



"But godliness with contentment is great gain."

I Timothy 6:6

"... whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he."  
Proverbs 16:20

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# HAPPINESS AND CONTENTMENT



**MOTHERS — A GIFT FROM GOD  
WE LOVE YOU ALWAYS!**

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## SPEAKING OF MOTHERS

Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle, Shioda, Japan

My mother once said to me, "The older I get the more I see that life is just about what you make it." What do you think she meant by that? The Lord Jesus Christ said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 14:33. It may be that my mother meant you to have a choice of being of good cheer even though things aren't the way you want them to be -- or you can be upset and complain.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother; blessings on her memory." I once quoted the first part of that statement on a card to my mother and she responded, "I'm not worthy of that." Mothers sometimes don't realize their worth to their own families, to the kingdom of God (if they are believers) and to society. Perhaps the rest of us should do more to let them know of their great worth.

Someone has said, "Father works from morn til sundown, but Mother's work is never done." Children take as much time as you will give them. Mothers have many pressures. The rest of us should try to help carry that load.

Everyone wants to be respected. I've been told that you must earn respect, yet some people who earn it do not receive it. Let's show respect to mothers by following Proverbs 31:28, "Her children rise up and call her blessed: her husband also, and he praiseth her."

## NOTICE

Central Illinois bus trip to the Gateway Children's Home Auction and Sale on August 10.

Noah and Evie Herrmann are chartering a bus from Central Illinois for the Children's Home Auction and Sale Saturday, August 10.

The bus will leave Peoria Apostolic Christian fellowship hall Friday, August 9, at approximately 12:30 p.m. and make passenger pick-ups along Route 24 with overnight stay in Fort Wayne at a motel.

The bus will return Saturday, August 10, leaving the Children's Home at 4:00 p.m. The first forty-six reservations will be honored. The cost of the bus trip is \$40 per person.

Contact Noah Herrmann, 804 James Street, Princeville, IL 61559, phone: 309-385-4872.

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Thank you for your continued support.

Bro. David Bertsch

## PLEASE PRAY ABOUT THIS SINGLE SISTER AND HOUSEPARENT COUPLE NEEDED AT GATEWAY WOODS

Houseparents are the very core of our program for the troubled children. Without these committed workers we really have no program and our children have no one to be their mother and father figures. A single sister is needed for the team in our All-Girls East House while an opening for a married couple is in the New House. We are trusting that mature individuals will respond to our urgent need and to the Lord's leading to be parents to teens who need Godly love and guidance. The work is challenging, rewarding and inspiring.

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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).

## MODERATION

It is important that children of God both understand and apply the biblical concept of moderation. "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand." (Phil. 4:5). Moderation is defined scripturally as an attitude of gentleness, forbearance and fairness which will be manifested in reasonable behavior. Modern society defines moderation as simply taking a position on any matter which is someplace between the extremes. Obedience to the Word requires complete avoidance of some activities and wholehearted support of others. The carefully considered guidelines given by the church are to help brethren find a reasonable position on matters which are not specifically addressed in the Word. This will help to maintain peace and harmony within the brotherhood which is a vital scriptural principle (Rom. 14:19; 2 Cor. 13:11).

Consistency is a very important part of moderation. In many areas of our daily lives we may do as we should for a period of time, but lacking self-control we may slide back into the habit of doing something too much, too often, or not at all. We should follow the scripturally defined moderate pathway in our work, appearance, diet, rest, exercise, speech and attitude.

We should work hard but not so hard that we ruin our health or neglect our families. The Bible teaches, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (1 Tim. 5:8). However, in the same letter it is written, "And having food and raiment let us be therewith content" (1 Tim. 6:8). Therefore, each should do his best to see that his family has a reasonable measure of life's necessities. However, it is not of God to be driven to accumulate a great abundance of material possessions.

Moderation also applies to the outward appearance of believers.

Peter writes concerning wives, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel" (1 Pet. 3:3). It is generally agreed that we should be neat and clean, and portray an appearance which blends in harmony with our brotherhood's standards, rather than following fads and fashions of our worldly society. To be well mannered, loving, and genuinely friendly dispenses with the need for all the camouflage and concern about worldly beauty (glamour). "Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised" (Prov. 31:30). Sisters who follow the biblical guidelines radiate a natural beauty and serenity which the world cannot duplicate: "The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price" (1 Pet. 3:4).

Hair style is an important part of our appearance. For sisters to have their hair long and gathered together in an appropriate manner is considered to be moderate in our brotherhood (1 Cor. 11:15). The same is true regarding brothers wearing their hair short and neatly trimmed (1 Cor. 11:14).

Eating moderately is important. There is a tendency to eat too much and then too little. This is not healthy for the body which is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19). Moderation includes a sincere life-long effort to eat the proper kinds and amount of food.

There is also a danger of pushing oneself too hard and failing to get adequate rest. Stress that is not properly managed can be very damaging. We can accomplish more in the long run if we discipline ourselves and take time for rest. This includes appropriate time for sleep as well as time away from the heavy demands of our routines. Jesus often went to a quiet mountainside or garden to

pray. Wholesome relaxation can help restore body and mind for more effective service. On the other hand, it is not becoming for a child of God to become slothful. Following adequate rest we should be thankful to get up each morning; we should pray, and enter heartily into the work of the day (Col. 3:23).

The Apostle Paul wrote, "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (1 Tim. 4:8). The above verse teaches us that bodily exercise profiteth little spiritually compared with godliness, which gives promise of eternal life. This does not deny the fact that exercise (in moderation) can be beneficial. Although it is only a temporary vessel for God's spirit, regular, consistent, exercise such as walking is good for the physical body. Many people have bursts of too much exercise in their work or other activities followed by little if any exercise for a period of time. A consistent pattern should be followed.

Speech is another area in which we should practice moderation. It's good to be a fluent conversationalist but there should be a proper balance between talking and listening. "Wherefore my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath" (Jam. 1:19).

Moderation or reasonableness in our attitude prevents division. Maintaining an inflexible attitude on issues which are not clearly taught in the New Testament or by the church can be disastrous. We are taught in Ephesians 5:21: "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." We need to recognize that our brothers and sisters also have the Holy Spirit and we are to learn together what God has to teach us.

Moderation with consistency is one of the hallmarks of a true believer, who seeks to pattern his life after the example of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

As the songwriter penned, "When we all get to Heaven what a day of rejoicing that will be." "We shall be like Him." (I John 3:2) "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His Glorious Body." (Philippians 3:21) "We shall see Him as He is." (I John 3:2) Our longing will be filled.

But, while we dwell on earth we have a duty. We serve in obedience. We serve Him. We serve each other. We serve others. The Lord has provided 160 some persons to have the privilege of working with about 128 persons with various disabilities in 5 separate facilities in the town of Morton.

It is inspiring to see the Lord's hand at the Home and to ponder upon His promises for all who are His. Think about 100 persons with various handicaps, both mental and physical, living together under one roof. "They" said it wouldn't work. He has worked it out! We thank and praise the Lord for the great family of staff and residents who experience life together. We appreciate the dedicated volunteers who ease the work load and bring the joy of new faces and experiences to us all.

Some news briefs include: Three residents moving from ACHH to Lakeside Terrace, Sabetha, KS. Special Olympics Track and Field

practice full speed ahead for 46 residents. Gymnastics District Tournament held April 13.

Summer Camp plans are in the making. Awaiting in the garage are the many bicycles ready to be ridden as summer approaches.

Soon we will be swimming outdoors in the Morton Park pool opposed to the Eureka College pool which we use during the winter months.

Birthdays at ACHH for May include: Judy McRoy (2), Sam Grimm (2), Melinda Crouch (3), Terry Stoller (6), Anna Stichling (13), Steve Slagel (13), Ray Virkler (17), Ruth Klopfenstein (19) and Marlene Moser (22). At Oakwood Estate Herbert Stieglitz will have his birthday on the 11. Jackie Barton who now lives at 540 N. Main will celebrate her birthday on the 26th of May.

### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL OF ATHENS, AL

May, here at the Preschool, is an exciting time. The children are coming to the end of another year and the excitement of graduation is mounting. Every year there is a graduation ceremony and all of the students participate. Each child wears a gown and receives a diploma and each of the graduating class (the children who will be going on to kindergarten) wear a graduation cap. Many parents, grandpar-

ents, brothers, sisters and friends will attend. This is an excellent time for the love of God to be spread through the students to people who might not ever hear the Gospel. Our graduation this year will be Friday, May 31 and then we will begin our summer program Monday, June 3.

Many of our students will remain at the Preschool throughout the summer and we also then take the school-age children up to the age of ten. This, along with summer vacations for the staff, leaves us very short handed. Anyone who would be interested in coming to Athens to give of their time and talents is encouraged to call or write as soon as possible so we can set up our summer schedule. Please contact Sis. Joan Meister at 205-233-0591. The address to write to is Route 11, Box 333, Athens, AL 35611. Lodging is available and any amount of time you could give would be appreciated.

As we work with these children each and every day, it is hard to always realize the importance of doing God's work no matter what it is. No task is too small that God's love cannot be shown in what we

## FEMALE COUNSELOR NEEDED SOON AT GATEWAY WOODS

Over the next few months we hope to hire a sister to provide counseling to children and families and consultation to staff at Gateway Woods. Our present counselor, Judy Stoller, will be focusing her energies on our expanded Foster Care Program beginning this summer.

Qualifications include a Bachelors Degree in Social Work, Psychology or Counseling (experience or Master Degree preferred). We offer competitive salaries, benefits, and excellent training and continuing education opportunities. For further information and job description please contact one of the brothers listed below.

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## GATEWAY WOODS

*Apostolic Christian Children's Home*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

1991  
CHILDREN'S HOME  
AUCTION AND SALE

SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 10, 1991

Plans have already begun for our annual Sale on August 10, 1991. If you have items to donate or would like to volunteer your time at the Sale, please contact your local representative for information [or you may call us directly at (219)627-2159].

are doing. We would like to ask each of you who reads this to remember us in prayer and each of the families who are involved in our Preschool.

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**GATEWAY WOODS**  
**Apostolic Christian**  
**Children's Home**  
**Ruth Gramm**

This has been a busy month at Gateway Woods. On March 31, most

of the staff and our youth were thrilled to be present at the wedding of former houseparent, Sis. Carol Kieser and Bro. Todd Schrock. We appreciated the love and kindness shown to us and the youth by the Bradford and Princeville, IL, congregations.

The following week was spring break from school and nearly all the children had the opportunity to be invited to spend at least part of the

week away from the campus. Some went on home visits. We thank everyone who so willingly opened their hearts and homes to our youth.

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**BIBLE DISTRIBUTION**

In a letter from Nigeria, a country from which we receive many requests for Bibles, they wrote:

"Brethren, Nigeria is the most populous country in Africa with about 250 million people. Of these, about 150 million are Muslims. They have many gods. They worship gods made of stone, wood, and also cows and the sun. They sacrifice goats, hens, and pigs to their gods. We are born again, Bible-believing Christians. We have the burden to reach out to the lost and bring them to our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Kindly help us with 100 copies of Bibles, 100 copies of hymn books and other materials you may have in stock."

From a thank you letter from Cote D'Ivoire, West Africa we heard:

"Just a few words to let you know that we love and appreciate you precious people. I thank God for the faithful few who still take a stand for the Word of God rightly divided. Your donated books have come to hand and they have released much strength and encouragement to us.

"My gladness caused me to shout, 'Thank God,' when I saw your parcel in the post office. The Postmaster looked speechlessly at me and I commented that that was the most important mail I had received from that post office. When I came home, we prayed and opened it, and in fact, that was the requested books. No amount of words in this letter can sufficiently explain how we admired and appreciated your parcel. We are thankful to God for His blessing upon this ministry and also thankful to you for the ministry which you have manifested in writing, mailing, praying and supporting the work.

Our heart's desire is that God will keep and preserve us blameless till He calls us home. May the Almighty God continue to prosper His work in your hands."

Sincerely yours,  
 Rev. Paul K. Awortive

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 Sixth Year -- August 1988 thru July 1989 -- 25,509  
 Seventh Year -- August 1989 thru July 1990 -- 25,501

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	MONTH	TO DATE
August 1990 —	3024	3024
September 1990 —	1270	4294
October 1990 —	2847	7141*
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December 1990 —	3319	13,615*
January 1991 —	3751	17,366*
February 1991 —	2086	19,452
March 1991 —	2297	21,749
April 1991 —	3005	24,754

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 770 Romanian Bibles and Testaments, 2nd shipment  
 234 Romanian Bibles and testaments, 3rd shipment

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The staff took the opportunity, while the children were on spring break, to have a staff training and retreat session at Pokagon State Park. We were encouraged and refreshed by our speakers and the fellowship with each other.

April 13 was dentist day. The youth and staff's teeth are kept healthy and in excellent repair by our faithful Bros. Alan Stoller and Eric Zeller, who have donated their time and talent for the past 13 years.

Our Annual Gateway Woods Representative Meeting was also held April 13. We were pleased to have representatives and their wives from 23 of our churches present. It was a touching and inspiring day during which representatives heard a variety of topics including Foster Care, Transitional Living Program (TLP), our All-Girls House staffed by single sisters, Role of Alternate Houseparents, Role of local church representatives and past, present and future goals. The Representatives were also sensitized to the staff openings which exist at this time. We really appreciated the representatives who took the time to come and learn more of what the Home is all about and the ways in which their individual congregations can be involved in Gateway Woods.

On April 14, we said goodbye to Missy D. from the New House who has returned home to live with her parents. Our prayers will continue for her and her family as they meet the challenges of life.

Doug and Seth Sauder from Fort Lauderdale, FL, have been hired as Volunteer Coordinators for the summer. We are looking forward to their energy and enthusiasm on campus.

We have several exciting events coming up. We solicit your prayers and help. Pray for energy, strength and wisdom for the staff as we continue to work short staffed.

May 18: Garage Sale & Car Wash. All proceeds go to summer vacations for individual houses.

August 10 - Annual Auction: Planning has already begun. See your local church Gateway Woods Representative for details on donating items and or volunteering.

Special Needs: 1) Prayer - For

staff and kids; 2) Single Sister Houseparent (Is God calling you?) to replace John and Patsy Stoller)

We must realize most of our youth have never known the love and discipline of a Christian home that so many of us accept and take for granted. These children are here because of sin, not their own, but their parents' sin. The battle is really against the evil spiritual forces. Pray for us and for our children. Pray that God would put a hedge around them and that the evil forces will be bound. If you are too busy to pray, you are too busy.

### ARE YOU LISTENING?

When you listen, what do you hear?  
The words that reach the inner ear?  
Or do the words reach the depth of  
your heart

Pleading with you to become a part,  
Of my life that's bruised, neglected  
and torn

Since the very day that I was born.

Are you listening to what I say?  
Can you hear why I disobey?  
Nobody really cares if I live or die.  
Don't you hear me when I cry?  
I disobeyed so you could see  
The frightened kid inside of me.

I'm no good and ugly, don't hear?  
My own mother never called me  
Dear  
Or cuddled me close in her rocking  
chair:

Nor kissed my cheek or stroked my  
hair.

