



"... but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth... even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him."

I John 2:27

"Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge... that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?"

Proverbs 22:20-21

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## *Our Roles As Teachers . . . How Are We Doing?*



Can you imagine what it would be like, if on the first day of school the students showed up in class, only to discover that there were no teachers? Or what would the reaction of the students be if they found their teachers sitting in the students' seats, waiting to be taught? Could this confusing scenario ever occur in the body of Christ? What do the scriptures have to say about our roles as teachers?

**Our Commission:** "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, **apt to teach**, patient, **in meekness instructing** those that oppose themselves . . ." II Timothy 2:24, 25

**Our Tendency Toward Complacency:** "... seeing ye are dull of hearing. For when the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again . . ." Hebrews 5:11, 12

**Our Sources of Instruction:** "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning . . ." Romans 15:4 "But the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost . . . He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I (Jesus) have said unto you." John 14:26 "Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works." Psalm 119:27

**Our Specific Roles:** "And thou (parents) shalt **teach** them diligently unto thy **children** . . ." Deuteronomy 6:7 "The **aged women** likewise . . . teachers of good things; that they may **teach** the young women . . ." Titus 2:3, 4 "And the things that thou has heard of me . . . commit thou to faithful **men**, who shall be able to **teach others** also." II Timothy 2:2

**Our Goal:** "Then will I teach transgressors thy way; and sinners shall be converted unto thee." Psalm 51:13 "... the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear." II Timothy 4:17

We have roles and places to fill as teachers of the glorious message of God. Have we committed ourselves to the task? Have we drawn on our sources of instruction? Are we waiting for someone else to do our job? Our roles as teachers . . . how are we doing?



## NEWS FROM EASTERN EUROPE

Greetings Beloved!

It was a great privilege and pleasure to travel with Elder Bros. Ben Maibach and Wendell Gudeman on a special mission to Hungary and Yugoslavia. The brothers were accompanied by their dear wives, Sisters Lorene and Marcella. Before arriving in Budapest they had visited in West Germany, Switzerland and Austria. We met in Budapest on June 11 and continued on, visiting several churches in other cities and communities and later visited in Yugoslavia. My brother, George Hunyadi of Akron, OH, also accompanied us on this trip. On June 21 we parted as the Maibachs and Gudemans headed towards Italy and George and I returned to Budapest. A full report of the mission will be given by Bros. Ben and Wendell.

Originally it was planned to have the elder brothers include Romania on this trip, but because of the uncertain conditions and unfavorable reports, it was recommended by the Hungarian elders to omit this visit at this time.

Despite all the advance preparations for such a trip abroad, we experienced some very uncertain moments about getting into Romania at this time. For the first time ever, our applications for entry were rejected by the Romanian Embassy in Washington, D.C. The reason given to our travel agent was that our names are "on the list". Needless to say, we were very much concerned as we needed to enter that country and find out more about the food situation, which has been in a very critical short supply for several years and still getting worse by the day. Late news reports coming out of that country were all negative, as workers and students continue to protest the food and fuel shortages and in addition there is a ruthless suppression of the ethnic minorities, etc. The State Department in Washington gave us little comfort and encouragement, saying that lately a number of American citizens applying for visas were turned down. While in Budapest, we made a brief visit at the U.S. Embassy and upon inquiry there we received the same answer, but were told to go on to the border and apply for the visa there and see what happens.

We left Budapest on Wednesday. Bro. Endre Szabo of Budapest offered to take us. He is well acquainted with

the Romanian situation, as he made a number of visits in the past. His 16-year-old daughter, Anita, came with us.

At the border we filled out the necessary applications and a uniformed security man took our passports and applications and we were just waiting. From previous experience, we were prepared to wait for several hours. While waiting, I was reminded of the many dear brethren who told me that they are praying for us that God would protect us and His people, and that our mission would be a success. What a way to be encouraged and lifted, while you are at the mercy of the ungodly! At times like this you just hope and trust, and feel the nearness of God. After an hour of waiting another uniformed man came with a smile on his face, handing back the passport with an approved visa, valid for 10 days visit. He wished us a safe and enjoyable trip. But first, we must stop at the office and exchange 10 U.S. dollars for each day we intend to stay in the country. We gladly obliged. With a sigh of relief and thanks to our Almighty God, we proceeded on our way into Romania. We arrived at our sister's home after midnight. A very unexpected, but a happy reunion.

Next morning we reported at the police station, but found the doors locked, so we continued on to a nearby bank to exchange funds for distribution to our needy brethren in the area. Again, another surprise. The clerks in this bank were totally ignorant. They told us that they had never seen an American Express Travelers check and they would not accept any, despite us trying to tell them that we were in this very same office many times in the past and had no difficulty. But then, we learned that in the new system the officials bring untrained people from the Old Romania and place them in positions that they know nothing about, and those, who have been working here for many years, and know the business, have been transferred to less paying jobs, because they were of Hungarian or German ethnic minority groups. So we had to wait for the next day to travel to the nearest city, one hour's drive distant to take care of our financial matters. Later, at 5:00 p.m., we returned to the police headquarters, and had to wait for nearly 45 minutes, until a

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## TAPES FROM HUNGARY

Our members from the Hungarian churches are very musical and when they gather, they play their instruments and sing. Recordings of these songs were made in Hungary when the people came together from several churches. These recordings were made by a visiting family from our sister church in Canada. The tapes were organized and produced by this family upon their return.

The income is being donated to the distressed church members in the poor country of Romania.

Two cassette tapes are now available of the singing and playing of the Hungarian churches. The music, performed by choir and orchestra, is from the Zion's Harp, the Heft and other church books used in our church in Hungary. This music is played beautifully and reverently.

The two tapes "Holy Love", a tape of orchestra, and "Blest Be the Tie", a combined orchestra and choir tape are

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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).

## Competitive Athletics

A recent study of changing American attitudes reported that sports is America's newest and most rapidly growing religion. Over the past fifty years sports has saturated American life, attracting millions of dedicated followers. The "play ethic" has mostly replaced the work ethic as a national ideal. The worship of athletic games and teams in our nation borders on idolatry.

Sincere followers of Christ are thus faced with many questions: Is devotion to Christ compatible with involvement in organized athletic competition? Are Christian ideals consistent with sports values? Do the motives of sports correspond with the mind of Christ? Do the noises and revellings of sports enhance or hinder peace of heart and mind?

Sports enthusiasts claim that athletics provide "positive" disciplines that later carry over into everyday life. Sports are thought to build character and cultivate a sense of cooperation. In reality, conceit and feelings of superiority are found among many athletes, resulting from years of crowd adulation and self-promotion. Corruption and violence are all too often associated with athletics, especially at the collegiate and professional level. Instead of relieving stress, preoccupation with sports only adds more frustration and anguish to many lives.

Admittedly, recreation and play are beneficial for growing children. Energies expended at play are preferable to those spent on destructive and/or immoral acts. There comes a time, however, when immature interests must give way to spiritual adulthood. The Apostle Paul wrote, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things" (1 Cor. 13:11).

Athletic competition corrodes Christian discipleship because the motives and general environment of these contests undermine Christian

principles. The believer must not temporarily abandon these principles in the name of "sport." Athletic competition is motivated primarily by self-promotion. It arouses strong feelings of aggression, hostility, partisanship, greed, conquest, and even violence. None of these traits is Christ-like. Loyalty to one's team can become so intense that it prompts screaming, shouting, yelling, and chanting to a near war-like level. This is not the kind of environment in which a believer would want to be found when the Lord returns. Such intense desire to prevail or gain can constitute covetousness, which is idolatry (Col. 3:5). "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory . . ." (Phil. 2:3).

Although sometimes denied, a lust to win pervades athletic contests. A coach's job security rests on his won/lost record. Victory comes at the expense of a victim! However, Christ taught: "For he that is least among you all, the same shall be great" (Luke 9:48), and Paul wrote: "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal. 6:14).

Victors are subject to an enormous amount of praise and adulation, while the vanquished are left to feel inferior. The Lord's emphasis was quite different: ". . . for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God" (Luke 16:15). "He taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. The Lord taketh pleasure in those that fear him, in those who hope in His mercy" (Ps. 147:10-11). Also, as believers, we are taught not to compare ourselves among ourselves (2 Cor. 10:12).

A study of winning and losing attitudes in sports revealed that the most successful competitors viewed their opponents as temporary enemies. They worked up competitive animosity and intense aggression before a game. How do these attitudes compare with the Christian principles of love, humility, meekness, and

gentleness (James 4:10, Gal. 5:22,23)?

Even if such negative attitudes and emotions could be avoided, the believer has a much higher calling in life than to squander time in fleshly athletic competitions. His charge is to redeem the time (Eph. 5:16) and to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11). Satan is providing a fleshly addiction for millions of people through organized athletic competition. His motive is to distract them from thinking about their eternal destiny. The Christian's calling is too high for such indulgences, especially since the fields of unbelief are white unto harvest and the laborers are few (John 4:35, Luke 10:2).

When comparing the motives of sports enthusiasts with the mind of Christ, it is important to remember that He sought for himself no reputation (Phil. 2:7). He exemplified selflessness and servanthood. His central message was one of reconciliation, not retaliation (Matt. 5:39, 44).

In view of Christ's virtuous example, it seems a contradiction for us, who propose to exemplify His life, to engage in or purposely witness a mode of behavior that conflicts with Christ's teachings. Fleshly determination to subdue an opponent and to win the idolatrous praise of men does not even remotely resemble holiness (1 Pet. 1:15-16).

The Apostle Paul drew a lesson from those who strive to achieve; he said they must be "temperate in all things" (1 Cor. 9:25). He also went on to conclude, "now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible" (1 Cor. 9:25). Are competitive sports worldly or godly? Someday we will have to give answer— have we been friends of the world or friends of God? (Jam. 4:4). "Set your affection on the things above, not on the things of the earth" (Col. 3:2).

**APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN  
WORLD RELIEF  
WORK PROJECTS — HAITI**

November '88 - March '89

*'...As Ye therefore have opportunity,  
let Us do Good unto all Men.....'*  
*Gal. 6:10*



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**



**Haiti**

**Geography**

**Area:** 27,750 sq. km. (10,714 sq. mi.); about the size of Maryland.

**Cities:** *Capital* - Port-au-Prince (pop. 550,000). *Other Cities:* - Cap-Haitien (50,000).

**Terrain:** Mountainous.

**Climate:** Warm, semiarid.

**Insights into Haiti**

**Economy:** "Poorest nation in Western Hemisphere, plagued with over-population, soil erosion, illiteracy and disease."

— *Operation World*

**Land Used for Agriculture:** 31% (some people farm only to raise their own food).

**Literacy:** 12%

— *Reader's Digest 1983 Almanac & Yearbook*

**Haiti Work Schedule**

PROJECT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	DATES	CHURCH AREAS	PROJECT LEADERS
#1	Nursing Home	11/11 to 11/19	#8 Western IL	Mike Finley Box 176 Carlock, IL 61725 (309) 376-7301
#2	Hospital	11/25 to 12/3	#5 Bluffton & Indianapolis	Carl Hackenjos Monroe, IN 46772 (219) 692-6311
#3	School	12/9 to 12/17	#4 & #6 N. IN, MI, W. OH	Phil Isabel Route 2 Remington, IN 47977 (219) 261-3541 Kurt Bahler P. O. Box 124 A Remington, IN 47977 (219) 261-2877 H (219) 261-2157 B
#4	School	1/6 to 1/14	#11 & #12 CA, AZ, OR, CO	Glen Hackenjos 10564 Haverly El Monte, CA 91731 (818) 422-4957
#5	School	1/20 to 1/26	#7 E. IL	Jim Walter R #2, Box 3 Chatsworth, IL 60921 (815) 635-3158
#6	School	2/10 to 2/18	#9 & #10 KS, MO, MN, IA, TX, CA	R. Schmidgall 955 Lyon Street Hancock, MN 56244 (612) 392-5241
#7	School	2/24 to 3/4	#1, #2 & #3 CT, E. OH, AL, GA, FL	Leonard Dolce 2550 Crider Road Mansfield, OH 44903 (419) 589-6285 Craig Emch 11856 Miller Road Sterling, OH 44276 (216) 939-4591

**WORLD RELIEF**

Designated Geographic Area Map





**WORK PROJECTS**

School Buildings, Nursing Home and Hospital Additions

**SEVEN PROJECTS**

Plans are being made this "winter work season" for a more varied list of projects. Five schools, a nursing home addition, and improvements to Hospital Lumier are scheduled.

**NEEDS ARE GREAT**

Your help is needed as greatly as ever and is deeply appreciated by the poor, but pleasant, and friendly Haitian Christians.

**CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE**

Testimonies such as "unforgettable," "life-changing," and "I'll be more appreciative of what I have" is heard from each returning volunteer.

**COUPLES**

Certain projects may be open for couples. At this time it is hoped that they can be included in project numbers 1 and 2.

**TRAVEL CONDITIONS**

The U.S. State Department and several missionary advisors tell us Haiti appears peaceful and conditions look good for travel and work this season.

*What do I do if I am interested in going on this mission?*

Contact the World Relief representative from your local church or one of

the brothers listed as the project representative for your area.

You will receive an information packet which includes:

- 1) a map, 2) background information on Haiti, 3) a calendar, 4) healthcare form, 5) list of items to take with you, 6) commonly used words in English/Creole, 7) gift suggestions, 8) volunteer form.

*What is my church area?*

Your church is located in one of the designated areas on the map on page 4.

*What are the dates for the project?*

See the schedule on page 4. Teams usually leave on a Friday and return nine days later on Saturday.

*Do I need a Passport or Visa?*

No. Your birth certificate and other proof of U.S. citizenship is all that is required.

*Who do I contact?*

Your local World Relief representative or the project leader(s) for your area are shown on page 4.

*May I choose any date?*

Yes. Crossover volunteering with another area team is allowed, even encouraged, to meet with your time schedule or to help fill a team.

*What type of skills do I need?*

Construction experience is appreciated, but basic handyman talent and a

desire to serve the Lord is all that is required.

*What type of projects are done?*

Roofs, mostly for schools, made of poured concrete or sheet metal over wood is our part of this shared building program. We also build plain wooden school benches. The Haitian people build the walls and work with us on the roofs.

*What will it cost?*

A package plan of air travel from Miami to Port-au-Prince and back, food, lodging, transportation, and insurance in Haiti for \$500.00 per person for the nine days. The trip to Miami and back from your home church would be additional.

**WORKS PROJECTS  
NEEDS FOR HAITI**

**Items For The Hospitals**

If you have:

Wheelchairs, crutches, canes or walkers.

Needed are large serving spoons, blank cassette tapes, 35mm film - black & white - Plus X - Panzo - Kodacolor II - slide film, either 24 or 36 exposure.

Fans - floor or ceiling.

Gift wrap paper (birthday and Christmas), Desk Calendars 1989, Calculators, Water Filters, Incubator, Variety of Construction Tools.

Two Scales for Hospital, Tissue Paper, 8½ x 11, Typewriter - manual or electric, Air conditioner for Operating Room, Sewing Machines - can be small cabinet, electric or portable in good operating condition.

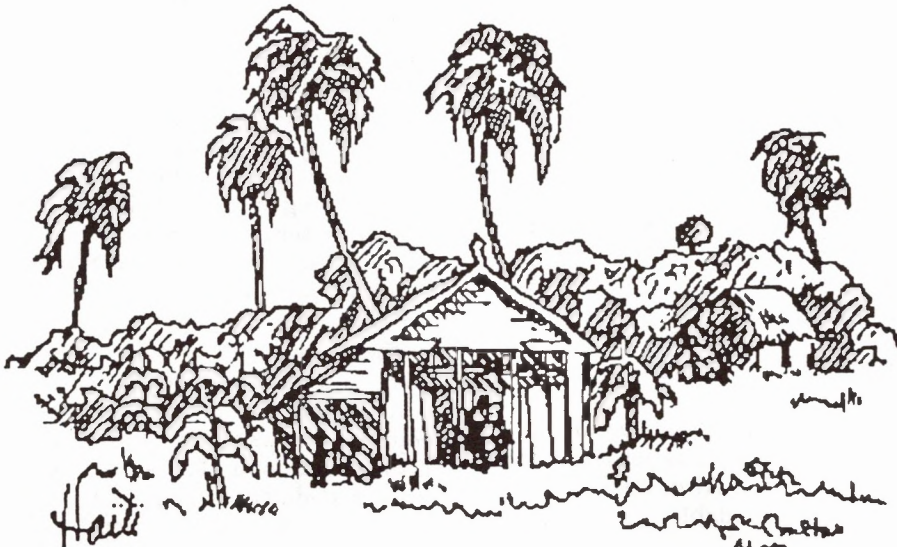
Please take to Material Aid Center at Wing, Bluffton or Leo.

**NEEDED:**

Lard and tallow for the soap-making process at the Bluffton World Relief Center.

Call 219-565-3257

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**News from Eastern Europe . . .**

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uniformed man showed up. This was day one. We did visit a number of relatives later in the afternoon and evening. The following day we had better luck. At the bank we were met by a lady who happened to be well acquainted with our family, as she was raised in the same village. She was most kind and helpful. We deposited some money in such a way that the local elder brothers can withdraw or transfer to the so-called "Dollar Shop" where they can purchase food items at their convenience. We visited two such shops and we were able to purchase a

generous supply of food. We found that these stores have a very limited supply of the most needed items, such as cooking oil, meats, wheat flour, powdered milk, etc. We nearly emptied both stores. Sugar was not available. Coffee is \$13.00 per kilogram, about 2.2 lbs. Bread, milk and meats are rationed and often not available. While George and I were in the bank, Bro. Endre and our nephew entered a nearby shop where they sold bread. Bro. Endre, being a visitor from Hungary, told the shop keeper that he has no ration card, but would like to buy some bread. The shop keeper told him that he could buy all he needed. He bought five loaves

and later returned and bought another five loaves. Needless to say, there was much joy and thanksgiving when we returned to our village. Elder Bro. Albert Szabo accompanied us and was very much moved to see the gifts of food which we purchased. Later, we traveled to other parts of the country to meet Elder Bro. Alex Virtaci. He was disappointed that the American elders didn't come with us, as he learned earlier in the year from visiting brothers from Hungary, that the American elders planned to visit them also. We explained to him that there were some tentative plans, but because of uncertain conditions, etc., it was felt it might be best to postpone such a visit at this time.

We had a very useful and informative meeting with the two elders present; the third elder, Bro. Ioan Caraiman, was unable to attend. Currently he is very ill and also has difficulty traveling as he lives some distance away. Currently he is purchasing a car, to which the World Relief made some contribution, so he can travel and assist the other two elder brothers in their work. Public transportation is broken down and is most difficult to get around. To assist these elder brothers, we purchased a supply of coupons for gas and diesel fuel.

During our meeting we learned that the food parcels and money vouchers ordered in April, have not been delivered as of June 25, and, naturally we were concerned. The brothers asked us, that in the future we should order food parcels instead of money vouchers. Earlier, money vouchers were to be used by our beneficiaries to purchase food items or other necessities at the "Dollar Stores", where only American dollars or other hard currency is accepted. We learned that food items are very hard to get even in these stores, so the brothers recommend that we just continue with the food parcels as before. There are a large number of our people living in isolated villages where transportation is very difficult for them. After returning home, I made some inquiries and learned that the April orders were scheduled to be delivered in the second half of July. So we are anxious to hear that report.

