futures together.

We are happy to have Elder Bro. Steve Rinkenberger able to resume his duties after an absence of six weeks due to a severe health problem.

Our sick list this month has included Bro. Charles Walder, Bro. Elmer Bauer and Bro. Harry Walder, all who had been hospitalized and underwent tests. It's good to witness their improvement through God's healing power.

The death angel has come and taken Sis. Anna Gudeman. She had been listed as a surgical patient in last month's news and although she had recuperated and returned to her home,

she passed away suddenly June 2 at her home. We will miss Sis. Ann among us.

We have eleven high school graduates from our local youth: Jeff Clauss (Joann and Vernon), Chris Rudin (Gary and Liz), Ann Rinkenberger (Elder Bro. Steve and Sis. Velma), Sheila Kaeb (Bro. Steve and Sis. Bonnie), Todd Kaeb (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mary Lou), Christine Kaufmann (Bro. Larry and Sis. Jeanne), John Maul (Bro. Bill and Sis. Wanda), Dale Waldbeser (Bro. John and Sis. Carol), Susan Walder (Bro. Charles and Sis. Wilma), Donna Stock (Bro. Les and Sis. Arlene) and Laurie Young (Bro. Lynn and Sis. Ann Marie). May they each be blessed as they pursue the next phase in their lives, whether school or the work field.

Our grade school youth have been attending daily Vacation Bible School the last two weeks, with evening classes for the high school and young adults held twice weekly. At the close of the two weeks, an evening program was held. Much effort has been put forth for VBS and we pray the seed is being sown in fertile ground in their hearts.

As we now observe Father's Day, let us pay tribute to all fathers and be thankful for the love, guidance and sacrifices they have made for our well-being. Our heavenly Father made the supreme sacrifice for us all. What better time is there to renew our thoughts and give thanks.

"And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers . . ."

Malachi 4:6

#### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

**Sandy Knapp — Susan Zobrist**

"Don't be afraid to trust an unknown future to an all-knowing God."

Nine precious souls graduated from high school this year. We pray that they will place their future and trust in our loving, all-knowing God. The nine graduates are Peg Banwart, Sis. Debra Dietrich, Janet Gudeman, Bro. James Knapp, Sis. Becky Ott, Jenny Schrock, Bro. Trent Schrock, Bro. Jay Steffen and Rachel Wettstein.

Our hungry souls were fed again this month with the living bread of God's Word and His Holy Spirit, through our



own precious ministering brethren and our much appreciated visiting ministers. May our Lord richly bless Elder Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford, IN), Bro. Loren Knapp (Tucson, AZ), Bro. Wes Knapp (Goodfield, IL), Bro. Bill Hodel (Roanoke, IL) and Bro. Elmer Witzig (Gridley, IL) for the humble work they do as servants for the Lord.

Rejoicing and sorrowing are both a part of our Christian walk of life. We sorrowed with the family of our dear Lorene Schlipf as she suffered from cancer and then was taken from them. Yet, we rejoice in knowing that she was able to commit her life to Jesus before she died and cling to the hope of everlasting life. Our hope for her loved ones remaining behind is that they will prepare and strive toward the goal also, that they may all meet in heaven someday.

Joy filled our hearts as we welcomed two precious sheep into the fold. Sis. Becky Ott (Bro. Don and Sis. Carolyn Ott) and Sis. Debra Dietrich (Bro. Bill and Sis. Sherri Dietrich) now look forward with peace toward that heavenly goal as children of God. As they strive to remain true and faithful, may God lovingly hold their hands securely in His, to comfort, guide and bless. While there are yet more standing outside the fold, our prayer is that they, too, would answer the loving call of our Saviour, at the cross.

"Tho millions have found Him a friend  
And have turned from their sins they  
have sinned,

The Savior still waits to open the gates  
And welcome the sinner before it's too  
late.

There's room at the cross for you,  
There's room at the cross for you;  
Tho millions have come, There's still  
room for one —

Yes, there's room at the cross for you."  
"Room at the Cross For You"  
Ira F. Stanphill

#### ILLINOIS, ELGIN Elizabeth Schambach Betty Bachtold

With sincere appreciation, we thank Bro. Don Heiniger and Sis. Leann Schambach for their labors of love in our Sunday school. Bro. Dave Steffen and Sis. Jeanne Schambach have been chosen to teach our youth. We trust God will bless and inspire them as well

as each one who assumes this responsibility.

A blessed evening of fellowship was enjoyed by all at our annual Sunday school picnic. With our prayerful support our children gathered for Vacation Bible School this past week. May God bless Bros. Ken Dietz (Bradford, IL), Ron Schambach (Elgin, IL), John Hartman (Fairbury, IL), Ed Bahler (Remington, IN) and all the brethren for their time and many efforts.

As a congregation, we want to welcome Bro. Edwin and Sis. Ramona Strahm and Monica, formerly from Kansas City. We trust they will feel the love of God among us.

The following loved ones have submitted to surgery this past month; Bro. Albert Schambach and Sis. Mabel Anliker. Sis. Sandra Kinsinger became ill while visiting in West Bend, IA, and was hospitalized. Also, Laura Schambach (Bro. Ed and Sis. Gayle) and Bro. Les Schambach spent time in the hospital. May our gracious heavenly Father, who renews in faith and physical strength, restore them to a full measure of health.

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 Leman

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is his reward." Psalms 127:3. We have three new arrivals to report. On May 18, Bro. Jim and Sis. Janet Stoller welcomed Jeremy James into their hearts and home. Justin, Jennifer and Jonathan are anxious to help with their new brother. Grandparents are Bro. Loren and Sis. Mildred Schlipf (Gridley, IL) and Bro. Leroy and the late Sis. Ruth Stoller.

Aaron August Hoerr was born June 2 to Bro. Norm and Sis. Connie Hoerr. Amanda and Marissa are Aaron's sisters. Grandparents are Ray and Sis. Doris Steffen (Forest) and August and Marie Hoerr (Peoria).

Bro. Kurt and Sis. Livy Blunier welcomed Kelly Jo June 6. Kelly has a sister, Amy. Elder Bro. Bob and Sis. Elna Grimm (Goodfield) and Bro. Sam and Sis. Elizabeth Blunier are Kelly's grandparents. May God grant each family the grace and wisdom to raise

their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

On May 22, Sis. Jacki Zobrist and Bro. Craig Stickling (Peoria) exchanged wedding vows. Their parents are Bro. Gene and Sis. Carrol Zobrist and Ben Stickling (Peoria). May God bless their union.

We were blessed with visiting ministers Elder Bro. Chuck Hemmer (Peoria), Bros. Jim Leman (Roanoke), Everett Hari (Bloomington), Marshall Heindold (Washington), Ervin Knecht (Lamar, MO), Willis Wiegand (Goodfield) and Dan Stoller (Remington, IN). We are thankful the truth is still spoken in these latter days. May God be their rich rewarder.

Bro. Willis Stoller spent a few days in the hospital, but we're thankful he is home again. May God be near him and restore health as He sees best.

#### ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY Jean Bachtold — Crystal Fehr

As we consider the freedom of our country, I Timothy 2:1-3 comes to mind. "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior." May these verses be cherished in our hearts and minds all year.

There is rejoicing here in Fairbury as we have two dear souls seeking the ways of truth and righteousness. They are Sylvia Martinez (Octavil and Eulalia, Hoopeston, IL) and Linda Walter (Alan). We gladly give God thanks for helping these dear ones begin their journey to Zion.

Our congregation welcomes Bro. Keith and Sis. Tammy Hinrichsen and their children, Joseph and Kelly. We wish them a grace-filled adjustment, as we offer our love and prayers to them.

We were blessed with visiting ministers this past month. They shared with us insights in God's Word. Those faithful servants were Bros. Gene Lehman (Wolcott, IN), Jim Byrd (Roanoke, IL), Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest, IL), Earl Gerber (Forrest, IL) and Harold Schmidgall (Gridley, IL). May the Lord reward them for their labors of love.

Our prayers ascend to our Lord above for many of our loved ones this month who have had sickness, pain or



surgery. Those we remember prayerfully are John Roth, Sis. Lillian Zimmerman, Sis. Elsie Nick, Bro. Joe Slagel, Sis. Barb Meiss, Sis. Luella Sohn and Daniel Fehr.

#### ILLINOIS, FORREST

**Sherri Kelson — Sandra Schneider**

Vacation Bible School was held June 6 through June 10. We pray that the seeds that were sown in each heart will bring forth fruit in proper time. We are looking forward to the annual Sunday school picnic which will be held at the end of this month.

“. . . they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.” Acts 5:42. We thank each of the ministers who visited our congregation. Included were Elder Bros. Art Bahler (Fairbury), Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI) and Leroy Huber (Eureka), and Bros. Paul Gasser (Akron, OH), Loren Strahm (Gridley, KS), Harold Schmidgall (Gridley, IL), Art Baurer (Princeville) and Loren Knapp (Tucson, AZ).

June 11 was the wedding date for Lisa Stevenson (Bourbannais) and James Schmidgall. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Birch Stevenson (Streator) and Bro. Dave and Sis. Alma Jean Schmidgall. Barbara Kupferschmid and Donald Hall were united in marriage June 18. They are children of Bro. Dean and Sis. Robin Kupferschmid and Leo Hall and Sharon Hall. May God bless their union of love.

Bro. Perry (Sis. Louise) Honegger, Sis. Irene (Bro. Ben) Traub, and Sis. Leona (Bro. Meredith) Ricketts have required time in the hospital this month. Sis. Irene has returned home. We are happy to hear Bro. Perry is slowly recovering from his stroke. Sis. Leona is still in the hospital at this time. May they feel our concern and prayers on their behalf.

We were spiritually uplifted when we heard the testimonies of three souls who have repented and found a joy and peace that the world does not understand. They are Sis. Sara Ricketts (Bro. Nick and Sis. Jean) and Bro. Eldon and Sis. Stephanie Kaeb. May God grant them grace to remain true and faithful.

#### ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD Trish Gerber

July 4, Independence Day . . . what a privileged country we are! We worship as we please, work where we want to,

have as many children as we would like, and don't worry about being watched . . . no matter what we do. This great country of ours was founded by our forefathers and based on principles and morals with our Almighty God as its head. It is so sad to see this concept deteriorating. Newspapers are filled with murders, drug-busts, gay-rights and sin-oriented diseases. It could be enough to really bring a person down!

But, we are a privileged people! We still have a hope . . . with God as our leader, and Jesus' beautiful plan of salvation, it is possible to live a contented life in our Lord. Let's hope and pray that corrupt ways and thoughts don't sneak into our precious faith.

Our children enjoyed Vacation Bible School while the adults listened to the following brothers as they shared God's Word. Our thanks are extended to Bros. Kevin Knapp (Bloomington, IL), Wayne Laubscher (Cissna Park, IL) and Byron Stoller (Gridley, IL).

Our hospital patients this month were Sis. Bev Joos (Bro. Glenn), Sis. Jan Beer (Bro. Joe), Sis. Lorene Kloter (Bro. Edmund) and Bros. Chris Hohulin, Kenny Rokey and Art Wiegand. We pray for God's healing power for those still recovering.

The family of Bro. John A. Rokey wishes to express our sincere thanks at the time of our loved one's death. Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, food, flowers and memorial gifts and thanks to the ministers. May God bless you all for your many deeds of kindness.

Sis. Ruth Rokey  
Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Phyllis  
Rokey and Family  
Vermeda and Duane Friedinger  
and Family  
Eldora and Ray Olson  
and Family  
John and Linda Rokey  
and Family

#### ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY Perry Klopfenstein

“Resolve to be tender with the young,  
Compassionate with the aged,  
Sympathetic with the striving,  
And tolerant with the weak and wrong.  
Sometime in your life you will have  
been all of these.”

Author Unknown

The above verse contains much wis-

dom. Our resolve as a church to be tender with the young centered in early June on Vacation Bible School. For five weekday mornings, our sisters sought diligently to teach our youngsters many values associated with the theme, “Hold Fast to the Right and Forsake Not the Way of Salvation That You Learned from Your Parents at Home.”

On June 14, Bro. Tom Hoffman (Roanoke) spoke to our high school Bible class and young members on “Faithfulness and Dedication After Conversion.” On June 16, Bro. Jim Plattner (Princeville) spoke to the same group on “The Difference Between Joy and Fun.” Both messages were informative and very timely for our youth.

At our annual business meeting Wednesday evening, June 1, new Sunday school teachers were selected. They are Bros. Dave Zehr and Tim Kaupp and Sisters Sherry Stoller, Judy Zimmerman and Linda Kinder. May God grant them much grace and zeal as they engage in this serious ministry of teaching children the values and ways of the Lord.

On May 18, Elder Bro. Dan Koch (Tremont) was here to help serve Holy Communion. On June 12, Bros. Ken Wuethrich (Indianapolis, IN) and Dennis Kaufman (Bloomington) were visiting ministers. Bro. Harold Gramm (Morris, MN) was also a visiting minister during June.

Ten students from our church were graduated from high school. They are Sisters Amy Witzig, Mindy Meiss and Cassandra and Peggy Ringger; also, Cara Freehill, April Moore, Troy Kaupp, Glenn Schieler, Mark Knapp and Ryan Schlipf.

Bro. Mark and Sis. Marcia Campbell are the parents of Melinda Diane, born June 9. She has two brothers, Seth, 3, and Joel, 2. Grandparents are Bro. Bruce and Sis. Lucy Schmidgall (Morton) and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell (Chenoa).

#### ILLINOIS, MORTON Phyllis Farney — Cheryl Wuthrich

For the most part, most of us live a status quo life. Things go along in a fairly predictable fashion, with small disappointments and short bursts of joy. We truly do weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice, and we can be truly thankful and



truly sorrowful. But rarely does something affect the whole congregation to the core of its being.