I lie and steal, cheat and fight  
So other kids will see my might.

When you listen, do you hear  
How my heart and soul are filled  
with fear  
How I really want to feel the love  
You tell me God gives from above.  
I don't want your help, but what can  
I do

Except learn of Jesus by looking at  
you.

written by Ruth Gramm,  
Alternate Houseparent

ALABAMA, ATHENS  
Pamela Moore

It is with great joy, as even the  
angels in heaven are rejoicing, for

the three souls that are repenting in Athens. Joel Schrenk (Bro. Tom and Sis. Joan), Tim Hall (Bro. J. R. and Sis. Louise) and David Nafin (Pela Nafin) have made the decision to leave their old lives behind and live for Christ. This morning in Sunday school, we heard so much about heaven, and now these three souls have that precious prize to look forward to and strive for. Please pray for these souls, and for the awakening of many more.

We were able to share a most sober, spiritual evening with the Lord, as we came together for holy communion Saturday evening, April 19. We thank Elder Bro. David Bertsch (Leo, IN), for bringing his wife and some of his family to partake of holy communion with us. The feeling of total peace as we remember our Lord's suffering on the cross, and the shedding of His blood, could only compare with the feeling we will have when we reach the long-awaited heavenly home.

We were saddened by the death of Bro. Albert Martin (Beverly Martin), as he went to his final resting place April 17. Although he resided in Rochester, IN, Bro. Martin repented and was baptized in Athens, and attended church there for many years. Funeral services were held in the Athens Apostolic Christian Church Saturday, April 19. Please pray for Bro. Martin's family that remain.

We have had many hospitalized in the past month; Granny (Izora) Cooley, Sis. Ola Mae Barnes, Debbie Barrett and Chase Haggemaker (O. C. and Amanda). We were thankful when Granny Cooley and Debbie Barrett could once again attend church with us. Because of so many prayers, Baby Chase is back home after having surgery, and is getting stronger and healthier with each day. Please pray that they can all continue to maintain good health.

We appreciate so many visitors in the past month. I'm sure that I will not remember to list everyone, however, I will do the best I can to list those who came. We had visitors from Goodfield, Cissna Park and Peoria, IL, Rockville, CT, and Bluffton, IN. Thanks to all who took the time to share in fellowship with us, and we invite anyone who wishes

to attend. Come and join us in Athens!

Easter Sunday was so very special, as the children took us out to remember the cross and its significance to us today, during their Easter program. How often we need to go to the cross and remember what Christ has done for us, not just at Easter, but every day!

The sunshine is so beautiful, I appreciate it so much. During the winter, it seems like hardly a day goes by without rain. Twice we've had severe flash flooding this winter. But, just as coming through a severe trial causes us to be so much closer to God, and so much more appreciative of His blessings, so does the sunshine after the rain. Each and every day, even hour, of sunshine I appreciate.

#### ARIZONA, PHOENIX Ron and Ev Hoerr

Our Sunday school children and teachers presented us with a beautiful, spiritual Easter program March 24. Grades 2 - 7 sang "Blessed Is He." Other songs we heard were "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "Christ Arose." Everyone appreciated all the effort put into this beautiful program. We gathered for Good Friday services and Easter Day services as well.

The weekend of March 16-18, a large group went to Juarez, Mexico, with Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach for the dedication of the community building.

On March 19, Bro. Jacob and Sis. Wanda Sue Hoerr became the parents of Anneliese Sue. Franz enjoys helping care for his baby sister. Grandparents are Bro. Eugene and Sis. Mildred Huber (Francesville, IN) and Bro. Ron and Sis. Evelyn Hoerr.

The solemnity of taking communion is a joy to behold for a Christian. To break the bread and sip from the cup as Jesus and His disciples did, is good cause for each of us to be the best we can be. We partook of the Lord's Supper April 7.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Walter Steffen (Milford, IN), Fred Domka (Mansfield, OH) and Ken Hoerr (Peoria, IL).

We all took a look back on our-

selves the 13th of April as we gathered to hear the testimonies of Ella Harmon, Brian Katich, Melvin and Bertha Miller. To hear three tell they wanted to be a child of God and one tell us he now has "not everything he wants but the One thing he needs" was a joy to hear.

Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach and deacon Jon Kokanovich baptized our new brothers and sisters-in-faith, Sunday, April 15.

A church fellowship dinner and singing was enjoyed by many on the afternoon of the baptisms.

We heard the happy announcement of Sis. Wendy Klopfenstein and Bro. Scott Baum's upcoming marriage. Their parents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Lou Ann Klopfenstein and Bro. Ken and Sis. Jody Baum. May our Lord be their guide as they make plans for their wedding.

Bro. Gordon and Sis. Emily Greenbank express heartfelt thanks to everyone for the gifts, cards, visits and phone calls to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Receiving peace as they journeyed the road to eternal life are Carol Doolittle, Verna Pueschel and Frances Martin.

Our need for prayers and time for praises to our Lord and Master are magnified when our dear readers join us in our requests and thank yous.

Let us pray Bob Rebbec will soon be able to bring Sis. Marjorie to church. How grateful to see Bro. Ervan and Sis. Ione Rokey, Sis. Dorothy Wenger and Bro. Earl and Sis. Emma Sanders. We still miss our "home bound" as well as Richard and Sis. Dorothy Kraft.

How thankful we are Bro. Tim Lawson's car accident injuries are confined to knee/leg. Morgan Langhofer's playground accident resulted in a broken arm. Sis. Alice Baumgartner and Sis. June Tooley are surgical hospital patients.

Our sympathy is extended to Ed Kilgus and family, as well as Jane's relatives, who so faithfully visit our church when in town, on Jane's death March 18. Like so many of us, Jane really put forth the effort to worship when she could. May you all find comfort in our heavenly Father and Psalm 23.

Another of God's gifts -- the birds singing and being seen, fills our days with joy.

#### ARIZONA, TUCSON

We are happy to report the engagement of Bro. Scott Baum to Sis. Wendy Klopfenstein (Phoenix). Bro. Scott has been with us since last fall and he and Sis. Wendy will make their home here. We wish them both an abundance of blessings as they begin to plan their future. We are thankful and excited that their immediate future will be here with us!

At about the same time as we heard the news of Bro. Scott and Sis. Wendy. We had to say goodbye to Bro. Ron Macklin and Bro. Vince Aeschliman as they left to go back home to Bluffton, IN. They spent the winter with us and we were so sorry to see them leave. Our good wishes go to both brothers, along with an invitation to come back anytime.

Our Bro. Maynard Beery was hospitalized last month, but is home now. He has not been able to gather with us recently. We miss his presence at church and pray for physical strength to return to him if the Lord so wills.

Bro. Loren Knapp recently returned from Juarez, Mexico, on a work trip with many others. We are thankful for his safe return. May the Lord bless Bro. Loren's efforts and all the efforts put forth at the Juarez project.

#### CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO Cindy Schmidt - LaNae Meyer

"And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing: and I will cause the shower to come down in his season, there shall be showers of blessing."

Ezekiel 34:26

We are thankful to God for the rain that has blessed California, after a 5-year drought. The showers of blessings have also been seen, as many of our troops sought the Lord during their term in the Middle East. Let us pray that they will

continue to commit their lives to God, as they return home.

The San Diego church had an eventful Easter. We had breakfast and sang praises to our risen Lord at Bro. Denes and Sis. Joy Fulops. Bro. Lenny Meyer (Chicago, IL) ministered the Word on Good Friday evening, as we remembered Christ's death and again on Sunday of His resurrection. We appreciated having Bro. Lenny and Sis. Charlotte visit us. The day ended with our monthly church dinner.

As we celebrate our risen Lord and are reminded of our hope for His return, so many around us are hurting, are suffering and are without a Saviour. The epidemic of AIDS has spread internationally and is defined as the breakdown of the immune system, or the body's ability to fight disease. Likewise, in a society where the elements of immorality and corruption go unchecked, the society will become overrun by the disease of immorality and corruption and eventually be destroyed.

Can we remember to pray for our country's revival and its return to God's Word, upon which our nation was founded? Indeed, let's pray for showers of blessings!

#### COLORADO, DENVER Marlene Leman

We rejoice with Bro. and Sis. Becky Carpenter on the return of their son, Rob, from the Persian Gulf. He spent ten months in the Mid-East war zone, so he and we all have much for which to thank God.

Ministering Bro. Dwight Stoller (Latty, OH) was in our area on business and spent Sunday with us. We could feel God's nearness and blessings. God bless you, Bro. Dwight, and come visit again.

Two babies have arrived in families of our congregation. Kaylynne Marie Hohulin is the new daughter of Bro. Doug and Sis. Sharolyn Hohulin. She was born March 22. Autumn is now a big sister. Bro. Arnold and Sis. Alice Metzger (West Bend, IA) and Bro. Mel and Sis. Shirley Hohulin (Roanoke, IL) are Kaylynne's grandparents.

Bro. Eric and Sis. Marcel Huber

are parents of a new son, born April 16. He has been named Tucker Dean. Tara and Austin are Tucker's sister and brother. Bro. Eli and Sis. Lois Meyer and Elder Bro. Sam and Sis. Jeanette Huber (all of Sabetha, KS) are the grandparents.

We welcome Chris Johnson to our congregation. Chris moved here from Florida where he had attended the Sarasota church and began his repentance. We hope he enjoys Colorado and pray that God will bless him here.

#### CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE Martha Luginbuhl

On March 25, the dear husband of Sis. Julie (Kupferschmid) Bourque died. Besides his wife, Ernie, 93, leaves a daughter, Ernestine Durrel; a son, Bryan; and six grandchildren. May the Lord comfort and sustain Sis. Julie who is presently living with her daughter.

Sis. Caroline (Fehr) Hartmann is now home from the hospital recovering from unforeseen complications as a result of cataract surgery. Sean Crohan, 21 months, son of Sis. Carole (Luginbuhl) and Bro. Dan, was also hospitalized. We are thankful that Sis. Bert (Schneider) Treub is now on the mend somewhat and able to live in her apartment at Longview Village after lengthy hospitalization and physical therapy. May moderate health soon again be the lot of those loved ones.

On April 13, Elder Bros. Art Bahler (Fairbury, IL) and Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI), along with our deacon Bro. Kevin Ryan, served the Lord's Supper commemorating His death and suffering in our behalf. It was thought-provoking when one of our elder brothers mentioned that there were some present that were partaking of holy communion for the first time and perhaps some for which it will be the last and we might well ask, "Is it me?" We are grateful that Elder Bros. Art and Aaron, along with their wives, were willing to come to help Bro. Kevin. It is our pleasure to extend an open invitation to visit again the not-too-distant future.

Our dear, retired Elder Bro. John Bahler is presently hospitalized. We

often think of the good and wise spiritual advice with which he counseled many of us in our youthful days to remain true. We remember him in our prayers -- that he may now have the strength and courage to overcome that last enemy of deteriorating health and death.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON Henrietta Meyer

The Washington, D.C. church is ever thankful for the ministers who serve us so willingly. The month of April we were blessed with visits from Bro. Joe and Sis. Milly Zimmerman (Morton, IL) and Bro. Ron and Sis. Nancy Schambach (Elgin, IL) and three of their daughters.

How we thank God for visitors, especially when those from our local congregation are out of town. One Sunday Bro. Matt Fetter went back home to Toledo, OH, Matt Mangold was away on business and Barbara Rapp was in Morton while her mother had surgery. While we were telling the minister at breakfast we would have a small group, in walked some brethren from Rockville, CT. Other visitors this month have been from Orlando, FL, Philadelphia, PA, Fairbury and Peoria, IL.

April 14 was not a scheduled Sunday for us to meet. Some of us met at Bro. Matt Aeschleman's home in Lexington Park, MD, to listen to a tape.

We are thankful our friends and Ken and Robert Belsley escaped serious injury when their car was rear-ended by a pick-up truck. While they were shaken up a bit, they were able to continue on their way to church.

May from our congregation are looking forward to traveling to Philadelphia on April 28 for Bro. Ed Aeschleman's ordination as elder.

Services are held the first and third Sundays of each month at Tyson's Westpark Hotel, located on Route 7, about one mile west of I-495 (Beltway). Many from the area gather in the hotel dining room to eat breakfast with our visitors at 9:00 a.m. Services are at 10:30 and 12:30. For more information or assistance, please call Bro. Matthew



Aeschleman (301) 863-9624 or Ed Stoll (703) 730-0248. Even if your visit does not come on the first or third Sunday, please contact us. We welcome all opportunities for fellowship.

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

We have had a busier-than-usual month. Our Sunday school children performed a short program for us Easter morning. The classes told us about how Jesus died so we can leave our burdens at the cross. After church we had our traditional Easter picnic. Once again it looked like rain, but good weather prevailed.

One person who can really identify with the message of the Easter program is 12-year-old Matthew Graf. He has made the decision to receive Christ into his heart. His sincerity is evident to all. Matt's parents are Bro. Jeff and Sis. Char.

Visiting on the pulpit were Bro. Wendell Gerber (Bluffton) and also Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton, IL), who assisted Elder Bro. Bud Klopfenstein in the communion services which we were privileged to partake of.

The Sunday school middle and upper classes went on a canoe expedition. It rained for three hours as we drove to our destination, but then the sun chased the clouds away and our ten canoes had a beautiful, leisurely four-hour trip down the Peace River. I think the Sunday school teachers appreciate the opportunity (not only in the canoes, but six hours in the car, too!) to get to know their students more personally.

On the day that I wrote this, Bro. Roy Luginbuhl was undergoing open-heart surgery. The Lord will hear many prayers on behalf of Bro. Roy and his wife, Sis. Helen, for the successful completion of the surgical procedure, and for his smooth recovery.

In March, we had the pleasure of listening to the Mortonaires sing. It was beautiful and we thank them for the effort they put forth.

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Have A Blessed Day!

**FLORIDA, NORTH FT. MYERS**  
**Dorothy Beer**  
**Jeanette Yergler**

We wish to thank the visiting ministers and their families that served us this month, Bro. Richard Sutter (Fort Lauderdale, FL). On April 7, our congregation partook of communion. We thank Elder Bros. Darrel Klopfenstein (Fort Lauderdale, FL) and Bro. Joe Braker (Morton, IL). How thankful we are to Jesus for all He does for us. So let us walk closer and obey His teachings.

God recently placed a precious little boy in the home of Bruce and Jacqui Eaton. Happy grandparents of little Lance are Bro. and Sis. Maxine Stoller.

Bro. Vic Beer is home after recently having surgery. He is improving slowly and is grateful to all for all your prayers, visits and cards of love. Bro. Vic and Sis. Dottie deeply appreciate all your kind deeds of love showed to them.

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**FLORIDA, SARASOTA**  
**Gala Gerber - Suellen Ott**

The Sarasota congregation has been blessed with new life as we have two new bundles of love born into the world. Bro. Bill and Sis. Beth Roscher welcome little Stephen William into their home. He is the first grandchild of Sis. Edna Roscher and Sis. Adele and Bro. Ronald Trueb (Rockville, CT) are also proud to have a grandson. Sis. Adele was able to spend some time in Sarasota with her new little blessing shortly after his return home.