After hearing all the sad and discouraging news, it is good to hear a little bit of good. The elder brothers were scheduled to hold a baptismal service in one of the nearby communities the following day as two souls

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In 1984 we read in the Guideposts concerning the unfilled need for 10,000 Bibles. We wrote to the organization and started sending some repaired and some new Bibles. Since that time, we have sent over 500 Bibles, much Sunday school materials and song books.

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were ready for acceptance into the fellowship. There were seven others in the area waiting to be baptized in the near future. Services are being held as usual in the home of the believers, and have not been bothered or harassed lately. We are very thankful to God for it.

The other encouraging news is that rumors are circulating that the Romanian government may soon lift the ban on food shipments from abroad. Apparently there is much pressure and complaints from within and resentment for lack of sensitivity on the part of the officials.

A shipment is currently in transit on a trial basis from the U.S. by air freight into Romania, and we are anxiously waiting to see what happens.

Please, dearly beloved, keep up and continue to uphold these dear ones who must really struggle for a very bare existence and survival in life. They are very thankful to God for brethren and supporting friends, who reach out to help them. We bring many kind greetings and expressions of gratitude of love to you. I also thank you for your prayers and good wishes that God would lead us safely in our journeys and have good success in our mission. Your prayers were indeed heard and answered, and I can say with all humility, that God was near our side all the way. May He bless you all, very richly!

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Give Your Address Changes  
To Your Reporter

## 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

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- A Married Couple To Serve As Houseparents OR
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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. Qualifications include maturity, a love for children, and a commitment to serve.

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219/627-2923

### Tapes from Hungary . . .

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or pick up from:

Dennis and Beth Feucht  
317 N. Third Ave.  
Morton, IL 61550  
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### LONG BOOK TAPE Volume 1

We are happy to report that the long-awaited HEFT Volume 1 of the Long Book Tape series has arrived from Austria. Bro. Josef Farkasch from the Hallein congregation near Salzburg has completed a brand new Vol. 1. The musical arrangements are different from the first Vol. 1 he produced. He has added more instruments and included singing on one song. It is truly a beautiful cassette; a tribute to his skill and musical creativity.

In 1982 he began the enormous task of recording the beloved songs in the Long Book, beginning at number 1 and going straight through the entire book. Josef is highly qualified, having studied 5 years at the Mozart School of Music in Salzburg, and is currently a music teacher in a Salzburg boys' school. Josef plays the songs on the classical guitar and also plays the flute, synthesizer and xylophone as a melodious background for the guitar. His lovely wife, Sis. Christl, plays the violin and joins Josef in singing a few selections. They each sing two parts, blending beautifully to sound like a small choir.

The recording and duplicating of the tapes is done by Josef on his own equipment in his home. He is the primary musician, the producer, and the engineer; and also duplicates the tapes for distribution in Europe and for the "sister" church in the U.S.A. In addition to his responsibilities as a teacher, and the time required by this project, he is a minister of the Gospel in the Hallein church.

The intent of producing the tapes was two-fold: first, to provide a blessing to those appreciating fine music and having a love for the Long Book hymns; and, second, to provide much-needed monetary assistance to the deprived brethren of our faith residing in the Iron Curtain countries of Yugoslavia,



Hungary, and Romania. Also, the church in Vienna was helped when they remodeled their old church building.

Josef receives no money from the sale of these tapes beyond his expenses. This has truly been a labor of love on his behalf, giving of his talent and literally hundreds of hours of his time into recording and producing these tapes.

In 1983, he completed Vol. 1; in 1984, Vol. 2; and 1985, Vol. 3. Since producing Vol. 1, he purchased new recording equipment and became dissatisfied with the quality of Vol. 1. In 1986, he ceased reproducing it, and determined to make a new recording of these songs.

Circumstances also forced him to stop duplicating Vol. 2 and 3 for about 8 months in 1986, during which time we entered the picture. We visited Josef and Christl in the fall of 1986 and were privileged to worship with them and their small congregation in Hallein. After presenting a plan whereby we could reproduce the tapes in this country and send him all the profits, he graciously consented to send us the master tapes.

Since receiving the master tapes for Vol. 2 and 3 in the Spring of 1987, we have sold enough tapes to send Josef \$10,000 to be channeled into the hands of the beloved believers of our faith who so desperately need our help.

We thank all of you for your tremendous support in this project and trust your continued interest in the purchasing of these cassettes will be a source of great encouragement to our downtrodden brothers and sisters in

Eastern Europe.

Bro. Don and Sis. Lorna Schrock

Tapes may be purchased by ordering them from:

Dennis and Beth Feucht  
317 N. Third St.  
Morton, IL 61550

or:

Don and Lorna Schrock  
100 Forest View Rd.  
Morton, IL 61550

Tapes are \$8 each; add \$.75 for each tape for postage and handling. Make checks payable to the "Long Book Tape Fund".

Songs on each cassette are:

Vol. 1, 1-11, 13-18  
Vol. 2 - 12, 19-31  
Vol. 3, 33-48

NOTE: The "fact sheet" telling where these songs may be found in the Hymns of Zion will not be included in orders requesting only Vol. 1 unless specifically requested.

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**APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN  
CHILDREN'S HOME  
Tim Sauder**

The past month has left us with so very, very much for which to be thankful. God has so abundantly supplied our needs in every area. First, as we prepared for our annual auction and the dedication of our new house, we had an outpouring of skilled and willing volunteers who worked feverishly from early in the morning until night to prepare the house and grounds for the event. We stand in awe at what was

accomplished as God's people worked together.

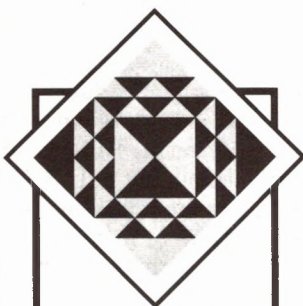
Not only did we see the miraculous transformation of the house, we also witnessed the further generosity of our brothers, sisters, friends and neighbors as supporters from all over the United States converged upon the site in cars, trucks, charter busses, and even buggies to make this year's sale the most successful yet. The day began with dedication services for the new house by Elder Bros. Wendell Gudeman and John Klotzle. The Auction/Sale which followed brought a gross total of \$96,000 in proceeds. Items included crafts, quilts, dolls, china, food, drinks and much more. We estimate that nearly 600 people took open house tours which included a slide/sound presentation on our entire program. The hot day was reminiscent of the drought we have experienced all summer, but there was no drought in the hearts of supporters. We thank God for each one.

We are thankful that last week we passed all of the county inspections on the new house which enabled our new houseparent family, the John Stollers, to move in. This week we hope to pass our state licensing inspections, thus opening the home for resident children.

New residents always make us thankful. So we are glad to welcome Rich Foster, 13, and his twin sisters, Jackie and Stephanie, 11, from DeKalb County. They are temporarily with the Gerbers in the East House, but will soon join the Stollers in the new house.

We thank God for providing abundantly for staff openings. In early August, Bro. Art and Sis. Ruth Gramm (Gridley, IL) began as Alternate Houseparents while Sis. Carol Kieser (Bradford, IL) started her duties as an Assistant Houseparent. We are excited that the Lord has called Sis. Ida Metzger (Lester, IA) to join us as an Assistant Houseparent and Sis. Sue Grusy (Chicago, IL) to begin the responsibilities of the Educational Coordinator. Sue's husband, John, will be employed at a Fort Wayne insurance company. We welcome them all to the Home, to the Leo church, and to the community.

In other staff news, Colleen Reardon, formerly our West House Assistant, has taken over the full-time position of Transitional Living Coordinator (TLP) as she assists older girls in their efforts toward independence. Maxine Sauder, our East House Assistant, will begin



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## THANK YOU

The children, staff and Board of the Apostolic Christian Children's Home wish to thank the many volunteers and donors, auctioneers and all who attended for so generously giving of their time and talent to make our Twelfth Annual Sale the largest yet. We were blessed far exceeding our expectations and thank the Lord and all of you for making it possible.



this month as a Houseparent in the all girls house.

With sad and thankful hearts we said farewell to a number of staff and children who are moving on in their lives. Penny Gordon and Laura Campbell moved into the Transitional Living Program and Tom Dunlap, a West House resident for the past year and a half, returned to his family in Fort Wayne.

A big farewell was held for Bro. Bill and Sis. Cheri Blunier as they leave the Houseparenting position in which they have served for the past four years for a more "normal" life here in the Leo community. Their love for children and cheerful spirits will be missed, but still in operation as they continue in the field of child care as foster parents. They have been permanently infected with the Children's Home bug as they will plan to care for former residents Kara H., Andrea H., and Beth H. as foster children. We entrust them into the Father's care and blessings and hope to see them often.

We are thankful for two travel experiences recently. First was our annual Honors Trip for achievers who earn the money and the privileges. They experienced a week of excitement and learning in the Chicago area. We thank the Chicago congregation and Lisa Spangler (Columbus, OH) for their help and hospitality. Also, most of our children attended the Indiana Youth Fellowship Day at Camp Mack where the Bible classes presented several songs and spent the day in learning more about Jesus, about others, and about themselves.

"Our God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think . . ."

Ephesians 3:20

And he did!

### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

What a busy summer we are having — so many exciting things going on!

Eight of our residents are attending Central Illinois Riding Therapy, where they not only ride horses, but learn to care for them also.

Many of the residents have been to Six Flags before, but this summer was the first "over-nighter" for them there. Twenty-six residents and staff went and thoroughly enjoyed the rides and

motel. We thank all who went along to help.

Our Activity Room, which was damaged in the May 8 tornado, is coming along well, and should be usable soon. Then we can use the multi-purpose room for services again.

Since the fire in our Morton Church, our residents who rode the bus to Sunday school there have been having their Sunday school class here at the Home. We thank all who have come to teach!

Some of the Morton Sunday school children who have had to meet outside at the fellowship hall for classes, are gathering here at the Home in some unused rooms. We are glad to help in this small way during summer's heat.

We are all praying for Bro. Dave Metz. He was hospitalized August 11, but is back again. We were so sorry he had to miss his family reunion.

The big topic of conversation these days is — "When are you moving to Oakwood?" Well, on August 15, Doug Clauss and Marian Funk moved and on August 16, it was Sonja Metzger and Lucy Endress. The other 11 plan to move in gradually, in time. The dedication for Oakwood Estate was held August 7. We wish them all God's richest blessings in their new home.

There are three October "birthday people." Happy birthday to Carol Fahrni (5), Kent Knobloch (14) and Bryan Tiezzi (30).

### OUT IN THE FIELDS

The little cares that fretted me,  
I lost them yesterday  
Among the fields above the seas,  
Among the winds at play;  
Among the lowing of the herds,  
The rustling of the trees,  
Among the singing of the birds,  
The humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what might  
happen, —  
I cast them all away  
Among the clover-scented grass,  
Among the new-mown hay;  
Among the husking of the corn,  
Where drowsy poppies nod,  
Where ill thoughts die and good are  
born,  
Out in the fields with God.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Give Your Address Changes  
To Your Reporter

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

A new school year is rapidly approaching. There has been some extra excitement around the school as we prepare for a new year. We have enrolled quite a few new children. Some have already started, others are waiting for a few more weeks. We hope to continue to enroll during the next month or until we are full. We pray that we can be full this year and that it will be a good school year. God's will be done. Sometimes it takes awhile for the new children to adjust. Some need a lot of tender, loving care until they get used to the idea that Mom really is coming back to get them. The tears don't usually last too long.

Sis. Katherine and Sis. Linda Morrison, and Sis. Dorothy Durkin came from Mansfield, OH for a week to help us. We appreciate their time and thank them for giving so freely.

As summer draws to a close, so does our vacation time and thus volunteers. We had a total of eleven volunteers who gave over 400 hours of their time for the Lord! We really appreciate each one who came this summer. We hope you received as much from your visit as we did. We couldn't do it without you! If anyone wanted to volunteer and couldn't, remember us next summer.

### ALABAMA, ATHENS Marilyn Walder

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die . . . a time to weep, and a time to laugh . . . He hath made everything beautiful in his time." Ecclesiastes 3:1-11. God's timing is perfect in everything. If we have yielded our hearts to Him, then He should be in complete control of our lives. Everything we do should be to honor and glorify His name. If we remember that Christ is within us when we get caught up in the bustle of life, then we can ask Him for strength to take one day at a time so we can follow His will. We shouldn't doubt or question why something happened but just keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. Recently it was mentioned in a sermon that, compared to eternity, our life here on earth is like one drop of water in the ocean. When you put our lifespan in that perspective, what does one day become? Let's "keep on keepin' on"



and not be discouraged by the trials of life.

July 31 was the time for Kendra Lee Coulter to be born. We rejoice with Bro. David and Sis. Barbara and big brothers, Steven and Eric. We wish them God's blessings.

Princeville, Tremont, Goodfield and Roanoke, IL, Bluffton, IN, Bern, KS, Mansfield, OH, and Alto, MI, were the churches represented here by visitors this month.

Bro. Albert Martin was in the hospital for a few days. He was able to come to church the day after being dismissed but is taking it easy.

We express our sympathy to Bro. George Kelley and his family at the passing of his daughter, Eunice. It was time for her to go into eternity August 14. May God be near the family in their time of sorrow.

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

"I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved."

John 10:9

We enjoyed a delightful weekend July 23-24, hearing the testimony of Alan Knochel (Bro. Ted and Sis. Madeline Knochel) and seeing him step into the baptismal waters. Elder Bro. John Klotzle came from Altadena to help Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach. Later in the day we enjoyed a church supper before a singing in the congregational room. We are grateful the Lord continues to call others in our congregation.

Because of the due date cut-off for news, we were unable to report the following from July 17. After the wedding of Sis. Stephanie Baum and Bro. Randal Wuethrich, there was a lovely buffet reception for everyone at the Scottsdale Princess Resort. May the Lord bless and guide the happy couple as they make their home in Indiana and attend the Francesville church. I Peter 5:7 gives us the promise, "He cares for you" wherever you may be.

Our elder brothers are meeting as a body to guide our church on a safe, close course in alignment with the Holy Bible and Precious Lord. May Thy will be done!

As they traveled to Ohio for the conference, Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle (Japan) and Sis. Lois stopped in Phoenix to minister to us on a Wednes-

day evening. We are most appreciative.

Bro. John Pulfer (Sis. Wilma) and Rachel Roth (Bro. Harry) are both hospitalized at this time. Your prayers for His care will mean so much. Carol Doolittle and Bertha Miller were eye surgery patients and are doing nicely.

Our church extends sympathy to Sis. Lavina and Bro. Joe Dotterer and family on the passing of her mother, Katie Hodel.

The happiness that radiates in all the children when Sunday school reconvenes is a priceless joy. A hearty thank you is extended to each brother and sister who shares in teaching. Jesus is their best friend and He loves them.

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**ARIZONA, TUCSON**

**Lisa Knapp**

August 14 was a sad day for our congregation as we said farewell to Bros. Walt and Tim Feucht. They are moving back to Peoria, IL, after being a part of our fellowship here for many years. The Tucson church has seen Bro. Tim graduate from both high school and college and we will miss him and Bro. Walt worshipping with us. May the Lord bless the path they are taking back to Peoria and their family.

We enjoyed being visited by ministering Bro. Jon Kokanovich and his wife, Sis. Nancy, recently. It was a blessing to share the day with them and we know their efforts will be rewarded.

A singing in honor of the engagement of our Bro. Dean Sinn and Sis. Heidi Aberle (Tremont, IL) was held July 23. It was a chance for the church to meet Sis. Heidi who will, Lord willing, be making Tucson her home after their August 21 wedding.

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**CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA**

**Elaine Graf**

On July 17, Sis. Beckie Witzig (Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary) and Bro. Rob Lehman (Wolcott, IN, Bro. Gene and Sis. Verna Lehman) were united in holy matrimony. Bro. Rob and Sis. Beckie attend the Wolcott, IN, church. May God richly bless their marriage.

Recently, we have had a number of our congregation move to different areas. Bro. Rich and Sis. Julie Lindberg and their family have returned to Roanoke, IL, after living in California for about three years. Bro. Carrol and Sis. Annabelle Messer have relocated to Francesville, IN. Dora Smith is now attending the Akron, OH, church. Along with the others who have relocated in

the last few months, these moves have made a significant change in the size of our congregation. May the Lord watch over and bless all those who have moved.

Although we have had many leave our area, we have had one person come to Altadena. Mary Kay Kinsinger, formerly of Elgin, IL, has moved to Nevada and comes to church here frequently, in spite of the many miles separating her home from Altadena.

Bro. Frank and Sis. Kathy (Klotzle) Sauder (from Japan) are visiting in the United States. They were in California for a time and have gone to the midwest, Bro. Frank's former home. They plan to return to California later this summer. What a blessing it is to be with those from whom we have been separated by many miles, and for many months. This is the first trip to America for their baby son, whom many of the friends and family have been able to meet for the first time.

Visiting ministers we have had lately are Bro. Gene Lehman (Wolcott, IN), Bro. Jon Kokanovich (Phoenix, AZ) and Bro. Doug Wagenbach (San Diego, CA). We thank them for serving our congregation.

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**COLORADO, DENVER**

**Mike Martin — Mike Leman**

We've been thankful for all our visitors this summer. We enjoy the fellowship and appreciate the love of faithful brethren. We were provoked in one sermon to think of how much we appreciate a vacation or a day off from work: and then to think of how soon we would be lost if God would take a day off. How much we need to depend on the Lord even though we may not think about it.

Visiting ministers this month were Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley, IL) and Bros. Bob Pflederer (Morton, IL), Charles Sinn (Fort Scott, KS), Carroll Gerber (Bluffton North, IN), Ken Hoerr (Peoria, IL), Jon Schmidgall (Oakville, IA) and Roy Wernli (Lamont, KS). We thank each one and the visiting brothers who helped with song leading and Sunday school.

Chuck Sinn, 11-year-old son of Bro. Charlie and Sis. Karen (Fort Scott, KS), has been able to come to church with us several weeks. He is at National Jewish Center for asthma treatments. We enjoy his bright smile and cheerful attitude and pray for his good health.

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**CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE****Martha Hany**

July 24 is a day that will long be remembered by Sis. Bonnie Reutter and Bro. Dean Maibach (Smithville, OH) as they took their vows and were united in holy matrimony. Many brethren and friends were present from Ohio to rejoice in their happiness and faith to henceforth walk together - sharing and helping one another through life's experiences - as true believers in Christ. We will miss Bonnie but wish her and Bro. Dean God's richest blessings.

We appreciated and thank Elder Bros. Loren Stoller (Latty), Art Bahler (Fairbury), Gene Pamer (Akron) and Leo Moser (Lester) for coming to Rockville the weekend of July 30. We received many good teachings and may the Lord continue to grant our shepherds much insight and wisdom to lead their flocks in this latter time.