But the fire in our church Thursday, June 9, affected us all, from the children who had their Vacation Bible School cancelled to the elderly who can remember the first fire that destroyed the church in 1912. It has affected both friends and members, both people who attend regularly and people who attended as children. The fire was contained in the kitchen/dining area which was fire damaged. There was also water damage in the basement and smoke damage throughout the building. We are thankful for our fellowship hall which is now our center of worship. Our morning service is from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., followed by a short break, with our second service starting at 11:30 a.m. We have adequate room and would encourage anyone who wishes, to visit us. We wish to thank all the area congregations who invited us to worship with them while our cleanup and repairs are being made. Seeing smoke pouring from the building and not knowing for several hours the extent of the damage, made us realize how for granted we take our physical church building. It kindled an outpouring of thankfulness for it. We were reminded the following Sunday that though the physical building was damaged, the true church, the people, were not even singed but made stronger in love and unity.

For some in our congregation, life will never be quite the same again due to the deaths of their loved ones. Jay Stephens, the father of our Bro. Frank, was called into eternity, with his funeral being held May 20. May our heavenly Father also comfort his wife, Helen; his other son, Gerald; his two daughters, Jeannette Stegmaier and Donna Wirth; his grand and great-grandchildren; and his half brother, John Funk. Sis. Alice Rinckenberger was also called home and will be missed by her brother, George Rinckenberger; her sister, Leona Miller; and her many other relatives and friends. Her funeral was held June 10 at the fellowship hall.

Joy also touched our congregation. The engagement and forthcoming marriage of Bro. Breck Nelson (Darryl and Sis. Sandy) and Sis. Janie Hoerr (Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy, Peoria, IL) was made known to us May 22. We were reminded that the engagement period

is an excellent opportunity to lift that couple up in prayer. We pray that as Bro. Breck and Sis. Janie draw even closer to God, they will inevitably be drawn closer to one another.

Our entire congregation, from three-year-olds through adults, got to share the benefits of our Vacation Bible School. It was held the week of June 6, but due to the fire the last two days were cancelled (postponed?). We wish to thank Bros. Ken Hoerr (Peoria), Everett Hari (Bloomington) and Jaye Rinckenberger (Goodfield) who so graciously shared the Word of God with us during VBS.

We are thankful that Bro. Loren Knapp (Tucson, AZ) could visit us and minister God's Holy Word to us. Though we live hundreds of miles apart, we become quickly united through the Spirit as we sit around God's Word.

Our congregation was again faced with prayerful decisions as Sunday school teachers were voted upon. Our new teachers will be Bros. John Knobloch, Bill Mayo, John Sauder, Jon Zeller and Sisters Becky Braker, Gerry Kruse and Cheryl Wuthrich. May God grant them wisdom to teach His ways to our precious youth.

"I wish to thank my friends and relatives for their many prayers, cards, and gifts at the time of my heart surgery and recovery. God bless all of you."

Salome Carius

Whatever the coming month may bring, to any of us, it is comforting to know that God is in control. "His eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me."

#### ILLINOIS, PEORIA

##### Kathy Huthmann

Joann Getz and Chuck Haefli exchanged wedding vows June 4. Parents of the couple are Bro. Mel and Sis. Margaret Getz and Bro. Dick and Sis. Gladys Haefli.

John Eisenmann and Lynette Gentry began their life together May 28. Their parents are Bro. Harry and Sis. Loretta Eisenmann and Harold and Joy Gentry. May God bless these two couples as they start their new lives together.

Sis. Donna Ferrero would like to express her thanks to all for their prayers, love, flowers and kindness during her stay in the hospital.

This month we have had four hospital patients, Sis. Evie Stoller, Randy Purdom, Sis. Joyce Banwart and Randy Fehr.

The engagement of Sis. Jane Hoerr (Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy Hoerr) and Bro. Breck Nelson (Darryl and Sis. Sandy Nelson, Morton) was made known to us May 22. May God bless them as they seek His guidance in all their plans.

Sis. Evie Stoller wishes to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, gifts, and visits during her recent hospitalization. All were greatly appreciated. May the Lord bless each and every one.

Bro. Jim and Sis. Nanette David have been blessed with a new son. James Michael arrived May 23 and was welcomed home by his big brothers, Mark, Brian, and Jeffrey. His grandparents are Wade and Marge Fehr and Nina David.

I want to thank all who remembered me with cards, gifts, prayers and visits while I was in the hospital. God bless each one.

Sis. Nettie Owens

After an earthly life of 101 years, the Lord took Bro. Will Perdelwitz into eternal life June 17. May God grant His comfort and peace to Will's family.

"Jesus Is A Wonderful Saviour" was the theme of our Vacation Bible School held June 6 - 17. It was held in the evening this year, allowing more people to attend and participate. The last evening we had a VBS program in which all the children sang the songs they had learned. It was very uplifting to feel the unity and enthusiasm from both the kids and adults working together.

We want to express our gratefulness to Bros. Earl Ringger (Gridley), Loren Knapp (Tucson, AZ), Kevin Knapp (Bloomington), Glenn Dill (Tremont), Jaye Rinckenberger (Goodfield), Jim Plattner (Princeville) and Bob Pfloderer (Morton) for their willingness to come and teach our 8th grade, Bible class and young group more about our wonderful Saviour.

We also want to thank Bro. Dave Kieser (Princeville) for ministering to us.

My Lord and offering do I bring; My heart I give to Thee. I gladly give this heart of mine, Which thou dost ask of me. (Zion's Harp #163). On June 19 we witnessed with joy the testimony and baptism of our new brother-in-



faith, Mark Hohulin (Bro. Vern and Sis. Marie). May our heavenly Father continue to lead and direct him as he walks the narrow pathway.

### ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE Marjean Lehman

"Come follow me the Saviour spoke, all in my way abiding!

Deny yourselves, the world forsake;  
obey my call and guiding!

O bear my cross whate'er betide; take my example for your guide!"

Christ, Our Predecessor

Visiting ministers have been Bro. Kenny Dietz (Bradford) and Elder Bro. Art Nohl (Morris, MN). Bro. Art assisted Elder Bro. Joe Stoller in serving holy communion June 4. May God bless His servants for their labors of love.

"... This union of our hearts shall stand through grace in Jesus; we walk the path of life, while cheer and trust increases..." (The Union of Hearts). On May 29, we heard the engagement announcement of our Sis. Nancy Martin and Bro. Fred Witzig (Altadena, CA). Parents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Janet Martin and Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary Witzig (Altadena, CA). May they entreat God's blessings as they plan their walk together.

Clayton James Aupperle was born May 27 to Sis. Cindy and Bro. Dennis Aupperle. Clayton is welcomed home by his parents and his brother, Jonathan, and his sister, Erin. Happy and thankful grandparents are Sis. Gladys and Bro. Nick Knobloch and Bro. Elias and Sis. Greta Aupperle (Fairbury). May God bless their family circle.

On May 29, a breakfast was held for the high school graduates at the fellowship hall. Graduates are Linda Martin, Becky Siebenthal, Laura Siebenthal, Linda Siebenthal, Sis. Tonya Wieland, Darin Blunier and Dennis Streitmatter. May they seek God's guidance and blessings on their future plans whether it be school or work. We wish them the nearness and love of God in their lives.

On June 12, the Sunday school picnic was held at the Jubilee Park. The students sang and a picnic was enjoyed by all.

Irene Stahl was a surgical patient in the hospital. We hope she will continue to improve and may she feel the nearness of God and experience His healing

blessings. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.

Reminder: July is collection month for the Silver Lining for Princeville. If anyone has not paid, please pay your reporter. If anyone has a change of address or wishes to receive the Silver Lining, please give all information to reporter.

### ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

#### Judy Luginbuhl — Patsy Kaeb

As we remember our fathers on their special day, we are thankful for their leadership in our Christian homes. Even as our heavenly Father provides for us daily, we appreciate the love and guidance our fathers have given us.

Our congregation rejoices to have another dear soul turn her heart to the Lord. Susie Bradle, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Mary Bradle, is repenting and we pray for God's guidance in her life.

Kathryn Kemp has also surrendered her heart to the Lord and was baptized, for which we were so thankful. She now resides at the Monte Casino Nursing Home in Toluca.

We greatly appreciated ministering Bro. Fred Knapp (Congerville), Bro. Kenneth Knapp (Taylor, MO) and Bro. Loren Knapp (Tucson, AZ) who visited us this past month and lovingly shared God's Word with us.

We received word from Rockville, CT, that Bro. Dick and Sis. Ann Hoffman, both originally from here, were blessed with a new baby boy. Matthew David was born June 7 and Cheryl, Eric and Christi welcomed him home. Grandparents are Bro. Alvin Farney and Bro. Rudy and Sis. Mary Hoffman.

Also, Bro. Tim and Sis. Bethany Leman (Bloomington) are thrilled to have a baby boy, Nathaniel Jay, born May 7. Grandparents are Bro. Sam and Sis. Anna Leman and Elder Bro. Joe and Sis. Shirley Braker (Morton).

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Emma Hodel in the recent death of her sister, Nora Moser.

Our condolences go to Bro. Louis Zimmerman. His sister, Sis. Anna Gudeman (Cissna Park, formerly from Roanoke) passed away.

Recent hospital patients were Bro. Marvin Braker and Sis. Mildred Aeschleman. They have both returned home and are feeling God's strength and power with each new day for which we are thankful.

### ILLINOIS, TREMONT

#### Carolyn Bolliger — Marsha Koch

We are happy to welcome a new brother and sister, Doug and Cheri Frank, who gave their testimonies and were baptized the weekend of May 21. Bro. Doug is the son of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Miriam Frank and Sis. Cheri is the daughter of Don and Kay Davis (Green Valley, IL). Bro. Chuck Hemmer (Peoria) assisted Bro. Dan Koch in this joyous occasion.

May 29 was the date chosen for the wedding of Sis. Diane Steiner and Bro. Alex Paton. Their parents are Bro. Dan and Sis. Shirley Steiner, Donna Martin (Morton) and Don Paton (Peoria).

Bro. Jeff Sinn and Sis. Gail Glueck were married June 5. Bro. Jeff's parents are Dan and Donna Sinn and Sis. Gail is the daughter of Bro. Karl and Sis. Velda Glueck (all of Tremont). We wish these young couples God's richest blessings as they start their lives together.

We also have four engagements announced this month. Sis. Beth Frank and Bro. Jim Walder (Cissna Park) plan to be married July 31. Their parents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Rosemary Frank (Tremont) and Bro. Charles and Sis. Wilma Walder (Cissna Park).

Planning an August 21 wedding are Sis. Heidi Aberle and Bro. Dean Sinn (Tucson, AZ). Sis. Heidi is the daughter of Bro. Ernie and Sis. Frieda Aberle (Tremont) and Bro. Dean is the son of Otto and Marian Sinn (Silverton, OR).

Bro. Chuck Koch and Sis. Cathy Baer have chosen September 18 as the date of their wedding. Bro. Chuck is the son of Bro. Elmon and Sis. Janice Koch and Sis. Cathy is the daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Doris Baer (all of Tremont).

Sis. Jane Lang's engagement to Bro. Kent Miller (Tucson, AZ) has also been announced. Their parents are Bro. George and Sis. Phyllis Lang (Tremont) and Bro. Wayne and Sis. Pearl Miller (Fort Scott, KS).

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to these young couples as they make plans for their future lives together. We pray God will be with them.

We are happy to report the birth of three sweet baby girls this month — all born the same day, June 10.

Ron and Tammy Wagenbach welcome little Wendy Louise. She has two brothers, Paul and Gary, and two sis-



ters, Holly and Lisa. Grandparents are Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach (Tremont) and Bro. Walter Blunier (Roanoke) and Olene McCord (Morton).

Tom and Jane Bolliger are happy to welcome little Deborah Ann. Debbie has a big brother, Joshua, and a big sister, Sarah. Grandparents are Bro. Harlan and Sis. Carolyn Bolliger and Bro. Robert and Sis. Doris Baer.

Mark and Marjean Largent (Phoenix, AZ) welcome their first child, little Katie Jean. Katie's grandparents are William and Marjorietta (Kahler) Largent (Tremont) and Bro. Ralph and Sis. Ruth Knepp (Roanoke). Mark and Marjean reside at 1033 E. Paradise Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85022.

We wish to thank Elder Bro. Don Sauder (Roanoke) for giving of himself on a recent Wednesday evening as he spoke to us on "Attitudes."

Also visiting us this month were Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton) and Bros. Dennis Kaufmann (Bloomington), Wayne Laubscher (Cissna Park), Kevin Knapp (Bloomington), Everett Hari (Bloomington) and Duane Kilgus (Fairbury). We sincerely thank these brothers and their families.

### ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON Carol Schick

"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

John 8:12

Another lamb has been taken into God's fold. Washington was blessed June 11 and 12 to witness the testimony and baptism of Sue Heinold (Bro. Marshall and Sis. Jan). Our prayers are with her as she begins her new life in Christ.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Sis. Clara Speck as she and her family mourn the passing of her daughter-in-law, Mary (Don) Speck. May they find their comfort in our Lord and His Word.

Many prayers for healing were sent heavenward this month for Bro. Don Wagenbach as he recovered at home after back surgery and for Bro. John Schick as he recovered at home from a recent illness. They both are joining us once again for worship as they continue to feel God's healing powers.

We wish God's blessings on the

union of Sis. Marie Nester (Bro. Gene and Sis. Shirley, Lester) and Bro. Paul Sauder of Chicago (Bro. Dale and Sis. Joanne, Tremont). Sis. Marie made Washington her home for a time. We will miss her but we wish them both well and hope they will visit us when they are in the area.

Visiting ministers this past month were Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH), Bro. Doug Wagenbach (San Diego, CA), Bro. Marvin Leman (Bradford, IL), Bro. Rod Huber (Valparaiso, IN) and Elder Bro. Don Sauder (Roanoke, IL). We were blessed to have them minister the Word and we pray God will bless them abundantly for their labors.

Last month we extended congratulations to our graduates and inadvertently missed a graduating eighth grader. We extend our apologies and hearty congratulations to Tom Steffen (Bro. Keith and Sis. Cathy).

It seems impossible but Vacation Bible School has already come and gone. The young people really did enjoy that week of learning and fellowship. May God richly reward all the adults who had a part in making this year's VBS a success.