Alan and Terese Maibach welcome Brooke Marie into their lives. She is welcomed home by sisters, Courtney and Lindsey, and grandparents, Elder Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene Maibach. Brooke had some difficulty after birth but is now able to be home.

May God be with both sets of new parents as they raise their children, and may His loving wings of protection envelope these babies and keep them safe from harm and evil.

As babes turn into children, we are constantly molding and helping to shape their lives. A very important step in this process is Sunday

school. The teachers and families were all able to enjoy fun and fellowship at the Sunday school picnic.

We have experienced many of the winter residents' departures and we bid them a fond farewell and hope to be joined again in the coming fall and winter, Lord willing. Along with them leaving, we bid Sis. Paulette Feucht farewell as her term as a traveling nurse has come to an end in the Clearwater area. We will miss Sis. Paulette in our single group. May God be with you always and may you seek assignment in Florida again real soon.

The following have been our visiting ministers, our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach, Elder Bro. Chuck Hemmer (Peoria, IL), Bro. Jack Bollier (Leo, IN), Bro. Marvin Stieglitz (Leo, IN), Bro. Greg Rassi (Chicago, IL), Bro. Mark Bahr (Detroit, MI) and Bro. Randy Kellenberger (Kansas City, MO).

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**GEORGIA, ATLANTA**  
**Peggy Camp**

A Mother is a blessing  
So gentle, kind and wise,  
She's the first  
To give encouragement  
The last to criticize --  
The one you know will be there  
Whenever skies are gray,  
The first to lend a helping hand  
The last to turn away --  
Each special thing about her  
Is so lovely to recall --  
A Mother is a blessing,  
The most precious one of all.

Mary Dawson Hughes

As we set aside a day this month to remember our Mothers, let us do so with thankful hearts for their love, guidance and many prayers offered on our behalf.

We appreciate the messages from ministering Bro. John Reinhard (Bluffton, IN) and Bro. Wes Moser (Lester, IA). May God bless the words that were spoken as inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Services are held every Sunday at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel. The hotel is located off I-85 at the Riverdale Road Exit. Please contact Bro. Linn Stoller (404-631-4554)

or Bro. John Brewer (404-378-5918) for further information.

Edwin Ringger (Gridley) and Bob Grimm (Goodfield).

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**ILLINOIS,  
BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL**

**Tudy Schmied  
Carolyn Fischer**

As we move into the spring of the year, we enjoy the rebirth of tender green buds and the beauty of spring flowers as only God could provide. It is also a time to reflect upon another gift from God, the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. We were reminded of Christ's supreme sacrifice at Calvary and His glorious resurrection through song and verse presented by our Sunday school classes at the Easter program March 24 and during our sunrise service Easter morning. Elder Bro. Bob Grimm encouraged us to remember that as we walk through this life, the most important gospel is the "gospel according to you."

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him. Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."

Colossians 2:7, 8

Bro. Paul and Sis. Karen Kieser were blessed with a precious baby girl, Melissa Sue, March 22. Melissa Sue joins brother Jason. Grandparents are Louis and Jean Kieser (Garden Grove, IA) and Bro. Eugene and Sis. Evelyn Hangartner (Roanoke, IL).

We ask that your prayers continue for Sis. Betty Steffen (Bro. Earl) and Sis. Shirley Aberle as they recuperate from surgeries and for Tom Anderson (son of Sis. De and Sam, Bloomington) and Marcus Maier (son of Vernon and Beth, Forrest) who are serving our country in the Persian Gulf.

Thank you does not seem adequate to express our appreciation for our home and visiting ministers and their families who continue to lovingly serve our assembled congregations. Our visiting ministers this month included Bro. Earl Kilgus (Remington, IN) and Elder Bros.

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**ILLINOIS, BRADFORD**  
**Karen Ringger**

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore . . ."

Revelation 1:18

We enjoyed having Bro. Don Manz (Junction, OH) bring the story of Jesus' dying on the cross to us Good Friday. Right after services, our Sunday school classes sang songs of praise to our Lord and Saviour. We thank all of those who help remind us of what the Lord has done for us.

On Easter Sunday, we had many visitors that spent the day worshipping with us, and that had come to witness the marriage of Sis. Carol Kieser (Bro. David and Sis. Mary, Congerville). We certainly wish Bro. Todd and Sis. Carol many blessings in their life together. Visiting ministers that were with us for this joyous occasion were Elder Bros. Joe Braker (Morton) and Joe Stoller (Princeville), and Bros. Vernon Wettstein, Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville), Marvin Stieglitz (Leo, IN), Dale Zeltwanger (Morris, MN), Jaye Rinkenberger (Goodfield) and Earl Ringger (Gridley).

On April 5, Paul and Lynne Knobloch became first-time parents to a precious little son. Zachary Paul's happy grandparents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Helen Knobloch, Bob and Sandi Clark and Richard and Sherrill Webber. We wish them God's blessings in raising little Zachary.

The first two Sundays in April our church hosted ACYF. It is always such a blessing to see our teenagers singing songs of praise to our Lord. Visiting ministers those two Sundays were Bros. Gene Lehman (Wolcott, IN), Jim Vierling (Eureka) and Elder Bro. Eugene Marti (Kansas City, MO).

On April 10 we were privileged to partake of holy communion. Elder Bro. Bob Walder (Congerville) helped our Elder Bro. Joe Stoller serve us in this most solemn occasion.

We are thankful that Bro. Wil-

liam Elsasser is home after spending some time in the hospital. Our hearts are also grateful that Bro. Don Knobloch (Sis. Jenny) has been able to also return home after receiving treatments. Lord willing, Bro. Don will be leaving May 5 for Indianapolis for a bone marrow transplant. His mother, Sis. Helen, is very thankful that she is able to be the donor for her son. If everything goes as planned, the transplant will take place on May 16. Bro. Don will certainly appreciate receiving mail from those he knows, for his stay will last at least 30 days and possibly for 3 months. Those wishing to send him a note of encouragement can send them to the following address: Mr. Don Knobloch, Indiana University Medical Center, 6th Floor Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, 926 W. Michigan Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

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**ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN**  
**Kim Walder**

We were joyfully uplifted and strengthened as we witnessed the testimonies and baptisms of Bro. Thane Hanson (Bro. Keith and Sis. Joan) and Sis. Christa Banwart (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Charlen) April 13 & 14. Praise God that the door of grace is still open to all who will answer His call.

We do appreciate our ministers as they labor to bring us Holy Spirit-guided inspiration. Our church was blessed with many visitors this month including Elder Bros. Wayne Anliker (Forrest) and Wendell Gudeman (Francesville, IN), and Bros. Jaye Rinkenberger (Goodfield), Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton, IN), Edward Alt (Cissna Park), Andrew Virkler (Croghan/Naumburg, NY), Gary Endress (Bradford), Virgil Metzger (Chicago), Loren Schrenk (St. Louis) and Ken Eisenmann (Cissna Park).

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**ILLINOIS, CHICAGO**  
**Kathy Schlatter**

My family, friends and I all agree: I talk plenty (sometimes too much). Nevertheless, I am in many ways a very private person. I cherish time alone and feel I need "my space." I

was recently flying across the country and sat much closer to first class than usual. When it came time to serve us our snack, they drew the curtain to separate us from those in first class. I was led to think about the curtains I draw. I may shut my ears to a plea for help or close my ears to a need. I may separate myself from someone because of his or her beliefs or reactions to me or . . . Maybe I delineate difference between "them" and me -- and, I'm sorry, sometimes feel superior, like the Pharisee (better education, more skills, more money, a finer family background, or a "greater" church?). How can it be, Lord, that I could misuse Thy gifts? Grant me that even when I withdraw to special time with Thee that I do not shut out someone else by my attitude or my timing -- ever. ". . . Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Matthew 22:39b.

We welcomed many visitors this month. Bros. Jim Plattner (Princetonville), Ron Schambach (Elgin), Ted Witzig (Morton), Loren Schrenk (St. Louis, MO), Walt Rager (Toledo, OH) and Ed Aeschleman (Philadelphia, PA), each one challenged us to walk nearer to our Lord Jesus that we may live more clearly His directives of loving and giving. We are thankful to the Lord and to them and their families.

We have more reason for joy. The Lord has called, and Janell Hofstetter has answered His call "yes" this time. We cherished her company before, but now as she repents and becomes converted, we look forward to being knit more closely together, united in one Spirit. We pray for the Lord's direction step by step for her and for us that we may never be a stumbling block for any.

Our fathers are getting older. Three score and ten are behind some; others are close; Age brings its own set of temptations -- sometimes related to the loss of a spouse or other loved ones, sometimes to the diseases and deterioration of the body -- feeling self-pity, wondering "Why me?" There may be a feeling of not being as useful. However, Dads, we have been privileged to talk with you, to learn from you, to be shepherded by you. And we want you to

be available to your grandchildren and suffering family members. You have much to give there. We covet your prayers, too. But surely there are others for you to teach and share with as well. (One time I was a bit blue, feeling because we only have one child, that our number of grandchildren will be limited also. The Lord sent me the insight very quickly that I could "grandparent" at a nursery school. They're all His children's children, created by Him.) Maybe people you don't know in hospitals could use some visitors. I've had uncles who could fascinate little ones with animal puppets or pose logic questions to older children. The schools -- oh my -- how many children could use a godly male figure in their lives? (In fact, what child couldn't use one more?!) There are teachers who would be so grateful for an extra pair of hands, the sharing of a talent, whether it's telling stories of the "old days," helping with a science fair or industrial arts project, or . . . Those in the jails and prisons are in need. There is a spot for you, Dads. We know you are so important to us yesterday and today. The Lord still has valuable work ahead for you. We love you -- and thank you!

#### ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK Bev Knapp - Karol Stock

On the evening of Palm Sunday, the Easter program was presented by the Sunday school. It's always uplifting to hear their young voices so enthusiastically singing praises and reciting verses, telling the wonderful story of salvation.

An early breakfast was served to the Bible class on Easter morning following a service given by Bro. Ed Alt. The Bible class students and teachers also enjoyed an evening of fellowship at ACYF in Bradford April 7.

On Good Friday, Elder Bros. Art Bahler (Fairbury) and Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO) were here to serve us holy communion. It is always an impressive, solemn evening when we gather to remember Christ's suffering and death. May we each feel renewed in our zeal and love as we journey on.

Elder Bro. Dave Wiegand (Cham-

paign) was with us Wednesday evening, March 20, as we gathered together for our March topical Bible presentation at the fellowship hall. He spoke to us on the topic of doctrine and customs. Bro. Earl Ringger was also here for a topical presentation April 17 and spoke to us on the topic of the inerrancy of the Bible.

Other visiting ministers this past month were Bros. Wes Moser (Lester, IA), Dan Stoller (Remington, IN), Frederick Knapp (Congerville) and Vernon Wettstein (Congerville). We thank each one of these brothers for coming and worshipping with us.

On April 14, the engagement of Bro. Mark Waldbeser and Sis. Janie Edelman (Fairbury) was announced. His parents are Bro. Fred and Sis. Joan (Cissna Park) and her parents are Bro. Fred and Sis. JoAnn (Bern, KS). They are planning a June 16 wedding.

Sis. Kathy Stock and Bro. Marvin J. Hari have both been hospital patients this month. We pray that God will bless them both with renewed health and strength.

I wish to thank every one for the get well cards, flowers and prayers that were given in my behalf while I was laid up in the hospital. It is very encouraging to be remembered by many friends.

A. C. Eisenman

#### WHAT IS A MOTHER?

It takes a Mother's love to make a house a home,

A place to be remembered, no matter where we roam . . .

It takes a Mother's patience to bring a child up right,

And her courage and her cheerfulness to make a dark day bright . . .

It takes a Mother's thoughtfulness to mend the heart's deep "hurts," And her skill and her endurance to mend little socks and shirts . . .

It takes a Mother's kindness to forgive us when we err,

To sympathize in trouble and bow her head in prayer . . .

It takes a Mother's wisdom to recognize our needs

And to give us reassurance by her loving words and deeds . . .

It takes a Mother's endless faith, her confidence and trust

To guide us through the pitfalls of selfishness and lust . . .  
And that is why in all this world there could not be another  
Who could fulfill God's purpose as completely as a Mother!

Helen Steiner Rice

"Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."

Proverbs 31:30

ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE  
Becky Ott - Myra Steffen

Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom the world rejoices,  
Who from our mother's arms,  
Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today . . .

Zion's Harp #236

We have been richly blessed in so many ways. We are thankful for mothers who teach and nurture in us with God-fearing love.

May the Lord continue to bless and keep the couples who have been united in marriage. Our new couples are: Bro. Doug Young (Harvey and Sis. Kate, Cissna Park) and Sis. Janet Walder (Bro. Bob and Sis. Gloria); Scot Zobrist (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Joyce) and Amy Traver (Dave and Judy, Eureka); Bro. Todd Schrock (Bro. Byron and Sis. Mary) and Sis. Carol Kieser (Bro. David and Sis. Shirley, Bradford).

We rejoice with Bro. Dale and Sis. Mary Leman to hear their son, Jeff, is seeking God's mercy in repentance. May God grant him grace and guidance.

Our thoughts and prayers continue with Albert (Bud) Zimmerman, who is in the hospital. Kelsey Leman (Bro. Ed and Sis. Gail) was briefly hospitalized. We are thankful she is home again.

We are thankful God's Word continues to come forth in truth and sincerity. Elder Bro. Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH), Bros. Bill Gerst (Alto, MI) and Doug Grimm (Sabetha, KS) shared God's Word with us.

ILLINOIS, ELGIN  
Elizabeth Schambach  
Betty Bachtold

TO MOTHER

A hushed and awesome silence  
Comes in my heart today  
As I think of all the things you've done:  
The cheering words you've stopped to say,  
The sweetness of your presence,  
The courage in your smile,  
The thoughts I know you gave to me,  
And your prayers that ever go with me.  
And I shall know that all through life  
You'll stand by me, be ever near,  
That through the storm, the stress, the strife  
You'll be with me, my Mother Dear.  
Jean Warren

A loving mother and grandmother, Sis. Della Kellenberger, 89, who bade most of her family farewell, was granted her wish and fell asleep in Jesus March 21. She was the wife of the late Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger. Surviving are four daughters, Sis. Lyla Schock (Bro. Richard), Anne Madeen (Harold), Beth Hoppe (Jerry, Bethal Park, PA) and Sis. Carolyn Haas; four sons, William Kellenberger (Sue, Elgin), Bro. Lloyd Kellenberger (Carol, Elgin), Michael Kellenberger (Aurora) and Stanley Kellenberger (Cheryl, Appleton, WI); 33 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

The family of Sis. Della Kellenberger wishes to thank everyone for the love and kindnesses shown to them during their recent bereavement.

We wish much happiness and God's blessings upon the marriage vows of Rodney Schifferer and Michelle DesBles which were spoken March 23. Parents of the couple are Bro. Tom and Sis. Kathy Schifferer and John and Charlotte DesBles.

As a congregation we welcome into our fellowship Morris and Pat Young and their three sons, Nicholas, Adam and Lucas who recently moved into our vicinity. May they feel the love of God among us. Also

we are happy to receive Bro. Karl and Sis. Minnie Lehmann (Chicago) as residents in our Resthaven apartments.