William Kloter, 72, died at his home August 12 after a long illness. Besides his wife, Gertrude (Ritchie), and mother, Sis. Marie Kloter, he also leaves a brother, Norman, and two sisters, Leah Neff and Audrey Bliss. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

August 9 is the birthday of Diana Evelyn, born to Bro. Bob and Sis. Kim (Niemann) Schneider. Alison will enjoy a little sister. Pleased grandparents are Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Marge Schneider and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Niemann. A third son, Warren Andrew, was born to Everett and Sherri (Luginbuhl) Skinner. Surely, big brothers, Everett, Jr. and Christopher, are delighted with their new little playmate! Grandparents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Alma Luginbuhl and William and Pat Skinner. We congratulate these happy families! May they always look to the Lord for guidance in the rearing of their children, even as scripture states in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA****WASHINGTON, D.C.****Catherine Klopfenstein****Rebecca German**

Visiting ministers since our last report have been Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington, IN), Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott, IN), Bro. Bill Gerst (Alto, MI), Bro. Ron Palitto (Akron, OH), Bro. Jim Ramseyer (Bay City, MI), Bro. Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit, MI), Bro. Dennis Warner (Lester, IA)

and Bro. Leland Hirschey (Naumberg, NY). Their presence was thoroughly enjoyed and their efforts greatly appreciated.

Attendance through the summer months has been from 25 to 35. Visitors have joined us from Bloomington-Normal, Morton, Peoria, Tremont, Eureka, Princeville, Forrest and Gridley, IL; Indianapolis, Wolcott, Remington, Leo and Bluffton, IN; Rittman, Smithville, Akron, Junction and Latty, OH; Detroit, Bay City and Alto, MI; Lester, IA; Morris, MN; Rockville, CT; Altadena, CA; and Philadelphia, PA. Visitors are always welcome and appreciated.

We are mindful of and prayerful concerning the severe drought that has caused considerable stress and suffering among much of our brotherhood. While the drought had no direct effect here in the Washington, D.C. area, several of our brothers and friends have been deeply involved in activities related to the drought, either in government or in farm or commodity organizations. It has been a prime topic for several months in the press and in the halls of Congress.

We meet the first and third Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m., eastern time, at the Westpark Hotel (Best Western) located on Route 7, about one mile west of I-495. Visitors are always welcome. For information, call Ralph Klopfenstein, (703) 979-3476 or Doug German (703) 481-5163.

**FLORIDA, FORT LAUDERDALE****Terri K. Huber**

We wish Amy Sutter an exciting and successful move as she relocates in Champaign, IL, and hopes to begin taking classes at U. of I. in the future. Many of us find it necessary to move far from home and family at some point in our lives. It reminds me of a saying: "There are two lasting bequests parents can give their children; one is ROOTS and the other is WINGS." The confidence, independence and freedom instilled by caring parents allows us to leave home and go where the Lord directs, but leaving in no way diminishes our love for those we have left behind.

Sunday school classes have resumed after a short summer break. Our prayers should include the people who are teaching our "future church."

The family of Bro. Harry Sutter wishes to express our sincere thanks at the time of the death of our loved one,

Sis. Florence. 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.

**FLORIDA, NORTH FORT MYERS****Kay Eisenmann**

Our thoughts at this time go to our elder body and the conference. May we all pray for them to have the wisdom to lead the flock! May we all become more loving and caring, so that when Jesus comes again, He will find love!

Our assembly is always the smallest in August when our home folks go on vacation. We pray for traveling mercy for all.

Jean Erickson wishes to thank everybody for all their prayers, love gifts, cards and thoughts of her through her surgery.

Dathan goes in for more tests which are done twice a year.

**FLORIDA, SARASOTA****Suellen Ott**

Our small congregation has felt the healing hand of our heavenly Father touch several whom we love and care for. We pray a special prayer for them and realize He knows our every need and hears our every prayer. May He grant the assurance of His blessings and care and may we all see these as gifts from God above giving us strength and comfort from His everlasting love.

Our prayers go out to Bro. Richard Laukhuf, Sis. Lydia Vonja, and Mark Koehl. We also want to remember Sis. Rhonda Funk of the Gridley, IL, congregation who is a surgical patient in St. Petersburg, FL, and is recovering. May God grant all His healing touch and continued grace.

We also want to remember our dear Elder Bro. Ben Maibach in the loss of his mother, Sis. Lucille Maibach. Partings on earth are only temporal and we can ever look to that great reunion with our loved ones in heaven.

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

A precious soul has sought the way of salvation, given his testimony and was added to the fold Sunday, August 14. We pray for God's nearness and blessings upon Mark Kaufmann (Bro. Don and Sis. Gladys, Cissna Park), our new brother-in-faith.

We extend our sincere sympathy to



Connie Grusy and Sis. Dixie Knapp in the death of their father, Claire "Jay" Cargill (West Plains, MO).

We also express sincere sympathy to Laura Kieser in the passing of her mother, Louise Kuenzi (Silverton, OR).

We wish to thank Elder Bro. Dan Koch (Tremont), Bro. Vernon Leman (Eureka), Bro. Wayne Anliker (Forrest), Bro. Marvin Leman (Bradford), Bro. Bruce Leman (Roanoke) and Bro. Walter Steffen (Milford, IN) for ministering God's holy Word unto us. May our heavenly Father richly bless them for their labors of love.

We welcome Sis. Susan Kieser to our congregation. She is formerly from Bradford, has finished her schooling and now works for State Farm Insurance Companies.

### ILLINOIS, BRADFORD

#### Martha Kieser

Summer is here in all its beauty. Rainfall has been very short in our area, but we praise God for every blessing He shares with us.

We are grateful to our Elder Bro. Joe Stoller for spending the day with us to solemnize the wedding vows of our Sis. Barbara Kieser and our Bro. Les Fehr. Barb is the daughter of Bro. Jerry and Sis. Wilma Kieser and Les is the son of Bro. Larry and Sis. Carole Fehr (West Bend, IA). We pray God's blessings on them as they establish a new Christian home.

We are happy to have Sis. Kathy Kieser visiting us this month of August. She is home from Japan, and she will return there to her duties as kindergarten teacher when the month is over.

We are sad to see our Sis. Carol Kieser leave us. She will be an assistant houseparent at the Children's Home in Leo, IN. She was also our Silver Lining reporter. Both girls are daughters of Bro. David and Sis. Shirley Kieser.

### ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN

#### LaRae Dill

July 31 marked the end of our Sunday school year. The students enjoyed an afternoon with their teachers and a picnic supper with the entire congregation. Our prayers will be with our Sunday school teachers as they prepare to teach our children the most important lesson—knowing Jesus as their Saviour. Those serving as teachers in our Sunday school in the coming year are Bros. Brian Waibel, superintendent, and Ron Walder and Sisters

Cheryl Mangers, Pam Furrer, and Margie Heintz.

We, as a church, anticipate the establishment of two Christian homes in Champaign-Urbana. Bro. Justin Koch and Sis. Marcia Stieglitz were married August 7 in Leo, IN. Their parents are Bro. Vernon and Sis. Merna Koch (Tremont, IL) and Bro. Oliver and Sis. Emma Jean Stieglitz (Leo, IN). The engagement of Sis. Wendy Zehr (Bro. Warren and Sis. Dolores, Fairbury, IL) and Bro. Brian Waibel (Bro. Eldon and Sis. Marge, Forrest, IL) was announced to our congregation. We look forward to fellowshiping with these two couples.

Two from our congregation have been hospitalized. We're thankful Sis. Verna Roth and Bro. Dan Guingrich are recovering well from recent surgeries.

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Frank and Sis. Kathy Sauder (Tokyo, Japan) and their little son, Jonathan. Bro. Frank attended the Champaign church for a number of years and many here appreciated reminiscing with Bro. Frank as well as meeting his wife and son. Also visiting that Sunday were Frank's parents, Elder Bro. Don and Sis. Wilma Sauder (Roanoke). Our love and appreciation are also extended to Bro. Wayne Laubscher (Cissna Park, IL) for ministering to us.

As fall approaches, we see new and old faces as our college students move to Champaign-Urbana, some for the first time, others returning for the 88-89 school year. Thirty new students and their families attended our New Student Welcome picnic August 21. We're thankful Bro. Lennie Meyer (Chicago, IL) could be here to minister on that day. Our congregation warmly welcomes each student. Champaign-Urbana has been a "home away from home" for many over the years. We hope our students will appreciate this experience in their lives as many of us have in the past.

It's good to see Bob Wiegand (Bro. Dave and Sis. Ethel) back from a summer spent in the Portland, OR area. Bob was able to gain job experience as well as spend time with his brother, Bro. John Wiegand (Portland, OR).

### ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

#### Kathy Schlatter

My young nephew didn't like the "leash," the velcro-attached wristlet

which his mother also wore with the telephone-like cord in between. He had made that clear the day before. Nevertheless, when she asked him again, he said he wanted it put on—before he got distracted and didn't want to have it on. Even though he stretched its limits again, he could be reminded that he had been wise, before he was tempted, and asked to be kept close to his mom and the family. We who are older than four and have put on the mind of Christ, do we remain wise? Do we balk at what it takes to stay close? Can we, even through temptations, remember why we were glad for the limits — and REJOICE. That close monitoring is an important factor in our salvation.

We appreciate the ministry and visit of Bro. Art Baurer (Princeville, IL). We are grateful, too, to the Lord for the safe return of Bro. Virg and Sis. Mary Metzger and their family from Australia. We also enjoyed recently the visit of Andrea, Kara, Lisa, Bob, and David and four staff members from the ACCH. We hope they had a good honors trip. It was special to have them here.

The Chicago choir sang for the church Saturday evening, August 6, which was a blessing for the choir as well as for the church. Bro. Clark Baurer has been the choir's director and a Sunday school teacher for several years, lending his talents to many. Even before that, I remember him teaching a Suburban-load of children a special chorus so they wouldn't get so frustrated at the distances between places as we went Christmas carolling. For the next two years he will be an adjunct professor of architecture at the university in Versailles, France, lent through the University of Illinois. Our prayers go with him; our hearts, too. We are thankful for all Clark has been and has shared with us and look forward to his return. "Until Then," "the Lord watch between me and thee when we are apart, one from another."

Our Sunday school teachers are entrusted with our future church Sunday after Sunday. We express our thanks to Bro. Matt Strahm (also S.S. superintendent this year) and Sis. Nancy Pfeifer for their years of faithful service. We are happy they were willing to take on such responsibility and carry it out. As they have finished their terms, we look to others. Bro. Phil Feldman is now S.S. superintendent. Bros. Tom O'Shea, Darl Schieler, and Jim Schlatter (replacing Bro. Clark for the time



he is gone) and Sis. Cindy Eisenmann and Sis. Mary Metzger (replacing Sis. Jean Hoerr) are our new S.S. teachers. May we support them and our continuing teachers with our prayers, compliments, and help. May we specifically pray for their encouragement from Him, that they may wholly lean on Him and demonstrate the worth of that dependence to our children.

Bro. Mike Walder, originally from Cissna Park, has recently graduated with a degree in graphics design. He has found work in our area in his field, and we are so glad to have him with us. Bro. Dan and Sis. Becky Gudeman and their children, Ben and Katie, left the Chicago area for St. Louis 8 years ago. We are delighted to welcome them back to our area, as Dan has been transferred again. We pray for the small group in St. Louis, but we consider ourselves blessed to have the Gudemans return. To Mike, to Dan and Becky, Ben and Katie, we extend our hands in fellowship and love that they may find the Chicago area, challenge though it can be, a great home because they're part of our family.

Thankfully both Bro. Frank Fisher and Toni Hartman (Bro. Lloyd) are out of the hospital now. Nevertheless we really don't know how difficult hope and joy are to maintain in the face of physical discomfort and pain until we have been there. May we pray that the Lord grant them His strength and peace.

Have you ever thought that life is like doing satin stitch over a large area with a single strand of embroidery floss? We have to go up and down, in somewhat defined places with special purposes. Sometimes it doesn't seem as though we are getting very far very fast. But when we do not go so fast, we are more accurate and better show forth the desired shape. Every once in awhile, we have to go over a portion to make sure it is entirely covered, or we have to straighten a crooked stitch. Sometimes the thread breaks, and through tragedy we go on, to begin again. Only looking over the whole of the area at the end gives the final picture. If carefully (prayerfully) done, there is nothing in needlework to match the color and verve of such satin stitching. May we not tire of using the single strand God has given each of us, and may our finish be a joyous release, leaving a beautiful design for the world to see, as a reflection of its Creator.

### ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

**Elaine Sauder — Mary Knapp**

We will miss the presence of Bro. Joe Clauss who will be leaving our congregation soon to make his home at the Francesville Home. Our prayers will go with him and we wish him well.

Bro. Jim Walder (Bro. Charles and Sis. Wilma) and Sis. Beth Frank (Bro. Bob and Sis. Rosie, Tremont) who were married July 31 will be making their new home nearby and attending the Cissna church. We extend a warm welcome to Sis. Beth and look forward to getting to know her.

On August 18, Cissna Park hosted a luncheon at the fellowship hall for approximately 30 Fairview Haven residents, apartment dwellers and their helpers and/or guests and assistants. Even though the day was very hot, nearly as many local people attended to assist and visit. Bro. Ezra Feller played "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" as a farewell on his harmonica. All who attended had an enjoyable day.

Visiting ministers this past month have been Elder Bro. Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO), Bro. Todd Feller (LaCrosse, IN), Bro. Art Baurer (Princeville) and Bro. Marvin Stieglitz (Leo, IN).

We extend our prayers for healing and recovery to recent hospital patients, Sis. Lydia Moser and Bro. Harry Walder, medical, and seven-year-old Josh Walder (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Sharon), surgical.

Also, in mid July Elder Bro. Steve Rinkenberger had a heart attack while on vacation with his family in southern Indiana. He was hospitalized at a Bloomington, IN, hospital until stable enough to be moved to Mercy Hospital in Urbana, IL. While there at Mercy he underwent emergency double by-pass surgery August 10 and at this time is progressing slowly. His wife, Sis. Velma, children and family members deserve and need our prayer support.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with the elders and the brethren who attend the annual brotherhood meeting.

A new little boy, Nathan Alan, arrived two months prematurely to join the family of Scott and Debbie Beer, while on vacation in California. He has a big brother, Jeffrey, waiting for him to come home. Grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Twyla Beer and Elmer and Ruth Kesler (Woodworth, IL).

### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

**Susan Zobrist — Sandy Knapp**

Children are sweet miracles

Sent by God above

To fill the world with goodness

And the blessings of His love —

Children express their feelings

With such open honesty,

They greet each day with wonder

As a new discovery . . .

They appreciate the simple things —

A bird, a leaf, a flower —

They make believe and fondly weave

New daydreams by the hour . . .

And in their truth and innocence

There's nothing they can't do —

They keep their eyes on rainbows

And believe in dreams come true.

Yes, children are sweet miracles

Sent by God above

To fill the world with goodness

And the blessings of His love.

Amanda Bradley

Caleb Michael was born to Bro. Mike and Sis. Susie Zobrist. Caleb's grandparents are Bro. Frederick and Sis. Marjorie Knapp (Congerville) and Bro. Ralph and Sis. Joyce Zobrist (Congerville). Bro. Denny and Sis. Gail Virkler welcomed Elizabeth Ann into their family. Also welcoming Elizabeth Ann are her brothers, Jonathan, Benjamin and David, and her grandparents, Bro. Andy and Sis. Maxine Virkler (Bay City, MI) and Bro. Ben and Sharron Stickling (Peoria). Mike and Michelle Ott welcome new, little Megan Nicole, along with her grandparents, Bro. Don and Sis. Carolyn Ott (Congerville) and Kurt and Annette Morman (Goodfield).

" . . . God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you . . ."

I Samuel 12:23

We are thankful for our visiting ministers this month who were Bro. Tom Leman (Denver, CO), Bro. Gary Brown (Forrest) and Bro. Bill Dotterer (Phoenix, AZ). May we never forget our duty to earnestly pray for those brothers who stand before us as faithful servants.

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

As a congregation, we welcome Luann Siebenthal, formerly of Princeville, into our fellowship. We wish her special



grace as she seeks the Lord in repentance, and assumes a teaching position in Rockford this fall.

Also in repentance are our dear friends, Stan and Karen Schrock. We rejoice and pray for them and for all who are seeking their salvation.

Bro. Brad and Sis. Teresa Gudeman were happy to receive Miranda Jo August 12. Brandon, Lucas and Tonya are eager to help care for their new little sister. Grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Evelyn Gudeman (Elgin, IL) and Bro. Nathan and Sis. Martha Stoller (Bradford, IL).

Jamie Weiss is especially happy to have a little sister, Alison Joy, born to Bro. Roger and Sis. Karen Weiss August 15. Big brothers include Ryan, Eric and Craig. Grandparents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Joyce Weiss (Elgin, IL) and Charles and Shirley Joos (Peoria, IL).

We wish much happiness for Tom Haas and Kimberly Ann Burner who were united in marriage July 23. Their parents are Edwin and Sis. Carolyn Haas and Gene and Donna Burner. Presently, they are residing in Tucson, AZ, where she is teaching and he is completing his accounting courses at the University of Arizona.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Jerry and Sis. Kay Cargill in the passing of his father, Claire Cargill, who was recently buried in Gridley, IL. Likewise we want to share comfort to Sis. Lois Steffen (Bro. Gary) as their loved one, Sis. Elizabeth Metzger (Bro. Duane) of West Bend, IA, was called to her eternal home.

Thanks be to God for bringing many of our loved ones through surgery and sickness this month. These include Mary Heintz (Bob), Sisters Katherine Kachelmuss, Mabel Anliker, Sharon Braun (Herman), and Alma Haas (Bro. Herman). We trust the Lord will be merciful and continue to heal.

I wish to thank everyone who remembered me with loving prayers, cards and gifts during my surgery and recovery. May God bless each one for their kindness.

Sis. Sharon Braun

Our Heavenly Father blessed our congregation with His willing servants who visited us and delivered His inspired Word. We thank Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL) for the enlightenment on Eternity. Upon returning and searching your home that

Wednesday evening, did you find anything besides your soul and God's Word that would enter eternity?

Precious teachings were also shared by Elder Bros. Loren Stoller (Latty, OH) and Andy Virkler (Bay City, MI), Bros. Walter Hermann (Princeville, IL), Larry Wenninger (Latty, OH), Tom Leman (Denver, CO), Ken Dietz (Bradford, IL) and Wayne Miller (Ft. Scott, KS). May God bless each one.

### ILLINOIS, EUREKA

#### Kathy Leman

Sis. Emma Rocke and Sis. Evelina Sinn have been hospital patients this past month. We pray the Lord will look down upon their needs and heal according to His will.

Bro. Mark and Sis. Cheryl Zimmerman welcomed Lanae Karrin into their hearts and home July 23. Lanae has a sister, Laurel. Grandparents are Bro. George and Sis. Thelma Saathoff and Bro. Leland and Sis. Laurene Zimmerman (all of Eureka).