I want to thank all those who remembered me with cards, visits, gifts, phone calls and especially prayers during my last hospital visit. Words of thanks do not adequately express the warm feelings of gratitude and joy such acts of kindness create, so I will have to leave it to our Father in heaven to reward and bless each and every one. Thank you.

Sis. Martha McGough

### INDIANA, BLUFFTON

Jean Moser — Becky Isch

On May 22 a breakfast was held in our fellowship hall to honor our high school graduates. We congratulate each one of them on having reached this milestone in their lives and wish God's guidance as they seek employment or further education.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Sylvia (Bro. Oscar) Bertsch on the passing of her sister, Esther Hirschy, May 29.

On May 31, Sis. Salome Fiechter, 94, passed away. She had resided at Swiss Village for three years. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her dear family, Sis. Dorothy, Herman (Sis. Phyllis), Bro. Carl (Sis. Mary), Sis. Mary Jane

(Bro. Claire) Yergler, Bro. Charles (Sis. Maxine), and her 19 grandchildren, and 41 great-grandchildren. May they find comfort in knowing she has gone home to her rest.

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

II Corinthians 5:17

With joy in our hearts, we welcome our new sisters-in-faith, Sis. Lisa Rager (Bro. Bill and Sis. LouAnn), Sis. Lora Kipfer (Bro. Ned and Sis. Dixie), Sis. Kathy Baumgartner (Bro. Tom and Sis. Marilyn) and Sis. Lila Gerber (Ron). Testimonies and baptisms were held the weekend of June 4 and 5, with Bro. Bob Meyer (Bluffton North) here to assist our Elder Bros. Orville Ringger and Ed Schwartz. May they feel our love at all times and yet fear the Lord, for this is the beginning of wisdom.

Also on June 5, Bro. Brian Tonner (Bro. Gary and Sis. Diann) and Sis. Joy Baumgartner (Bro. Howard and Sis. Joyce, Bluffton North) announced their engagement. May their love for God and each other bring them rich blessings in their new life together.

Vacation Bible School was held, beginning May 31 and ending with our children presenting a beautiful program of songs and memory verses June 10. A total of 455 children attended. We trust this effort will be fruitful and that all who participated will be richly blessed.

Our congregation was blessed with four new babies this month. Bro. Derryl and Sis. Peggy Aschliman welcomed Taylor Max May 23. His sisters and brother are Elizabeth, Tiffany and Byron. Grandparents are Bro. Millard and Sis. Alice Aschliman and Bro. Lester and Sis. Rosemary Gerber.

Bro. Tim and Sis. Angie Pfister are the happy parents of Marissa Joy who was born May 30. Her sister and brother are Megan and T.J. Bro. Tom and Sis. Barb Pfister and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hunt are her grandparents.

On June 14, Jeff and Dana Bluhm welcomed their first child, Victoria Lynn. Her proud grandparents are Bro. Gene and Sis. Elaine Baumgartner and Gene and Elaine Bluhm.

Todd Anthony was born June 15 to Todd and Teresa Steffen. He is their first child and also the first grandchild of John and Sis. Etta Steffen.



Our cups were filled and overflowing as we enjoyed inspirational messages from visiting ministers, Bro. Don Gudeman and Bro. Curt Frank (La-Crosse) June 12. May God bless them and their families for their efforts, and may we as hearers bring forth the proper fruit in our lives.

Those who have been hospitalized this month were Sis. Emma Kipfer, Sis. Connie (Bro. Sam) Kaehr, Corey Bedwell (11-year-old son of Bro. Bruce and Sis. Nancy Bedwell), Bro. Ray (Sis. Flossie) Stoller and Sis. LeAnn Gerber. We pray for God's healing hand to reach out and touch each one.

We also bid farewell to Bro. Stan Fiechter (Bro. John and Sis. Shirley) and pray for God's loving hand to guide him as he makes his home in New York and assembles with the Union City, NJ, church.

#### INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH

**Lois Drayer — Debbie Aeschliman**

"Love Never Fails . . . It Reaches Out." This was our theme for our two weeks of Bible School. Bible School was a combination of our church and Bluffton and was held at the Bluffton Church. Before Bible School began every morning, students and teachers gathered together in the assembly room for a prayer and words of encouragement from one of the ministers. On one of the mornings, the minister told us a story about an Indian who lived on a reservation all his life. When he grew older, he wanted to see what city life was like, and went to New York City. As he walked with a friend, they paused to listen to the hustle, bustle and loud noises. The Indian remarked that he heard a cricket chirping. The friend looked around at the traffic and all the commotion and wondered how the Indian could possibly hear a tiny cricket. The Indian bent down, pushed aside a blade of grass, and uncovered a cricket. He heard the cricket because he was listening for it, just as we should listen to God's still, small voice. As our children go out into the world, let us pray that they listen for God's still, quiet voice. On Friday evening, June 10, it was such a joy to hear 455 children's voices sing their Bible School songs at the Bible School program. There were 37 eighth grade graduates from both churches. We, as parents, wish to thank all who made Bible School possible.

We have 10 high school graduates from Bluffton North who will be having new experiences. We pray that God will watch over our children as they venture out into work places or colleges.

We are thankful for Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL) and Bro. Uriel Gehring (Leo) who came to worship with us for a midweek service. We hope they will come back again, for they are most welcome.

We rejoice with Sis. Joy Baumgartner (Bro. Howard and Sis. Joyce) and Bro. Brian Tonner (Bro. Gary and Sis. Diann, Bluffton) in their engagement and upcoming fall wedding. Ruth Baumgartner (Bro. Truman and Sis. Marjorie) and Todd Jones (Bob and Gwen) exchanged wedding vows May 21. Tonya Gerber (Bro. Dale and Sis. Carol) and Patrick (PJ) Felger (James and Barbara) were united in marriage June 11. May God bless each of these couples.

There is joy in the home of Bro. Roger and Sis. Maureen Reinhard and Krent with the coming of little Kyle Wayne, born April 18. Grandparents are Bro. Wendell and Sis. Wanda Gerber and Sis. Sarah Steffen (Bluffton). A precious little blue bundle arrived at the home of Bro. Scott and Sis. Rita DeHoff with the birth of their son, Jeffery Thayne, born June 2. His sister, Brooke, brother, Michael, and grandparents, Bro. Harry T. and Sis. Lois Gerber, welcome him home. We extend sincere congratulations to Bro. Aaron and Sis. Sandra Kipfer on the births of their two little granddaughters. Angel Joy was born to Floyd and Cindy Kipfer (Mississippi) in March and Lindsey Nichole was born to Tony and Cindy Kipfer May 27. The birth of a baby is always such a joyous occasion.

Our sympathies are with Bro. Oscar Schaefer (Sis. Agnes) in the loss of his brother, Norman Schaefer (Bonnetta).

We have had several hospital patients: Kristan Gerber (Sam and Sis. Mary Jo), Robin Mounsey (Bro. Rod and Sis. Rosemary), Bro. Alvin Honegger (Sis. Alice) and Sis. Dorothy Gerber (Bro. Vernon). May they feel the Lord's nearness and healing touch.

We warmly welcome Brent and Penney Moser and their children, who moved from Mansfield, OH, to our congregation.

A minister spoke recently about a chameleon who changes his colors according to his surroundings. Instead of being a chameleon and changing with

the lifestyles of the world, we should be different. Let us let our lights shine forth and be steadfast.

#### INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE

**Jacki Huber**

As we praise God for the freedoms we enjoy as a nation, may we rejoice even more if we enjoy the freedom of a pure heart, cleansed by Christ's blood. If we aren't enjoying that freedom, Jesus is still knocking on hearts, patiently waiting for us to open to Him.

We rejoiced to hear testimonies of two who have claimed victory over sin. On Saturday evening, May 28, Mike Putt (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Paulette) and Shannon Huber (Bro. Chris and Sis. Sharon) shared how God called them and changed their lives.

Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott, IN) assisted Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman with the testimonies and also with the baptisms of our new family members, Bro. Mike and Sis. Shannon, on Sunday, May 29.

Visiting ministers who were here for this special weekend were Bros. Glenn Price (Sarasota, FL), Rod Huber (Valparaiso, IN) and Ken Wuethrich (Indianapolis, IN). We are thankful to them and their families for being with us.

The love of a Christian home is again being shared, as a baby boy, Nicholas David, was born May 23 to Bro. Mark and Sis. Lynne Wuethrich. Nicholas has one big brother, Caleb, and his grandparents are Bro. Ken and Sis. Carol Bucher (LaCrosse, IN) and Bro. Dave and Sis. Barb Wuethrich.

On Saturday, May 21, Dynelle Pelsy (Bro. Leon and Sis. Mabel Wuethrich) and Andrew Bowyer (Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bowyer) were united in marriage at the home of Bro. Leon and Sis. Mabel Wuethrich, followed by a reception at the fellowship center. Dynelle and Andrew now reside in Lafayette, IN. We wish them God's blessings.

David Anliker (Bro. Earl and Sis. Liz) and Deborah Ownby were married May 28 in Savannah, GA, where they reside. A reception was held for David and Deborah at the fellowship center June 5 for family and friends from this area. We wish them the blessings of a happy married life, and welcome them to come visit whenever they can!

We rejoice with Sis. Lily Vogt (Bro. Ron and Sis. Dianne) and Bro. Roger Pelsy (Bro. Ellsworth and Sis. Luella) as their engagement was recently an-



nounced. May God continue to guide their lives.

### INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS

#### Gail Bradford — Kathy Freed

We appreciated Bro. Jack Bollier (Leo) and Bro. Carroll Gerber (Bluffton North) for bringing us the Word.

The Vacation Bible School taught our children about God's wonderful world. The children presented a program to tell us what they learned.

High school graduate, Bill Bradford (Bro. Bill and Sis. Gail), will study business at Ball State University next fall.

The church gathered for a goodbye dinner for Bro. Steve, Sis. Joyce, Seth, Caleb and Lydia Fischer who are moving to Bluffton, IN, in July. We will miss them. They have contributed greatly to our congregation with their time, resources and love. We are united by a common faith, although we will be apart.

We recently studied about spiritual gifts in our Bible study program. Bro. Ken Wuethrich led us in the discussion. Gifts, we learned, are often confused with talents. Talents have to do with techniques and methods, while gifts have to do with spiritual abilities. Talents depend on natural power; gifts on spiritual endowment. Talents instruct, inspire or entertain on a natural level. Gifts relate to the building up of the saints. We are all part of the body of Christ. No one is gifted enough, wise enough or strong enough to live apart from others. So God instructs us as to how we are to live, work and fellowship together. We are all given gifts of grace that we might work together for the edification of the body of Christ. Spiritual gifts, then, are "Spirit-given" abilities for Christian service.

"Neglect not the gift that is within thee."

I Timothy 4:14

### INDIANA, LACROSSE

#### Sandy Heinold

We enjoyed the visit of ministering Bro. Marvin Stieglitz (Leo, IN) and his family. May God add the increase to his labors on our behalf.

Hospitalized during the month were Sis. Alice Heinold and Sis. Martha Peters. Sis. Martha is presently convalescing back at Parkview Haven, while Sis. Alice is at Canterbury Place

nursing home in Valparaiso. As the years take their toll on our dear ones, may they find comfort in God's promise that He will never forsake His own. "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." Psalms 91:11.

### INDIANA, LEO

#### Thelma Schlatter

"A young boy had to face the neighborhood bully in his yard. Frightened, he debated what he could do and decided to take a stand. When he did so, he could see the larger boy was visibly shaking, ready to run. He felt suddenly confident and very pleased with himself. Then he noticed that the bully was looking beyond him and turned to see his own father standing in the doorway behind him."

How often we, too, quake in life's frightening circumstances and trials before we remember that our heavenly Father is our strength and stay!"

We were encouraged by the message given recently by visiting minister, Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington). We were blessed June 19, also, by Bros. Glenn Riegenbach (Smithville, OH) and Walt Steffen (Milford, IN) who ministered the Word to us. We thank God and these brothers for their messages and their wives and families for their visit.

Church services were canceled Wednesday, June 22, as many church families gathered at the furniture store operated by Bro. William and Sis. Nancy Klopfenstein and families to help in clean-up operations following a fire in the afternoon. Other than smoke damage, the loss was confined to warehouses by five fire departments who responded to the alarm.

D.V.B.S. was well attended and His truths were taught to many tender hearts. The two-week session ended with a program Saturday evening.

We welcome Bro. John and Sis. Patsy Stoller and family who came from Forrest, IL, to offer their strength and talent to Him in serving at the Children's Home. Our rejoicing is twofold as their daughter, Sandi, has heeded the Saviour's call to repentance and desires to live for Him.

We are thankful Bro. Uriel Gehring's hospital stay was brief.

Bro. Lynn and Sis. Leonda Stieglitz had the privilege of visiting the Holy Land.

Bro. Jeff and Sis. Carla Fritz were

blessed with a baby boy, Evan Jeffrey. The pleased grandparents are Otto and Jan Bradtmueller and Bro. Harold and Sis. Sherry Fritz (Lexington, KY).

Bits of This and That:

"If a man is too busy to worship God twice on Sunday and once on Wednesday night, he has more business than God intended him to have."

J. C. Penney

The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention.

God provides food for every bird but He does not place it in their nest.

You can do anything you want to, if you want to do what you ought to!

A Christian is free, but not free to sin.

### INDIANA, MILFORD

#### Marguerite Hoerr — Sue Schieler

Sis. Hulda Graff passed away recently after spending her last few years in our local nursing home. She and the late Bro. Oscar were faithful members for many years and we will miss her.

Our congregation rejoiced recently as Bro. Jon Haab (Bro. Ray and Sis. Paula) gave his testimony and was baptized, becoming our brother-in-faith. We wish him God's richest blessings as he serves Him. Bro. Ray Sinn was here that weekend and we appreciated his labors of love.

The second week of June, we held our annual Vacation Bible School and we have been inspired to try to live a life of more zeal and devotion. Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL), Bro. Uriel Gehring (Leo), Bro. Kent Ringger (Bluffton) and Bro. Earl Ringger (Gridley, IL) came to teach us and we thank these brothers for being willing to be used in His service. We were encouraged to bring guests and it was so uplifting to have so many come from the community.