On April 3, God sent two precious little angels through the miracle of birth -- one was taken, and the other left. May we have hearts to "rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." Romans 12:15.

Newborn Kathryn Carol, who lived one brief day, was tenderly beckoned to the arms of Jesus. We share sympathy with Tim and Amy and Anastassia Grzywa, and grandparents, Bro. Lloyd and Carol Kellenberger, and Theodore and Mary Grzywa.

On the same day, little Ryan Grant was lovingly entrusted to Grant and Heidi Larsen (Dundee). Bro. Norm and Sis. Virginia Schock are happy first-time grandparents. Other grandparents are Gordon and Corrine Larsen (Arlington Heights).

Also rejoicing in a precious bundle from heaven are Bro. Dirk and Sis. Debbie Steffen as they welcome Cameron Knapp born April 6. Grandparents include Bro. Jerry and Sis. Allene Steffen (Goodfield, IL) and Bro. Jerry and Sis. Nancy Knapp (Congerville, IL).

Special thanks to our visiting ministers, Bros. Sam Schlatter (Junction, OH) and Wayne Laubscher (Cissna Park, IL) as God's Word was manifested among us this past month.

Sickness has come to both young and old, and we continue to pray for those who are in need. Our hospital patients this month were: Bros. Ben Graf (Viola) and John Feucht, and Megan Schambach (Bro. Bob and Sis. Jeanne).

ILLINOIS, EUREKA  
Kathy L. Leman

"As for God, his way is perfect: the Word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him." Psalm 18:30. We want to thank Bro. Steve Baner (Gridley, IL) for visiting us and bringing forth the Word of Life.

Upon hearing the wedding engagement of Bro. Kurt Eastman (Bro. Dick and Sis. Nelma) and Sis. Kelly Meece (Bro. Mike and Sis. Barbara,

Goodfield), we want to wish them the Lord's nearness as they plan to take the second most important step in life. They are planning a July wedding.

We are thankful that Sis. Louise Roche (Bro. Ray) and Sis. Wanda Leman (Bro. Roy) are home after spending time in the hospital this past month. May God bless them with renewed health and strength.

On April 3, God blessed Bro. Scott and Sis. Phyllis Leman with a tiny bundle, Tracy Alan. Little Tracy will need to stay in the hospital for a while yet, but thankful he is making good progress! Grandparents are Bro. Willis and Sis. Betty Wiegand (Goodfield) and Bro. Roy and Sis. Wanda Leman (Eureka).

We have those among us who have sorrow in their hearts as they have recently laid a loved one to rest. Sis. Sara Tanner passed away March 23, leaving her dear husband, Bro. Paul, and three daughters, Sis. Edith Massner (Bro. Lloyd, Burlington, IA), Sis. Arlene Banwart (Bro. Jerry, Congerville) and Sis. Betty Stahl (Bro. Lyle, Bradford). Also surviving are a sister, Sis. Anna Hartter (Eureka).

Our sympathy also goes to Bro. Gene Zobrist and family in the passing of his father, Earl Zobrist. May God comfort these dear ones as only He can and pour the healing balm into their hearts.

We were thankful to gather for the Easter program on Good Friday evening. The students, pre-kindergarten through Bible class, told of the suffering and the death of our dear Saviour upon the cruel cross, and then of his glorious resurrection! We also want to thank the Roanoke Bible class for being with us. "Tell me the old, old story . . . of Jesus and His love."

ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY  
Jean Bachtold - Crystal Fehr

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

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

St. Matthew 26:26, 27

This month our congregation was so lovingly reminded of these words as we partook of holy communion. May we strive to stay this close to our God at all times. Elder Bros. Wayne Anliker (Forrest) and Edwin Ringger (Gridley) were with us for this special occasion.

We enjoyed hearing our children and young adults share with us the blessed Easter story March 24.

We are grateful for Bros. Curt Rassi (Tremont), Ralph Garber (Morton) and Ken Weerts (Cissna Park) for their labors of love as our visiting ministers this month.

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38. God's love has drawn our dear friend, Dixie Steidinger (Bro. Doug) to answer the call of her Maker. As she seeks peace in true repentance, may love and mercy be her portion.

We rejoiced to hear the engagement of Sis. Janie Edelman (Bro. Fred and Sis. Jo Ann, Bern, KS) and Bro. Mark Waldbeser (Bro. Fred and Sis. Joan, Cissna Park) April 14. May God bless them as they plan to share their lives together here upon this earth.

Our dear Sis. Martha Stortz, 100, passed away March 30. We will remember her as a faithful sister in the household of God. We extend our sympathy to her dear family. May God comfort their hearts.

Forrest and Fairbury had a special day to knot comforters for Romania. We appreciate all who took the time to help our needy brethren. Thanks so much and may God add His blessings.

ILLINOIS, FORREST  
Sherri Kelson  
Sandra Schneider

#### A CHILD'S FAITH

"Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so" --  
Little children ask no more,  
For love is all they're looking for,  
And in a small child's shining eyes  
The faith of all the ages lies --

And tiny hands and tousled heads  
That kneel in prayer by little beds  
Are closer to the dear Lord's heart  
And of His Kingdom more a part  
Than we who search, and never  
find

The answers to our questioning  
mind --

For faith in things we cannot see  
Requires a child's simplicity  
For, lost in life's complexities,  
We drift upon uncharted seas  
And slowly faith disintegrates  
While wealth and power

accumulates --  
And the more man learns, the less  
he knows,

And the more involved his  
thinking grows

And, in his arrogance and pride,  
No longer is man satisfied  
To place his confidence and love  
With childlike faith in God above --  
Oh, Father, grant once more to men  
A simple childlike faith again  
And, with a small child's trusting  
eyes,

May all men come to realize  
That faith alone can save man's  
soul

And lead him to a higher goal.

Helen Steiner Rice

April 6 and 7 was a weekend filled with many spiritual blessings as Tom Young (Bro. Terry and Sis. Peggy), Duane and Marlene Walter and Lori Dotterer (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Nancy) brought their testimonies of faith and became our brothers and sisters-in-the-Lord! Faith is now such an important part of their lives even as it is in ours. May we all have that childlike faith as we walk this spiritual pathway together towards heaven. Let's work to keep the earthly things from destroying our childlike faith.

We have had much to rejoice in this past month. March 24 we could rejoice with Bro. Brian Ricketts (Bro. Nick and Sis. Jean) and Sis. Marie Steffen (Bro. Kenny and Sis. Janice) as they were united in holy matrimony. May God bless their lives.

An added blessing of these special occasions were the visiting ministers that came to share in them. We appreciated the visits of Elder Bros. Henry Dotterer (Rittman, OH) and Art Bahler (Fairbury), Jim Plattner (Princeville), Gary Maibach

(Smithville, OH), Doug Grimm (Sabetha, KS), Ken Weerts (Cissna Park) and Harold Schmidgall (Gridley) and thank them for serving us.

Our congregation has also experienced sadness as two souls were laid to rest. Bro. Joe Wiegand, after a lengthy battle with cancer, passed from this life into eternity at the age of 74. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Sis. Pauline and children, Dinah Leenders, Alice Hendershott, Elizabeth Tolbert, Sandra Lewis, Joseph Jr. and William. May God comfort their hearts.

Emily Jean Schmidgall was buried the same day as Bro. Joe Wiegand but she had only lived a short two days, then the Lord saw fit to take her home. We lift her parents, Dan and Mary, and brother, Joshua, up in prayer and ask that God will comfort their hearts as only He can do. We also sympathize with the grandparents, Jack and Sharon Johnson (Tilton) and Bro. Dave and Sis. Alma Jean Schmidgall.

Stella Paplomatas (Eureka), granddaughter of Bro. Les and Sis. Ruth Roth, was hospitalized for another brain surgery at Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, March 26. She returned home April 1 and has started back to school. We are thankful she got along so well.

Other hospital patients have been Betsy Steidinger (Bro. Glen and Sis. Holly), Sis. Leona Wallace, Bro. Ivan Steidinger and Bro. Al Zimmerman. We pray God will be near each one as they wait for His healing touch.

Takis, Pat and Stella Paplomatas would like to thank everyone who remembered them with prayers, cards and gifts of love during Stella's recent surgery.

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### ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD Trish Gerber

Bro. Mike and Sis. Barb Meece were happy with the announcement of their daughter, Sis. Kelly, to Bro. Kurt Eastman. Kurt's parents are Bro. Dick and Sis. Nelma Eastman (Eureka). We all wish them a lifetime of joy and happiness.

A thank you to Elder Bros. Bob Walder (Congerville) and Walt Anliker (Eureka) for assisting with the communion service. Also much

thanks to Bro. Hartzel Kaisner (Detroit, MI) for sharing God's Word with us.

Your prayers, concern, cards, visits and gifts were heartwarming during my surgery and hospitalization, and since my return home. Thank you very, very much. God bless each of you as He has blessed me.

Sis. Marian Wiegand

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### ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY Perry A. Klopfenstein

Sis. Olive Gramm, 96, passed away March 21 and her funeral was held March 23. A quiet and diminutive sister-in-faith, she reflected an abundance of Christian graces and personified a meek and quiet spirit. Her gentleness was the crown of her disposition. Several years ago she wrote a note intended for her children and grandchildren. It was found in a cupboard of her former home in Gridley:

Strive, strive to stay true and on the straight and narrow path, which leads to heaven . . . so your names will all be there, when the roll is called. The same for my dear, dear grandchildren, everyone. So not one will be missing in heaven. We must all meet up there.

So always pray and watch. It will be worth it. I trust dear God will help you all through, and will bring you all to a good and safe and blessed end.

I'm trusting to meet you all in heaven.

Your Mother

She was married for 68 years to Bro. Will Gramm, who died in 1987. Her immediate survivors are two daughters, Sis. Violet Funk (Morton) and Sherrill Schafer (Peoria Heights); three sons, Bros. Edward and John (Gridley) and Bro. Arthur (Leo, IN); two sisters, Verna Boliger (Silverton, OR) and Sis. Esther Yergler (Gridley).

The funeral of Bro. George Witzig was held Friday, April 12. He had been in failing health for the past few years. et, these years were the brightest of his life because this was the time he sought the Lord in repentance, and found peace and con-

tentment for his soul. It was a great joy, both for his family and for the church, that Bro. George could find the Lord. His kindly and mellow spirit confirmed the Lord's presence in his heart!

He is survived by his beloved wife, and dutiful companion of 57 years, Sis. Pauline; and four daughters, Sis. Kay Hock (Minonk), Betty J. Stucky (Glen Ellyn), Ann Daughtery (Gridley) and Judy Witzig (Bloomington). An only son, Raymond, lost his life during the Vietnam conflict -- and this was a fiery trial for this family and for the entire community of Gridley.

Note of Thanks: "The George Witzig family wishes to thank everyone for their wonderful support and kind expressions of sympathy during the passing of our dear loved one."

I wish to express my deep and sincere appreciation to my relatives and friends for the many good wishes and prayers offered in my behalf since my being here at Fairview Haven Home at Fairbury.

I have received so many lovely cards, gifts and visits since my being here and they have meant so much to me. Thank you and may God bless you all.

Lillian M. Yergler

Bro. Alan and Sis. Margie Steffen became the parents of their second daughter April 12. Her name is Mackenzie Rae and she has an older sister, Aimee, 5, and a brother, Jeremy, 4. Grandparents are Sis. Bernice and the late Bro. Knute; and Bro. Dave and Sis. Emmy Steffen, all of the Gridley congregation.

Ronnie Kincade of our senior Bible class was recently injured in a one-vehicle accident, but has recovered quickly.

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### ILLINOIS, MORTON Phyllis Farney Cheryl Wuthrich

There are approximately 80 million mothers in the United States. We are the greatest potential influence in the lives of our children, and in turn, in the course of our schools, communities, and country. Mothers, the first step in being a Godly influence is to make our personal

devotions the number one priority in our lives. Are we taking time every day to pray and meditate on God's Word? Then are we open and obedient to the Spirit's direction? In other words, are we doers, or only hearers of the Word? Communication with our children is also very important. Studies show that an average of only 30 seconds a day is spent in meaningful communication between parent and child. When they are young and eager to share their lives with us, do we take time to listen, so that when they are teens that communication bridge remains intact? When we show interest in what is going on with them, they will be more receptive to our training of them in the ways of the Lord. Mother's Day season is a good time to examine our mothering in the light of the Word.

With the birth of babies, two families in our congregation have added opportunities to be Godly influences. Bro. Brad and Sis. Debbie, Laura and Lacey Braker welcome Lynnae Lucinda. Lynnae was born March 21. Her grandparents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Lee Pflederer (Tremont, IL) and Elder Bro. Joe and Sis. Shirley Braker (Morton, IL). Courtney Lynne was born to Bro. Allen and Sis. Brenda Kaiser March 25. Her sisters, Brittany and Morgan, also welcome her, along with her grandparents, Clifford and Marilyn Kaufman and Bro. Harry and Sis. LaVerne Kaiser (all of Morton).

We rejoice that Sis. Esther Frank could make peace with her Lord and be baptized before she was called into all eternity. Her funeral was held March 20. May God's comfort enfold her two sons, John and Eldon; her two daughters, Joan Clierhout and Carol Herron; her two brothers, Benjamin and Elmer Kaufman; her sister, Sis. Ann Kaiser; her grandchildren and her friends.

We wish God's richest blessings on Bro. Scott Baum and Sis. Wendy Klopfenstein (both of Phoenix, AZ) as they announce their engagement. Bro. Scott is the son of Bro. Ken and Sis. Jody Baum (Morton, IL) and Wendy's parents are Bro. Dave and Sis. LouAnn Klopfenstein (Phoenix, AZ).

Our Bible school class hosted the Bradford Bible school class March 24. We pray the friendships they develop will be lasting and draw them closer to God.

On April 13, we gathered to take holy communion. It was good to pause in our busy lives and drink from the cup and break the bread and be reminded of Christ's suffering and sacrifice. It was good to examine ourselves and be renewed in our daily walk.

We wish to thank all the visiting ministers and their families for serving us this month. They were Elder Bros. John Lehman (Bern, KS), Nathan Steffen (Elgin, IL) and Bro. Tom Hoffman (Roanoke, IL). May God richly bless them for their efforts.

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**ILLINOIS, PEORIA**  
**Jim David**

"And in that same hour He cured many of their infirmities."

Luke 7:21

Thanks be to God, our Bro. Bob Waibel is making a satisfactory recovery from injuries sustained in an accident this winter. Bro. Bob's condition is much improved, and he is grateful for all the prayers offered up to God on his behalf. Bro. Bob would appreciate receiving mail. His address is: New Medico Rehabilitation Center, 1701 Sharp Road, Waterford, WI 53185.

Bro. Joe Herman has also been hospitalized this month. We are praying for a successful recovery for both Bro. Bob and Bro. Joe.

The Peoria congregation thanks the following brothers for visiting us, and bringing us the Word of God: Bro. Ted Witzig (Morton, IL), Bro. Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit, MI), Bro. Tom Hoffman (Roanoke, IL), Bro. Duane Metzger (West Bend, IA) and Bro. Gerald Sutter (Taylor, MO).