Amanda Joy was born August 1 to Bro. Don and Sis. Jane Wiegand. Alissa, Jonathan and Mark are anxious to get to know their new sister. Grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Edna Leman and Bro. Bob and Sis. Helen Wiegand (all of Eureka). May God bless these family circles with much love, grace and guidance.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Judie Knecht (Bro. Ernie) in the recent passing of her father, Preston Tomblinson. May God comfort each one who has lost a precious loved one.

We appreciate Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart (Ft. Scott, KS), Bros. Doug Grimm (Sabetha, KS), Ervin Knecht (Lamar, MO) and Ed Knecht (Silverton, OR) who shared God's Word with us. May God bless them for their service to us.

Ann Banwart (Bro. Joel and Sis. Sonia) was married to Robert Milborn June 25. May God bless their union.

### ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

#### Jean Bachtold — Crystal Fehr

We are so thankful that the Lord has drawn another soul to labor in His vineyard. Phillip Steidinger (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Jane) has answered the call to repentance. We pray that the Lord will be with him in this most important step of his pilgrim walk.

We welcomed two dear souls into our fellowship July 24. Bro. Doug Steidinger (Dixie) and Sis. Elaine Mowery

(Dale) are now our brother and sister-in-the-Lord after giving their testimony and being baptized as the Word of God instructs. May God be their constant guide as they walk through life. Their parents are Bro. Maurice and Sis. Alma Steidinger. We were thankful for Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley, IL) being with us on this special occasion.

May God's blessings rest on the newly married couple, Bro. James Fehr (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kathryn) and Sis. Brenda Kilgus (Bro. Duane and Sis. Arlene). They were united in holy matrimony August 14. We're grateful for Bro. John Lehman (Bern, KS) who was with us on this special day.

We rejoice with Sis. Wendy Zehr (Bro. Warren and Sis. Dolores) and Bro. Brian Waibel (Champaign) as their engagement was announced August 14. Brian's parents are Bro. Eldon and Sis. Marge Waibel (Forrest).

The Lord has blessed five couples with new babies. Rachael Dianne was born to Bro. Doug and Dixie Steidinger July 17. Grandparents are Bro. Maurice and Sis. Alma Steidinger and Jerry Fosdick.

Bro. Gary and Sis. Cindy Herr have a new baby boy, Benjamin Walter, born July 18. Angela, Lisa, Daniel and Susan welcome him home. Grandparents are Otto and Eleanor Baer (Princeville) and E. D. and Marjorie Herr (Westphalia, KS).

Happy parents, Bro. Randy and Sis. Ronda Stoller have a precious little boy, Kalin Randall, born July 20. He has three older brothers, Jeremy, Ryan and Trevor. Grandparents are Bro. Duane and Sis. Arlene Kilgus and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta Stoller (Forrest).

Born to Bro. Derek and Sis. Julie Rabe July 29 was little Julissa Rose. She has two big brothers, Durelle and Adrian, to welcome her home. Grandparents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Loretta Baumgartner (Cissna Park) and Don Rabe and Julia Rabe (Fairbury).

Jacob Alan was born August 10 to Alan and Linda Walter. Grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Colleen Walter and Nancy and the late Sam Eaton.

Sis. Clara Neukomm passed away July 31. Sis. Clara lived in Fairbury for more than 20 years and had been a resident of the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka for the past four years. Certainly, we rejoice that she had made preparation for eternity in the accepted time and day of grace.



We extend our sympathy to Bro. Carlos and Sis. Jane Meiss over the death of a sister-in-law, Sis. Elizabeth Metzger (West Bend, IA).

Sympathy is also extended to Bro. Carl and Sis. Becky Kieser over the loss of her mother, Louise Kuenzi (Salem, OR).

Our prayers have been with Sis. Anna Steffen who has spent time in the hospital recently. May she be comforted by God's healing presence.

We also give thanks to visiting minister, Bro. Kenneth Dietz (Bradford), for laboring among us. May God bless each dear brother for lending himself in our behalf.

### ILLINOIS, FORREST

**Sherri Kelson — Sandra Schneider**

"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6. Bro. Lloyd and Joyce Honegger have been blessed with a little girl, Jenna Lyn. She is a sister to Bethany, Loren, Devon, Ryan, Alisa, Anita, and granddaughter of Peter and Emma Schaffer. Bro. Harvey and Sis. Judy Kaeb are new parents since the arrival of Melissa Rose. Melissa needed to spend a few extra days in the hospital but we are thankful that all is well. Her grandparents are Bro. Donald and Sis. Rozella Gramm (Gridley, IL) and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mary Lou Kaeb (Cissna Park). Crystal Diane is the little bundle of joy welcomed by Bro. Greg and Sis. Jill Stoller. Those at home to enjoy her also are Sheila, Sara, Michael, Benjamin, Heidi, Rebekah, and Laura. Grandparents are Bro. David and Sis. Beulah Ehnle (Princeville) and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta Stoller. Scott Eric joins his brother, Trent, in the home of Bro. John and Sis. Janet Schmidgall. Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kathryn Fehr (Fairbury) and Bro. Dave and Sis. Alma Jean Schmidgall are his happy grandparents.

We were privileged to have a Fort Sam Reunion held in Forrest August 7. Elder Bro. Phil Stettner (Bluffton North, IN), Bros. Leland Plattner (Zapata, TX), Nelson Beer (Milford, IN), Bill Waibel (Bay City, MI), Glenn Riggensbach (Smithville, OH), John Steiner (Oakville, IA), and Max Reimschisel (Wichita, KS) spent the day with us. Bros. Darrel Stoller (Bern, KS) and Art Metz (Silverton, OR) also ministered to our congregation this month. We thank these brothers for

lending themselves in God's service.

Loved ones hospitalized this month were Sis. Edna Wiegand (Bro. Paul), Bro. Robert Leman (Sis. Donna), Ray Steffen (Sis. Doris), Sis. Irene Traub (Bro. Ben), Bro. Al Kupferschmid (Sis. Wanda), Bro. Roger Honegger (Bro. Harold and Sis. Clara). Also, our Bro. David Metz, who resides at the Morton Home for the Handicapped, needed to spend some time in the hospital. May each one feel God's comfort and healing touch.

On August 14, the engagement of Bro. Brian Waibel (Champaign) and Sis. Wendy Zehr (Fairbury) was made known. They are children of Bro. Eldon and Sis. Marge Waibel and Bro. Warren and Sis. Delores Zehr (Fairbury). We wish them God's blessings as they plan their life together.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." Proverbs 1:7. As another school year begins, may we as parents always make time to teach our children those things necessary to attain their soul's salvation.

### ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

**Trish Gerber**

Summer is almost over and our children will soon be back in school. It is every God-fearing parents' hope and prayer that the simple teachings of the Bible they've tried to teach and live will stay with their children as they face each obstacle in life.

Our thanks are extended to Bro. Vernon Schwab (Wolcott, IN) for sharing God's Word with us.

Bro. "Shorty" and Sis. Evelyn Hofmann were pleased to share in the joy of their daughter, Marianne, as she was joined in holy matrimony to Frank Strawn. Frank's mother is Mrs. Edna Strawn (Peoria, IL).

Hospital patients this month were Darla (Jerry) Watkins, Sis. Heather Knapp (Bro. George and Sis. Fern), Sis. Helen Streit and Marianne Strawn. May God ever be near each one in their time of need.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Roy Wyss on the passing away of his father.

Note of Thanks:

Thanks to all for the cards, visits, flowers and the prayers. It's so wonderful to have those who care during my stay in the hospital.

Bro. Kenneth Rokey

### ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY

**Perry Klopfenstein**

"Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the Lord . . . and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the Lord."

II Kings 22:19

Our Gridley congregation is rejoicing over several souls who have recently turned to the Lord in repentance. After many months of what seemed to be a spiritual "drought", it was encouraging to notice the spiritual rains from heaven.

Three of our converts (as of August 20) are still in their teen years. They, along with similar-aged brothers and sisters across our churches, have a special calling — and often a steep, uphill road — as they uphold the banner of piety and spiritual diligence among their classmates.

One of the more noble aspects of our beloved Apostolic Christian Church is the willingness of our youthful believers — at the college, high school, and sometimes at the junior high levels — to "dare to be a Daniel," and to uphold and reflect the ways of Christ. Indeed, it takes both courage and grace to "dare to have a purpose firm, and dare to make it known". Our prayers should ascend regularly for these dear souls who daily walk the front lines in the Lord's battle.

Our believing teenagers, like Mary who sat at Jesus' feet, have chosen the better part of life. Commitment to the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ gives a wonderful richness to their lives. The following poem depicts the challenge facing believing teenagers who would espouse strong values, and who would attempt to glorify God and live faithfully.

### MY TEEN YEARS

It's not enough to have a dream  
unless I'm willing to pursue it —

It's not enough to know what's right  
unless I'm strong enough to do it —

It's not enough to join the crowd,  
to be acknowledged and accepted —

I must be true to my ideals  
even if I'm excluded and rejected —



It's not enough to learn the truth  
unless I also learn to live it —

It's not enough to reach for love  
unless I care enough to give it.

Jay Cargill, formerly of Gridley, was laid to rest August 1.

Bro. Tom Leman (Denver, CO) was a visiting minister Wednesday evening, August 17.

#### ILLINOIS, MORTON

**Phyllis Farney — Cheryl Wuthrich**

Events in our Morton congregation this month have represented life's most important experiences. We have had a birth, deaths, rebirths, engagements and weddings.

"Lo children are a heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." Psalm 127:3. Bro. Bill and Sis. Gail Mayo and their children, Erin, Macy, Mike, and Bobby, experienced this blessing August 1 when Molly Ryan was born. Molly's grandparents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Marie Eunice Taufer (Morton) and Laverne Mayo (Florida).

It is bittersweet when God calls one of His children home. Sis. Olive Rein will be mourned by her family; her sons, Clarence, Raymond, and Kenneth, her daughter, Carol Kent, her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. But, when one has lived a long and faithful life, it can be nothing but victory. "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" I Cor. 15:55.

We are thankful that Herbert Herstein could also claim the victory as he yielded to our Heavenly Father's call during his final illness. His funeral was August 2. May our Lord comfort his wife, Erma, his son, Jack, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His brothers are Harold, John, Sam, and Edward and his sisters are Sis. Lola Strunk, Sis. Rachel Strunk, Sis. Edna Fite, Ann Rupprecht and Mathy Meeker.

"And the Lord God said, It is not good for man to be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." Gen. 2:18. We have had two engagement announcements this month. The Lord has provided Bro. Kevin Leman (Bro. Howard and Sis. Gloria) with a help meet, Sis. Elisabeth Schleiter (Helen and the late Richard Schleiter). They are both working in the St. Louis area.

The Lord has also provided a help meet for Bro. Keith Schick (Bro. Randy

and Sis. Jane). He is engaged to Sis. Janice Staker (Bro. Ted and Sis. Mary). The Amplified Bible amplifies help meet in this way; "a helper meet (suitable, adapted, completing)". How blessed we are when we allow God to choose a help meet for us. Two people hand picked by God are suited to each other, adapt to each other and complete each other. Let us remember to keep both of these couples in our prayers during their engagement period.

This past month we also had two couples united in holy matrimony. August 7 was the wedding date for Sis. Lisa Peterson (Jim Peterson and Steve and Joyce Quinn) and Bro. Randy Schrock (Bro. Don and Sis. Lorna). On August 14, Sis. Janie Hoerr (Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy) and Bro. Breck Nelson (Darryl and Sis. Sandy) were married in Peoria. Already these couples can reap the benefits promised in Ecclesiastes 4: 9, 10. "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall one will lift up his fellow . . ."

We wish to thank our visitors who expounded the Word to us this month. They were Bro. Marvin Stieglitz (Leo, IN) and Elder Bro. Nathan Steffen (Elgin, IL). May God richly bless them for their labors of love.

#### ILLINOIS, PEORIA Joe and Jackie Herman

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh."

Ephesians 5:31

This was the promise that Sis. Janie Hoerr (Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy) and Bro. Breck Nelson (Darryl and Sis. Sandy, Morton) made to each other August 14. On this special day, we felt very blessed to have Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton) bring us God's Word.

On the evening of August 10 we were able to hear the testimony of faith of Bro. George Wyss and witness his baptism. It is with love in our hearts that we welcome him into our fold. We wish to thank Bro. Carl Wyss (Washington) for sharing in his uncle's celebration of new life.

Our hospital patients this month were Sis. Ella Musselman and Bro. Phillip Hoerr. We pray that God will bestow His healing power upon them.

We extend sympathy to the family of Randy Purdom who passed away recently.

Bernice Hartman and family wish to express their thanks for the prayers and flowers received while in the hospital.

Bro. Sol and Sis. Bernice Hartman

#### ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE Marjean Lehman

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord."

Psalm 19:14

Visiting ministers this month have been Elder Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford, IN), Bro. Walt Steffen (Milford, IN), Bro. Byron Stoller (Gridley, IL), and Bro. Earl Ringger (Gridley, IL). May God's blessings be upon them and upon the Word of Life.

"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

Two new Christian homes have been established. On July 24, Sis. Judy Schafer became the wife of Bro. Bill Longcor (Milford, IN). Parents are Bro. Fred and Sis. Esther Schafer and Colter and Katherine Longcor (Milford, IN).

On July 31, Sis. Barb Kieser (Bradford) and Bro. Les Fehr were united in marriage in Bradford. Parents are Bro. Jerry and Sis. Wilma Kieser (Bradford) and Bro. Larry and Sis. Carol Fehr (West Bend, IA). We wish both couples the Lord's richest blessings as they walk life's pathway together.

On July 26, little Adam Dean Streitmatter was born to Sis. Janet and Bro. Alan Streitmatter. Welcoming home their little brother are Laura and Sarah. Grandparents are Bro. Alf and Sis. Ginny Streitmatter and Bro. Bob and Sis. Helen Wiegand (Eureka). All are thankful and looking forward to enjoying this newest little blessing. May God bless their family circle.

Our congregation will miss Verla Scheeler, who passed away August 2. Funeral services were held August 5. Her husband preceded her in death August 15, 1973. Verla had attended church here for several years and en-



joyed the fellowship with many of her friends. We will all miss her smiling face and cheerful disposition. May this serve as a reminder of the effects our life can have on those in the community and let us ever extend a kindly hand to those who are in need of the kindnesses we are able to give.

Sis. Caroline Joos was a surgical patient in the hospital. Bro. Fred Schafer has been a hospital patient also.

#### Thank You Note:

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all those who have sent cards, gifts, and offered prayers in my behalf during my hospital stay and since returning home. May God bless you.

Sis. Caroline Joos

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

Romans 5: 1, 2

#### ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

##### Judy Luginbuhl — Patsy Kaeb

As our summer comes to a close and our children return to their responsibilities at school, we commit them in prayer to our Heavenly Father, because of the influence our ever changing world will have upon them. This should remind us of our duties as parents and grandparents to teach our children during the short hours we have them at home.

Sis. Bev and Bro. Rich Bertschi were blessed with a new baby girl August 8. Leah Rose was welcomed home by Samuel, Stephen and Lydia. Grandparents are Bro. Sam and Sis. Anna Leman and Bro. Eugene and Sis. Dorothy Bertschi.

Also, Bro. Harold and Sis. Edna Roth became new grandparents to Diana Marie, born to Don and Bev Roth (Champaign, IL).

"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

This month we have laid to rest two dear sisters who have served the Lord for many, many years. We extend our sympathy to the family of Sis. Katie Hodel who passed away July 18. Her

children are Bro. Ben Hodel (Roanoke), Sis. LaVina Dotterer (Phoenix, AZ), and Sis. Edith Schrock (Burlington, IA). One sister, Sis. Leona Leman (Morton) survives. She had 20 grandchildren and 49 great grandchildren.

Also, Sis. Anna Heiligenstein was laid to rest August 14. Our sympathy goes out to her sister, Sis. Ella Belsley, and the many nieces and nephews in the Roanoke area.

Visiting our congregation this month was Bro. Ed Aeschleman (Philadelphia, PA). We thank him for sharing God's Word with us so faithfully.

Hospital patients this month were Bro. Ken Hodel (Sis. Kathy) and Laurie Ferraro (Randy). We pray for God's healing hand to touch each one.

#### ILLINOIS, TREMONT

##### Carolyn Bolliger — Marsha Koch

We would like to thank Bros. Jim Hoerr (Peoria), Wes Knapp (Goodfield), Kenneth Eisenmann (Cissna Park), Kenneth Weerts (Cissna Park), Greg Rassi (Chicago) and Elder Bro. Robert Walder (Congerville) for preaching God's Holy Word to us. May God be their rich rewarder.

Bro. Justin Koch (Bro. Vernon and Sis. Merna) was united in marriage to Sis. Marcia Stieglitz (Bro. Oliver and Sis. Emma Jean) in Leo, IN, August 7. Also, Bro. Jim Walder and Sis. Beth Frank were married July 31. Their parents are Bro. Charles and Sis. Wilma Walder (Cissna Park) and Bro. Robert and Sis. Rosemary Frank (Tremont). We wish these two couples God's blessings as they spend their lives together.

Bro. Doug and Sis. Cheri Frank are the first-time parents of Emily Ann, born July 24. May God give them the guidance we all need in bringing up our children. The grandparents are Bro. Marvin and Sis. Miriam Frank (Tremont) and Don and Kay Davis (Green Valley).

We were all saddened by the passing of Elizabeth Getz. Our sympathy goes to her brother, William Getz (Peoria), and sister, Sis. Alma Getz. We offer a special prayer for Sis. Alma for God's comforting presence since she now lives alone.

Our hospital patient this month was Sis. Elsie Sinn who suffered a broken arm. We are thankful she is back home and on the road to recovery.

We offer a special thanks to Bro. Jerry Kaiser, Bro. David Kaeb and Sis. Evelyn (Richard) Sauder for their years

of teaching Sunday school. Replacing them are Bro. Curt Rassi, Bro. Dan Koch, Jr. and Sis. Diane (Scott) Koch. We pray God will give them grace to teach the young souls who will be our future church.

We also extend our thanks to Bro. Robert Baer for serving as trustee. Bro. Richard Sauder will take his place and we wish him God's blessing.

#### ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON Carol Schick

"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 hard as it is to believe, school is back in full swing again and yet another season is past. Joy Klaus has moved from Japan to live with her sisters while she attends I.C.C. this year. We are happy to have her in our congregation and wish her God's blessings as she adjusts to college life and life in the United States. Her parents, John and Betty Klaus, and family, have been with us most of the summer while they are visiting their children living in the area. It is always nice to have the Klaus family among us and we ask that God will continue to provide safe travels to and from Japan for them.

We have had three hospital patients this past month. Bro. John Schick is recovering from illness and Bro. Ed Teubel and Sis. Martha McGough are both recovering from recent surgery. We are praying that God will see fit to heal each one and give them grace to endure the suffering that comes with illness and surgery.

The Washington congregation has been blessed with several newcomers over the past months and we would like to extend a warm Christian greeting to each one: Bro. Norm and Sis. Cathy Knapp, Ben and Sis. Marianne Link and family, Bro. Kevin and Sis. Janine Rocke and Erin, Bro. Don and Sis. Sandy Endress, Bro. Wes and Sis. Lena Kieser, Bro. Randy and Sis. Ruth Kellenberger and family are not newcomers but they have been in Kansas for several years and are back with us once again. We're glad to have them back and feel blessed to have them and each of our newcomers join our congregation.