Bro. Maurice Beer was hospitalized recently, but we are thankful he is able to assemble with us again.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Ted and Sis. Edith Baumgartner at the passing of their brother, Arch (Milford).

We appreciate Bro. Bob Meyer (Bluffton North) visiting our congregation and bringing us God's Word recently.

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

Stan Schneider (Bro. Ken and Sis. Loretta) announced his engagement to Patty Harner (Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harner, Monticello, IN) in May. They are planning a November 19 wedding.

Sis. Rose (Frey) Bahler, 96, was called to her heavenly home May 26. She resided at Parkview Haven in Francesville for seven years as her husband preceded her in death in 1970. Surviving are two daughters, Alberta Thomas (California) and Betty Hall (Indianapolis); and three sons, Donald, Victor and Russell (all of Remington).

Marvin Nussbaum had the misfortune of a freak accident which fractured his skull. His address is Rural Route 1, Box 69, Remington, IN 47977, for those who want to share their love and prayers with him towards his recovery.

The following was written by a former prisoner in Russia who was incarcerated for his faith in Jesus Christ. May it serve to inspire all of us.

**CELL 44**

When I was arrested for religious activity and denied the work for which I consecrated my life, I lost heart. I was put in a cell with approximately one hundred other people after my first interrogation. Suddenly I understood why I was in prison. Before going to bed I prayed, "Lord, it used to be so difficult for me to gather people together in order to preach Your Gospel. But now I have no need to gather them. They are already here. Make me a blessing to them . . ."

The Lord heard my prayer. Prisoners were coming and going through this cell. In a short time forty people believed in Christ. I taught them to sing hymns and pray. Guards often banged on the door and ordered us to be silent. The authorities finally found out what was happening and transferred me to the cell for hardened criminals. Precisely at that time, I received from my family a parcel containing bread, sugar and clothing. When I entered the new cell, the criminals' eyes searched me. I took a few steps, set my bag on the floor, and looked around at them.

"Men, today I received a parcel. Maybe there are some needy among you. Divide it . . ."

A tall, sullen fellow, probably their leader, approached me, silently took

my parcel, and divided it equally among all of us. "Here, this is your part," he said, giving me a portion and returning my empty bag.

As a newcomer, I had to take the worst place in the cell, but the leader said, "For good people we have a good place. Now tell us why they transferred you to this cell."

"Well, in cell 44 I taught people how to pray to God. The authorities did not like it, so they threw me in here."

The leader smiled for the first time. "Very good! Now you will teach us."

— Georgi Vins

**INDIANA, SOUTH BEND****Sue Beebe**

We were blessed this month by the visits of ministering Bros. Al Langhofer (Wichita, KS) May 18 and Ted Witzig (Morton, IL) May 29. We appreciate their efforts on our behalf and trust that the Lord will bless them and their families.

Our Sunday school election was held May 18 with Bro. Steve Stoller chosen to teach the junior-senior class and Sis. Shirley Lehman, the primary class.

"Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me . . ."

Psalms 25:4-5

Our Vacation Bible School was held June 13 - 16 with a program given June 18. The theme this year was "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 sup with him, and he with me." Revelation 3:20.

**INDIANA, VALPARAISO****Beth Heinold — Trish Bucher**

On this graduation day  
As you think about the future  
And wonder what you'll do  
Remember that God who  
brought you to this day  
Will walk the future with you.

Our prayers go with our graduates, Sis. Angie Heinold (Bro. Vic and Sis. Sheryl), Jim Bucher (Bro. Garry and Sis. Lois) and Christine Lester (Bro. Ed and Sis. Caroline) as they grow and plan for their futures.

Again, our hearts are rejoicing with Bro. Rod and Sis. Mary Huber as their

son, Travis, has chosen the fruitful path of serving the Lord. We are also thankful for another new convert, Summer Thomas, daughter of Bro. Mike and Sis. Claudia. May our prayers be with them in their new walk of life.

May the Lord richly bless our visiting ministers, Bro. Tom Troxel (La-Crosse) and Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL) for sharing the Word with our congregation.

**INDIANA, WOLCOTT****Lorna Knapp — Lynell Blume**

We were thankful for the inspiring message of Bro. Marshall Heinold (Washington, IL) Wednesday evening, May 18. We appreciate his love and willingness to serve us.

Congratulations and best wishes go to our high school graduates, Colleen Kyburz (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Pat) and Bro. Mike Bahler (Bro. Lowell and Sis. Karla). We wish them the Lord's blessings and guidance in the future.

Kristie Furrer (Bro. Irvin and Sis. Shirley) was a hospital patient this month. We are thankful for her quick recovery.

Many from our congregation traveled to Bern, KS, to attend the wedding of Sis. Heidi Baumgartner (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Nancy) and Bro. Jeff Bahler (Bro. Lowell and Sis. Karla) June 5. May they feel the Lord's presence as they establish their Christian home.

Our Vacation Bible School was held with the Remington Sunday school at Remington church. Many efforts were put forth so the children could learn more about Jesus and His teachings. The Bible class and congregation also benefited by the spiritual teachings of the visiting ministers.

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

We wish to extend best wishes to our graduates this year, again. Tom Buttkofer (Bro. Al and Sis. LaVerne) has completed a two-year course in the field of agri-business at NITI. His sister, Sandy, has completed her high school education and is planning to start a two-year course in accounting specialist at NITI this fall. We wish them both God's blessings in their chosen fields.

Our Bible school session was well-



attended this year again. May God bless the children's desires to learn more of God's love.

More about Jesus would I know,  
More of His grace to others show;  
More of His saving fullness see,  
More of His love who died for me.  
More about Jesus let me learn,  
More of His holy will discern;  
Spirit of God, my teacher be,  
Showing the things of Christ to me.

E. E. Hewitt

Bro. Ed Pulfer was a hospital patient this past month. We are glad that he is better now and has returned to his home at the Good Samaritan Nursing Center.

We give thanks to Bro. John Steiner (Oakville) who spent a Wednesday evening with us during Bible school. Bro. John spoke to the older classes and adults on "Honoring Thy Father and Mother."

With the vacation season upon us, we wish everyone God's protection in their travels and welcome all to visit our small group here at Elgin in north-east Iowa.

### IOWA, IOWA CITY Bonita Frank

We were blessed May 22 to have holy communion. We enjoyed the reminder of our Lord's suffering and what a debt He paid for us. Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman (Forrest, IL) was with us for the entire day and our Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer (Elgin, IA) joined us for communion in the evening.

Other visiting ministers this past month were Bro. Tom Hoffman (Roanoke, IL) and Bro. Gary Anliker (Elgin, IL). We appreciated the ministers and those who came with them for making the trip, although saddened by the death in the family that caused Bro. Gary and his family to be in the area.

Surgical patients this month were Bro. Dave Wegman and Sis. Bonita Frank.

Laura Elizabeth was born May 23 to Ron and Audrey Landherr. Paul and Sis. Evelyn Pulfer (Elgin, IA) are thankful grandparents. Chris, Heidi, Jeff and Matthew welcome her home, too.

The weekend of June 4 and 5 several brothers and sisters from Kansas City and West Bend came to be with us. These times of fellowship are a special

treasure, and we are glad they can be made with such freedom and safety.

### IOWA, LESTER

#### Kathy Metzger — Mary Knobloch

God has again provided for our spiritual needs by sending ministers to our congregation. Those ministering to us were Bro. Alpha Strahm (Bern, KS), Bro. Jim Knobloch (Elgin), Bro. Kent Mogler (Minneapolis, MN), Elder Bro. Leroy Huber (Eureka, IL) and Bro. Roger Aberle (Sabetha, KS). May God continue to provide blessings in their lives as He directs their hearts to bring forth the Word of life.

Two betrothals have recently been announced in our congregation. Bro. Brad Moser (Bro. Frank and Sis. Verna) and Sis. Gloria Knobloch (Bro. Ezra and Sis. Marie), both from our congregation, and Bro. Todd Zollinger (Silverton, OR — Bro. Ed and Sis. Shirley, Phoenix, AZ) and Sis. Michele Metzger (Bro. Dale and Sis. Chris, Lester) have felt the guidance of our heavenly Father in leading their lives together. May God bless them as they make plans for their weddings.

On Friday, May 27, Bart Metzger (Keith and Mary) and Robin Voight exchanged marriage vows. We pray God's blessings upon this young couple as they establish their home together.

God has shared His love with two homes by sending precious little babies. On May 31, a son, Max Clayton, was born to Bro. Denis and Sis. Jackie Knobloch. Grandparents are Bro. Nathan and Sis. Irene Knobloch and Bro. Jack and Sis. Janet Wysong. First-time parents, Bro. Stan and Sis. Dawn Knobloch, welcomed a daughter, Andrea Rae, born June 1. Grandparents are Bro. Dale and Sis. Mary Knobloch and Bro. Raymond and Sis. Twyla Meyer. May God continue to bless these dear families as they rear the children entrusted into their care.

We are thankful that Sis. Linda (Jim) Moser has recovered from surgery and that her attitude and outlook have been beautifully entwined and engraved with God's unending love. May our prayers, as well as our actions and deeds, continue to support those who are ill and those whose burdens are often overwhelming. Thanks be to God for loving us so much!

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### IOWA, OAKVILLE Debbie Wagenbach

May 24 was the day little Candace Kristen Wagenbach chose to be her birthday. Bro. Dave and Sis. Charlene Wagenbach, as well as big sister, Diana, welcome baby Candace into their hearts and home. Happy grandparents are John and Sis. Marilyn Wagenbach and Roy and Sis. Bertha Funk (Gridley, IL).

Bro. Jaye Rinkenberger (Goodfield, IL) spent the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend in our Oakville congregation. We are thankful that he was willing to share and lend himself in the Lord's service.

Our prayers are with Bro. Brian and Sis. Cindy Wiegand as their little daughter, Natalie, has been in the hospital for nearly a month with a bone infection. Recovery has been a slow process, but it seems that Natalie will soon be feeling her old self again. We are thankful for this and we pray that God will continue to provide strength throughout the days ahead.

Thought: Advice is like snow — the softer it falls, the deeper it goes.

Anonymous

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

We are thankful some of our hospital patients can assemble with us again and for those who can't, we wish for them God's healing hand. Those who were hospitalized since last writing were Bro. Vic Banwart (Sis. Marilyn), Sis. Jessie Fehr, Sis. Ella Schneider (Bro. Lawrence), Bro. Eli Grimm, Sr. (Sis. Lena) and Sis. Elizabeth Metzger (Bro. Duane).

Our annual Sunday school election was held June 7. Chosen to fill these positions were Bro. John Schmidt (Sis. Paula), Sis. Karen Banwart (Bro. Eldon) and Sis. Lori Skoglund (Bro. Mark). We want to express our appreciation to those whose terms have now expired.

We are happy and thankful Jerry and Jane Traub have a new baby boy. Daniel Aaron was born June 4. Tristan welcomes Daniel along with grandparents, Joan Traub and Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Shimon (Rolfe).

Bro. Clifford and Sis. Rosene Grimm have a new granddaughter, Kendra Dawn. Her parents are Ken and Karen Schirm.

Our congratulations are extended to



a newly married couple, Doug and Tammy Hoch. Jim and Sherry Schmidt are her parents.

We are sorry we missed one of our high school graduates, Neal Schmidt (Bro. Dwaine and Sis. Lucille). We sincerely wish him the best.

Elder Bro. Sam Anliker (Lamont, KS), Bro. Gary Brown (Forrest, IL) and Bro. Bill Emch (Lamont, KS) were with us and proclaimed God's precious teachings to us. May they be blessed for visiting us.

We wish to express thanks to the Winthrop, MN, congregation for hosting the annual youth fellowship weekend for our high school students.

We cannot go beyond God's reach or beyond His love and care, For we are all a part of God and God is Everywhere.

Helen Steiner Rice

Note: A gray TLC child's toy bag with several farm toys and the name, Brett, on the outside was left in our church recently. Please contact someone here if you are missing it.

### JAPAN, SHIODA Kathy Kieser

"As the rain cometh down . . . from heaven . . . (and) watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud . . . so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth . . . it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper . . ."

Isaiah 55:10, 11

As we observe rainy season once again in Japan, we must thank the Lord for the showers He sees fit to send that bless the earth as they cause the fruit and flowers to grow and produce. God has given us this earthly example of His provision and ability to perform so that we can understand His power in the spiritual realm. As we see the earth bud and flourish from the rains, we are strengthened spiritually to know that, in the same faithful manner, God's every word and promise to those who love and serve Him will be accomplished and will prosper. Our great God is a faithful God!

We are looking forward to the July visit of the tour group of about 37 brethren and friends from the States.

### JAPAN, TOKYO

#### Frank and Kathy Sauder

We thank Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle and his wife, Sis. Lois, for traveling to Tokyo June 5 and ministering to us. It was a beautiful spring day. It seemed especially gorgeous knowing that in a few days the rainy season would begin. In the afternoon, Psalms 104, God's preservation of nature, was read: "Bless the Lord O my soul, O Lord my God, thou art very great . . ."

This summer, many believers and friends from the Tokyo and Shioda churches will be traveling to America. We pray for God's blessing and protection.

### KANSAS, BERN

#### Kathy Strahm Lori Baumgartner

"The weakest among us has a gift, however seemingly trivial, which is peculiar to him, and which worthily used, will be a gift to his race forever."

John Ruskin

I was recently told of a true story concerning a jet airplane carrying over 100 passengers that took off over the ocean. The flight was going smoothly until all of a sudden one of the engines shut down, and then one by one each of the other engines on the plane shut down, too. The pilot radioed back to the passengers to prepare for a crash landing. The situation looked hopeless — they were out over the ocean, and all engines had malfunctioned. The pilot, realizing the number of innocent lives under his care, put the plane into a slow decent in a desperate attempt to reach the closest land. By a miracle of God, the plane reached the land and the pilot brought the plane down safely. Later, in investigating the cause of the malfunctioning of the plane's engines, it was found that one little "O" ring was missing from its proper place. No one will probably ever know who the individual was who failed to do his job and put that little ring in its proper place, but his failure to do his seemingly "unimportant" job could have cost hundreds of people their lives.