Bro. Clarence Herman and Sis. Viola Rocke were united in marriage April 7. Also, we have had two engagement announcements. Bro. David and Sis. Rita Sauder wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sis. Serena, to Bro. Beto Ortega, son of Eusabio and Teresa

Ortega (Cuernavaca, Mexico). Bro. Dale and Sis. Barbara Geyer also wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sis. Rachel, to Bro. Jesse Waibel, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Joyce Waibel (Peoria, IL).

Sis. Nettie Owens, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday, says, "I wish to thank all my loved ones for the many cards and gifts I received on my 90th birthday."

God blessed Bro. Jim and Sis. Jane Rieker with a precious little boy, Jesse Frederick, March 28. Jesse's grandparents are Fred and Sis. Norma Rieker (Peoria) and Bro. John and Sis. Shirley Leuthold (Princeville, IL). Jesse was welcomed home by his sister, Jenna.

Julia Rose was born to Sue and Tim Rocke (Alexandria, VA) March 16. Jeremy James, who was eagerly awaiting the arrival of his baby sister, welcomed Julia home. Julia's grandparents are John and Doris Steinhauser (Hillside, IL) and Norman and Sis. Emma Rocke (Peoria).

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**ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE**  
**Martha Jane Siebenthal**

We are grateful for ministering brothers who came to feed us with God's precious Word this month. Bros. Kent Mogler (Minneapolis, MN), Wallace Ramsier (Mansfield, OH), Merrill Laukhuf (Latty, OH) and Bro. Bruce Hohulin (Goodfield). We thank them and enjoyed having them worship with us and ask God to bless them.

On Good Friday evening, four dear young souls have confessed peace and have been announced to give their testimony of faith April 20. Kristina Stoller (Bro. Bill and Sis. Kathleen), Luann Martin (Bro. Sam and Sis. Mary), Hope Steiner (Bro. Harold and Sis. Karen) and Jodi Knobloch (Bro. Al and Sis. Vicki Hartzler).

We appreciate and thank Bro. Merrill Laukhuf (Latty, OH) for his Bible talk on the "New Age Movement." It certainly gives us something to think about and to be prayerful and watchful in these perilous times.

We also thank Elder Bro. Gene Marti (Kansas City, MO) for an interesting evening of his slide presentation of the dedication of the Budapest,

Hungary, church. He shared and related to us some of the conditions in Romania, Russia and Yugoslavia. They are very thankful to be able to worship more freely without fear of persecution and for the little they have and for the continuing help they receive from our churches. May we remember them in prayer and appreciate more what we have and always give with a charitable heart. May we live a closer and more sincere walk of life.

Our Sunday school Easter program was held March 24. May God bless the students and teachers.

We are always thankful when those who have been in the hospital are able to be out. Bro. Floren Stoller (Sis. Dorothy), Sis. Debbie Givens (Bro. Eric), foot surgery, and Sis. Cathy Kieser (Bro. Mark), pneumonia. Many prayers have been offered for our dear Bro. Ervin Martin (Sis. Lorane) who submitted to serious heart surgery. We know God hears and answers prayers, if we put our trust and faith in Him. He then can provide the grace and strength that we need each day.

Happy first-time grandparents of Myca Joy Steffen are Bro. Howard and Sis. Mary Ann Herrmann. She is the daughter of Sis. Deanna and Bro. Matt Steffen. Also, happy grandparents of their first grandson are Bro. John and Sis. Shirley Leuthold. He is the second child of Bro. Jim and Sis. Jane Rieker (Peoria).

We extend our sincere sympathy to Sis. Betty Stahl (Bro. Lyle) in the death of her dear mother, Sis. Sarah Tanner. May God comfort her at this time of sorrow.

#### ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

**Cathy Hohulin - Annie Hoffman**

It's springtime here in central Illinois, and we watch the busy farmers working their fields and see the ground bringing forth new fruit. We realize without our dependence on God's blessings of sunshine and rain, the seeds would rot and bring forth nothing. Likewise, in our spiritual life, "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5.

We were privileged to have many

visiting ministers last month. Elder Bro. Chuck Hemmer (Peoria) was here to assist in reading and sharing the "letter" of the brotherhood conference. Bro. Ted Witzig (Morton) gave a very enlightening presentation on "Satan and the World Today" at our monthly Bible study. On Good Friday, we were thankful to have Elder Bro. John Lehman (Bern, KS). Elder Bros. Walt Anliker (Eureka) and Bob Grimm (Goodfield) assisted in our communion service. Other visiting ministers were Bro. Willis Wiegand (Goodfield), Bro. Kenneth Knapp (Taylor, MO) and Elder Bros. Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO), David Bertsch (Leo, IN), John Klotzle (Altadena, CA), Jesse Beer (Milford, IN) and Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH). We sincerely appreciate each one.

Jeff Sauder and Jodie Young have announced their engagement and upcoming marriage. Their parents are Bro. Jerry and Sis. Ann Sauder and Duane and Vermedea Friedenger (Congerville).

Also announcing their engagement are our Sis. Dianne Leman, daughter of Bro. Rich and Sis. Rachel, and Bro. Fred Wyss, son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Lydiann (Washington). We with them all much happiness in their future.

Bro. Curtis and Sis. Jenell Hodel and big brother, Brett, welcome little Colin Richard into their hearts and home. He was born March 19. Grandparents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Doris Hodel and Bro. Rich and Sis. Rachel Leman (all of Roanoke).

Ed Hodel, Jr. welcomes a new grandson into the family. Jesse Will was born to Ed and Linda Hodel III February 14.

On February 5, Jacob Bradley Byrd was born to Brad and Barb Byrd (Eureka). Bro. Jim and Sis. Leota Byrd (Roanoke) are happy grandparents.

Our family hymn sing was held April 14, and we were privileged to hear our own Prairie Chorusters.

We extend prayers of healing for several hospital patients, Sis. Angela Rassi, Sis. Ellen Siebenthal, Elsie Sauder and Bro. Ervin Kempf.

Our sincere love and sympathies go to David and Mary Faupel Scherer in the stillbirth of their little son, Lawrence David. Grandparents

are Sis. Ruth Scherer (Roanoke), Bob Scherer (Dahlhart, TX) and Charles Faupel (Chicago).

Note of Thanks: To all of you at Roanoke, and all of our Apostolic Christian Churches, we wish to express our appreciation for your love shown to us in so many ways. We're very thankful for all your prayers, and feel that they have been answered. May God bless you.

Your brother and sister-in-faith,  
Bob and Madlyn Zimmerman

#### ILLINOIS, TREMONT

**Carolyn Bolliger - Marsha Koch**

We were saddened by the sudden death of Edward Miller March 22. Our sincere sympathy to his wife, Doris, and their children and grandchildren. Edward will also be missed by his sister, Sis. Elsie Sinn.

Clifford and Roberta Schweigert are the happy first-time grandparents of a little girl, Laisa Alexandria, born March 19 to their son, Brad, and his wife, Valena.

April 6 was the wedding date chosen by Renee Michel and Timm Wilson. Bro. Paul and Sis. Helen Michel and Doug and Frances Wilson (Creve Coeur) are the parents of this young couple. We wish them God's blessings as they begin this new life together.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Margaret Burleson on the recent loss of her stepfather, Hugh Bicknell.

We also wish to remember the family of Sis. Hannah Pflederer. Sis. Hannah passed away April 14 after a long illness.

We are sorry it was necessary for Sis. Lena Sauder to go to Apostolic Christian Restmor. We hope she will soon feel better and be able to return home again.

It is good to see our hospital patients recovered and back in church again. Sis. Wilma Pulfer (Bro. Leslie), Sis. Vera Aberle (Bro. Walter) and little Curtis Schweigert (Bro. Roger and Sis. Becky) all spent some time in the hospital this month.

We are happy for Bro. Mark Kaiser and Sis. Renee Knobloch whose engagement was recently made known. Renee is the daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Eleanor Knobloch (Lester, IA) and Mark is the son of



Bro. Melvin and Sis. Marlene Kaiser (Tremont).

A special thanks to our visiting ministers this month, Bro. Greg Rassi (Chicago), Bro. Dennis Rassi (Fairbury), Bro. John Hartman (Fairbury), Bro. Kenneth Dietz (Bradford) and Bro. Dan Stoller (Rockville, CT). We do appreciate the efforts of our dear ministering brothers and their families.

Notes:

We want to express our sincere thanks to everyone who extended their love and kindness with cards, gifts, flowers, food and prayers in the loss of our dear husband, father and grandfather. It was greatly appreciated. May God bless you all.

The Edward Miller family

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who remembered us in so many ways during my recent illness. Especially for meals and other ways that helped so much. God bless each of you.

Bro. Dan and Sis. Charlotte Steiner

I would like to thank everyone who has remembered me with prayers, get-well cards, visits and gifts. All were greatly appreciated. May God bless each of you.

Sis. Lena Sauder

ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON  
Jan Sigafus - Rita Menold

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

I Corinthians 13:3

The following couples have recently announced their engagements and forthcoming marriages. Bro. Andy Klaus (son of John and Betty, Japan) to Sis. Jana Kieser (daughter of Bro. David and Sis. Shirl, Bradford); Bro. Fred Wyss (son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Lydianne) to Sis. Dianne Leman (daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Rachel, Roanoke); Bro. Greg Schumacher (son of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Betty) to Sis. Shelle Massner (daughter of Richard and Laura Durfey, Detroit, MI) and her father, the late Roy Massner.

We wish these couples the Lord's richest blessings as they begin their walk of life together.

As we celebrate Mother's Day and anticipate Father's Day, may we, as children, remember to "Honor thy father and mother: which is the first commandment with promise;" Ephesians 6:2. As parents, remember to "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

Our families . . . always there to lean on, learn from, and love.

INDIANA, BLUFFTON  
Jill Frauhiger - Gwen Kipfer

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Psalms 133:1

We were privileged to host college weekend April 6 and 7. The topic for the weekend was overcoming from A (Apathy) to Z (misguided Zeal). It was a real blessing for all who attended. We thank everyone for coming and also those who worked so hard to make the weekend successful.

"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

We rejoice with Bro. Shane Houser (Larry and Barbara) and Sis. Kathy Baumgartner (Bro. Tom and Sis. Marilyn) who were wed April 14. We were also joyful for Bro. Troy Reimschisel (Bro. Richard and Sis. Elaine) and Sis. Bonnie Klopfenstein (Indianapolis) who have announced their desire to do God's will and be joined together as husband and wife.

Hospitalized this month were Sis. Sylvia Isch (Bro. Joe), Sis. Clarabelle Baumgartner (Bro. Milo), Sharlene Byerly (Brent), Bro. Oscar Schaefer (Sis. Agnes), Bro. Walter Kaehr (Sis. Lucille), Bro. John Frank (Sis. Dorothy) and Bro. Ezra Kaehr. Our prayers are with them and their loved ones.

Bro. Dean and Sis. Jaci Gerber were blessed with a daughter, Bethany Lane, born April 1. Bethany

joins brothers, Austin and Adam, at home. Grandparents are Bro. Harry T. and Sis. Lois Gerber and Bro. Dave and Sis. Maxine Ringger.

We want to thank our visiting ministers this month for sharing God's Word with us. They were Bros. Nile Bucher and Bob Meyer (Bluffton North), Bro. Greg Gramm (Phoenix, AZ) and Bro. Wes Knapp (Goodfield, IL).

We also pray for God's blessings for Bro. Wayne and Sis. Becky Snodgrass who moved to our Lexington, KY, congregation. May God be with them and their children, Jacob and Rachel, as they start their new home.

Moving back to the Bluffton congregation are our Bros. Ron Macklin and Vince Aschliman. We're thankful they had a safe return from Tucson, AZ, where they spent most of the winter. Welcome home!

INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH  
Terri Mueller - Lora Kieser

We enjoyed hearing from several visiting ministers during College Weekend, which was held April 6-7. Bro. Todd Feller (LaCrosse), Bro. Ken Wuethrich (Indianapolis), Bro. Greg Gramm (Phoenix, AZ) and Bro. Wes Knapp (Goodfield, IL) were here to share in God's Word to those who traveled to Bluffton for this special weekend.

Elder Bro. John Klotzle (Altadena, CA) and Elder Bro. Ed Schwartz (Bluffton) helped with the serving of communion April 13. May God richly bless each of them for their encouragement and support.

Bro. Galen and Sis. Joyce Baumgartner had two happy occasions as their daughter, Leslie, and Scott Boone were united in marriage March 30, and they became grandparents of Blane Evan March 28. Welcoming Blane home were parents, Bro. Brad and Sis. Michelle Baumgartner (Alto, MI).

Bro. Jason and Sis. Mandy Troxel took home a bundle of joy named Hilary Blair. Hilary was born March 19.

Bro. Dean and Sis. Jaci Gerber were blessed with a daughter, Bethany Lane. Happy grandparents

are Bro. Harry and Sis. Lois Gerber. Big brothers, Austin and Adam, were there to welcome her home.

We pray for a speedy recovery for Bro. Ted Kipfer who recently spent time in the hospital.

On March 31, we heard, once again, the telling of the Easter story in song. It is such a wonderful reminder that through our children, the truth about Jesus and His death on the cross will be carried on to another generation.

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### INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE Jacki Huber

As we think of our mothers and all they have done for us, Proverbs 31, verse 28 comes to mind. "Her children arise up and call her blessed." As a child, I didn't fully appreciate all Mom did for us, but the older I get the more I realize how much time and energy it takes to care for a family. As I read that verse, I wonder if it means as we "rise up," or get older, we appreciate our mothers more and more. Thank you, Mom, and to all the wonderful mothers and grandmothers who have done so much to further God's kingdom.

We rejoice with two families who have precious new additions. On March 18, Timothy John Wuethrich was born to Tim and Sally Wuethrich. Timothy has one older sister, Grace. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Pfladderer (Francesville) and Bro. Otto and Sis. Donna Wuethrich (Francesville).

David and Sherri Overmyer are happy to have a new baby girl, Kristie Marie, who was born April 5. Dusty and Levi are Kristie's two older brothers. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Firkins (Wolcott) and Bro. Danny and Sis. Carol Overmyer (Francesville) are the grandparents.

We wish to thank the following visiting ministers for taking the time to be with us; Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) assisted with communion at Parkview Haven Retirement Home, Bro. Neil Widmer (Wolcott) shared words of inspiration at our Easter sunrise service, and Elder Bro. John Klotzle (Altadena, CA), shared a recent Wednesday evening with us. It is always refreshing to hear the same mes-

sage of God's ways, regardless of where the ministers are from.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Bro. Larry and Sis. Jane Nuest in the death of Jane's father, Clyde Nuest, who had been residing at the Parkview Haven Retirement Home for the past nine years. May God's nearness comfort them.

Due to health problems, Bro. Pete Neihouser is now residing at Parkview Haven Retirement Home. Bro. Pete is getting along well. It is special to see him and members of his family visiting him, and we pray that God will continue to guide them all as He has done until now.