## Note of Thanks:

May our Heavenly Father be the rewarder of the love that has been shared with us in so many kind and thoughtful ways after the death of our loved one. We are thankful to you dear ones from near and far.

The family of Bro. Edward Wyss

**INDIANA, BLUFFTON**  
**Jean Moser — Becky Isch**

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man: so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate."

Psalm 127: 3-5

We rejoice with the families who have been blessed with new additions.

Bro. Dean and Sis. Jaci Gerber became parents of a second son, Adam Daniel, born July 22. His brother, Austin, and grandparents, Bro. Harry T. and Sis. Lois Gerber and Bro. Dave and Sis. Maxine Ringger, welcome him.

A precious bundle of love, Anthony Wynn, was born to Bro. Dan and Sis. Sherry Pfister July 26. Grandparents are Bro. Ted and Sis. Rose Pfister and Bro. Gary and Sis. Nancy Stoller (Latty).

Rob and Deb Moon are first-time parents to Justin Robert born July 28. Bro. Tom and Sis. Rose Frauhiger and Mrs. Robert Moon are the proud grandparents.

Bro. Hal and Sis. Janean Kipfer are the happy parents of a daughter, Jennifer Kay, born July 28. She has two brothers, Ben and Drew, to welcome her. Grandparents are Bro. Ken and Sis. Judy Kipfer and Bro. Ken and Sis. Carolyne Isch.

Bro. Gene and Sis. Darlene Reinhard have a new addition to their family with the birth of Zachary Lee, born July 31. He is welcomed by two big brothers, Matthew and Ryan, and grandparents, Bro. Alphie and Sis. Lucille Reinhard and Bro. Ernie and Sis. Lucy Isch.

August 10 was a very special day for Bro. Doug and Sis. Tami Kaehr when their first child, Preston Douglas, was born. The proud grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Karen Kaehr and Bro. Dale and Sis. Carol Gerber (Bluffton North).

The annual Sunday school picnic for

grades 5 thru 8 was held at the Berne Park Sunday, July 24, for the Bluffton and Bluffton North Sunday school children. The children always look forward to this summer-time event.

On the weekend of August 6, three dear souls shared their testimonies of faith and were baptized. We welcome into our fellowship Sis. Jeanne Bertsch (Bro. Walter and Sis. Lillian), Sis. Tami Frauhiger (Bro. Chuck and Sis. Marie), and Bro. Jim Walburn (Bob and Martha). We pray that they will always seek God's guidance in their new walk of life.

"My sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me."

John 10:27

Hospital patients this month were Marie Anderson, Bro. Walter Kaehr (Sis. Lucille), Sis. Esther Geisel (Bro. Olen), and Bro. LaVerne Ringger (Sis. Rose). May each feel God's healing hand upon them.

We are thankful for the visiting ministers who have come this month and shared God's Word with us. Bro. Dennis Kaufmann (Bloomington-Normal) was with us July 24. Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle (Shioda, Japan) spent Sunday afternoon, August 14, with us. Bro. Bill Dotterer (Phoenix, AZ), Bro. John Steiner (Oakville), Bro. Mike Rinckenberger and Bro. Vernon Wettstein (Congerville) were with us Wednesday evening, August 17. May God richly bless them for lending themselves in His service.

Our sympathy goes to Bro. Jim and Sis. Pat Bloomfield in the loss of Jim's father, Amos Bloomfield of Fort Wayne.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Sis. Fran Bertsch and her children, Susan DesJean, Jack, Bro. David (Sis. Kim), Charles, and Bro. Jeff (Sis. Kathy), and Elder Bro. Ben Maibach and his family as their mother, Sis. Lucile Maibach (Detroit) passed away August 2. Sis. Lucile lived with Sis. Fran and assembled with us for about 2½ years. She had been in failing health since that time.

Bro. Eli Moser, 93, passed away August 7 at Swiss Village. We extend our sympathy to his son, Dale, and daughter, Mrs. Fred (Donnabelle) Barto of Fort Wayne and also his brothers, Bro. Meno and Bro. Edwin and his sister, Sis. Maryann Gerber.

Mrs. Carl (Frieda Baumgartner) Steiner (Roann, IN) passed away

August 13. We sympathize with her husband, Carl, and three sons, Daniel, Cameron and Clark, six sisters, Sis. Alice (Bro. Everett) Geisel, Sis. Nova (Robert) Steffen, Sis. Violet (Bro. Harold) Meyer, Rosi Baumgartner (Park Forrest), Sis. Eileen (Bro. Glen) Furrer (Barrett, MN), June (Harold) Lehman (Wolcott), and five brothers, Bro. Chester (Sis. Betty), Bro. Herman (Sis. Mary), Bro. Milo (Sis. Clarabell), Walter (Eileen), and Wayne Baumgartner.

James Kipfer, 55, son of the late Bro. Ed Kipfer, passed away August 13. Our sympathy goes to his wife, Mildred, and his family.

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Psalm 90:12

**INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH**  
**Lois Drayer — Debbie Aeschliman**

This past month we were blessed with several visiting ministers. Ministers who traveled from near were Bro. Don Manz (Junction, OH) and Bro. Lynn Stieglitz (Leo) and those who traveled afar over many miles were Bro. Bill Dotterer (Phoenix, AZ) and Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle (Shioda, Japan). We sincerely thank these ministers and their families for putting forth the effort to worship with us. May God richly bless them. Bro. Willis mentioned that "God" can be spoken in several different languages. It was interesting to hear the Bible verse John 3:16 and the word "God" in Japanese. Other ways to say "God" are Dios (Spanish), Dio (Italian), Gott (German), and Dieu (French). Although God can be spoken and written in many different ways, we know that there is only one God and we hope people understand the true meaning.

"There is beauty all around when there's love at home." (Hymns of Zion #64). Kirk Baumgartner (Bro. Galen and Sis. Joyce) and Laurie Cathcart (Donald and Lynn) became husband and wife July 23. Kristi Neuenschwander (Bro. Walter and Sis. Joyce) and Brian Curry (Jan and Alice) were united in marriage July 30. May God watch over these couples as they start their new homes together.

Three couples in our congregation became grandparents this month. Bro. Harry T. and Sis. Lois Gerber welcome Adam David, born July 22 to Bro. Dean



and Sis. Jaci Gerber (Bluffton). Janelle Marie was born August 3, making Randy and Diane Steffen first-time parents. Grandparents are Robert and Betty Steffen. Bro. Dale and Sis. Carol Gerber became grandparents August 10 with the birth of Preston Douglas, born to Bro. Doug and Sis. Tami Kaehr (Bluffton). We have a new little bundle wrapped up in blue in our congregation. Bro. Dan and Sis. Sherry Pfister welcome their first child, Anthony Wynn, born July 27, into their hearts and home. Grandparents are Bro. Ted and Sis. Rose Pfister (Bluffton) and Bro. Gary and Sis. Nancy Stoller (Latty, OH).

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Dorothy Gerber (Bro. Vernon) on the passing of her brother, James Winzeler, 63, July 27.

Our prayers are with Sis. Lillian Wright (Bro. Mark) who was a hospital patient this month. "God knows all our needs and He hears every prayer and He keeps all His children always safe in His care." Helen Steiner Rice

It seems summer has gone by so fast and school is here. With mixed emotions we watch our children return. Let's hope and pray the influences of our homes and church is stronger than the influences they will encounter at school.

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### INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE Jacki Huber

#### TESTIMONY

"This is a cheerful world as I see it from my garden under the shadow of my vines. But if I were to ascend some high mountain and look out over the wide lands, you know very well what I should see: brigands on the highways, pirates on the sea, armies fighting, cities burning; in the amphitheaters men murdered to please applauding crowds; selfishness and cruelty and misery and despair under all roofs. It is a bad world, an incredibly bad world. But I have discovered in the midst of it a quiet and holy people who have learned a great secret. They have found a joy which is a thousand times better than any pleasure of our sinful life. They are despised and persecuted but they care not. They are masters of their souls. They have overcome the world. These people are the Christians - and I am one of them.

We were richly blessed this month

by nine visiting ministers! They were Bros. Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest, IL), Art Baurer (Princeville, IL), Wayne Leman (South Bend, IN), Jaye Rinkenberger (Goodfield, IL), Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop, MN), Alpai Moser, Harold Gramm and Floyd Schmidgall (all of Morris, MN), and Neil Widmer (Wolcott, IN). The fellowship and unity we share are beautiful, and we were encouraged by one of our visitors to have fervent love between ourselves so Satan won't be able to divide us.

Recently engaged to be married were Roberta Atkinson (Mr. and Mrs. Robert Atkinson, Indianapolis, IN) and Chad Gutwein (Sis. Donna Gutwein). We wish them God's nearness as they look forward to a December wedding.

Many from Francesville shared the joy of Bro. Randal and Sis. Stefanie (Baum) Wuethrich who were recently wed in Phoenix, AZ, by attending a reception held in their honor at the Fellowship Center.

Bro. Dave and Sis. Barb Wuethrich are grandparents of a precious little girl, Elizabeth Ashley Steffen. Elizabeth was born July 31 to Tim and Marla Steffen and has one brother, Uriah.

We welcome Bro. Carroll and Sis. Annabelle Messer to our congregation. Formerly of the Altadena, CA, congregation, we're happy to have them in the Francesville area and wish them many wonderful blessings.

Sis. Margaret Gudeman's mother, Elizabeth Stefan, of Eggenstein, Germany, recently passed from this life. We extend sincere sympathy to Bro. Willis, Sis. Margaret and their family.

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### INDIANA, LACROSSE Sandy Heinold

Our annual Sunday school picnic was held July 24. Eager anticipation filled the faces of the children as they waited for their names to be called to receive their awards. Are we so joyfully looking forward to hearing our names called on Judgement Day or does the very thought put fear in our hearts? Today we still have time to make preparation for eternity.

Due to a change of employment, Sis. Marcia Troxel (Bro. Phil and Sis. Mary) has moved to Pennsylvania. As she establishes her new home there, may she feel God's blessings and guidance. We will certainly miss her, but may we remember each other in prayer.

We sympathize with Sis. Pearl and Sis. Lucille Nueist in the recent loss of their brother, Henry Nueist.

Bro. Tom and Sis. LuAnn Troxel welcomed a new son, Joshua Thomas, into their hearts and home. The excited big brothers are Rudy and Ned. Bro. Phil and Sis. Mary Troxel and Bro. Lynn and Sis. Mary Ann Feller are happy with their new grandson.

We enjoyed and appreciated the visits of ministering Bros. Duane Metzger (West Bend, IA) and Dale Zeltwanger (Morris, MN) and their families as they stopped by on their way to the conference.

"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods."

Psalms 95:2, 3

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### INDIANA, LEO Thelma Schlatter

The following little tale illustrates a point about personal responsibility. Fred Somebody, Thomas Everybody, Peter Anybody and Joe Nobody were neighbors, but they were not like us. They were odd people and most difficult to understand. The way they lived was not commendable. All four belonged to the same church, but you would not have enjoyed worshipping with them. Everybody stayed home upon the slightest excuse. Anybody wanted to worship, but was displeased about some things; so guess who went to church — uh-huh, Nobody. Really Nobody did the visitation. Nobody worked on the church building. When a Sunday school teacher was needed Everybody thought Anybody could do it, and Anybody thought Somebody would do it. And you know who did it? That's exactly right . . . Nobody! When new neighbors moved into the area, Everybody thought Somebody should invite them to church. Anybody could have made the effort. You probably know who did call on them — Nobody! (copied in part) This story points up the fact that each one of us is responsible to serve Him, to do His work. If we leave it for somebody, or everybody, or anybody, it may be nobody will do it. Let's work till Jesus comes! There's an old song which emphasizes the lateness of the time to serve Him.



"Work for the night is coming;  
 Work through the morning hours;  
 Work, while the dew is sparkling;  
 Work, mid springing flowers;  
 Work, when the day grows brighter;  
 Work, in the glowing sun;  
 Work, for the night is coming  
 When man's work is done."

Gospel Hymns #14

Many surely did come to work hard and contribute to the Children's Home Auction as they have done faithfully through the years. A special side benefit is the joy of meeting so many who travelled here.

Also working for Him were these visiting ministers who served our congregation recently: Bros. Jaye Rinckenberger (Goodfield, IL), Lenny Meyer (Chicago, IL), Randy Gasser (Detroit, MI), Wally Ramsier (Mansfield, OH) and David Wiegand (Urbana, IL).

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Jack Bollier and Sis. Hazel Terrill, and all the family upon the death of their brother, Melvin Bollier (Georgia) formerly of this area.

August 6 was the wedding day of Sis. Marcia Stieglitz and Bro. Justin Koch. Her parents are Bro. Oliver and Sis. Emma Jean Stieglitz (Leo). His parents are Bro. Vernon and Sis. Merna Koch (Tremont, IL). The ceremony was solemnized by Elder Bro. David Bertsch. The young couple is at home in Champaign, IL. We wish them His ever present love and blessing.

Leo Silver Lining subscribers, please note: Renewals and payment are due this month, September.

Bits and Pieces:

He stands best who kneels most.  
 God's answers are better than our prayers.

The peace of God passes all understanding and misunderstanding.

An easy conscience makes a soft pillow.

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**INDIANA, MILFORD**  
**Marguerite Hoerr**  
**Sue Schieler**

On August 13, our congregation enjoyed Bro. Perry Klopfenstein (Gridley, IL) bringing to us the history of our beloved Apostolic Christian Church. Ministers visiting us recently were Bro. Wendell Gerber, Bro. Bob Meyer, and Bro. Steve Ringger (all of Bluffton North). We appreciate the efforts all of

these brothers put forth to come to be with us.

Sisters Flossie Hartter and Aldine Reimschisel have been hospital patients and we wish them God's nearness as they recuperate.

Our young people and the Indiana Sunday school young people enjoyed Youth Fellowship Day at Camp Mack Sunday, August 21.

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

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.

I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for health, that I might do greater things.

I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men.

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life.

I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for — but everything that I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am among all men most richly blessed.

Attributed to an unknown Confederate soldier

Marvin Nussbaum has been transferred to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. He is gradually gaining more strength and becoming more alert. His address is: Marvin Nussbaum, Room 7046, Methodist Hospital, 1604 N. Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

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

Jesus said, "Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts."

Luke 20:46

"Beware of ourselves when what we do is for show." This was the wise counsel of a recent visiting minister to our congregation. We should beware of our every thought and deed, that all we

think, do, and say would be to the honor and glory of God.

Wednesday evening, July 20, brought ministering Bro. Ted Witzig to us from Morton, IL. Bro. Walt Steffen shared the Word with us August 7, as did Bro. Pat Zaugg (West Bend, IA) on Wednesday evening, August 17. May the Lord bless these dear brothers for their labors on our behalf.

The Lord my Shepherd is, I shall be well supplied;  
 Since He is mine and I am His, What can I want beside?

He leads me to the place where heavenly pasture grows,  
 Where living waters gently pass,  
 and full Salvation flows.

The Lord My Shepherd Is, #284,  
 Hymns of Zion

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

The call of the Lord has once again been answered. Brandon Moser (Bro. Andy and Sis. Diane) has surrendered his heart to the Lord in repentance. We rejoice with them and wish them God's grace.

We were blessed to enjoy our Vacation Bible School once again. Our theme was developing our spiritual senses (ears, eyes, mind). We were truly given much food for thought such as being careful of how much of this world we allow to come into our lives. Our visiting brethren were Bro. Steve Ringger (Bluffton North, IN), Bro. Marshall Heinold (Washington, IL), and Bro. Ken Hoerr (Peoria, IL). May God richly bless these brothers and all who came to support us and help make our Vacation Bible School a blessing. Also sharing the Word with us was our Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL).

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

Our congregation was richly blessed with many visiting ministers this past month. We want to thank Bros. Larry Wenninger (Latty, OH), Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH), Andy Stoller (Smithville, OH), Fred Knapp (Congerville, IL), and Elder Bro. John Klotzle (Altadena, CA). May God bless them for their labors of love and may we strive to be submissive to God's Word and their teachings.

On Sunday afternoon, July 31, a reception was held for our newlyweds, Bro. Rob and Sis. Beckie Lehman, who



were married July 17 in Altadena, CA. Their parents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary Witzig (Altadena, CA) and Bro. Gene and Sis. Verna Lehman.

Sis. Emma Furrer has been in our thoughts and prayers as she was a hospital patient this month. We are looking forward to having her assemble with us again.

As the brotherhood conference is taking place in Rittman, OH, during this time, let us all give prayerful intercession for our ministers, and especially our elders.

### IOWA, BURLINGTON

#### Karen Schulz — Deyona Massner

We were thankful to have several visiting ministers with us this past month. They were Bros. Edwin Bahler (Remington, IN), Walt Anliker (Eureka, IL), and Gary Anliker (Elgin, IL). May God bless each one for their efforts.

We are sorry to hear Daniel Heininger has returned to the hospital. He is a twin to David, recently born to Pat and Mike Heiniger.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the elder brethren gathering in Rittman this week. We pray for God's blessings upon their labors and may we each do our part to uphold this precious faith.

### IOWA, ELGIN

#### Gloria Frieden

So quickly the summer is passing and the children are already preparing for another school term. Time does pass swiftly. We read in James 4:14, "For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

On August 11 Bro. Ed Pulfer passed away after being blessed with 90 years of life. Bro. Ed never married but leaves many nieces and nephews along with his brother, George, and sister, Sis. Lena Pulfer. May God comfort them in their loss.

Beginning his sojourn in this life is little Michael John Schupbach (Bro. John and Sis. Janet). Michael's three brothers, Greg, Nathan, and Kent and three sisters, Jill, Darla and Abby welcome him into their family. Grandparents are Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Steiner (Oakville) and George and Mildred Schupbach.

Our annual Sunday school picnic was well attended and enjoyed at the home of Bro. Al and Sis. LaVerne

Butikofer. What precious memories come from these times of Christian fellowship.

Bro. Orville Moore (Sis. Sarah) is currently a medical patient at the La-Crosse Lutheran Hospital. Our prayers are with him.

### IOWA, GARDEN GROVE

#### Glen and Sally Funk

We were all so very happy for the arrival of Ashley Dawn Parmer. Her big brother, Aaron, called us to give the important news. He was quite sure that he and brother Joseph would be glad to have a girl in their family. Equally excited were the parents, April and Buck Parmer, and grandmother, Sis. Verle Funk.

We want to thank all the ministers who visited us during this hot summer we are having. We pray for all of our ministers and elders as they travel to the conference this week. May God be with them all.

### IOWA, IOWA CITY

#### Bonita Frank

July 30 and 31, the third Iowa City reunion was held and we enjoyed seeing many who had lived here at one time. This event is held every five years, so much happens between the visits of some of our past residents. The Lord gave us many blessings that weekend, and we hope all went away with that feeling.