So it is in our body of believers. Each one of us has an important contribution to make, however small it may be. If we fail to do our part; stop and think for a moment . . . think of the many lives we could cause harm to whether it be physical, emotional or spiritual harm.

We had three visiting ministers, Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler, Bro. Gene Lehman and Bro. Vernon Schwab (Wolcott, IN) with us this past month. We are thankful for the Word that they brought to us.

We here in the Bern congregation had a blessed day June 5 as we witnessed the joining of hearts of Bro. Jeff Bahler (Bro. Lowell and Sis. Karla) and Sis. Heidi Baumgartner (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Nancy). May God be with the two of them as they make their home and begin their life together near Wolcott, IN.

Our thoughts and prayers are with two dear ones from our congregation who have been hospitalized this past month. Bro. Roy Meyer has undergone knee surgery and his sister, Sis. Sarah Meyer, is presently at the Sabetha Hospital. We hope that each of them may feel God's nearness and comfort.

Bro. Andy Lochler of our Bern congregation celebrated his 90th birthday the weekend of June 11 and 12. Many of his children, grandchildren and other relatives were here for the special occasion.

Just a kindly reminder: July is the month when we need to pay our Silver Lining subscription dues.

### KANSAS, FORT SCOTT

#### Karen Sinn

We were privileged to have many visitors Memorial Day weekend. Among them were Elder Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS) and Bro. Dale Frank (Oakville, IA). We thank them for sharing God's Word with us.

On June 6 - 10, we had Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year was "Fruit of the Spirit." May the seeds that were sown bring forth the proper fruit in the hearts of our children. On the following Sunday we had a church picnic at the home of Bro. John and Sis. Carol Sinn.

On June 19, the engagement of Bro. Kent Miller (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Pearl) and Sis. Jane Lang (Bro. George and Sis. Phyllis, Tremont, IL) was announced. Bro. Kent is in Pre-Medical School in Tucson, AZ. May God bless them as they plan their life together.

### KANSAS, GRIDLEY

#### Vola Young — Judy Kraft

Mixed emotions truly express the sentiments shared by our congregation



over the news that Bro. Loren Strahm, after prayerful consideration, has decided to retire from the ministry. We feel saddened by this loss, but wish to express our appreciation and gratitude for his many years of faithful, dedicated service. We know that his life will continue to be rich in service to the Lord, but now in a different capacity to the body of our church.

We thank visiting Elder Bros. Leo Moser (Lester, IA), Arthur Bahler (Fairbury, IL) and Eugene Marti (Lamar, MO) for taking time out of their busy schedules to minister and counsel to our spiritual needs.

Sis. Edna Somerhalder required hospitalization for medical problems. She wishes to thank all for prayers in her behalf, cards and other deeds of love and kindness shown to her during her illness.

Reminder: Silver Lining dues should be paid in July - August.

#### KANSAS, KIOWA

Darcy Kisling — Janice Bahr

Love knows no limit to its endurance,  
No end to its trust,  
No fading of its hope;  
It can outlast anything.  
Love still stands when all else has  
fallen.

Compiled by Jo Petty

We pray that God will shower many blessings on Kim Neal and Steve Froelich as they begin their new life together. They were united in holy matrimony June 11 and plan to make their home in Wichita, KS. Kim is the granddaughter of Sis. Mildred Farney and Steve is the son of Mr. Harold Froelich (North Carolina) and Mrs. Betty Froelich (Hays, KS).

Our congregation is pleased that Bro. Phil and Sis. Sandra Hamilton have moved their family to Alva, OK. This move has made their drive to our church building much shorter and their time for fellowship longer.

In the hospital this month was Sis. Matilda Schupbach. She was released and is at home feeling much stronger. We pray that the Lord will continue to send His healing spirit to her.

#### KANSAS, LAMONT

Mary Isch

Our dear Sis. Eva Emch has gone to

the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha to make her home. We will miss her and wish her God's great love and mercy that she may adjust to the change in her life. She has lived in an apartment near the Madison nursing home for several years.

Nancy Wernli (Bro. Roy and Sis. Betty), who makes her home at the Morton Home for the Handicapped, is a surgical patient in St. Francis Hospital in Peoria, IL. Bro. Roy and Sis. Betty have been with her for ten days during this trying time. We wish Nancy and her family much grace, love and compassion from above during this difficult time.

God has not promised a path of roses and you cannot have roses without thorns. Steep and thorny is the way that leads to full perfection.

Our thoughts oft turn to Him. "O that I were with Jesus! O that I could take wings, To where the angel chorus, Sweet Hallelujah sings." Hymns of Zion #273.

Visiting ministers this month have been Elder Bro. Gene Marti (Lamar, MO), Elder Bro. Leo Moser (Lester, IA) and Elder Bro. Art Bahler (Fairbury, IL).

#### KANSAS, SABETHA

Charleen Hartter — Nita Grimm

"A mother sits in sadness, thinking of  
her only son,  
As she looks up at two pictures on the  
wall;  
They're all that's left to cheer her,  
And she says, 'Thy will be done.'  
As she mourns for him who's gone  
beyond recall,  
One shows him as a little boy, in  
soldier's clothes, at play,  
With his army lying scattered on the  
floor;  
The other in a uniform, the day he  
marched away,  
And he said goodbye alas!  
Forevermore."

"Is it strange, when the band starts  
playing,  
That her eyes fill up with tears,  
As the soldiers pass her window  
And the street rings out with cheers?  
For it's then that her heart is saddest,  
And it seems it can't be true,  
As she looks up at the pictures  
Of her little boy in blue."

"The war that took him from her  
Has been over many years,  
And the troops that pass are only on  
parade;

But as she watches them go by  
She's thinking through her tears,  
Of her own boy marching while the  
music played.

The pictures hanging on the wall,  
They seem to blend in one,  
And she seems to hear a voice,  
'I miss you, too.'

That's why she's heavy-hearted, for,  
When all is said and done,  
He was only just her little boy in blue."

Title: "A Little Boy In Blue"

Taken from: Albert E. Brumley's,  
"Patriotic Songs" book

The Fourth of July, Independence Day, 1988, has come and gone again! Let us not forget the blood, the tears, the sorrows that many have shed for our country's freedom. It's something not to take for granted in these days when many of our freedoms and rights are threatened by evil forces! May our great God protect us by His might as in Him we trust!

Elder Bro. Gene Marti (Lamar, MO) spent a Sunday with us this past month. We appreciate his willingness, and that of all our ministering brothers to expound upon God's Holy Word.

Bro. James Hartter was hospitalized recently for back surgery. May God bless and restore him as he recuperates.

#### KANSAS, WICHITA

Emma Miller

We welcome Angela Plattner to Wichita as she establishes residence here. Angela transferred from Hutchinson and is manager of an Osco Drug Store in Wichita.

Victor Wullschleger has returned to Wichita to continue his studies at Wichita State University. He had spent last semester in training at Ocean City, NJ.

The Lord answered prayer for Bro. Phil Bowers. Bro. Phil has been awarded a graduate teaching assistantship position in the reading and study skills center at WSU. His new duties will begin with the fall semester.

Jodi Reimschisel (Bro. Max and Sis. Judy) was our graduating senior this year.

It is refreshing to have Sis. Laurie Gallatin worshipping with us this sum-



mer while she is taking classes at WSU.

Mark Reimschisel has been home on leave and will return to Germany to complete his duty there. Our wish for him is as we expressed it in song, "God Be With You Til We Meet Again."

Elder Bro. Lester and Sis. Ella Hartter (Bern, KS) worshipped with us June 12. May God bless Bro. Lester for his ministry to us.

### THE INNERCORE

Jesus taught that there was something wrong with the scribes and pharisees. He said of them in Matthew 23:23, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

Precisely, what was wrong with them? Outwardly they appeared to be very correct. Christ said it was a problem of judgment, mercy and faith. It is rather difficult to gather data on such a problem because the things mentioned are mostly intangibles. I conclude that such a problem is within the depths of the human soul, which I call the inner-core.

In the case of judgment, we are not supposed to judge, but at the very least, we do have opinions, if we are thinking individuals. If our innercore is refined, we are much stricter with ourselves than we are with others. We do not handle a matter in a certain way ourselves and then come down hard on a brother or sister who handles a similar matter in the same way.

Regarding mercy, we are to be so broken ourselves that we never lord it over others but warn, encourage, entreat and reason.

As to faith, if it is real, our values are in intangibles, not tangibles.

The question that arises is, how can we improve our innercore? Romans 12:1 teaches us that we should present our bodies a living sacrifice and that is certainly a factor in refining the innercore. Yet, the real improvement and refinement of our innercore comes by our meeting the criticisms and buffetings of life with a selfless attitude.

### MICHIGAN, ALTO

**Juanita Gerst**

It is always a blessing to prepare for

and take communion. We want to extend a special thank you to Elder Bro. Andy Virkler (Bay City, MI) for helping in this work of the Lord.

We had one senior graduate from high school this year. Congratulations go to Joel Schrenk (Bro. Tom and Sis. Joan) as he completes this part of his life.

Congratulations go forth to Dennis and Jamie Schrenk (Bro. Tom and Sis. Joan) on their recent marriage. May God richly bless them in their new life together.

Babies are always a beautiful blessing from God. Ken and Sis. Denise Oesch, along with Danielle and Amy, are happy to include Kendra into their family. May God help them to bring Kendra up in His ways.

We want to extend a warm thank you to Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL) and to Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH) for helping out with our Vacation Bible School. May God richly bless them for the effort they put forth.

### MICHIGAN, BAY CITY Pam Schlatter

The flowers of springtime bright and fair  
Disperse their fragrance sweet and rare,  
So consecrate the bloom of youth,  
And seek his friendship, grace and truth.

"Youth" - Henry Beer

We rejoice that two young souls have decided to consecrate their lives to serving the Master. Jodi Schamback (Bro. Lee and Sis. Carolyn) and Lisa Waibel (Bro. Bill and Sis. Carol) have made a beginning in the conversion process. We pray for God's grace in their lives as well as a deep conviction to follow closely in His footsteps.

The sudden death of Clayton Lambert has been a reminder to each of us to consider our days on earth. "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Psalms 90:12. We offer sympathy to his remaining family members.

Unable to gather with us due to physical ailments have been Sis. Loretta Mosher, Sis. Naomi Ramseyer, Sis. Maybelle Wackerle and Bro. Lawrence Wieland. The Great Physician can heal both spiritual and physical

maladies and we ask for His healing balm upon our loved ones.

We are thankful for those who diligently apply themselves in the ministry of the Word. We thank Elder Bros. Ed Lanz (Oakville, IA), Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI) and Loren Stoller (Latty, OH) for laboring among us. May God increase His Word as it is preached across pulpits and in the lives of the saints.

Bro. Wallace and Sis. Alvina Wackerle are enjoying their role as grandparents to a new baby girl. Kara Ann was born June 17 to Kenn and Kathy Wackerle. We thank God for the blessing of new life.

Exchanging marriage vows this past month were Sharell Pashak and Dave Foco. We would wish them God's nearness and blessings as they establish their home. Sharell's parents are Bro. Dean and Sis. Connie Pashak.

How satisfying it is to finally reach a goal you have set for yourself. We are pleased with our graduates as they finish their high school educations. Graduates this year include Kori Andrzejewski (Norm and Sis. Linda), Stacey Cluff (Jon and Sis. Darleen), Glen Groeschen (Jacque and Eileen), Julie Hadd (Judy Knochel Hadd), Bro. John Jackson (Bro. Richard and Sis. Yolanda), Natalie Ramseyer (Bro. Jim and Sis. Marlene) and Robby Weiss (Bob and Sis. Maureen). We wish each one continued success.

The Israelites longed to be free from the bondage of the Egyptians and finally taste freedom. After the exodus from Egypt, the children of Israel began to long for some of the things they had left in Egypt. The freedom they experienced meant sacrifice of other things they desired. Both as Christians and Americans, we, too, have experienced freedom. Let's remember as we celebrate the founding of our nation that the freedom we enjoy as Americans and as Christians demands some sacrifice on our part.

### MICHIGAN, DETROIT

**Donna Hartzler**

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Ernest and Sis. Mary Wiegele and their family in the passing away of Bro. Ernie's father, Bro. Christ Wiegele (Toledo, OH) May 30. We always enjoyed having Bro. Christ and Sis. Anna visit our congregation and will miss Bro. Christ's smiling face.



We welcome Bro. Bob and Sis. Marcia Feller and daughter, Natasha, into our congregation. They have moved to our area from Boston where Bro. Bob attended graduate school. He is employed by General Motors.

Karl Moilanen (Tom and Kay Moilanen) is our only high school graduate this year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him. He hopes to continue his education at Ohio Wesleyan.

Sis. Helen Shaw fell and broke her hip, requiring surgery and therapy. We trust God's healing hand will be upon her so she will again be able to walk.

It was a privilege to have Bro. Jim Ramseyer (Bay City) speak to us Saturday evening, June 18. The topic was "Having Spiritual Purpose in Our Lives." We thank Bro. Jim for being with us for the weekend and instructing us in God's Word. Our prayer is that the Lord will bless him for his efforts.

Elder Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene Maibach and Elder Bro. Wendell and Sis. Marcella Gudeman have traveled to Europe, especially to observe the construction of the new church building in Budapest, and visit brethren in the various churches. We trust the Lord will prosper their journey and return them safely home again.

#### MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS Carol Strassheim

We cherish the years our children bless our homes, and the time seems so short! We congratulate the following graduates this year: Shelly Lawson (Bro. Ken and Sis. Sharon), Chris Olson (Bro. John and Sis. Barb), and Angela Strassheim (Bro. Dale and Sis. Carol). We pray these graduates will remember their Christian upbringing and training. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5, 6.