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### INDIANA, LACROSSE Barb Troxel

Our Good Friday service was made very special when our Sunday school students told the Easter story. We were reminded of Jesus' last week as He walked in flesh and blood. We heard the story from Jesus' agony in Gethsemane -- "And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." (Luke 22:44) -- to the good news of His victory over death -- "And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him." (Mark 16:5-6).

We were also reminded of the Lord's great suffering on our behalf when communion services were held. Elder Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford) helped with this sacred privilege.

We want to express our sympathies to Sis. Jeannette Yergler on the passing of her brother, George Eaton (Knox, IN).

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies . . . Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her chil-

dren arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

Proverbs 31:10, 25-28

As Mother's Day approaches, we want to pay tribute to those precious women who have shaped and influenced our lives. They have given so tirelessly of themselves. They have exemplified the qualities of charity as expressed in I Corinthians 13 -- "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh not evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth . . ." (verses 4-8).

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### INDIANA, LEO Doug Kellenberger

The Leo church women celebrate Mother's Day each year at their annual Spring Banquet. This year over 125 of our ladies, young and old -- single and married, attended the event at the Amish home of Dave and Barbara Nolt. The meal was catered by Mrs. Nolt and her daughters. The theme this year was "Bits of Wisdom." Music was provided by Sisters Becky and Rhonda (Bluffton). Sis. Ruth Gramm was asked to give some examples of wisdom she has learned over the years. The Word of God does command the older women to teach the younger (Titus 2:4). Other impromptu expressions were given, and everyone enjoyed this special occasion.

Moms really are worth the honor. We don't realize what they did for us until we get married and observe the travail our wives go through with the children. Women (good wives and good mothers) have been compared to china. China is much more valuable than Tupperware but a lot more delicate. Evidently that's what I Peter 3:7 means when it says to respect the fact that our wives really are more sensitive, and therefore make the effort to understand them.

On Wednesday evening, April 17, Elder Bro. Ed Schwartz (Bluffton)

came to share the conference letter. We appreciate the kindly admonitions and cautions of our elder brethren as we are living in trying and testing times and need the spiritual strengthening by the Word and through the Holy Spirit's guidance.

There is a new mother and father in Leo. Sis. Brenda and Bro. Jeff Thames had a new baby born to them, Kara Lee. Baby and mother are doing well. Father is very grateful.

There is also a new family in the making. Sis. Bonnie Klopfenstein was announced to be married to Bro. Troy Reimschisel (Bluffton). Bro. Troy's parents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Elaine (Bluffton). Sis. Bonnie is the daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Nancy (Leo).

Sis. Nancy Klopfenstein was recently hospitalized with a serious reoccurrence of her hip problem. Despite the complications, she still maintains her positive and determined outlook on life. It's the same attitude she has unselfishly served many people with throughout her years.

Every stage of life has its good and bad. But one of our ministers said that even at its best, this life is our worst compared to what it's going to be in heaven.

Other ministers that visited and served us were Bro. Mike Thomas (Valparaiso), Elder Bro. Ed Ringger (Gridley, IL) and Bro. Ron Bollier (Indianapolis).

#### INDIANA, MILFORD

##### Gwen Steffen - Paula Haab

The green grass, budding trees, and bird singing remind us of new life once again this spring. Palm Sunday our young people joined together to tell us of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection and how He can give new life to us if we will believe and obey God's Word. Early Easter morning, many of us gathered together for an Easter message and breakfast.

May God ever be present in the new home established by Marlene Price and Brian Stewart. They were married and March 23. Their parents are Stan and Sis. Ginger Price and Melvin Stewart and Arneal Dillon.

Sis. Leona Price has been touched by God's healing hand since her surgery and is feeling much better. Sis. Melba Hunsberger had the misfortune of injuring herself while on a trip. May she feel God's nearness while awaiting the mending of her broken bone.

On a recent Saturday evening, nearly all of our friends and brethren, as well as some from neighboring churches, were able to meet in our fellowship hall for an auction for charity. It seemed that all were willing to give as the Lord had prospered them. May He continued to bless each one of us.

Our Elder Bro. Jesse Beer was willing to accompany three other brothers on a trip to Mexico to search out a possible church project there. We are thankful for God watching over them while we were absent one from the other and for their safe return.

Shawn Martinez, a Navajo Indian from Arizona, has come to make his home with Bro. Dan and Sis. Deb Beer. They will need our prayers in this endeavor, and may we all be good examples to him.

Families across the land are feeling the blessing of having their loved ones return after Desert Storm. We are thankful that Major Gordon Olde, son-in-law of our good friends, Ray and Rosemary Piper, is now back in Germany with his wife, Kim, and their children after being in Saudi Arabia for some time.

Thanks be to God that Kevin and Gina Smith (daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Carol Hurd) were not at home when the tornado swept through their area near Angola, IN. Their barn was destroyed and their house damaged extensively. May they feel God carrying them through these trying times.

It was heartwarming Sunday, April 14, to have our sanctuary nearly full. An added blessing was that it was mainly filled with young people. Our Bible class had guests from Alto, MI, and Lacrosse, Remington and South Bend. There were also young brothers and sisters visiting from Chicago and Gridley, IL, and South Bend.

From the pulpit recently, we heard about two men who confessed that it was their mother's prayers

that brought them back from the ways of the world. This made me think of Mother's Day when everyone makes a big effort to remember their mother. For those of us who were fortunate enough to have God-fearing mothers, may we remember her most for what she stood for. I'm reminded of a line of a hymn that says it all, "O, forsake not the way of salvation, my boy, that you learned from your Mother at home."

Anxiously awaiting high school graduation June 2 are Bro. Brent Beer (Bro. Bob and Sis. Linda), Matt Haab (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Carol), Lisa Mikel (Rus and Sis. Pat) and Marlene Stewart (Stan and Sis. Ginger Price). We wish God's blessings upon them now and always, and may they seek His counsel for their future plans.

#### INDIANA, REMINGTON

##### Amelia Schini

Bro. Chris Huber was our guest speaker Wednesday, April 3. His presentation for our topical Bible study was on a "Christian's Hope." He had done his homework well. Thank you, Bro. Chris.

Congratulations to Robert and Linda (Correll) Beckley on their new son, Ryan Robert, born April 7. Ryan has a big sister, Jessica, who is four years old. Proud grandparents are Ray and Clara Correll (Oxford, IN) and Elmer and Nancy Beckley (Remington). Great-grandmother is Sis. Emma Beckley and great-grandfather is David Mills (Sun City, AZ).

We were thankful to have Ron Getz assemble with us again after almost a week's stay in the hospital with pneumonia.

What could be nicer than to gather on a Saturday evening at church with your "own" family of sisters and brothers? Add to that with anticipation of celebrating the Lord's Supper. We did just that the evening of April 13. Elder Bro. Charles Hemmer (Peoria, IL) and Elder Bro. Andy Virkler (Bay City, MI) considered it well worth while to come and assist our dear Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler. It was a blessed evening. We thank you brothers for serving us.

Elder Bro. Charles Hemmer was

with us Sunday forenoon, leaving at noon to be with the Wolcott congregation in the afternoon. Thank you, Bro. Chuck, and do visit us again.

### INDIANA, SOUTH BEND

Renee Mangold

Our Sunday school children presented an Easter program to the congregation. As every spring our hearts are somehow renewed with the budding of new life, so, too, is it an encouragement to see our children growing and beginning their spiritual life. We're thankful for the work that our Sunday school teachers perform in helping to guide our children in their spiritual growth.

Sis. Mildred and Sis. Ernestine Meister mourn the loss of their nephew. An additional loss was faced by Sis. Lucy and John Kalwitz upon the passing of John's mother. We pray they will find comfort in the Lord in this time of sorrow.

We enjoyed the visits from ministers, Bro. Pat Zaugg (West Bend, IA) and Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL) this month.

### INDIANA, VALPARAISO Cindy Susdorf - Marie Heinold

#### MOTHER THE HEART OF HOME

What really makes a house a home?  
It's sharing and it's giving,  
It's courtesy and kindness  
Put into daily living;  
It's laughter and companionship  
And helping one another;  
But mostly it's a mother's presence  
For the heart of home is Mother!

Author Unknown

With grateful hearts our thoughts turn to our mothers in appreciation for all they do for us. How often they willingly make sacrifices for our benefit.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

Proverbs 31:10, 28

Hospitalized this month was Sis. Sue Frieden (Bro. Byron). We are thankful that everything went well for her.

### INDIANA, WEST LAFAYETTE PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Camille Vogt

With the semester rapidly advancing to its end, five of our students here are rejoicing as they approach their last set of final exams. Our graduates include Bro. Curt Anliker (Francesville), Sis. Sheryl Bucher (Valparaiso), Bro. Jeff Dotterer (Bluffton), Sis. Heidi Gutwein (Francesville), and Sis. Sue Waibel (Remington). We will surely miss their presence on campus, and we wish for them God's continued peace and guidance in their lives.

We recently went to Bluffton/Bluffton North for College Week-end April 6 and 7. The topic was on "Overcoming from A to Z: Apathy to Misguided Zeal" in the following three areas: personal devotions, witnessing to unbelievers and daily responsibilities. We were exhorted to be "fishin' for souls" and taught "If we don't give God time, He can't give us strength." It was such an encouraging weekend to be together to learn more about what God expects out of each of our lives.

"Sow a thought, reap a deed. Sow a deed, reap a habit. Sow a habit, reap a character." As Bro. Lynn Stieglitz (Leo) ministered to us at services, he spoke about building our character through thinking on the good things of God (Philippians 4:8) and not letting Satan have a hold of our minds. As it is written in II Corinthians 10:5: "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." With the scripture of John 1, Bro. Nelson Beer (Milford) spoke about John the Baptist, the precursor of Jesus Christ, who cried in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord." (John 1:23) Are we sharing the gospel with those around us in preparation for our Lord's second coming? We really appreciate that those two brothers were willing to share the Living Word with us.

### INDIANA, WOLCOTT

Lynell Blume - Lorna Knapp

We were reminded of Jesus' suffering and death at our Easter program Good Friday, March 29. The Sunday school children and various singing groups eagerly told of the "wonderful story of love" through recitations and songs.

Bro. Chris Huber (Francesville, IN) gave us much food for thought at our Bible study April 3. He spoke on "The Christian's Hope." It seemed so appropriate to have this topic close to the Easter season. The basis of our "hope" is Jesus' blood and therefore, through faith, the Christian's hope and desire is life eternal.

We could feel the Lord's presence in our midst as we did partake of holy communion April 14. We thank Elder Bros. Andy Virkler (Bay City, MI) and Chuck Hemmer (Peoria, IL) who willingly assisted our Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler. In remembrance of Jesus we did eat and drink as directed by the Holy Word.

We were pleased to hear the engagement announcements of two of our sisters April 14. Sis. Donita Furrer (Bro. Don and Sis. Rita) was announced to Bro. Kip Edelman (Silverton, OR). Bro. Kip's parents are Bro. Albert and Sis. Mara Jean (Gridley, KS). Sis. Marcy Bahler (Bro. Lowell and Sis. Karla) was announced to Bro. Mark Graf (Bro. Leon and Sis. Janet, Akron, OH). We wish these two couples God's guidance and blessings as they plan their future life together.

Sis. Dorothy Lehman has been recovering at home due to a back injury. We hope it won't be long until she can once again assemble with us. Also, Sis. Marcia Waibel (Bro. Gerry) injured her foot. We wish them the Lord's healing power as we remember them in our thoughts and prayers.

Recently our area was hit by a severe ice storm that resulted in the electricity being off for several days. Brethren from the Latty, OH, area shared their generators with us. We certainly appreciate their love and concern for us and wish to thank them for this kind deed. May the Lord be their Rewarder and bless them according to His will.

**IOWA, BURLINGTON****Deyona Massner - Carolyn Wulf**

We are thankful for Bro. Doug Grimm (Sabetha, KS) and Bro. Uriel Gehring (Leo, IN) for lending themselves to us and bringing us Good Friday services. May God bless them for being a willing servant of the Word of Life. We also thank Bro. Wayne Banwart (Champaign, IL) for spending the day with us recently.

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of Sis. Edith Massner (Bro. Lloyd) in the passing of her dear mother. May they feel God's grace and peace in their sorrow.

Burlington also enjoyed the day of the World Relief Meeting that was held at the Oakville fellowship center. We thank all those who spend time in helping those who are less fortunate and do not have the many modern conveniences as we do here in America. May we always be thankful and appreciate our faith and land that has been so richly blessed by God.

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

With Mother's Day past and Father's Day coming up, many of us have spent time in thinking what gift of love we can give them. I recently heard a song on the radio which contained these words, "the best gift parents can give their children is a life lived for Jesus." This may be true but can also be turned around to say that the best gift children can give their parents is a life lived for Jesus. I am reminded of a Bible verse in III John 4, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

A group of us recently gathered together for our annual church cleaning. What a joy it is when brethren can labor together in love and unity.

Our visiting ministers this past month have been Bro. Wayne Grimm and Elder Bro. Wayne Fehr (both of West Bend). We so appreciate their visits and wish them God's grace and nearness as they continue in His service.

**IOWA, GARDEN GROVE****Dawn Moser**

Our visiting ministers this past month were Bros. Don Braker (Kansas City, MO), Darrel Stoller (Bern, KS), Jon Schmidgall (Oakville, IA), Steve Baner (Gridley, IL), Marvin Leman (Bradford, IL), Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski, IA), Harvey Heiniger (Burlington, IA) and Gene Metzger (Lester, IA). We thank them for their time and commitment to serve the Lord and us.

On Sunday, April 14, we held our annual business meeting. Our new electees are: Bro. Brad Funk is trustee; Bro. Brad Funk is president; Bro. Tom Moser is vice president and secretary; Bro. Gene Smith is treasurer; Bro. Gene Smith and Bro. Phil Weber are our new Sunday school teachers; Bro. Tom Moser and Bro. Phil Weber are our World Relief correspondents. We thank those whose terms are up for their time and effort in these various positions.

Eric Smith (Bro. Gene and Sis. Rachel) and Sylvia Weber (Bro. Phil and Sis. Jan) and Joshua Funk (Bro. Tony and Sis. Eileen) are our eighth grade graduates. May the Lord bless each one as they continue in their education.

Bro. Tom, Sis. Dawn, Britany and Clint Moser are thankful for the safe arrival of Alecia Dawn March 24. Happy grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Jeanette Moser (Elgin, IL) and Ken and Eunice Mengler.

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

Greetings to all! A special thank you to all of our visitors this month, including ministering Bros. Wayne Banwart (Champaign, IL), Gary Endress (Bradford, IL) and Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski, IA) and their families.

While for many of us, springtime is a time of renewed hope and energy, let us remember that others' "Seasons of the Soul" may not coincide with the earth's changes. May we with hearts lifted up in prayer and hands extended in love, intercede for them until the promised springtime comes to their hearts.

**SEASONS OF THE SOUL**

Why am I cast down and despondently sad  
When I long to be happy and joyous and glad?

Why is my heart heavy with unfathomable weight  
As I try to escape this soul-saddened state?

I ask myself often -- "What makes life this way,

Why is the song silenced in the heart that was gay?"