Bro. Paul Eisenmann (Burlington) and Bro. Gary Anliker (Elgin, IL) were with us for the reunion and we appreciated their ministering to us. Also, this month, Bro. Jim Plattner (Princeville) was able to be with us. We enjoyed having him, his wife, and the other visitors who have been able to gather with us.

### IOWA, LESTER

#### Kathy Metzger — Mary Knobloch

We were privileged to have visitors among us this past month. Those directed by God's spirit to minister to us were Bro. Uriel Gehring (Leo, IN), Bro. Doug Grimm (Sabetha, KS), and Bro. Jim Knobloch (Elgin). May the Lord continue to inspire them as they stand as empty vessels before Him.

The engagement of Bro. Blair Metzger (Bro. Gene and Sis. Delores) and Sis. Julie Fehr (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Diane, Morris, MN) was recently announced. May the Lord's blessings be

upon them as they follow His will in bringing their lives together.

On August 14, Sis. Michele Metzger (Bro. Dale and Sis. Chris) and Bro. Todd Zollinger of Silverton, OR (Bro. Ed and Sis. Shirley, Phoenix, AZ) exchanged wedding vows. As they take up residence near Silverton, we pray they will feel God's nearness as they begin their life together.

God has again touched a home with His love. First-time parents, Dawn and Kevin Metzger, welcomed a daughter, Miranda Rae, born July 30. Maternal grandparents are Ed and Judy Martin and paternal grandparents are Bro. Fred and Sis. Esty Metzger. May God richly bless this new baby and her family.

Recent surgical patients were Emily Kellenberger (Bro. Verlyn and Sis. Linda), Durwin Martin (Ed and Judy), Scott Metzger (Bro. Mark and Sis. Audrey), Sis. Ella Metzger (Bro. Ernest), and Lloyd Metzger (Bro. Don and Sis. Mary Jane). May they feel God's healing power as they recuperate in their individual homes and may they continue to feel our support as we breathe their names in prayer.

As school time approaches, many of our young friends, brothers and sisters will go off to places of higher learning. May they ever look to our Creator to guide them through any trials or temptations they may face in life.

### IOWA, OAKVILLE

#### Debbie Wagenbach

"I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me."

Proverbs 8:17

We rejoice with our new sister-in-faith, Nancy Belsley. We were privileged to gather on the evening of July 23 to hear Nancy's testimony of faith. Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer (Elgin, IA) assisted Bro. Ed with the duties of the weekend. Bro. Joe Gerst (Iowa City, IA) was also with us for Saturday evening. We wish God's richest blessings upon Sis. Nancy as she takes up her cross to follow Him. Nancy is the daughter of Richard and Fern Belsley.

We extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Ortie and Sis. Verna Rocke in the loss of their daughter, Sis. Elizabeth Metzger, wife of Bro. Duane in West Bend, Iowa. May God grant His peace and comfort to the loved



ones who remain yet on this side of the grave.

We have had several visiting ministers this past month. Among them were Elder Bro. Sam Anliker (Lamont, KS), Bros. Clarence Kachelmuss (Forest, IL) and Ken Schneider (Remington, IN).

As the new week begins, it will be a special week to the brethren of the Apostolic Christian Church. This is the week that has been set aside for our elder brothers to consult with one another regarding our precious faith. May we remember to pray for them, not only during this week, but always. May we also be attentive to their conclusions. "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." Isaiah 30:21.

#### IOWA, PULASKI

##### **Teresa Schock — Ginny Wuthrich**

As the hot dry weather has brought drought conditions to many across our country, it has been the topic of many conversations and has brought deep concerns to many. Do we realize that our spiritual life can also become parched if we do not water it regularly with the water from the well of living water and continue to nurture it? Even when it is hot and dry the weeds must be killed so they do not rob the plants of the moisture. Likewise we must keep our hearts clean so the cares of this life don't rob our hearts and we wither also.

We thank Bro. Lawrence Luthi (Lamar, MO) for bringing us the living water this past month and reminding us that becoming lukewarm or withering doesn't always happen in just one season but can come so gradually that you hardly recognize it.

#### IOWA, WEST BEND

##### **Polly Zaugg — Phyllis Banwart**

#### I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took His hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and I left it all.

I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I've found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes, these things I, too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me.  
God wanted me now; He set me free.

We felt this poem read at Sis. Elizabeth Metzger's funeral service so very fitting. It seems these words would be her thoughts for us. Funeral services were held August 6 for Sis. Elizabeth, 40. She leaves behind her husband, Bro. Duane, daughter, Sis. Sara, sons, Brent, Brian, David, Darin, Bradley, Brandon and Donald, her parents, Bro. Ortie and Sis. Verna Rocke (Oakville) and three sisters.

Also laid to rest was our dear sister, Emilie Bruellman, 96, August 2. She is survived by her daughter, Sis. Ruth Sigsbee, Algona, IA, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Most of us have memories of her beautiful voice as she sang the many hymns she loved.

We appreciate the many timely teachings from our ministers and are thankful for those from a distance. On July 15, Bro. Gary Maibach (Smithville) was in our midst, and others who have visited were Bro. Dean Messner (Winthrop), Bro. Marshall Heinold (Washington), Elder Bro. Leo Moser (Lester), Elder Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville) and Bro. Don Gudeman (LaCrosse).

Two little bundles of joy have arrived in the homes of two couples. Don and Deb Schulz have a new baby boy by adoption. Jeremy is happy to have little Brandon Thomas, born July 25, as a playmate. Grandparents are Jim and Sherry Schmidt.

On August 8, a blessed addition was born to Bro. Marvin and Sis. Charlotte Fehr. Aaron Michael is his name. Susan, Joyce, Andy, Keith, Eli and Kipp will welcome him home. Grandparents are Ervin and Nettie Banwart and Sis. Nima Fehr.

We pray the Lord will strengthen and encourage our loved ones who are hospitalized and those who have been. Included are Sis. Anna Schmidt, Sis.

Lila Wirtz (Bro. Mike), Jamie Wickman (Bro. Larry and Sis. Marvella), Bro. Noah Gerber (Sis. Emma), Carl Gerber (Dave and Diane), Bro. Elmer Fehr (Sis. Matilda), Sis. Ida Fehr, Elder Bro. Wayne Fehr (Sis. Kathy), as well as Clinton Schneider (Bro. Gary and Sis. Sue) who had the misfortune of breaking his arm.

May God bless Angie Schneider (Bro. Gary and Sis. Sue) and Doug Wirtz (Bro. Verner and Sis. Betty) as they announced their engagement and wedding plans for November 12.

#### JAPAN, TOKYO Marie Inoue

The usual rainy season at this time of the year, along with several typhoons, has brought ample moisture and cooler weather to our area.

Words cannot express the blessings received by the visit of 37 brethren and friends on the Reinhard Tour. They spent several days in our area including a Sunday of worship, and just to have our assembly full along with the beautiful singing was a great blessing for the local church. The drought condition was mentioned in our afternoon Bible class that day and several of the brethren likened it to our Christian life: the Word can be planted in our hearts and we can make a good beginning. If we slack off and do not properly care for our life there will be no fruit at harvest time. We thank each one in the group for so kindly visiting us and bringing us good cheer. It was a blessing to be influenced by them.

A few days later our hearts were saddened when we heard of our dear Sis. Shinka-san's death after only a short illness. But we all rejoiced in the fact that she had made preparation for her never-dying soul. We will miss her visits to our assembly and extend our heartfelt sympathy to her son and family with whom she lived.

The next week was our yearly fellowship meeting at Tozanso again in Shizuoka prefecture. "The spiritual growth of the believer" was the general theme of three messages spoken by our brethren. We especially appreciated our visitors, Bro. Ed and Sis. Carol Baurer, and the teachings given by our brother. They also visited our assembly the following Sunday, and we again enjoyed their special fellowship.

There are several traveling, or preparing to do so, from our church circle and we pray God's protection and bless-



sing on them. Sis. Hiroko Utsuki, Bro. Frank and Sis. Kathy Sauder and son, and Bro. Hisato and Sis. Kathie Inoue and girls will be going to the U.S. and Teruko Hashimoto to the Soviet Union.

As our loved ones gather in Rittman for the Brotherhood Conference, we pray for God's special guidance and blessing upon every meeting.

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**KANSAS, BERN**  
**Lori Baumgartner**  
**Kathy Strahm**

"If God sends us stony paths, He provides strong shoes."

Corrie Ten Boom

How true this little quote is -- in times of trial God truly provides extra strength and grace. Many times we do not realize that God is giving us extra strength, and we plead for a smoother path to tread upon. Many times God does not remove the stones from our paths. May we learn to glory in our infirmities as the Apostle Paul did, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." II Corinthians 12:9.

May Bro. Emil and Sis. Grace Strahm and their family circle feel the "strength that is made perfect in weakness" as they grieve the loss of their son-in-law, Charles Kuenzi (Bern, KS).

Bro. Andy Locher, Bro. Louis Meyer, Bro. Pete Esslinger, and Sis. Ella Hartter all spent some time in the hospital this past month. May God grant them strength and good health, according to His will.

We had two visiting ministers, Elder Bro. Joe Stoller (Princeville, IL) and Bro. Roger Aberle (Sabetha, KS) this past month. We appreciated each of their efforts.

August 6 was a special day for Duane Meyer (Bro. Leroy and Sis. Helen) and Holly Baumgartner (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Nancy) as they were joined in marriage. May they feel God's nearness as they begin their life together.

Our annual Sunday school picnic was held August 2. It was well attended by the students and their families.

Bro. Pete Esslinger wishes to express his thanks and appreciation to all who remembered him with cards, visits and prayers for his 91st birthday July 16 and during his recent surgery and hospital stay.

**KANSAS, FORT SCOTT**  
**Karen Sinn**

... "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

John 4:35

Farmers across the nation are preparing for harvest. Many will be disappointed with their yields because of the drought. We are all preparing for the "Great Harvest." Will our fruits be pleasing to the Reaper or will He be disappointed, too?

Christina Kraft (Roger) was hospitalized for tests. We are glad she is feeling better now. Chuck Sinn (Bro. Charles and Sis. Karen) is hospitalized at the National Asthma Center in Denver, CO. Since his stay will be for an extended period of time, he is attending a school on the hospital grounds.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Sis. Pearl Miller (Bro. Wayne) and Sis. Lillian Fischer (Bro. Lyle) in the loss of their brother and his wife, Roy and Fern Massner (Cottonwood, AZ). They lost their lives in a house fire. We are thankful that we have a loving Saviour to comfort us in these times of sorrow.

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

The miracle of birth has blessed the Smith household. Lydia Jo was born July 17 to Merrill and Donna Smith. Grandparents are Bro. Joseph and Sis. Edna Somerhalder.

Sis. Edna Somerhalder is convalescing from eye surgery.

We are thankful for the opportunity to reap spiritual blessings, through the efforts of our ministering brethren. Several weeks ago, visiting ministers were Bro. Earl Kilgus (Remington, IN) and Bro. Dan Stoller (Rockville, CT).

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**KANSAS, KIOWA**  
**Darcy Kisling — Janice Bahr**

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

I Timothy 5:17

What a responsibility our elders have! Let us ever be thankful and praise the Lord for our elders and their diligence in their labours for the Lord. Our own Elder Bro. Ronald Nelson was in Ohio last month at the annual con-

ference along with many other elders. May we always remember to sustain them with our prayers.

Sis. Kathryn Miller has returned home from the hospital after surgery. Let us hold her up on the wings of prayer.

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**KANSAS, LAMONT**  
**Mary Isch**

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing."

I Corinthians 13:1-2

Visiting ministers recently have been Bro. Dan Stoller (Rockville, CT), Bro. Earl Kilgus (Remington, IN) and Bro. Ken Indermuhle (Sardis, OH).

We thank them for sharing God's precious Word with us.

We are happy to have Sis. Jill Luthi assemble with us again after six weeks of visiting and furthering her education in Oregon. She plans to attend college in Emporia, KS this year.

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

We are generally experiencing a very unusual harvest season across the land. Many farmers have gone to the fields several weeks ahead of schedule due to the drought. The labourers were hoping for that last inch of crop-saving rain; but . . . it didn't come. The harvest was ready to be gathered.

Even so, as our Lord and Creator could come to gather His harvest, may we be ready. He hath said, "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." "Blessed are they that do His commandments . . ." "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly." Rev. 22:12, 14, 20.

He can even see an eternal drought upon the face of the earth today as man finds it easy to forget God, and do his "own thing." The result is sin, selfishness, and pride. If the Lord should put forth the sickle at an early hour, may we be prepared, bearing those heavenly fruits unto His honor.

Bro. John Lehman (Bern, KS) ministered to us the last weekend in July.



We enjoyed the fellowship of visiting single groups gathered with us from several churches.

Sisters Lena Steiner, Louise Aberle, Lena Strahm, and Jeanette Huber have all spent time hospitalized for various afflictions of the body. May God bless and be with all of those who must endure earthly, bodily illnesses, malfunctions, etc. No doubt, there are times when we fail to remember dear ones in our writing; but to know that God is the greatest comforter to all men, is a true joy and blessing. Man can only give "words" of comfort; but God can add the "peace" that passeth all understanding. He won't forget a one of us who calls upon His name.

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**KANSAS, WICHITA**  
**Emma Miller**

The weekend of July 16-17 was special when Elder Bros. Ed Lanz and Don Sauder were in our midst to serve holy communion. We appreciate the efforts of these brothers and their wives as they labor in our behalf.

Our Sis. Ruth Yackley, who has been homebound for the past several years, was further inconvenienced with an injured foot. Thankfully, the first diagnosis of a broken bone was downgraded and she is able to walk without assistance.

The Wichita congregation offers condolences to Bro. Ernie Lambert and to his brother, Bro. George (Sabetha). Their sister, Eva Shaw Roberts, 77, was buried in Kansas City, August 6.

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**MICHIGAN, ALTO**  
**Juanita Gerst**

A baby is always a special brightening spot in the home. Charles and Carol Schrenk and Justin are pleased to welcome little Amanda home. Bro. Bob and Sis. Sharon Harris, along with Robert, Samantha, Jacob and Lance, are pleased to welcome Jeffery Carl to their home. May the Lord guide these parents to help them bring their new bundles up in his love and way.

"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"  
 Hymns of Zion #156

Memories are a gift of God, but farewells are hard to do. We bid farewell to Bro. Mark Steffen as he will be going to college in Phoenix, AZ. We bid farewell to Bro. Rod and Sis. Beth Steffen along with their family, Chalise, Gretchen, Brett, and Justin. They will

be making their new home in Cissna Park, IL. May God richly bless them in their new homes.

We always appreciate visitors and visiting ministers are always a special blessing. A special thank you goes to ministering Bros. Jim Leman (Roanoke, IL), Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville, IL), and Bill Hodel (Roanoke, IL), as they each have recently spent a Sunday in Alto teaching us through the Holy Spirit.

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

We were recently reminded of the fact that Jesus, with five loaves and two fishes, fed a multitude. The comparison was made how with just a little of the Word of God on a given Sunday, the whole congregation can be fed. We are thankful that the Word is so filling and satisfying that even in small portions we are able to derive spiritual food whereby we may grow and be sustained. Our visiting ministers this month have been Bro. Don Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN) and Bro. Homer Reineck (Toledo, OH).

Hospitalized this past month have been Sis. Lois Waibel and Bro. Howard Wieland. We are pleased to report they are each able to reassemble with us.

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**MICHIGAN, DETROIT**  
**Donna Hartzler**

We extend thanks and appreciation to visiting ministers and those who accompanied them during the past month. Included were Bro. Vernon Schwab (Wolcott, IN), Bros. Marvin and Lynn Stieglitz (Leo, IN), Bro. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington, IL), and Bro. Wallace Ramsier (Mansfield, OH). May God's Word in truth and sincerity continue to be proclaimed, and many yet surrender their hearts and lives to His will.

How wonderful God in His marvelous way provides for us an opportunity to escape from the shackles of this corruptible body which is prone to trial, temptation, frustration, sorrow, pain, illness and even death. Through the sacrificial offering of Jesus Christ, our merciful Lord and redeemer, it is possible to put off this immortality and rise to meet our Lord, clothed with his righteousness and dwell with Him in the glories of heaven.

Our dear mother, Sis. Lucile Maibach, finally could attain her earthly rest August 2. Her funeral was held August

5, 1988, in our Livonia, MI, church. We are very appreciative of the efforts of Elder Bro. Joseph Ramsier (Rittman), whose mother was also a Maibach, Elder Bros. Joseph Waibel (Bay City), who knew her before she was married; and Andrew Virkler (Bay City).

Sis. Lucile was born in Gaylord, MI, November 21, 1987, was married to Ben Maibach, Sr., September 5, 1917, and was baptized into the body of Christ October 30, 1922.

The Maibachs moved to Detroit from Bay City in 1925 and were probably the first brethren of our fellowship to live in the Detroit area. Over the years their hospitality was known to many who passed through Detroit. The home was always open in the days when motels were not a way of life. They were very instrumental in helping to establish the church in the Detroit area, and perhaps without their efforts and contributions the Detroit congregation would never have become a reality.

Sis. Lucile's family wants to express their heart-felt gratitude for the support of so many of her brethren and friends over the many years, and especially in these past few years when there was a real struggle on her part. May God bless each and every one for your unbounded compassion and sympathy.

Most Appreciatively,  
 The Ben Maibach Family

At a meeting of our congregation it was voted to change the time of our mid-week Wednesday evening services from 8:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to better accommodate Apostolic Christian Woodhaven and allow parents with children in school to have them home earlier.

Also, those elected to fill offices for the coming year were: Sunday School teachers - Bro. Dana Knochel and Sis. Beth Knochel; Secretary - Sis. Martha Gleichman; and Trustee - Bro. Doug Maibach. We acknowledge with thanks and appreciation the efforts of those who were replaced: Bro. Dan Knochel and Sis. Charlotte Barton - Sunday School; Sis. Beth Knochel - Secretary; and Bro. Walter Bauer - Trustee.

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**MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS**  
**Carol Strassheim**

We were reminded when we had our elections that the church is a body made up of many members having



different gifts, each essential to the body as a whole. Our new Sunday school superintendent is Bro. Bob Schmidgall; Sunday school teacher is Bro. Doug Messner and substitute is Bro. Bill Berg. The new ushers are Bro. Bill Berg and Bro. Doug Messner and Bro. Ken Schmidt is substitute. Sis. Delores Sauder and Sis. Viola Aupperle are in charge of the World Relief activities and Sis. Mary Berg is in charge of craft nights for children. Sis. Kathryn Olson and Sis. Delores Sauder are on the Food Committee.

We appreciate those who come into our area and spend a Sunday worshipping with us. It was a blessing to have Elder Bros. Bob Grimm (Goodfield, IL) and Harold Messner (Winthrop) and Bro. Alpha Moser (Morris) minister to us this month.

Sis. Laura Miller wishes to thank all those across the land who remembered her with cards, gifts, visits and their prayers while she was in the hospital and at home recuperating from a broken hip. Your love and concerns were a great comfort to her.

This is the month to pay your Silver Lining dues. Thank you.