Our sympathies go to Bro. Ken and Sis. Sharon Lawson in the loss of her mother, Sis. Madonna Moser (Morris). "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die;" Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2.

We appreciated the visits this month of Bro. Nathan Stoller (Bradford, IL), Bro. Greg Rassi (Chicago, IL) and Elder Bro. Harold Messner (Winthrop).

#### MINNESOTA, MORRIS

##### Christa Sauder — Ruth Nohl

After many months of pain and suffering, our dear Sis. Madonna Moser was relieved of life's struggles when God called her home June 9. Our sympathy goes out to her daughters, Sis. Sharon Lawson (Bro. Ken, Minneapolis) and Sis. Bonnie Nohl (Bro. Larry, Morris) and their families.

Our sympathy is also extended to Bro. David and Sis. Eileen Nohl and their family in the passing of Sis. Eileen's mother, Mrs. Gilbert (Evelyn) Hunt.

When death claims our loved ones, it causes us to consider our life and how swiftly it passes. "For what is your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." (James 4:14). May we serve our Lord faithfully in this life so we may meet our loved ones who have gone before on heaven's shore.

We have three new babies to report this month. Little Kelsey Dee is the first child of Mike and Jayne Wohlman. Kelsey's grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Virginia Schmidgall.

Bro. Roy and Sis. Jenell Koehl welcome a new son, Levi Ernest, into their home and hearts. Lucas and Kurtis are excited to have a new brother. Grandparents are Bro. Ernest and Sis. Gladys Koehl (Morris) and Bro. Jacob and Sis. Alice Wulf (Lester, IA).

Bro. Jim and Sis. Twyla Wulf are the happy parents of their first child, Justin James Wulf. Grandparents are Bro. Leonard and Sis. Vi Wulf (Morris) and Bro. Verner and Sis. Betty Wirtz (West Bend, IA).

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Jon Schmidgall (Oakville, IA) and Bro. Dale Wulf (Lester, IA). We thank them for ministering God's Word to us.

Sis. Louisa Mormon has spent some time in the hospital. May she feel God's comforting nearness.

We want to thank the Winthrop congregation for hosting the annual Sunday school picnic for our area Bible class students this year. The young people seem to enjoy these gatherings. May they make lifelong friendships with others who share a common faith.

#### MINNESOTA, WINTHROP Georgia Messner Ella Mae Schmidt

Memorial Day weekend, we enjoyed fellowship with a busload from the

Chicago congregation. It's a precious feeling to know the family of God will be made of young and old.

We want to thank Bro. Greg Rassi and Bro. Lenard Meyer for coming along and ministering unto us from the precious Word of God.

The teachers and students enjoyed a picnic and games at the park to end the Sunday school year June 5.

We were host to the youth gathering of the surrounding churches. Ministering Bro. Doug Grimm (Sabetha, KS) spoke to the group Saturday evening, concerning "peer pressure." May God bless him and his wife for their extra efforts.

Elder Bro. Art Nohl (Morris) and Bro. Don Miller (Minneapolis) were with us and shared with the group many words of encouragement.

It was such a blessed weekend and we thank everyone for their cooperation. It is all done in an effort to honor the Lord.

We rejoice with Joleen Messner (Sis. Julie Messner) as she was announced as having repented and being at peace with God and man.

"These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee."

St. John 17:1

With Independence Day approaching, we should remember our privilege to freely worship. Maybe we should worship more freely.

#### MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY Linda Ziegenhorn

"The Lord is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek Him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you."

II Chronicles 15:2b

Have you ever felt that God was rather far away? Could it be that you have gotten far from Him? A well-known psychiatrist noted that the Christians who were most mature and closest to the Lord had spent time in daily meditation and seeking the Lord for three or more years. Just as it takes time here on earth to become really close to a friend, it also takes time to



become really close to the Lord, but isn't it worth it?

We welcome John Wegman from Champaign, IL, who has just moved here and is assembling with us. God is blessing us with growth. It seems rather slow, but it is steady. We thank the ministers who continue to give of their time to come and minister to us.

### MISSOURI, LAMAR

**Carol Braker — Becky Marti**

"That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: 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." I Corinthians 11:23, 24. We were privileged to partake of holy communion May 22. Let us daily consider and thank Christ for what He suffered for us that we might have a hope of eternal life. We thank Elder Bro. Bob and Sis. Gloria Walder (Congerville, IL) for sharing with us in this special occasion.

God has sent a baby daughter to bless the home of Bro. Troy and Sis. Vannessa Luthi. Maranda Dawn was born May 29. Her happy grandparents are Bro. Ray and Sis. Marilyn Luthi and Howard and Mary Zartman. May they always seek God's help and guidance as they seek to raise her "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4.

### MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS

**Jerry and Doreen Leuthold**

Our visiting ministers this past month were Elder Bro. Phil Stettner (Bluffton North, IN), Bros. Ken Schneider (Remington, IN) and Gerald Sutter (Taylor, MO). We truly thank them for sharing God's Word with us so faithfully.

We were privileged to all gather in Taylor June 11 to hear Liz Schleiter's testimony of how God has miraculously worked in her life. We rejoice with her in her new walk with the Lord.

As summer is here we anticipate larger groups again as more people are here on vacation. Please feel free to call us if you are planning to be in the area and need arrangements for lodging, (314) 469-3505.

We welcome any visitors to come and worship with us in our small congregation. Our services are still being held at the Ben Franklin Motel on the

first, third and fourth Sundays of each month.

### MISSOURI, TAYLOR Loida Hodel — Lori Marquart

#### WHAT IS FAITH?

"It is planting a seed on a bright spring morn,

And knowing a flower soon will be born. It's asking our Father for light for the way,

And knowing He'll send grace and strength for the day."

Jon Gilbert

We offer congratulations to all our graduates. Our high school graduates are Sis. Renee Grimm (Elder Bro. Roy and Sis. Dona), Lori Hoerr (Douglas), Dan Wiegand (Bro. Marv and Sis. Joann), Chad Massner (Bro. Allen and Sis. Rosie) and Michael Stratton (Bro. Mike and Sis. Cheryl). Our college graduates are Sis. Dawn Haerr (Bro. Norman and Sis. Sally) and Don Bostrom (Sis. Roberta). We wish God's blessings and guidance for all these young people and may they discern the difference between "earthly knowledge" and "Godly wisdom," each in its proper priority, as they enter a new phase of life.

We're happy to have Bro. Wm and Sis. Ruth Cottrell back with us for a few summer weeks before they return to their Florida home.

"My cup runneth over." Psalms 23:5. This was the feeling of us all because of blessings received through visiting ministers, Elder Bros. Nate Steffen, May 29, and Bob Grimm, and Bros. Kenny Dietz (Bradford, IL), Todd Feller (LaCrosse, IN), Tom Troxel (LaCrosse, IN) and Loren Schrenk (St. Louis), all on June 12.

We're happy to welcome two new babies, a son, Matthew, born to David and Pam (Riney) Hoenes June 3, and a daughter, Maggie Mae, born to Greg and Mary Beth (Heimer) Hastings June 5. May God bless these parents and help us to remember, "The chain of parents' prayers can link their child to God."

Our best wishes go out to Kevin Hodel (Henry and Sis. Loida) and Robin Wayne (both of Bloomington, IL) whose marriage was solemnized June 11 in Goodfield, IL. May God

bless this couple and the families who share their joy.

"I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,

And it told Thy love to me; But I long to rise in the arms of faith, And be closer drawn to Thee.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,

By the pow'r of grace divine; Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, And my will be lost in Thine."

Hymns of Zion #170, vs. 1, 2

The weekend of June 11 - 12 will long be remembered. Four converts were privileged to give their testimony and be baptized. They were Renee Grimm (Elder Bro. Roy and Sis. Dona), Liz Schleiter (St. Louis) and Roger and Dianne Sutter (Sis. Charlene and the late Bro. Richard). May the Holy Spirit lead, guide and direct each of these, "our new brother and sisters-in-Christ."

Vacation Bible School will end Wednesday, June 15, with a program telling and showing us what our little folks and their teachers have accomplished these ten days. May God bless all who have taken part and may the memories remain deep in each child's heart.

### NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY

**Heidi Haerr**

We are thankful to the following ministers and their families who visited our congregation to share God's Word with us. They were Bro. Glenn Riggensbach (Smithville, OH), Bro. Homer Reineck (Toledo, OH), Elder Bro. Robert Beyer (Naumburg, NY) and Bro. Ed Aeschleman (Philadelphia, PA), who shared the brotherhood conference memorandum with us, Bro. Greg Rassi (Chicago, IL), Bro. Kevin Knapp (Bloomington, IL), Bros. Everett Gerber, Lee Bahler, Dan Stoller and Elder Bro. Corbin Bahler (Rockville, CT).

We would like to express a sincere and warm welcome to Bro. Stan Fiechter (Bluffton, IN) who recently moved to New York City. Bro. Stan has moved to our area in search of employment. We are thankful for each addition to our little congregation and for the support he will provide. Our thoughts and prayers are with him as he makes his new home in our area.

Along with the joy of adding to our



group is the sorrow of losing a valued member of our body. We are saddened by the loss of our dear Bro. Bill Graf. Bro. Bill passed away recently after having been ill and hospitalized for several months. He was a steady and cheerful person whose warmth and support will be sorely missed. However, we trust in God and have faith that Bro. Bill is now enjoying well-deserved peace and rest and that we will meet in heaven. Our sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

#### NEW YORK, CROGHAN

##### Alice Virkler

Bro. Jim Ramseyer (Bay City, MI) was our visiting minister the weekend of May 29. We assembled in the Croghan church for services and a covered dish meal. In the evening we were at the Naumburg church for a song service. We are thankful to Bro. Jim and Sis. Marlene for their visit. Also, Bro. Ed and Sis. Deb Graf and Ryan were with us for the weekend.

Our college graduate this year is Cynthia Virkler (Nat and Sheila), who graduated from Syracuse University and we wish her the best in her future.

Sis. Pearl Lehman has been able to return to the East Road Home after having been a hospital patient for a few days. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each of our older ones who cannot assemble with us each week because of their infirmities. May God ever be near to them and grant them a special blessing.

Silver Lining dues for the Croghan congregation are due in the month of August. Please remit to your reporter.

#### NEW YORK, NAUMBURG

##### Rachel Snyder

Bro. Jim Ramseyer (Bay City, MI) spent the weekend of May 29 with us. We had services in the Croghan church during the day and assembled in the evening at Naumburg. We thank Bro. Ramseyer for the messages he delivered to us from the Word of God. May God's blessings rest upon him.

John Schultz (Norman and Mary Schultz, Croghan) has accomplished a higher degree of learning. He has graduated from college. May he have much success in his future life.

Ethel Karcher (Castorland) has been able to get to church again for which we are very thankful.

Our Silver Lining subscriptions will be due in September.

#### OHIO, AKRON

##### Joyce Gasser

A favorite story for children is in I Samuel 17 of David and Goliath. To the Christian, it is an example of using the Word to be victorious. The Philistines pitched between Shochoh in Judah and Azekah in Ephesdammin. Shochoch means hedge and it is found in Judah, meaning praise. Praising God puts a hedge about us. Azekah is a tilled place or ground broken up prepared for planting the seed. The heart should be tilled or prepared to receive the Word. The tilled place is in Ephesdammin, which is the border of blood. We stand with a border of blood and we overcome Satan with the blood of the Lamb.

Goliath, who antagonized them, was in the Valley of Elah, meaning turpentine, or bitter. The enemy is bitter toward us. David took five stones, or rocks, symbolic of Jesus, the Word. He had one stone for Goliath, and the other four may have been for the four sons of the giant (II Samuel 21:22). In case they came out, he was prepared with a stone for each. We can have a promise from the Word for each antagonism. David's stone, or Word of Promise smote Goliath through his helmet into his forehead. The Word is powerful and sharp and goes through helmets. Israel pursued their enemy and they fell down even unto Ekron, which means irradiation. If we throw the stone of God's Word at the antagonism, it will be irradiated. David took the enemy's head back to Jerusalem, meaning habitation of peace, and we take our victories back to the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

Bro. Leon Graf recovered rapidly from out-patient surgery. Sherri Bako, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Zoltan Bako, is home from the hospital after having staph infection in her foot.

Bro. Glenn and Sis. Joan Greenbank hosted a breakfast for the graduates and their parents. As our Sunday school superintendent, Bro. Glenn presented each graduate with a Bible and inspiring words of congratulations.

Bro. William Graf, who attended church at Union City, NJ, passed away. Funeral services were held there, and he was brought here for services and burial. He is survived by his mother,

Sis. Juliet Graf; brothers, Bro. Leon, Bro. Robert, Bro. Carl, Donald; and a sister, Sis. Marjorie Laukhuf.

#### OHIO, COLUMBUS

##### John Grimm

We are thankful that God has called faithful brothers to speak His Word. We appreciate Elder Bro. Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH) and Bro. Jim Ramseyer (Bay City, MI) who willingly ministered to us.

The Columbus church welcomes Bro. Matt Musselman from Pulaski, IA, for a summer internship. We are thankful that God has directed Bro. Matt to Columbus and may God continue to bless him.

#### OHIO, JUNCTION

##### Les Manz

Little Evan Michael Schlatter is the new bundle of love sent to bless Bro. Ed and Sis. Cheryl's home. We wish them God's richest blessings as they start this important mission of teaching this little soul about God and His marvelous plan. We know that the seeds sown in this little heart in the coming years can sprout in due time to fruit pleasing to the Master if God's blessings are present. Evan's grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Josephine Wenninger (Latty) and Sis. Juliet Schlatter.

We have been reminded of just how long eternity is at our house lately through a children's song playing over and over on a tape. A verse to the song, "Amazing Grace" has been added on this tape (author of this extra verse is not known to me). It says: "When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun. We've no less days to sing His praise, Than when we first begun." Of course, we could say this is a mathematical identity — that eternity minus 10,000 equals eternity, but put in this light that even a child can understand, we can further be impressed with the length of our punishment should we neglect (or leave having once answered) His heavenly calling.