And then with God's help, it all becomes clear,  
The Soul has its Seasons just the same as the year --

I too must pass through life's autumn of dying,  
A desolate period of heart-hurt and crying,

Followed by winter in whose frostbitten hand

My heart is as frozen as the snow-covered land --

Yes, man too must pass through the seasons God sends,  
Content in the knowledge that everything ends,  
And oh what a blessing to know that here are reasons  
And to find that our soul must, too, have its seasons --

Bounteous Seasons and Barren Ones, too,  
Time for rejoicing and times to be blue,

But meeting these seasons of dark desolation

With strength that is born of anticipation

That comes from know that "Autumn-time Sadness"  
Will surely be followed by a "Springtime of Gladness."

Helen Steiner Rice

**IOWA, LESTER****Kathy Metzger - Mary Knobloch**

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death 'til He come." I Corinthians 11:26. We were once again privileged to go to Calvary's Hill and view the death of our precious Savior. What a humbling experience to

renew our minds of the great price paid there and what a tremendous responsibility we have to do the Lord's work while living here on earth. May God grant each of us grace to lay aside those "weights" that so often rob us of the full blessings that are there for us to enjoy. We were thankful Elder Bro. Harold Messner (Winthrop, MN) assisted our brethren in this holy work and that Bro. Leroy Messner (Winthrop, MN) preached God's Word to us. On Easter Sunday, Bro. Jim Knobloch (Elgin, IA) brought us teachings of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

"Likewise I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. St. Luke 15:10. And there is likewise joy in all of our hearts to hear of the repentance of Freda Giesel and Julie (Albert) Wulf. Our prayers in their behalf are that God will give them an abundance of grace and love as they humbly begin to work out the salvation of their souls. We also welcome Albert and Julie back in our midst as they take up residence here at Lester.

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." Psalm 127:3. God has blessed three families with new babies. A son, Brett Jacob, was born March 19 to Bro. Myron and Sis. Beth Knobloch. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Lollie Mogler and paternal grandparents are Bro. Ezra and Sis. Marie Knobloch. First-time parents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Melisa Feucht who welcomed a daughter into their home. Ruth Ann was born March 31. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Ray and Sis. Barbara Moser (Silverton, OR) and paternal grandparents are Bro. Gus and Sis. Martha Feucht. On April 3, a son, Brice Loren, was born to Brad and Linda Klostergaard. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Elgeva Knobloch. May God richly bless these dear families and their little "blessings" from heaven.

"Is anybody sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." James 5:14. Surgical patients this month were Kristi Metzger (Bro.

Ray and Kathy) and Sis. Emily Leuthold (Bro. Art). Sis. Iola Knobloch was hospitalized after suffering injuries in a car accident. We are thankful they are home again and pray for a full recovery for each one.

#### A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Our Father in heaven whose love is divine,  
Thanks for the love of a Mother like mine --  
And in thy great mercy look down from above  
And grant this dear Mother the gift of your love --  
And all through the year, what ever betide her --  
And, Father in heaven, show me the way  
To lighten her tasks and brighten her day,  
And bless her dear heart with the insight to see  
That her love means more than the world to me."

Helen Steiner Rice

Believing that God has brought them together, Sis. Ranae Knobloch (Bro. Bill and Sis. Eleanor) and Bro. Mark Kaiser (Bro. Mel and Sis. Marlene, Tremont, IL) have announced their engagement. May God bless them as they plan their lives together.

#### IOWA, OAKVILLE Debbie Wagenbach Melody Steiner

We are thankful to have two new babies added to our Oakville congregation. Kaylyn Kristine Lanz was born March 20 and was the first little addition to the family of Robby and Kris Lanz. Grandparents are Bro. Rob and Sis. Emma Jean Lanz and Dennis and Loretta Lolling (Wapello, IA). Caleb Richard is the second son born to Bro. Mark and Sis. Rosemary Larson. Big brother, Luke, is happy to have a little brother to play with. Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Larson (Wapello, IA) and Bro. Lee and Sis. Mary Eisenmann (Latty, OH) are once again grandparents.

"And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of

a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." Matthew 10:42. We were certainly privileged to host the World Relief committee meeting at Oakville the last weekend in March. It is so reassuring to see brothers and sisters with such caring attitudes that reach out and give of themselves to those who are without the necessities in life. May they always feel God's nearness and direction in their lives as they willingly labor in His vineyard.

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes, we are healed." Isaiah 53:5. April 13 we gathered for a very sobering evening. Elder Bro. Ed Lanz and Bro. Harvey Heiniger (Burlington, IA) served us holy communion. How blessed it is to be in communion with one another and most especially with our blessed Lord. Let us all serve God more sincerely, for the price paid was His precious Son.

Bro. Curtis Kaufman (Tucson, AZ) and Bro. Jim Knobloch (Elgin, IA) have recently brought forth the Word over our pulpit. May God richly bless them.

As I am typing the Silver Lining, I have been conversing with my little nieces. We talk about Jesus. Little children love to talk about Jesus and heaven. Let us become as little children with the simple faith and trust that will someday take us to our heavenly home.

#### IOWA, PULASKI Teresa Schock Carol Wettstein

#### HOLD FAST TO THE RIGHT

Kneel down by the side of your mother my boy,  
You have only a moment I know,  
But stay till I give you this parting advice,  
It is all that I have to bestow.  
You leave us to seek your employment my boy,  
By the world you have yet to be tried,  
But in the temptations and trials you meet,

May your heart to the Saviour  
confide.  
I gave you to God in your cradle  
my boy,  
And I've taught you the best that  
I knew,  
And as long as His mercies permit  
me to live,  
I shall never cease praying for you.  
You will find in your satchel, a  
Bible my boy,  
It's the book of all others the best,  
It will help you to live and prepare  
you to die,  
And will lead to the gates of the  
blest.

Chorus:

Hold fast to the right, hold fast to  
the right,  
Wherever your footsteps may roam,  
O forsake not the way of salvation  
my boy,  
That you learned from your mother  
at home.

Author Unknown

May we always treasure the love  
our mothers have for us, and re-  
member the many lessons they teach  
us throughout life.

We are thankful God has called  
Carrie Wuthrich (Bro. Joel and Sis.  
Shirley) unto repentance. May God  
give her much grace each day.

Montie Wuthrich (Bro. Bill and  
Sis. Ernestine) was hospitalized a  
few days this month.

We will surely miss Albert and  
Julie Wulf in our little congrega-  
tion as they have moved to Lester,  
IA. Our prayers will be with Julie as  
she has heeded God's call to walk  
life's pathway with Him.

On April 6, Elder Bro. Sam Huber  
(Sabetha, KS) helped our own Elder  
Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville) in serving  
holy communion. We pray God will  
bless these dear brothers, along with  
their wives, as they travel to be with  
us.

#### IOWA, WEST BEND

Phyllis Banwart - Mary Gerber

We appreciated the efforts put  
forth by Elder Bros. Chuck Hemmer  
(Peoria, IL) and Harold Messner  
(Winthrop, MN) who came to assist  
our Elder Bro. Wayne Fehr with the  
testimonies and baptisms of four  
dear souls, the weekend of March

16 and 17. We welcome our new  
brother and sisters-in-faith, Neal  
Schmidt (Bro. Dwaine and Sis.  
Lucille), Ruth Dodd, Virgil and Cathy  
Wilson (Ruth Dodd).

Other visiting ministers who lent  
themselves in our behalf, recently,  
were Bros. Elmer Schmidt (Win-  
throp, MN), Leroy Messner  
(Winthrop, MN), Kent Mogler  
(Minneapolis, MN) and Jim Knob-  
loch (Elgin, IA). We thank them.

We want to extend our best wishes  
and the blessings of the Lord to  
Frank and Dawn Schmidt (Bro. Ivan  
and Sis. Evelyn, John and Pam Kragt  
and Dave and Marilyn Fehr). On  
March 23, Elder Bro. Wayne Fehr  
performed this second most impor-  
tant step in their lives at our fellow-  
ship hall.

We trust a speedy recovery is on  
the way for Pearl Gerber (Eli) and  
Sis. Lucille Schmidt (Bro. Dwaine)  
as they both submitted to surgery  
recently. Bro. Walter Banwart (Sis.  
Esther) has been in Rochester for  
tests.

Kristin Ann Wirtz was born  
March 25. Welcoming her home are  
parents, Fred and Patsy and big  
brother, David. Also rejoicing are  
grandparents, Bro. Fred and Sis.  
Hulda Wirtz and Ralph and Dorothy  
Banwart. We wish them the bless-  
ings of the Lord.

Bro. Ed and Sis. Helen Zaugg  
observed their 50th wedding anni-  
versary April 7. May God add His  
blessings to their lives.

We extend congratulations to our  
high school graduates and may they  
remember that Jesus is only a prayer  
away as mentioned in the following  
poem.

#### YOU'RE NEVER ALONE

You're never alone, with Jesus.  
He's always by your side,  
Giving strength, and wisdom,  
With you, He does abide,  
To keep you safe from danger,  
The trials that come your way,  
You're never alone, with Jesus,  
He's with you every day.

Colette Fedor

Our graduates are John Fehr  
(Bro. Jim and Sis. Sharon), Ann  
Fehr (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Judy),  
Rose Zaugg (Bro. Martin and Sis.

Doris), Shane Metzger (Bro. Har-  
lan and Sis. Shirley), Jeff Wickman  
(Bro. Larry and Sis. Marvella) and  
Wendy Mogler (Bro. Art and Sis.  
Eula).

#### JAPAN, SHIODA

Renee Baurer

The valley where our church is  
located is now bursting with much  
evidence of spring. Pink peach and  
cherry blossoms cover the area even  
up into the mountains. Farmers are  
rising early to work in the peach  
fields. A school year has ended and  
students in fresh school uniforms  
are seen riding their bikes to school  
as they enter a new grade.

Several of our church families'  
children graduated in March. So  
Saigusa graduated from high school  
and will be attending a university  
in Kobe. His sister, Michio, gradu-  
ated from grade school. Sachiko  
Hirose graduated from junior high  
school. Entering a new school is a  
big adjustment and we pray for God's  
blessing and continued guidance in  
each of their lives.

Spring is also a time to particu-  
larly remember Christ's death and  
resurrection. On March 24 we gath-  
ered together for a communion serv-  
ice. We appreciate Bro. Akito Inoue  
ministering to us at that time.

Rain early Easter morning pre-  
vented us from gathering at a nearby  
park for sunrise services. However,  
it didn't prevent us from remem-  
bering Christ's death and resurrec-  
tion.

We met at the church instead,  
for singing, a short service and break-  
fast. It was special to begin Easter  
day together. We were thankful to  
have over 40 Sunday school chil-  
dren and then eat lunch with us at  
noon. It was good to have some of  
their parents, who usually do not  
come to church, attend the after-  
noon program. The children told us  
the story of Christ's death and resur-  
rection through songs, Bible verses  
and a skit.

We thank God for Bro. Frank,  
Sis. Kathy, Jonathon and Steven  
Sauder's safe return to Japan. They  
were able to spend time with their  
family and friends in the United  
States in March. We missed them

here and heartily welcome them back to our fellowship!

### JAPAN, TOKYO

#### Frank and Kathy Sauder

This past month we have enjoyed visitors from the States. Bro. Frank Hertzle (Bern, KS) came to Japan on business and was able to worship with us. Bro. Hisato Inoue (Bloomington, IL) was also able to return to Japan on a brief business trip. We are thankful to God for a fellowship that we can enjoy with believers throughout the world.

Sis. Marie Inoue returned to America for a couple of weeks to help take care of her father. It's good to have her back in Japan again. Our thoughts and prayers continue for her and her parents, because we know that it is not easy to be separated from your loved ones when they are in failing health. During the month of March, our family also returned to America to spend time with our families in Altadena, CA, and Roanoke, IL.

The Sunday school presented a meaningful Easter program by recounting the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and how this relates to the process of repentance and conversion. We pray that they will hold the message they presented close to their hearts. During the spring vacation, the Sunday school children also went on an outing where they could enjoy fellowship with each other.

### KANSAS, BERN

#### Kathy Strahm - Diane Kaeb

"And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." Genesis 2:18. On March 17 the engagement of Sis. Diane Menold (Bro. James and Sis. Louise Menold) and Bro. Mike Strahm (Bro. Alpha and Sis. Mamie) was announced. The engagement of Sis. Janie Edelman (Fairbury, IL) and Bro. Mark Waldbeser (Cissna Park, IL) was made known April 14. Parents are Bro. Fred and Sis. Joann Edelman and Bro. Fred and Sis. Joan Waldbeser (Cissna Park, IL). We wish both of these couples God's richest

blessings on their upcoming marriages.

March 23 we were privileged to assemble with the Sabetha congregation to hear the reading of the memorandum. We thank Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI) for assisting Elder Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha) and our Elder Bro. John Lehman. We do appreciate the love and concern of our elder brothers. Sunday evening Elder Bro. Ben again faithfully proclaimed God's Word unto us.

On March 26, some of our congregation traveled to Newton, KS, to help package food and repair clothing for the needy. May we, like Dorcus, Acts 9:36-41, all be willing to help those in need.

We were blessed to have Bro. John Schmidgall (Oakville, IA) with us for Good Friday services in Sabetha and Easter Sunday to share God's Word. God bless you for your love and commitment.

Brenna Strahm (Bro. Rod and Sis. Cynthia) was hospitalized this month. It is nice to have Brenna back in Sunday school.

We felt very grateful to have Bro. Harvey Grimm back on the pulpit after his hospitalization last month. We are thankful God grants healing strength to those that are ill.

On April 6, many gathered together at the fellowship hall to rejoice with retired Elder Bro. Lester and Sis. Ella Hartter as they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. The potluck and singing was hosted by their children, Bro. Leonard and Sis. Nancy Baumgartner, Bro. Steve and Sis. Louis, Lynn and Barbara, Bro. Neil and Sis. Evelyn Hartter, 18 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. May the Lord bless them now and forevermore.

Thank You: Many grateful thanks to all for food, prayers, cards and gifts.

Retired Elder Bro. Lester  
and Sis. Ella Hartter

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Psalms 51:10. It has been announced that we will soon partake of communion. As we take time to house clean spiritually, we also

gathered together to house clean our church building.

Bro. Dan Sinn is now residing at the Apostolic Christian Home. May God be near him wherever he makes his home.

With spring comes the time our congregations at Bern and Sabetha stop having our midweek services and start Sunday evening singing.

It was a beautiful afternoon, April 14, for the many that attended the open house of Lakeside Terrace and the Apostolic Christian Home. This past year we added more resident rooms and more office space to our home. At the time of this writing, Lakeside Terrace has its first client, Nancy Wernli. Nancy's parents are Bro. Roy and Betty Wernli. We so appreciate the support from the board of trustees of the Morton Apostolic Christian Home of the Handicapped as Lakeside Terrace was being erected.

Our high school graduates are Sis. Heidi Menold, Chris Hartter and Larry Meyer. Sis. Camille Strahm and Bro. Craig Plattner graduated in December from Kansas State University. Bro. Todd Rokey and Sheri Hartter will graduate from Kansas State in May. Sara Strahm will graduate from St. Mary's of the Plans School of Nursing in May. Congratulations and best wishes for a happy and successful future.