#### MINNESOTA, MORRIS

##### Christa Sauder — Ruth Nohl

We have enjoyed many visitors this past month. We want to thank those brothers who ministered the Word to us. They were Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest, IL), Bro. Earl Ringger (Gridley, IL) and Bro. Ken Wuethrich (Indianapolis, IN).

Bro. Stan and Sis. Pam Wulf are first-time parents as little Heidi Sue arrived to share their home and their lives. Grandparents of Heidi Sue are Bro. Bill and Sis. Leona Wulf (Lester, IA) and Cliff and Sis. Barbara Edelman (Sabetha, KS).

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Julie Fehr and Bro. Blair Metzger (Lester, IA). Their parents are Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Diane Fehr and Bro. Eugene and Sis. Dolores Metzger (Lester, IA). We wish Bro. Blair and Sis. Julie God's guidance and blessings as they prepare to share the future together.

Several of our congregation have been hospital patients this month. They were Emil Schaefer, Jackie Nohl (Kenny), Sis. Kathy Nohl, Bro. Wally Feuchtenberger, Bro. Ernest Koehl and Bro. Robert Reuter. May the Lord

provide healing and restoration of the body as is His will.

Sis. Patti Dapper has moved from our congregation to accept a teaching position in Sheldon, IA. She will now be a part of the Lester, IA, congregation. We will miss Sis. Patti, but we wish her God's blessings in her employment.

Once again it will soon be time for many children and some adults to enter the schools of learning to acquire knowledge and skills needed to get along in the world. May we, as God's children, also remember that we are in God's school which prepares us for eternal life. May we all learn our lessons well.

Waiting is to be our earthly schooling  
Which here with our first breath takes  
its start,

Never ending till by God's own ruling  
Our faint spirit shall in peace depart.

Zion's Harp #244

#### Note of Thanks:

It is with grateful hearts the family of Sis. Madonna Moser wishes to express their sincere thanks for the love and concern given to Sis. Madonna and her family during her illness and at the time of her death. Thank you all for your prayers, cards, visits, food, flowers and gifts of love. God bless you all for your acts of kindness.

Bro. Larry and Sis. Bonnie Nohl  
& family

Bro. Ken and Sis. Sharon Lawson  
& family

#### MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY

##### Linda Ziegenhorn

I'm a little late, but we would like to congratulate Lynn Braker on her graduation from college in May. She is the daughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Eileen Braker. We wish her God's blessing as she starts a new era in her life.

We have just finished Bible School. What a joy to hear the little voices as they sang, "Come into my heart, Lord Jesus" and other songs. The children all had a good time as they learned more about serving God. As my little daughter put it, "Sign me up for Bible school again next year, Mom."

We thank all the visitors who stopped by on their way to and from vacations. Company is always appreciated.

We ask God's blessing on all the ministers who continue to faithfully

minister to us, especially our Elder Bro. Gene Marti.

#### MISSOURI, LAMAR

##### Carol Braker — Becky Marti

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."

Hebrews 13:17

Our prayers were with our elder brethren as they met this past month to consider many concerns of our precious faith. As we hear the conclusions, let us each one strive to more fully submit our lives to the Lord and to those who "watch for our souls."

#### MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS

##### Jerald and Doreen Leuthold

May God bless the following ministers who so faithfully shared His Word with us. They were Bros. John Rowell (Burlington, IA), Vernon Wettstein (Congerville, IL), Kent Heimer (Taylor, MO), Kenneth Knapp (Taylor, MO) and Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart (Fort Scott, KS).

On July 24, we heard of the engagement of Sis. Liz Schleiter (St. Louis) to Bro. Kevin Leman (Morton, IL). May God be near them as they start their life together. Bro. Kevin has accepted employment here and we are grateful they are staying in our area.

It saddens us to say farewell to Bro. Dan, Sis. Becky Gudeman and family as Bro. Dan has accepted employment in Chicago. Their labors of love have been appreciated and we will truly miss them in our congregation. May God bless the friendships we share and may He continue to bless them in their new home.

#### MISSOURI, TAYLOR

##### Loida Hodel — Lori Marquart

"Every action of our lives touches some chord that will vibrate in eternity."

We give thanks to ministering Bros. Roy Ehle (Bradford, IL), Ken Indermuhle (Sardis, OH), Carl Wyss (Washington, IL) and Roy Wernle (Lamont, KS) for sharing God's Word with us. May God continue to:



"Give faithful servants ever  
Who have but one endeavor,  
His Gospel to proclaim;  
Who heed His Spirit holy,  
And strive and labor solely,  
O, Lord to glorify Thy Name.  
Zion's Harp #207, vs. 8

Good health is a wonderful blessing - something we do not appreciate until it is taken away. Sisters Marie Butikofer and Ruth Hoerr (Bro. Louis) were hospital patients and Jesse Heimer (Bro. Rod and Sis. Barb) had the misfortune of breaking his arm. All are better again.

Six-year-old "Sandra" is back with her mother after spending the past six months in the home of Bro. Don and Sis. Elaine Hoerr. We learned to love Sandra and hope she will have happy memories of the time she was a part of this family and may the teachings she gained at their home and in Sunday school always be special to her.

We extend a welcome to Sis. Janelle Metzger (Oakville, IA) who is working and living in Quincy. We're always happy to have an addition within our fellowship and hope she will feel right at home.

About 90 descendants of the late Jacob and Elizabeth Scharlach family gathered in Quincy for their family reunion which was held at our Fellowship Center July 30. One of the highlights for this group was a tour viewing Quincy's many historical homes which included the 121-year-old home that was built by the Scharlach's and has recently been restored by Harry Scharlach.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Dallas Heimer who passed away at the Good Samaritan Home in Quincy. We also extend sympathy to the families of Roy and Fern Massner who died in a tragic fire in their home in Cottonwood, AZ. "In the Christian life we must lose to gain; We must give to obtain; We must be humble to be exalted; We must be least to be greatest; We must die to live."

"Lead me Lord, as Thou best knowest  
How before Thee I shall live.  
If but Thou my footstep guidest  
Joy and blessings I receive.  
If in grace with Thee I'm standing  
Dangers fade at Thy Commanding  
Guided by Thy hand alone  
'Thine and not my will be done.'  
Zion's Harp #93, vs. 3

### NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY Sally Dotterer

We would like to thank the following visiting ministers and their wives for coming to share the Word: Bro. Frederick and Sis. Marjorie Knapp (Congerville, IL), Bro. Kevin and Sis. Cheryl Ryan (Rockville, CT), Bro. Everett and Sis. Phyllis Gerber (Rockville, CT), Bro. Duane and Sis. Karen Farney (Croghan, NY), and Bro. Nate and Sis. Martha Stoller (Bradford, IL).

We were also blessed June 25-26, when a few from the Bluffton and Bluffton North Young Group travelled to spend the weekend and see the sights of New York City. We certainly enjoyed the fellowship and are thankful to have visitors to our small congregation.

We bid a very sad farewell to Bro. John and Sis. Mary Diggelman who, after many years of service in the Union City church, have moved to Rockville, CT. Our love and thoughts go with them, and we pray that both Bro. John and Sis. Mary will be welcomed into the Rockville church with open, loving arms.

### LET US BE GRATEFUL, LET US BE THANKFUL

Let us be grateful, let us be thankful.  
For God's wonderful kindness and love.  
And the fact that He sends to us  
Very special people from above.

Many years ago, the Lord sent two such souls,  
John and Mary Diggelman by name,  
To a large metropolitan area,  
To North Bergen, NJ, they came.

At the time they probably had no idea  
Of just how much they would mean  
To the very few people who settled  
there--  
And oh, how much they have seen.

They preached and they gave the  
church Unity.  
And they also served many a meal.  
Yet still, that the benches could be  
filled,  
John would often appeal.

How the pulpit would rock and the  
people would sing  
When John read and preached the  
Word.  
And all who heard his mighty voice  
Left knowing God's spirit was heard.

Now after many years of service  
John and Mary have moved to a new  
place,  
And all of us who've known them  
Surely wish them lots of God's grace.

Let us be grateful, let us be thankful  
No matter who we are or where we live  
That there are still people like John  
and Mary  
Who love the Lord and are willing  
to give.

S. K. Dotterer

### NEW YORK, CROGHAN Alice Virkler

On the weekend of July 23-24, we were richly blessed to have Elder Bro. Eugene Marti (Lamar, MO) in our midst. On Saturday evening, we gathered to hear the conclusions of the conference read and spoken on by Bro. Gene and our Elder Bros. Robert Beyer and Norbert Steiner. We assembled with the Naumburg congregation Sunday for services and enjoyed a covered dish meal together at the Croghan church. In the evening, we gathered to hear an exhortation for communion services. We want to thank Bro. Gene and Sis. Mary for taking time from their travels to assemble with us and share God's Word and direction for each of our lives.

Our annual business meeting was held August 1. Our new Sunday School teachers are Bro. Floyd Graves, Jr., assistant superintendent, Sis. Karen Farney, and Sis. Linda Graves. Bro. Ron Herzig will be Sunday school superintendent. May God be with each of them as they assume the important duty given to them in teaching our youth. May God richly bless Sis. Polly Farney and Sis. Eleanor Herzig who completed two years each as Sunday school teachers. Bro. Floyd Graves, Jr. will also serve as trustee.

On Saturday, August 13, our Sunday school children, parents, teachers and many others enjoyed the Sunday school picnic held at Boonville Park. We were happy to have visitors with us for the day to enjoy the beautiful outdoors.

Michael Virkler (Nat and Sheila) entered the Navy March 20. He completed basic training and attended A-School for Data Processing in San Diego, CA. He is now stationed at New London, CT, on board the USS Fulton. His address is: Michael Virkler Div. 58, USS Fulton AS11, FPO N.Y., NY 09534-2565.



We wish Michael well as he has begun this new experience in his life.

Our thoughts and prayers this week will be for our elder brothers and others as they travel to meet and discuss the important issues that affect each of our lives. May they feel God's presence in their midst and be protected on their journeys.

### NEW YORK, NAUMBURG

**Rachel Snyder**

May our thoughts and prayers be with the brethren who are gathered for the conference this week and may God direct their thoughts in His good will so that through their directions we may serve God better.

We held our Sunday school picnic at Whittakers Falls. The children enjoyed the many games.

We have had a very warm, dry season as so many areas have had this year. We are thankful for the last couple days being some cooler.

Ethel Karcher (Castorland) and Bro. Arthur Herzig (Beaver Falls) have had to spend a few days in the hospital.

### OHIO, AKRON

**Joyce Gasser**

The longest reign of an Israel king was Manasseh, whose name means "causing to forget." He is the son of Hezekiah and Hephzibah, whose name means "my delight is in her," as she delighted to teach godly ways. However, Manasseh seemed to forget it, and was a wicked king. Isaiah took a stand against him and history says Manasseh cut Isaiah in half, which may be referred to in Hebrews 11:37 that some were sawn asunder. Manasseh forgot his parent's godly ways so he was carried into Babylon. In affliction, he remembered his parent's God and his prayer is in the Apocrypha. God hears prayers, and restored him not only to Jerusalem, but also to his kingdom. How wonderful that God hears our prayers and will restore fully for us too, even as He did for Manasseh who seemed to forget.

We rejoice that Jennifer Schamback, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Joyce Schamback, has turned to the Lord in repentance. We ask the Lord to grant her grace and favor.

We were blessed to have Bro. Willard Schieler and Bro. Willis Wiegand as guest ministers this month.

We have been looking forward to this week for the elder and general conference being held in this area, and we know it will be a special blessing for us.

### OHIO, COLUMBUS

**John Grimm**

We want to thank Bro. Glenn Rigenbach (Smithville, OH) and Bro. Merrill Laukhuf (Latty, OH) for ministering God's Word to us. May God bless them and their families.

Bro. Matt Musselman returned to Iowa where he will continue his higher education. We have enjoyed Bro. Matt being with us this summer. Our prayer for Bro. Matt is the same as Paul's prayer for the church at Colosse.

"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness."

Colossians 1:9-11

Currently, we are planning a college welcome day for all Columbus area college students and their families on Sunday, September 25, with a picnic in a local park following the afternoon service. All students and their families are welcome.

### OHIO, GIRARD

**Harold and Kathryn Emch**

For some time we have been aware that additional revisions are in order for our faithful, little group.

Now, we feel that a change is necessary and after discussing this with our elder and other brethren who have had direct involvement, either by marking a schedule for song leaders, or by following it, this is what we propose, effective Sunday, August 14, 1988:

For the present time the schedule of song leaders will not be renewed. However, we will enjoy singing with brethren if they come to worship with us. Our Sunday service will be held in the morning only, with no lunch time and no afternoon service. When we are by ourselves we will meet in our Sunday

school rooms as we have done for some time.

We know that some brethren seem to enjoy worshipping and visiting at our church, and we do not in any way wish to discourage them. If they plan to come, we will appreciate a call, and if there are several, or a group, we will arrange to have lunch and an afternoon service.

As the season moves toward fall, we will not heat our sanctuary unless we know there will be a group of visitors to join us.

Please be aware that we plan to continue having Sunday service in our church building until it is sold, or when we plan to be away.

Our faithful church body is comprised of three sisters, one brother, and three friends (total average age - 81) who cherish your continued love and prayerful support. God has blessed us abundantly and we praise Him for it.

### OHIO, JUNCTION

**Les Manz**

Bro. Art Metz (Silverton), Bro. Clarence Dietrich (Silverton), Bro. John Steiner (Oakville), and Bro. Lloyd Kraft (Gridley, KS) worshipped with us and brought us God's Holy Word. As they worship with us and explain to us the Bible, how thankful we can be that the Holy Spirit feeds us through these brothers that which our souls are in need of.

We wish God's blessings to Chris Schlatter (the late Bro. Ben and the late Sis. Esther) and Steve Sukup as they have been united in marriage and now walk life's pathway together.

We wish God's blessings to Bro. Ralph and Sis. Sheila Schlatter as they have another little soul to guide and pray for in their home. Joining them in welcoming little Renae Marie home are Corbin, Doug, Kyle, and Brian. Grandparents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Eldora Steiner (Rittman) and the late Bro. Ben and the late Sis. Esther Schlatter.

### OHIO, LATTY

**Rhonda Stoller  
Marlene Reinhard**

Our congregation was blessed this month by the visits of ministering Bros. Dan Stoller (Remington) and Elder Bro. Eugene Bertschi (Roanoke). May God continue to bless our ministers and may we never cease to pray for the true Word of God to be brought forth.



Hospitalized this month was Sis. Elsie Schlatter (Bro. Joe). We pray for God's healing powers to rest upon her.

The household of Tom and Kim Sinn rejoices again in the birth of their son, Lance Tyler. He is welcomed home by a sister, Joni, and a brother, Blake. Grandparents are Sis. Tootie Sinn and Sis. Lillian Schlatter.

"The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

Numbers 6:26

Converts Tammy Stoller (Bro. Gary and Sis. Nancy) and Jason Laukhuf (Bro. Rod and Sis. Ede) proclaim the promise of peace in their lives and now anxiously await to make a covenant with God in the baptismal waters. We rejoice with their families and pray they will continue to call upon God to walk with them each step of their life here on earth.

We enjoyed our annual Sunday school picnic August 14, at one of our local parks. It's always inspiring to see our future church growing up and believing God will still be listening for all who call upon His name and seek His will in their lives.

## OHIO, MANSFIELD

Linda Morrison

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

Zion's Harp #168

The Ohio-Michigan Youth Day was well attended July 31, 1988. Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit), Elder Bro. Aaron Steffen (Alto), Bro. Jim Ramseyer (Bay City), Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction), and Bro. Ron Steiner (Rittman) were the vessels God used to pour out His Word in abundance throughout the day.

". . . as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" II Timothy 2:3. The Fort Sam Soldier reunion was held August 6-7, 1988. There were a large number in attendance including ministering Bro. Darrel Stoller (Bern), Bro. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington-Normal), Bro. Gary Brown (Forrest), Bro. Art Ingold (Rittman), Bro. Bill Dotterer (Phoenix, AZ),

Bro. Bob Beebe (South Bend), Bro. Bill Brake (Sardis), and Bro. Dave Graf (Akron). "Up then, comrades; wend your way through the wilderness with courage; Look to Jesus; watch and pray! God prepares you for the conflict; In the weak He shows His might, And through Christ we'll win the fight. (Zion's Harp #99)

"Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

II Timothy 4:2

We were blessed with many visitors going to and from the brotherhood conference including these ministers: Elder Bro. Gene Bertschi (Roanoke), Bro. Leland Plattner (Zapata, TX), Bro. Max Reimschisel (Wichita, KS), Bro. Tim Zimmerman (Gridley, KS), Bro. Lawrence Luthi (LaMar), Bro. Doug Sabo (Sarasota), Bro. Vernon Wettstein (Congerville), Bro. Bruce Leman (Roanoke), and Bro. Glenn Riggenbach (Smithville).

Elder Bro. Corbin Bahler (Rockville) and Bro. Doug Sabo (Sarasota) visited our congregation Sunday, August 21.

"In schools of the righteous we ever  
can find

The heavenly wisdom, the purified  
mind.

He calls to His children: Come  
hither, you blest;

Give heed to my words, I will  
bring you to rest."

Zion's Harp #165

On August 1, 1988, Kimberly Rae was born to Bro. Ron and Sis. Sheli Fairchild. Katio was happy to have a baby sister. At this time Kimberly is still in the hospital and we pray God in His wisdom and love will provide for Kimberly and her family. Bro. Richard and Sis. Mabel Banks are the prayerful grandparents.

Hospital patients have been Bro. Byron Rice (Sis. Sarah), Bro. Dan Sauder (Sis. Pam), Dan Tucker (Sis. Barb) and Sis. Matilda Schauwecker. May God's love bless each one in a very special way and may He bring health and healing according to His good will.

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To Your Reporter

## OHIO, RITTMAN

Stephanie Baltic — Diane Gasser

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord." Psalms 127:3. Four families in our congregation were blessed with new babies during the past month.

Born to Don and Sis. Carol Powell is a daughter, Rachel Marie. Stephen is glad for a little sister. Grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Eileen Emch and Mr. and Mrs. Don Powell.

Katrina Lynn is the name chosen for the new daughter of Bro. Dan and Sis. Betty Baltic. Her brothers and sisters are Sis. Stephanie, Denise, Milan, Tom, Dan, Matt, Aaron, Audrey, Elaine, Rachel, Emil and Steven. Grandparents are Bro. George and Sis. Minnie Riggenbach and Bro. Mitchell and Sis. Violet Baltic.

Bro. Rowan and Sis. Judy Schar welcome Aaron Michael into their household. Aaron's brothers and sisters at home are Bro. Gary, Philip, Nathan, Natalie, Gretchen, Anna and Ethan. Grandparents are Glenn and Sis. Ella Miller and John and Marie Schar.

Jenny Leigh is the new daughter of Ken and Carol Rupp. Megan and Amanda are happy for a new little sister. Grandparents are Bro. Henry and Sis. Martha Dotterer and Ken and Sis. Lillian Rupp.

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people."