#### OHIO, LATTY Rhonda Stoller Marlene Reinhard

"Commit thy works unto the Lord,



and thy thoughts shall be established."  
Proverbs 16:3

Our college graduate this summer is Sis. Mary Zimmerman (wife of the late Bro. Steve). May God lead and direct her life to His glory and honor.

Hospitalized this month were Sis. Ellen Stoller (Bro. Willis), Eli Laukhuf (Lola), Bro. Roy Rager (Sis. June) and Bro. Bill Stoller (Sis. Barb). Our prayer is for God's healing hand to restore their bodies back to full health.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Sis. Marge Laukhuf (Bro. Ken) in the passing away of her brother, Bro. Bill Graf. We also sympathize with Maryann Baughman (Gene) and their family in the passing away of her father, Bro. Henry Breitweiser. May the Lord comfort their hearts at this time of loss and may they feel the prayers of those that love them.

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:  
The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

Numbers 6:24-26

## OHIO, MANSFIELD

Linda Morrison

On May 29, our high school graduates were recognized with a breakfast and presented with a Bible from the Sunday school. Those graduating were Brenda Beer (Bro. Joel and Sis. Sue), Brian Enderle (Richard and Hilda), Beth Garrison (Sis. JoAnn Garrison), Craig Gerber (Wayne), Joel Vent (Rick and Sis. Becky), Heather Washington (Bro. Bernie and Sis. Bev) and Melinda Zimmer (Bro. Jim and Sis. Clara). During the morning service, the graduates were reminded that it will be a pass - fail situation when it comes to graduation into eternity. They were also encouraged that, "we're praying for you." May they take the love and training with them into life and find it necessary to put God first in their lives through repentance and faith in His Holy Word.

Veronica Jean was born May 27 to Mark and Diane Sauder. Elder Bro. Ken and Sis. Sue are the grandparents. God's Word admonishes parents "to train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6. What a blessing that this small child has already

been brought to the church. May what has begun, continue and bless both child and parents.

Hospital patients have been Sis. Matilda Schauwecker and Carl Weiss (Sis. Ruth Weiss). We are thankful Carl has found a need to repent and trust he is encouraged by God's Word, "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Matthew 5:3, 6.

Our annual Vacation Bible School was held the week of June 13 - 17. It was truly a blessing to all and we were encouraged with the many visitors who joined us. The theme for the week for the adult class was "Listen What the Children Say." On Monday, Bro. Glenn Riggensch (Smithville) spoke on "One Door and Only One." On Tuesday, Bro. Gary Maibach (Smithville) spoke on "The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rocks." On Wednesday, Bro. Doyle Frauhiger (Bluffton North, IN) spoke on "Fishers of Men." On Thursday, Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL) spoke on "This Little Light Of Mine." On Friday, Bro. Ron Palitto (Akron) spoke on "Running Over." May God bless the dear brethren who gave of themselves to spend part of the week with us.

## OHIO, RITTMAN

Stephanie Baltic — Diane Gasser

"And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage."

Luke 20:34

We have three couples whose engagements have been announced. Making marriage plans are Mark Gasser (Sis. Doris) and Jill Miller (Bro. Mike and Sis. Norene), Bro. Jim Gasser (Bro. Ron and Sis. Hope) and Sis. Janice Hartzler (Bro. John and Sis. Joan) and Bro. Gary Dotterer (Bro. Henry and Sis. Martha) and Sis. Sandy Maibach (Bro. Roy and Sis. Mabel, Smithville, OH). May God continue to bless and direct these three couples.

Sis. Barbara Mathys was blest with a new grandson this spring. He is Charles Jacob Briggs, the son of Virgil and Betty Briggs.

Four couples in our congregation

were blest with new little daughters this month.

Ashley Marie is the name chosen for the new daughter of Bro. Doug and Sis. Diana Bauman. Her sisters are Dara and Amber. Grandparents are Marion and Sis. Delores Bauman and Bro. Harlan and Sis. Jean Stoller.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Lorie Riggensch's new little girl has been named Cymbal Ann. Joshua and Crystal are her older brother and sister. Bro. Ed and Sis. Anita Riggensch and Boyd and Barb Acker are her grandparents.

First-time parents are Bro. Tom and Sis. Debbie Jenkins. Their little daughter has been named Mary Elizabeth. Happy grandparents are Sis. Clara Jenkins and Bro. Bob and Sis. Betty Steiner.

Bro. Darrell and Sis. Alice Widmer's new daughter has been named Sarah Mae. Ann and Steve are happy for a new sister. Grandparents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Carolyn Widmer and Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn Manz (Junction, OH).

May our heavenly Father direct, not only these couples, but, all of us who are parents in this great responsibility of raising His precious children.

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

Proverbs 22:6

As the angels in heaven rejoice over one sinner who repenteth, we, too, rejoice with Amy Beery (Bro. Everett and Sis. Carol) who is turning to the Lord in repentance. Our prayer is that God will grant her much grace and in time bestow His peace which passeth all understanding upon her.

We have several loved ones who were in need of hospitalization this past month. They are Bro. Fred Marty (Sis. Erma), Bro. David Maletich, Sr. (Sis. Mary) and Sis. Wilma Ramsier (Bro. Kenneth). May our heavenly Father comfort and grant healing according to His will. Our thoughts and prayers are often with those who suffer.

Correction: Sis. Bertha Kiser's brother, John, passed away recently and not her brother, Carl, as was reported. We apologize for this error in reporting.

## OHIO, SARDIS

Linda Indermuhle

A graduation breakfast was served



to congratulate our high school graduates, Renee Miller (Bro. Denny and Sis. Doris) and Eric Indermuhle (Bro. Bob and Sis. Karen).

On May 21, Mary Ann Brothers, daughter of Minnie Weltz, died at the age of 59 years. All who know Minnie and the love and care she gave to Mary Ann felt a sadness and yet a comfort to know that Minnie had been given strength to be able to care for Mary Ann all her life. We pray that God will help Minnie in filling the void that Mary Ann has left.

Bro. Paul Berger is living at the Americare Woodfield Nursing Center. His address is Airport Road, Woodfield, Ohio 43973.

With grateful hearts, we thank those who visited us during the past month. Visiting ministers were Bro. Ben Manz (Junction, OH) and Elder Bro. Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH). Many loved ones gathered June 19 for the annual West Virginia church services. Bros. Ken Schneider (Remington, IN) and Elmer Witzig (Gridley, IL) were the visiting ministers.

Bro. Delbert Indermuhle has retired from the ministry after serving 40 years. Many of us said thank you to Bro. Delbert, but that small thank you couldn't show the deep feeling of gratitude we have for his faithfulness in ministering to us.

### OHIO, SMITHVILLE

**Kim Stoller — Gwen Stoller**

"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

We are so thankful that God has continued to bless our church and caused it to grow. Marvin Zollinger (Bro. John and Sis. Marge) feels at peace with God and man and is looking forward to baptism.

Two dear couples have felt God's guidance in the second most important step in their lives. June 5 we heard of the engagement of Bro. Dean Maibach (Bro. Alpha and Sis. Helen) and Sis. Bonnie Reutter (Bro. Alden and Sis. Marion, Rockville, CT). On June 12, the engagement of Bro. Gary Dotterer (Bro. Henry and Sis. Martha, Rittman) and Sis. Sandy Maibach (Bro. Roy and

Sis. Mabel) was announced. May God richly bless them as they prepare to spend their lives together.

God has again shown His healing power and restored the health of our loved ones. Those hospitalized in the past month include Bro. Dean Marty (Sis. Martha Lou) and Bro. Andy Stoller (Sis. Roberta). They have returned home after short hospital stays.

We appreciate the visits of our ministers and thank them for sharing God's Word with us. Bro. Ron Palitto (Akron) and his family and Bro. Roy Luginbuhl (Fort Lauderdale, FL) and his wife each spent a Sunday with us.

### OHIO, TOLEDO

**Francis Laidig  
Josephine Rehkla**

The Lord has again called one of our loved ones, Bro. Chris Weigele (Sis. Anna) from our congregation. Bro. Chris has only been in our midst for the last few years, but with his kindness and ready smile, he soon had a special place with us here. The Weigeles spent most of their years in Alto, MI. Sis. Anna and family have our sincere sympathy, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalms 116:15.

School is over for another year. College students have gone back to their homes and the children are looking forward to Bible school. It is good to see how much teachers and children accomplish in one short week. The things they learn and the songs they sing are always a blessing for us who attend the program that they present on the last day. If even a few of these teachings bring them closer to the Lord, it is well worth the effort it takes to have Bible school. We wish the blessings of the Lord on each teacher and child.

Bro. Homer and Sis. Dorothy Reinck have moved from the farm and now live at 6056 Sylvan Green, Sylvania, OH 43560. May they be blessed with many years of happiness together in their new home.

### OREGON, PORTLAND

**Brenda Knobloch — Jane Rocke**

### WHERE THE ROSES NEVER FADE

I am going to a city  
Where the streets with gold are laid,

Where the tree of life is blooming,  
And the roses never fade.  
Here they bloom but for a season,  
Soon their beauty is decayed;  
I am going to a city  
Where the roses never fade.

Elsie, Jack and Jim  
Gospel Hymns #764

Portland, known as the city of roses, has the international rose test gardens and an annual rose festival in June. These beautiful flowers in full bloom everywhere serve as reminders that the things of this world fade away and our striving should be for the Upper Garden, "where the roses never fade."

We have good memories of God's Word being shared with us by Bros. David Wiegand (Champaign, IL) and Bill Dotterer (Phoenix, AZ). We thank the Silverton ministers for often coming to minister God's Word to us.

David Rumbold (Debbie) is in the hospital recovering from back surgery. Bro. Ray Banwart has been unable to assemble with us. We pray that they may regain strength each day.

### OREGON, SILVERTON

**Rosa Lee Kuenzi**

We pray that God's blessing will shine down on the marriage of Stuart Kuenzi and Sally Knotts just as the sun shone on their wedding reception. They were married June 11 in Irving, TX, where both are employed. The wedding reception was held one day after the wedding at the Silverton home of Stuart's parents, Cliff and Violet Kuenzi.

Believing it is the Lord's will, Bro. Todd Zollinger (Bro. Ed and Sis. Shirley, Phoenix, AZ) and Sis. Michelle Metzger (Bro. Dale and Sis. Chris, Lester, IA) have announced their plans to be joined in holy matrimony. An August 14 wedding is planned in Lester. May these two and their families look to Jesus as faithful guide and friend as they work together planning their future.

Our thanks go to visiting minister Bro. Bill Dotterer (Phoenix, AZ) for sharing God's Word with us. Bro. Bill and Sis. Sharon and family recently spent some time in our area. It is wonderful to meet dear brethren from very different climates, different landscapes, different occupations and often from different sized congregations and still find the same faith, same



doctrine, same beliefs and goals in our hearts.

We welcome Doug Rinckenberger (Elder Bro. Steve and Sis. Velma) and John Maul (Bro. Bill and Sis. Wanda) from the Cissna Park, IL, area, who have found summer employment in our area. Also, again working the summer months for Curly's Dairy is Kurt Metzger (Bro. Dale and Sis. Chris, Lester, IA). We are glad for our own young people and those from other states that employment is readily available.

Another summer-time resident is Sis. Jill Luthi (Bro. Lloyd and Joann, Lamont, KS). Sis. Jill is attending Western Oregon State College. Sis. Jill's chosen field is Rehabilitation Counseling, and she is taking a special class in Rehabilitation of the Deaf and Hearing Impaired. We welcome her to Silverton and hope that her training and experiences here will be a help to her as she learns to help others.

Bro. Mark Ramseyer (Bro. Joe and Sis. Dorothy, Bay City, MI) is back again for several months of work experience at Tektronics, Inc. in conjunction with Mark's ongoing co-op program at Purdue University. Tektronics, Inc. is also the summer work choice of Bob Weigand (Min. Bro. Dave and Sis. Ethel, Champaign, IL). Bob is staying with his brother, Bro. John (Portland). We heartily welcome these young men. We sincerely hope and pray that when each one returns home from Oregon, or moves to a different location, they will be able to look back on their time spent in Oregon and say, "Yes, it was good that I was there."

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**PENNSYLVANIA,  
 PHILADELPHIA**  
 Jerry Isch

Our thanks are expressed to Bro. Gary Maibach (Smithville, OH) for lending himself to bring us God's Word. May the Lord be his rich rewarder.

We extend our welcome to Sidney Gerber. Sid plans to spend the summer working here. Sid is the son of Bro. Paul and Sis. Mary Jo Gerber (Bluffton North, IN).

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**TEXAS, ZAPATA**  
 Mary Plattner

We, like most of the states, are having dry weather. But we in south Texas consider that normal, and people in this area do not depend on the

moisture like those in the Midwest and farming areas.

The Sunday school group returned from Wolcott, IN, after having a wonderful time there. They wish to extend their thanks and appreciation to the Wolcott congregation for all the love and hospitality that was shown to them. It was a trip they will long remember.

Anyone coming to Texas is most welcome to assemble with us in Zapata. We certainly welcome anyone coming to this area to contact us. Our summer congregation is very small, and some of the permanent residents take the summer time to vacation in the north with their families, so visitors are certainly appreciated.

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**SILVER THREADS**

"ON THE OCEAN OF LIFE"  
 by S. H. Froehlich

"The faithful believers are mariners on the ocean of this world. Faith is the vessel, love is the cargo; hope is the anchor. The Spirit of Jesus swells the sails and drives the ship onward, and the Lord Himself is at the helm and steers its course; and the living God is both arms and armor.

"There are, indeed, pirates, storms, waves, cliffs, shoals, and currents, and where such currents meet there is also a Scylla and a Charybdis (as in the straits of Messina). But God is their reliance and their strength and saves them from all these dangers. And when they arrive in the promised land, they leave their ship and its anchor — i.e. faith and hope — in the harbor and take only the cargo along.