St. Matthew 4:23

Even though we do not see Jesus in our midst healing those in need as in days long ago, we are thankful that many still experience His healing touch. Bro. Dwight Steiner (Bro. Dave and Sis. Carole) recently had surgery. May he experience this healing touch of our Lord.

This is the week that the general conference is to be held here at our Rittman church. May it be everyone's prayer that we can again experience a blessed time together. May God direct and bless all that will take place and may we feel the love and unity of all.

## UNITY

Thus united and in concord  
Let us walk the path of life;



Hand in hand,  
O may love bind us  
For each other's welfare strive.  
Zion's Harp #237

**OHIO, SARDIS**  
**Linda Indermuhle**

Special thanks go to Elder Bro. Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH), Bros. Earl Gerber (Forrest, IL) and Art Metz (Silverton, OR) who visited our congregation and faithfully ministered God's precious Word to us this past month.

George Figel was suddenly called into eternity July 20. All of us at Sardis remember the many hours George helped us when building our church and how he looked forward to helping us build a utility building. We will miss his presence. George was a brother of the late John Figel.

**OHIO, SMITHVILLE**  
**Kim Stoller — Gwen Stoller**

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints and do minister."

Hebrews 6:10

We have been blessed to hear God's Word brought to us by many visiting ministers, as well as our own brothers. We thank Elder Bro. Eugene Pamer (Akron) and Bros. Eugene Fetter (Toledo), Fred Domka (Mansfield), Arnold Gerst (Taylor, MO), Robert Miller (Portland, OR), Jim Hoerr (Peoria, IL), Tom Leman (Denver, CO), Al Schneider (Rockville, CT) and Paul Gasser (Akron). Many of them have come to attend the general conference.

Bro. Dean Maibach (Bro. Alpha and Sis. Helen) and Sis. Bonnie Reutter (Bro. Alden and Marion, Rockville, CT) became one in the Lord July 24. We welcome Sis. Bonnie to our Smithville congregation. May the Lord bless their marriage.

"Haste and seek your soul's salvation; Heed the word of God today!"  
Repent Ye, Zion's Harp #52

Lyle Rufener (Bro. Joe and Sis. Lilas) has turned to God in repentance. May he find that perfect peace.

August 6 and 7 we listened to the testimonies and witnessed the baptisms of our new Sisters Polly Uhler

(Dale and Sis. Marilyn) and Diane Jarrett (Mike), and Bro. Marvin Zolinger (Bro. John and Sis. Marge).

Sis. Bertha Gasser (Bro. Arthur) and Sis. Martha Lou Marty (Bro. Dean) have been hospitalized. We thank God for the blessing of restored health.

**OREGON, PORTLAND**

**Jane Rocke — Brenda Knobloch**

The efforts of the brethren, combined with the long days of sunshine, have brought forth the completion of the siding project. When one of my co-workers asked what I was doing one Saturday, I replied that I was going to help put new siding on the church. He then asked if the inside needed improvements, too. My thoughts went beyond the physical structure to each of us as individuals who make up the "inside" of the church. How needful it is for the maintenance of the true faith that each of us asks ourselves, "Lord, what improvements do I need to make?"

We are thankful to God for allowing Bro. Jim Hoerr (Peoria, IL) to be with us the first week of August. We appreciate his willingness to labor in love on our behalf, first in ministering God's Word and then by landscaping Restless Surf, the church cabin along the Oregon coast. Being able to work together in the beauty of God's handiwork was a blessing to those involved and we trust an honor to God. We invite all to "take time to smell the flowers," visit us in Oregon, and stay at Restless Surf. Call Sis. Pearl Miller for reservations, (503) 771-7834.

**PENNSYLVANIA,  
PHILADELPHIA**  
**Jerry Isch**

Our hearts rejoice with Bro. John and Sis. Kay Lanz as they were given a beautiful new daughter, Breanna Kay. Breanna has two brothers, Tyler and Travis, and one sister, Emily.

The visiting brethren who served us in the ministry this month were Elder Bro. Corbin Bahler and Bro. Lee Bahler (Rockville, CT) and Bro. Pete Baltic (Mansfield, OH). May the Lord be their greatest rewarder.

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## SILVER THREADS

### THE BEAUTIFUL ATTITUDES OF A RADIANT SINGLE LIFE

Blessed is the single person who turns not down Jesus as his friend and Saviour in preference of an earthly companion who is not a saint but an hireling.

Blessed is the single person who is so satisfied with Jesus that he would not complain if God would not lead him or her to an earthly marriage union!

Blessed is the single person who treasures the joy that God does not turn down any friend, as earthly persons sometimes do in courtship, because of unwanted physical traits, but knows that He accepts each one (just as he is, physically) to be part of Christ's bride, for truly He made each one very good!

Blessed is the single person who radiates the Christ-life in his every action, showing to all that the divine Christ is his perfect example and companion!

Blessed is the single person who wastes not his life in complaining and leaving the Lord's work undone because he is not married!

Blessed is the single person who not only proves by a smile that he is not envious of those married, but also shares his efforts to make their burdens lighter by helping them in physical labor!

Blessed is the person who finds fulfillment in being a spiritual parent and bearing spiritual children from a burdened heart for souls in a decaying world needing spiritual life, good influence, and the dear Saviour, too!

Last and best of all—Blessed are the married folk who teach these beautiful attitudes of radiant single life to their children.

—J. E. M.

### THE PARADOX OF THE INCARNATION

Do you like riddles? Do you remember Samson's riddle? It was "Out of the



eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness." How can meat come out of the eater? How can sweetness come out of the strong? These were the clues to Samson's riddle, and both clues are paradoxical. What was the answer to Samson's riddle?

Samson found honey (the meat) in the carcass of the lion (the eater), which he had previously killed. Those who were to give the answer threatened Samson's wife in order to find the answer. When they were able to give the answer to Samson, he said, "If you had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have known my riddle."

Hopefully you will not need Samson's wife (or "heifer," as he called his new bride) to explain the paradoxes that we are going to meditate upon in this article. But let's make sure my reader has a clear definition of our terms. A PARADOX is a figure of speech. It is a statement which seems like an apparent contradiction, but is, in fact, a truth. THE INCARNATION is what theologians call the event which took place when God became a man on earth in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus' birth presents many beautiful paradoxes for our consideration and meditation. Consider . . .

FIRST — He who was owner of all things was now a Peasant. "He who was rich for our sakes became poor that we might through His poverty be rich." (II Corinthians 8:9).

SECOND — He who owned the cattle on a thousand hills must lay in a cattle stall instead of an ivory palace. (Psalm 50:10).

THIRD — He that owned the earth and the fullness thereof could find no room in the inn. The foxes had holes and the birds had nests, but He had no where to lay His head. He taught from a borrowed boat, and rode on a borrowed ass. He dined at Passover in a borrowed room. He was buried in a borrowed grave. (Psalm 24:1).

FOURTH — He who was born to be a King was born of parents on their way to pay tribute to Caesar. (Luke 2:1-6).

FIFTH — He who was to be the Prince of Peace caused the slaughter of many innocent children in Ramah. (Matthew 2:18).

SIXTH — The "all-wise God" would now grow in "wisdom." (Luke 2:52).

SEVENTH — The "omnipresent God" would now dwell in a fleshly tabernacle. (John 1:14).

EIGHTH — He whom the Heavens could not contain would dwell bodily in all His fullness. (I Kings 8:27; Colossians 2:9).

NINTH — "The almighty God" now lay in a manger of hay, a helpless suckling, an infant. (Isaiah 9:6).

TENTH — The Creator was now a creature. (John 1:3).

ELEVENTH — "The Word" was now a speechless baby. (John 1:1)

TWELFTH — The "Holy One" was made in the likeness of sinful flesh. (Romans 8:3).

THIRTEENTH — The God who could not be tempted is now to be tempted in all points like we are. (James 1:13; Hebrews 4:15).

FOURTEENTH — He who was from Eternity would now inhabit time. (John 8:58; Colossians 1:17).

FIFTEENTH — He who was before Abraham is now born a child of Abraham. (John 8:58).

SIXTEENTH — He who was worshipped by angels was made a little lower than the angels. (Hebrews 2:7-9).

SEVENTEENTH — He who would have men obey His will must pray, "Not My will but Thine be done." (Matthew 26:39).

EIGHTEENTH — He who knew the end from the beginning would ask questions of the doctors of law. (Luke 2:46).

NINETEENTH — He who upheld all things by the Word of His power must learn obedience by the things that He suffered. (Hebrews 1:3; 5:8).

TWENTIETH — He who was equal with God would be a willing and humble Servant. (Philippians 2:6-8).

TWENTY-FIRST — He who was invisible would now be seen. (I Timothy 6:16).

TWENTY-SECOND — He who dwelt in a light no man could approach would shine into a darkness that would not receive Him. (I Timothy 6:16; John 1:19).

TWENTY-THIRD — He who called Himself the Man of War is now "dumb" before His enemies. (Exodus 15:3; Isaiah 53:9).

TWENTY-FOURTH — He who gave the law was now born of a woman, under the law. (Galatians 4:6).

TWENTY-FIFTH — The Source of all life would now be subject unto death. (Job 33:4).

TWENTY-SIXTH — He who could not be known by searching would now reveal Himself. (Job 11:7-9; John 1:18).

TWENTY-SEVENTH — He who

was the Bread of Life would be hungry. (Matthew 4:2).

TWENTY-EIGHTH — He who was the Water of Life would die thirsting. (John 19:28).

TWENTY-NINTH — He who is our Rest would grow weary. (Isaiah 40:28; John 4:6).

THIRTIETH — The Good Shepherd would be led as a lamb to the slaughter. (Isaiah 53:9; Psalm 23).

THIRTY-FIRST — The Light of the World would die while darkness enveloped the earth. (Matthew 26:45).

THIRTY-SECOND — The Righteous Judge would be unfairly judged. (II Timothy 4:8; Luke 25:22-24).

THIRTY-THIRD — The Precious Cornerstone became a stone of stumbling. (I Peter 2:8; I Samuel 28:16).

THIRTY-FOURTH — David's Lord would now be David's Son. (Luke 22:45).

THIRTY-FIFTH — He who was born to be a blessing would become accursed for us. "For cursed is He who hangs upon a tree." (Galatians 3:13).

THIRTY-SIXTH — He who could not be seen for His glory was made a gazing stock in His shame. (Matthew 27:36).

THIRTY-SEVENTH — He who was to proclaim liberty to the captives was bound. (Matthew 27:2).

THIRTY-EIGHTH — He who was to take away the curse of thorns wore them as a mock crown. (Matthew 27:29).

THIRTY-NINTH — He who was meant to bring life died. (Matthew 27:50).

#### Conclusion:

The greatest of all paradoxes is that by condescending, as we see Jesus do in these paradoxes, He was glorified. It is by humbling oneself that one is exalted. Before honor comes humility. He that is debased is exalted. In Christ's condescension and obedience to the cross, He not only saved us, but was exalted and given a name above every name. (Philippians 2:9).

Oh, reader friend, how I wish that you would lose your life for His sake, for then you would find it. (Matthew 10:39). Jim Elliot, who gave his life trying to tell the Auca Indians of Christ says it well. He said, "A man is no fool to give what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose." To be wise, one must be a fool for Christ's sake. To be rich, one must be poor in spirit. To be



comforted, you must mourn. To be filled, you must hunger after righteousness. To inherit the earth, you must be meek. To gain the world, you must leave the world. Reader friend, to follow the "Great Paradox," you yourself must be a paradox.

By George L. Faulk

#### WHAT IS CHARITY?

It is Silence — when your words would hurt.

It is Patience — when your neighbor is curt.

It is Deafness — when a scandal flows.

It is Thoughtfulness — for others' woes.

It is Promptness — when duty calls.

It is Courage — when misfortune falls.

#### HOW GREAT THE YIELD FROM A FERTILE FIELD

The farmer plows through the fields of green

And the blade of the plow is sharp and keen,

But the seed must be sown to bring forth gain,

For nothing is born without suffering pain —

And God never plows in the soul of man  
Without intention and purpose and plan,

So whenever you feel the plow's sharp blade

Let not your heart be sorely afraid

For, like the farmer, God chooses a field

From which He expects an excellent yield —

So rejoice though your heart is broken in two,

God seeks to bring forth a rich harvest in you.

Helen Steiner Rice

Submitted by Morris, MN

#### MONEY WILL BUY:

A bed but not sleep,

Books but not brains,

Food but not appetite,

Finery but not beauty,

A house but not a home,

Medicine but not health,

Luxuries but not culture,

Amusement but not happiness,

A crucifix but not a Savior.

#### IS IT RIGHT OR WRONG?

Can you do it for the Glory of God?

I Corinthians 10:31, I Corinthians 6:19, 20

Is it a stumbling block to others?

I Corinthians 8:9; Romans 14:13-21

Does it have the appearance of evil?

I Thessalonians 5:22

Is it a weight?

Hebrews 12:1

Can you do it in the Name of the Lord Jesus?

Colossians 3:17

Does it quench the Holy Spirit in you?

I Corinthians 6:19, 20

When Jesus comes again — would you like to be found doing it?

I John 2:28; I John 3:2

#### Sermon . . .

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strengthened in Him as we set aside our own desires and our own cares.

"Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof." Psalm 65:10. Many of us perhaps are familiar with how the ground must be worked in preparation for planting. We see the detail that the Word goes into.

If the soft rain rakes down the hard soil to make it soft so the corn can grow, how much more does He care for each one of us, that He would even crown our years with His goodness? (See Psalm 65:11).

We think of the pillars of faith we look to, and we consider the crowning of their years with goodness. Yes, He giveth life, and He giveth it more abundantly. (See John 10:10). What a small price to pay to give up our own will and seek His.

"The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing." Psalm 65:13. When we see tender plants spring forth and know that the angels in heaven rejoice over one lost sinner that repenteth, doesn't it cause us to rejoice in heart and to draw close together, knowing that He is Lord?

It is His Spirit and His power which draws us to Him. He draws our hearts away from the world and quiets the noise of the waves and the tumult of the people.

"All that ever came before me are

thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." John 10:8, 9. What is the pasture that we find in Him? We know His blood was shed for all men, that all men might take advantage of it, that their sins could be forgiven. The sacrifice and the shedding of blood had to be made, and that was made for all men.

Yet what does it mean to find pasture? How is it that we can go in and out? I believe the "pasture" is His very Spirit. Isn't that the difference that we find? If He comes into our hearts with His Spirit and takes over our minds and our thoughts, we can be converted. If our hope lies in Him, can't we find pasture in His Spirit?

His blood was shed for all men, but His Spirit is given to those who humble themselves and come with a humble heart and a contrite spirit. We read the promise that to those who would come in such a manner, he would in no wise cast them out. (See John 6:37).

Yes, He is the Good Shepherd, and He knows His sheep well. (See John 14). He knoweth our down sitting and our uprising. He knoweth our thoughts from afar. (See Psalm 139:2).

His thoughts are far above us, and we can comprehend only in part. But, He tells us that one day that which is even now in part will be done away with, and we will be able to see Him as He is. (See I Corinthians 13:10, 12). That is how He sees us, and then we will be able to understand.

Now He calls us by name and He calls us to come and believe. He calls that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. (See John 10:10). He calls that we might be true and faithful: that we might strive onward and forward and that in serving Him, works would come forth.

Then those around about us can see that we are not of the world, and that we are a peculiar people. As we look at ourselves in the light of His Word, let us see if we appear to be as the world.

Or if someone sees us from a distance, would they ask us about the Lord? How often do we hear of those who come and ask?

The Word tells us, to those who ask, it shall be given. (See Matthew 7:7).

So, let us then appreciate His gift of eternal life. He does not desire that any of us would fail, but that each would receive that crown of victory.



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## SERMON BY BRO. DAN STOLLER OF ROCKVILLE, CT

### "The Infinite Power and Goodness of God" Psalm 65 and John 10

These words which we have read are very familiar and they are words which comfort our hearts. We know that we experience many of these things day to day.

He is the Shepherd and the Door whereby we must enter. We know and believe that He stands there to protect us from the thief and the robber. He is the Protector who keeps us from the one who would take from us the gift of peace, forgiveness and hope. Doesn't He often call us by name, just as we have read?

Let's consider this Word. Christ was even asked, "Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly." John 10:24. Then after that we read that Jesus said, "I told you, and ye believed not..." John 10:25. After the Jews asked Him to tell them plainly, they "took up stones again to stone him." John 10:31. They asked, He told them, and then they sought to stone Him. Then He went on further to explain the gift of eternal life and His relationship with the Father.

Finally, the Lord said to them, "If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him." John 10:37, 38. How would it be if those around us could only know of the living God and the way of salvation by our works and our faith?

We are taught of the candle which gives light to those who sit in darkness. How quiet that candle is, but how bright and clear the light is to those who are in darkness. But what if we consider our own lives? Are there those who only come in contact with the Word of God by observing us?

The Lord said, "... though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may

know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him." John 10:38.

Yes, we often fail, but shouldn't we take hold of this Word? It teaches us to bring forth good works. We know that it is not by works which we will be saved. We must be saved by our faith. We must believe.

Unbelievers can observe believers, even while realizing that the believers are flesh and blood. But, the Word of God goes out to all men, even as we read, "... unto thee shall all flesh come." Psalm 65:2.

We often hear that all men will repent, but woe unto those who wait. Every knee will bow before our Lord. So, the call goes out from the Lord. He is yet calling to come and take advantage of a merciful judgment. For the judgment one day will be of righteousness. One day the judgment will be according to the works which we have done, how we have lived, and how we have devoted our time.

"Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee..." Psalm 64:4. Haven't we all gathered here because of the Lord and His calling us together?

He has caused us to approach Him and His Holy Word, "... that he may dwell in thy courts," the mansions which are prepared above, the mansions which He seeks to fill, "... we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple. By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea: Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power." Psalm 65:4, 5, 6.

So, as we find ourselves in our little corner of life, whether we're tossed about upon the seas, or near His holy temple, surely He is the confidence of

us all. In Him we find strength. It's awesome to think of the strength and the power that even "setteth fast the mountains..." Psalm 65:6.

But, one day these things will be shaken, and there will be a great shaking. Those who remain fast and endure will inherit His kingdom. That is why He calls us to approach His Word. He calls us that He might still "the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people." Psalm 65:7.

He calls us to come out from among them and be a separate people, that the tumult of the people and the noise could be stilled. The waves which rise up from time to time around us can be quieted, and then we can have our trust and confidence in Him.

"Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice." Psalm 65:8. Isn't that what He gives each of us who seeks out His will and not our own? Often when we seek our own will, we find we come up short, and we cannot fully rejoice. But, if we sought with all our heart to do His will, have we ever found that our morning and evening weren't full of rejoicing?

It is such a precious thing. The rejoicing that we find in Him goes beyond the pains of the body and the trials of life. Even in the conflicts in which we find ourselves engaged and embattled, we can find that there is a quietness, a blessed quietness, as one hymn calls it, and a peace of heart.

The Word said, "Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God." Psalm 65:9. We know that the rain falls upon the earth, waters it and it brings forth fruit.

So, in like manner, does His Spirit fall upon the sons of men, that even out of the believers can flow rivers of living water. (See John 7:38). We can be

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