"'The sum total' (the end and aim) of every commandment is 'love out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and love unfeigned.' Some have thrown their cargo overboard ahead of time due to skepticism, faint-heartedness, and the like. They have suffered shipwreck with their vessel (faith). Others left the direct way (they went astray) and were cast on the shoals of logic and reason and on the sands of self-righteousness. For these reasons, they no longer advance, for they are drifting without star or compass in the uncharted depths of Satan, and in those of human institutions; and they blaspheme the way of truth."

Submitted by Gridley, IL

**COURAGE**

There's nothing wrong with falling down,  
 It's staying there that spells demise,  
 As the evening sun dons its gown  
 For a night of rest, then ready to rise.

New hope beams forth from the eastern sky,  
 Take courage, my friend, and cease to weep.  
 The sun's bright rays your tears will dry  
 As you look toward God and courage keep.

Courage to serve Him 'til day is done,  
 He promised grace, enough for today,  
 All sin and temptation to overcome  
 To those who will His laws obey.

Bro. Irvin Leman  
 Morton congregation

**THE MEANING OF HUMILITY**

Humility is perfect quietness. It is for me to have no trouble; never to be fretted or vexed or irritated or sore or disappointed. It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me and when I am blamed or despised. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord where I can go in and shut the door and kneel to my Father in secret and be at peace as in a deep sea of calmness when all around is trouble. It is the fruit of the Lord Jesus Christ's redemptive work on Calvary's cross, manifested in those of His own who are definitely subject to the Holy Spirit.

Author Unknown

**HOME** — a world of strife shut out, a world of love shut in.

**HOME** — a place where the small are great, and the great are small.

**HOME** — the father's kingdom, the mother's world, and the children's paradise.

**HOME** — where we grumble the most, and are treated the best.

**HOME** — the center of our affection, round which our heart's best wishes twine.

**HOME** — the place where our stomachs get three square meals a day and our hearts a thousand.

Charles M. Crowe  
 Submitted by Bluffton North, IN



## MY PRAYER

Let me not die before I've done for thee  
 My earthly work, whatever it may be  
 Call me not home with mission unfilled  
 Let me not leave my space of ground  
 untilled  
 Impress this truth upon me — that not  
 One can do my portion that I leave  
 undone;  
 For each one in the vineyard has a spot  
 To labor on for life, and weary not.  
 I long to be an instrument of thine  
 To bid men at Thy table "come and  
 dine"  
 To be a means one human soul to save  
 From the dark terrors of a hopeless  
 grave  
 Yet most I want a spirit of content  
 To work where'er you wish my labor  
 spent  
 Whether at home, or in a stranger clime  
 In days of joy or sorrow's sterner time  
 I want a spirit happy to lie still,  
 Or by Thy power to do Thy holy will.  
 Let me not die before I've done for thee  
 My earthly work, whatever it may be.

## Bits of This and That from Leo, IN:

Time alone with the Lord is the indispensable condition of growth and power.

Be sure the things you engage in are worthy of your time and attention.

Love is its own reward; hate is its own punishment.

If you have truly forgiven, you will not bring it up to the person again. You will not bring it up to anyone else any more. You will not dwell on it any more.

Do unto others as though you were the others.

For a smile; After all is said and done, more is said than done."

Some hospitals in our Chicago area are particular. They expect to know if someone is a minister by his "clergy" card. One of our ministers was recently stopped by a woman in charge of visitors because he couldn't produce one. However, she believed he was one of the clergy when he produced the Bible from his pocket. It is not wrong to have identification as a member of an organization, but we need to pay the most attention, don't we, especially as Christians, to the real meaning of belonging.

Submitted by Chicago, IL

## Sermon . . .

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hope not, but we do know how cunning the enemy is. He realizes that he cannot by some glaring obstacle or insurmountable situation attract us to him. But, he does work in very subtle ways.

So it behooves us to carefully screen our lives, especially prior to our participation in holy communion. Communion should be a blessing to us and a positive factor in the furtherance of our faith and promotion of our spiritual welfare.

We should not build up an accumulation over a period of time of those encumbrances which wish to cling to us. The Apostle mentioned they so easily beset us." (See Hebrews 12:1). We have to lay them aside and keep them off because they want to accumulate.

But God knew our weaknesses and our needs and that is one of the reasons He instituted holy communion. Communion is also to give reverence to His Son and acknowledges what He did for us. It has an effect and a positive influence on our lives that only eternity will reveal.

But, as sojourners here, it is such an advantage to be of the same mind. We should be. We came the same route, the way of the cross. We were crucified in the flesh and our sinful body was mortified. We were purchased with the same blood, and we are really pursuing the same cause.

Which of us here tonight has not come with a hope of heaven and salvation? Salvation is the bottom line of this whole matter.

It would be tragic indeed if we would come short, because the price has been paid, as we well know. It was such a terrible price and it would grieve the Father heart of God if He saw any of His children allow the deceiver to begin to place a few encumbrances on our lives.

It is so important that we, in our own walk of life, exemplify what God has really done in our lives. That really sends forth a message louder than what you are going to hear here tonight.

We owe it to our Father. I can well recall, as all of you can, standing in the waters of baptism when we made that commitment. We promised to be true and faithful unto God unto life's end. I believe that is the desire of everyone here tonight. I have confidence in each of you brothers and sisters whom I have come to know and love.

But we have to take into consideration that the deceiver is still at large. He is going to work to his utmost to try to bring to naught that which God has put together. We cannot underestimate or belittle this matter because as time goes on and we near the end of this dispensation, we are going to see the power of the enemy in a way that was never manifested before.

I am afraid we are beginning to see a little of it already. What can be more heartbreaking to God than to see those who were purchased and redeemed by that blood that flowed at Calvary, go back to the weak and beggarly elements, as the sow to the mire again and the dog to its vomit? (See II Peter 2:22). It's a terrible thing to even mention.

We do not wish to dwell on negative things, but from yours and my own experience there are dangers out there. They are not going to get any less. But think how much power and strength there is if we are joined together in one mind and in one spirit. Even the enemy himself is not able to subdue that kind of power when God is with us.

So we are so grateful God converted us. He gave us the mind of Christ. (See I Corinthians 2:16).

He revealed His will to us through a personal experience. That experience is when we repented and were broken in our hearts as the burden of sin weighed us down. Then He enlightened us. He gave us this new mind so we could see things on the same wave length, so to speak, as God Himself and our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I think we should cherish that understanding highly. With that new mind we should go forth as witnesses here upon earth as those who can exemplify that God has really worked among us. In this day and time there are so many distractions to draw men into sin and the pleasures of this world. What could be more impressive than to see faithful brethren who are steadfast in their faith, love their Lord above anything else and whose hearts and eyes are set upon heaven itself?

The Lord spoke in beautiful teachings and they are reasonable as we read them together. "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Luke 6:31. That is only reasonable service.

"For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them." Luke 6:32.



"And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same." Luke 6:33. We have to look at this whole matter in a different perspective. We find that the Lord spoke, "When you do something for the least of Mine, you do it as unto Me." (See Matthew 25:40).

"And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil." Luke 6:34, 35.

We know that our old man just didn't have the capacity to love our enemy. It was just engraved on our hearts and minds, so that if we could have harmed them in some way, we would have perhaps taken advantage of that opportunity.

But, see how much power God has in working in the minds, hearts and souls of people. He can take people who once hated their enemies, were of a carnal nature and a sinful mind and cause them to even love their enemies.

In Romans 12:20, the Apostle Paul said, "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

What happens in a situation where someone is willing to take the short end and show a love towards someone who definitely had been against them?

Instead of that causing them to build up a resistance then, as a former enemy, it causes them to just sort of melt and surrender. It is so humiliating to them, it is just as if there were coals of fire heaped upon their heads. The Lord knew what He was talking about.

He said, "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful." Luke 6:36. We might not think there are many opportunities to apply that particular comment to our lives, but perhaps it is more frequent than we think.

"Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: Give, and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." Luke 6:37, 38.

Again, the human inclinations, especially of carnal minds, are to get what they can get. In this competitive world in which we live, our society tries to make progress at our fellow man's expense. But it wasn't intended to be that way in the faith and among the children of God.

We reap benefits when we try to help our fellow man, our brother, or our sister. We are the ones who come out ahead. If we can understand this, we can apply it and be richly blessed.

Then He said, "Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?" Luke 6:39. In nominal Christendom and in so many places in this world there are those who are trying to help someone to salvation, when they themselves have not been enlightened. Those of us who are called to minister the Word of God, would not understand how to be helpful to someone else if we had not experienced it first. We have to be partakers of the fruits ourselves to be able to understand. Someone who has not gone through a true repentance and conversion would be in no position to try to help someone else who is still in darkness.

"And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye. Luke 6:41, 42.

Perhaps the best way to pull that beam out is through a self-examination. We see situations sometimes that we perhaps could be somewhat critical of in our brother or sister's life. But before we intervene in their lives and try to correct what has happened to them, we need to be prayerful and sincere in prayer to God to reveal to us, whether we are in proper perspective and relationship with God. If we can feel that peace from the Lord, then I really believe we can be effective. We cannot just say, "Well, perhaps I couldn't have helped anyway." There are lost opportunities which we are going to have to answer for our neglect.

Then He mentioned, "For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit: neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth

good fruit. For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes." Luke 6:43, 44. How true this is.

When we were carnal, the fruit of our lives were carnal. We read of the fruit of the Spirit and the works of the flesh and how contrary they are one toward the other. It was essential that we became a part of the good tree and the only way that could be accomplished was through this plan of salvation.

Through this wonderful plan that God has brought down to mankind there can be precious works of grace accomplished in us now instead of the works of the flesh. Instead of that which emitted and came forth in our lives previously, God has changed our whole nature so that now the fruit of the Spirit can come forth.

There would have been no way to change that situation short of completely destroying the old and creating the new. We just can't have a mixture of carnality and spirituality. They just are not compatible. God never intended it that way and when He worked this work of grace in the hearts and minds of His children, it was not patch-work.

In the previous chapter it mentioned putting a piece of new garment on an old garment, or putting new wine in old bottles. It just won't work. (See Luke 5:36-39). The Apostle Paul said that, "Our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed. Completely destroyed.

Then God made a new creature. Can we really relate to that tonight? Can we comprehend that even though we were sinners and wayward children, that we are now the children of God? Can we understand it? It isn't as if this were in a strange language or in terms that we couldn't comprehend. We understand their meaning. Often we do not relate them entirely by a mental picture, but we feel the confirmation of them in our hearts, minds and souls. That goes deeper and has a stronger effect upon us than something that is just by the letter.

Jesus said, "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good: and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh." Luke 6:45.

That is just the way it works. Whatever is in the heart is going to come out.



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## SERMON BY BRO. HARVEY HEINIGER OF BURLINGTON, IA

### "We Have The Mind Of Christ"

Luke 6:31-49

We find, in the teachings of the Lord, many logical and valuable statements that are applicable to us yet today. Often when we read Scriptures that we believe are addressed primarily to believing people, we see how utterly impossible it is for those who have never experienced a true regeneration to be able to understand the things that the Lord said.

We know from our own experience that when we were still dead in trespasses and sins these words would not have been too meaningful to us. In the first place, we would not have understood their application.

But we are so thankful to God that in His infinite wisdom and through the divine plan that He laid out for mankind, He took all of these things into consideration. He recognized the need to take sinners bent on doing the evil deeds of this life and time, and change them entirely that He might actually call them His own children.

When we think of the vain efforts of mankind today trying to work out their salvation in any other manner short of the plan that God has put into effect, we can see the fallacy and folly of such. It is completely beyond the capacity of an individual to attain salvation by themselves.

There are many efforts and methods that mankind uses to try to circumvent the way of the cross and find salvation some other way. But it is folly and we see how utterly they fail. It should increase our appreciation for what God has revealed to us.

The Scripture tells us that we have been given the mind of Christ. (I Corinthians 2:16). That is different from the mind we once had. I believe that there was a time when we were directed by another spirit. There was one who had dominion over us and we didn't

recognize it. We thought we were doing quite well.

But thanks be to God and His great love toward His people here upon earth. He didn't want us to face eternity under judgment and eternal condemnation. So He designed this beautiful plan which we are acquainted with because He has performed it in our hearts.

As we read these words tonight, they are relevant. They have meaning to us. We believe we understand their application. We believe that we also should obey them and apply them to our own lives. Again, we recognize how impossible it was in our previous state of mind to do the will of God.

The Apostle reminded us that we had carnal minds and the carnal mind is at enmity with God. (Romans 8:7). It cannot please Him. It wasn't that God saw that we were such a superior people and were worthy of something so wonderful as this plan of salvation. He didn't pass others by for some unknown reason. He elected and called out His children to someday occupy the realms of glory that He has provided for those who love and serve Him. Several places in Scripture the Lord mentioned, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you . . . that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:2, 3.

We also have the words of the Apostle where he said, "If our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God; an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." II Corinthians 5:1. That gives us a preview of what God has waiting in store for those who are His own.

But as we view God's love towards us, and all that He did for us to become His children, heirs of salvation, joint-

heirs with Christ and children of the glorious liberty, it places upon us a tremendous responsibility.

It often occurs to me and humbles me when I think of how much importance rests upon our walk of life here in this world and time. God could have sent angels here to bring the Word and display the mighty powers of God to the children of men.

But He elected to use a different method to bring to mankind the awareness that there is power vested in God, and in His Son. It was seen here among children of men through the apostles and disciples of old. Hopefully, it is seen among His people here yet today, even among those of us who are gathered here tonight.

We cannot, I believe, understand the importance of our responsibilities toward our God in living an obedient and faithful life.

We could, perhaps, get by with a lot of things. I've wondered just how far God would let us go in becoming careless with the things that we once laid aside. It is a good thing we don't know. Anyone who thinks they can take part in both, I'm sure will suffer a tremendous loss. We have come to know what it is to receive the blessings of God through obedience. I believe each of us can recall when God, in His great mercy, forgave us our sins. There was an overwhelming feeling of God's love that was shed abroad in our hearts.

That first love that entered into our hearts when we submitted ourselves unto Him is something we cherish so much. There wasn't anything God could have asked us at that point and time that would have been physically or humanly possible that we would not have been willing to do. Has anything changed in our lives since then? We

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