"Her children arise up and call her blessed . . ."

Proverbs 31:28

Mother - such a simple word, and yet, there is no doubt, six simple little letters spell what love is all about.

Heavenly Father, bless all mothers with the strength and wisdom to continue in the tough but most important job you've given them.

### KANSAS, FORT SCOTT

#### Teresa Bahr

Our assembly was filled to the overflowing for the weekend of April 6-7, when many brethren and friends gathered with us for the testimonies and baptisms of Tammy and Rebecca Sinn (Bro. Charles and Sis. Karen) and Janelle Sinn (Bro. John



and Sis. Carol). We welcome them as sister-in-faith in the family of God. Elder Bro. Dan Koch (Tremont, IL) and Elder Bro. John Lehman (Bern, KS) were here to assist. Also, Bro. Tom Leman (Denver, CO) and Bro. Dale Zeltwanger (Morris, MN) ministered to us.

Thanks to God for dear ones who are heeding the call. Chuck Sinn (Bro. Charles and Sis. Karen) and Trenton Banwart (Bro. Lon and Sis. Debbie) are seeking their soul's salvation.

The evening of March 22, the Sunday school presented their annual Easter program.

Elder Bro. Gene Marti (Kansas City, MO) and our Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart read and discussed to us the letter of the 1990 conference conclusion and thereby encouraged us.

#### KANSAS, GRIDLEY

##### Volta Young - Judy Kraft

Elder Bro. Gene Marti shared with us slides of his trip to eastern Europe one evening. Another evening was set aside for Barry Metzger to show a video tape of the Haiti work project. Barry and Bro. Victor Edelman were privileged to be included in those helping in Haiti. Seeing the hardships and persecutions others endure, makes us realize how much progress and plenty we should be thankful for here in America.

Our thanks to visiting ministers, Bro. Al Langhofer, Bro. Harold Kraft and Bro. Jeff Bahr.

Believing it is God's directing, the engagement announcement of Bro. Kip Edelman (Bro. Albert and Sis. Mora Jean) to Sis. Donita Furrer (Bro. Don and Sis. Rita, Wolcott, IN) has been made known.

Those graduating from higher learning include Lanette Bazil (daughter of Bro. Ephraim and Sis. Dorothy Young) with a degree in elementary education; Darren Isch (Dale and Sis. Janiece) from senior high; Brad Owens (Steve and Sis. Marilyn) and Renee Isch (Dale and Sis. Janiece) from eighth grade.

We know that schooling is definitely advantageous and helpful in our present society and we congratulate

late each one of you. Our wish and prayer for each of these individuals is that God could be number one priority, allowing Him to do the nurturing and development in life's short sojourn here on earth.

#### KANSAS, KIOWA

##### Darcy Kisling - Janice Bahr

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?"

"For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread."

I Corinthians 10:16, 17

At our communion service this month, there was a feeling of oneness in our body of believers. As we go our separate ways, may we continue to glorify and serve God in that oneness. May we all look beyond ourselves to that great purpose for which we were all created.

We have several eighth grade students this year and also three high school seniors this year: Brandon Farney (Bro. Tom and Sis. Gay), Jenny Farney (John and Sheryl) and Jenny Schupbach (Bro. Kent and Sis. Darcy Kisling). We ask a special blessing on our graduates as they close another chapter of their lives. As many of us know, the world has many avenues open to a young and seeking heart. May the Lord grant them the wisdom to follow the straight and narrow way.

As we recognize mothers on Mother's Day this year, let us be especially thankful for one of God's most tender gifts.

Sis. Dorothy Brown has had an extended stay in the hospital this month battling her physical illness. We miss her presence and pray that she will feel the comfort that only the Lord can provide.

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

Isaiah 41:10

#### KANSAS, LAMONT

##### Jane Isch

On the afternoon of March 23, two young hearts were united in holy matrimony. We pray God will bless Mary Burdick (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine Kraft) and Rick Anliker (Bro. Glen and Sis. Lorean Anliker) as they begin their lives together. May their love continue to grow for each other and for the Lord.

We appreciate the special effort of Bro. Max and Sis. Judy Reimschisel (Wichita) for coming and sharing God's Word with us for our Good Friday service. We know God will reward them for their willing service in His name.

We want to thank Bro. Gene and Sis. Mary Marti (Kansas City, MO) for spending an evening with us and sharing their slides from their trip to Eastern Europe.

The following week we enjoyed seeing the pictures Barry Metzger and Bro. Victor Edelman showed of their trip to Haiti. It is so humbling to see how little other have and yet are so contented and thankful.

The Lamont Apostolic Sunday school hosted the Youth Fellowship Spring Get-Together for the students in 8th through 12th grade. We would like to extend our deepest thanks to Bro. Larry Wenninger and his wife, Sis. Joyce (Latty, OH) for lending themselves to us for the weekend to bless us with the inspiration of God's Word. We hope and pray Christian love and friendships will grow from these special gatherings.

#### KANSAS, SABETHA

##### Beth Hartter Sharon Strahm

"And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

Luke 22:19-20

It humbles us and gives us more grateful hearts remembering what our Saviour has done for each of us. We appreciate Elder Bros. Dennis

Warner (Lester, IA) and John Lehman (Bern) helping our Elder Bro. Sam Huber serve us holy communion the evening of March 16.

The following weekend, March 23 and 24, was also spiritually uplifting as we were privileged to listen to the testimony of Kacie Thompson (Sis. Thirza) and witness her baptism. Having renounced sin and the world, she made her covenant to live for God. May He grant her abundant grace. Assisting our Elder Bro. Sam were Elder Bros. Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI), Eugene Marti (Kansas City, MO) and John Lehman (Bern). They also read the memorandum. Also among our visitors were ministering Bros. Mark Bahr (Detroit, MI) and Don Braker (Kansas City, MO).

Other ministering brothers this month were Bros. Jon Schmidgall (Oakville, IA), Alpha Strahm (Bern) and James Plattner (Princeville, IL). We thank them for their teachings from the Word of Life.

"Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth."

Psalms 71:9

We were reminded of this aged man's prayer as our dear Ellsworth Dobson is seeking the Lord in repentance. May he always feel God's nearness and guidance. Ellsworth moved here in latter years and is the grandfather of Sis. Kacie Thompson and father of Sis. Thirza. We rejoice with them all.

A farewell singing was held for our dear Sis. Gerri O'Brien as she has moved back to Rockville. We certainly miss her in our midst, but do wish her God's grace and guidance in all her future days.

An open house was held April 14 for the new addition to our Apostolic Christian Home for the Aged and also for Lakeside Terrace, the new I.C.F. for the mentally retarded. The first residents should be moving in this week. We are thankful for these very nice facilities and pray God will bless the endeavors there.

It is again the time when we discontinue our mid-week services and resume our hymn singings on

Sunday evenings. They are held every two weeks alternating with Bern.

## KANSAS, WICHITA

### Emma Miller

Rejoice with us! Patrick Funk has been announced for baptism June 2. Patrick is the son of Bro. Glen and Sis. Sally.

Bro. Mike Bowers has accepted an assignment for job training which will require him to be headquartered in Kearney, Nebraska. We wish him God's blessings and look forward to his return to our assembly.

Bro. Harve and Sis. Ann Farney's family circle has been increased with the birth of a granddaughter. Kara Marie was born April 10 to Terry and Mary Farney.

**HELP WANTED:** There is considerable interest among members of the Wichita congregation concerning the "Authors and Composers of the Hymns Found in the Zion's Harp hymnal" pamphlet. We are especially interested in learning about some of the most recent composers. If you can give us any biographical information concerning the following composers, please contact me at 320 South Taylor, El Dorado, KS 67042. The composers are Bertha Neff Wehrly and Albert Steffler.

We have reactivated the combined Southern Kansas choir in anticipation of our pending weekend in Denver, CO. What a blessing it is to review the hymns we love so dearly and to have their melodies ringing in our hearts long after our practice sessions are completed!

## KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON

### Lester and Glendoris Huber

"In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in Him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us." Psalms 62:7, 8. How thankful we should be for this comfort and refuge we find in Him, when we fully trust and wait upon Him.

It has been an encouragement to be blest with so many visitors during the past two months. Visitors were represented from the following churches: LaCrosse, Valparaiso, Indianapolis, Francesville, Bluffton and Leo, IN; Princeville, Bradford, Tremont, Peoria, Washington, Morton and Elgin, IL; Latty, OH; Detroit, MI; and Philadelphia, PA.

We want to sincerely thank our visiting ministers, Elder Bros. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville, IN) and Leroy Huber (Eureka, IL) and Bros. Ken Wuethrich (Indianapolis, IN), Charles Sauder (Tremont, IL), Nathan Stoller (Bradford, IL), Uriel Gehring (Leo, IN) and William Gudeman (Elgin, IL). May the Lord richly bless them and those who accompanied them and for their efforts and labors of love in sharing God's Word.

Our own Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman was with us for the annual meeting in March. We know God will reward his labors on our behalf. May God help us all to be willing participants in the needs of the church, each doing our part.

We were thankful and privileged to have a group of singers, "The Joyful Life," from Washington, IL, church the weekend of March 17. Their voices blended in beautiful harmony with praises to our God who is worthy. They were enjoyed by all, along with those at the Shriner's Children Hospital, where we visited Sunday afternoon.

We are happy to welcome Bro. Wayne and Sis. Becky Snodgrass and their two small children, Jacob and Rachel, from the Bluffton congregation. We pray the Lord's blessings on them as they adjust to their new home.

We will miss having Claudette Morgan in our congregation. We wish her God's love and protection. She will be staying in the Pittsburgh, PA, area, to be with her daughter for an indefinite stay.

Let us give tribute to our Godly mothers, not only with words of praise for them, but with lives that reflect the impact of holy influence.

Of all the earthly things God gives,  
There's one above all others;  
It is the precious priceless gift  
Of loving Christian mothers.

**MICHIGAN, ALTO**  
Michelle Oesch - Denise Oesch

**SOWING LOVE**

Flowers blooming row by row  
Delight the soul and eye,  
And other gardens can be sown  
That also beautify.  
Plant a row of helpful deeds;  
Plant a row to give away  
To fill somebody's needs;  
Plant a row of thoughtfulness,  
A row or two of love  
And you will have a garden  
That will rival those above.

Alice Joyce Davidson

As we prepare our gardens this spring, may we sow seeds pleasing to the Lord.

We here at Alto have witnessed a new bud of life on a new family tree started for Bro. Brad Baumgardner and Sis. Michelle with a precious son, Blane Evert. Grandparents are Carl and Sis. Myona Steffen. We are so happy for Blane's safe and long awaited arrival. Also happy first-time grandparents, Elder Bro. Aaron and Sis. Loretta Steffen, have a new granddaughter, Myka Joy, born to Bro. Matthew and Deanna Steffen, who have recently moved from Alto to Illinois. We hope they visit soon so we can all see and spoil her.

We were also made aware this past month that these little lives we rear up and raise can so easily be manipulated by Satan. Bro. Ted Witzig (Morton, IL) came to tell us the many truths that exist in our school systems and pressures our children are under. May we, as Christians, hope we plant a strong tap root in our children's lives hoping Satan can't totally destroy it.

We also give thanks to Bro. Andy Moser (Valparaiso, IN) for spending a Sunday with us.

**MICHIGAN, BAY CITY**  
Peggy Waibel

It's been a quiet month here in Bay City. We watched springtime come in as a lion, we've seen the grasses and flowers come to life, and we've noticed the first robins singing in our backyards. New life never ceases to amaze me as I take

in its complexities. Michigan is often very stormy in the spring and it made me realize that life is like that too. There are seasons of life; "Birth, Youth, Middle-aged", and "Old-aged", each with its turbulent times. While visiting in Indiana, I passed a church with this message on its billboard: "If you have any long-standing problems, try kneeling!" Even though we can't calm the wind and the waves as Jesus did in Matthew, chapter 14, we can certainly tackle the wind and waves of life, with prayer.

We were very thankful to have Elder Bro. Bill Schlatter with us for a midweek service this month. We enjoyed the fellowship and the instruction given through God's inspiration. Thank you, Bro. Bill, for lending yourself in His service.

Ed Wieland spent some time in the hospital due to sudden illness. We are thankful that he seems to be recovering, and we ask that you remember him in your thoughts and prayers.

May God go with you this month, and remember: "When life knocks you down on your knees, you're in a perfect position to pray."

**MICHIGAN, DETROIT**

Holly Barton  
Marlene Reinhard

We want to thank Bro. Don Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN) for ministering the true Word of God to us. Also, Bro. Neil Ramseyer (Bay City) took time out to come and share the scriptures with the residents at Woodhaven. God bless you each one and may you come back to visit us in Detroit.

"And that from a child thou has known the holy scriptures, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

II Timothy 3:15, 16

We wish our Bro. Ken Martin (Bro. Kaywin and Sis. Karen) God's blessing and peace as he seeks employment in the San Diego, CA,

area. We will miss Bro. Ken, but know he will be welcomed and loved by those around him.

"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

June 4 is Detroit's turn to host services at Woodhaven. Anyone is welcome to join us in worship with the residents.

Let us remember our dad's on Father's Day and all that they do for us, but let us always remember our heavenly Father and all that He has done for us eternally.

Thank You Note: Christian greetings to all, I wish to express my sincere thanks for the many prayers, the cards, the calls and the generous gifts I've received during a recent surgery and time of recovery. As I continue to cope with the recurrent malignancy and chemotherapy. It is clear how much the love and support of brethren and friends strengthens and encourages me. May God richly bless each of you.

Sincerely in Christian love,  
Sis. Ruth Gudeman

May we continue to keep Sis. Ruth in our prayers, and may our almighty God hold her in the hallow of His hand.

**MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS**

Kathryn Schmidgall  
Marcy Schmidgall

As springtime arrives, we see the world full of new life. We also, as the Lord's children, need to have new life in us.

On April 7, we were privileged to take holy communion with our local brethren. Elder Bro. Art Nohl (Morris, MN) was here to assist our Elder Bro. Wayne Fehr. We pray God will bless these brothers for their willingness to serve us.

"We never know the purpose God may have in bringing strangers to our door. Not strangers long, those guests who we've never met before;

But friends they are when they come through our door."

We welcome everyone into our homes and church who may be in the Minneapolis area on business, vacation or just passing through. We appreciate all our visitors very much.

#### MINNESOTA, MORRIS

##### Debra Joos - Christa Sauder

Sis. Dorothy Schmidgall (Bro. Gene) was our only hospital patient this month. We are thankful that she is feeling better once again.

We rejoice as do the angels to welcome four dear souls into the fold. Holly Feuchtenberger (Bro. Wally and Sis. Diane), Julie Messner (Bro. Beirne and Sis. Joyce), Kristi Koehl (Bro. Karl and Sis. Marilyn) and Chris Koehl (Bro. Eddie and Sis. Lois) gave their testimonies and were baptized the weekend of April 13 and 14. Elder Bro. Leo Moser was with us to help in this important work.

Other ministers sharing this weekend with us were Bro. Dale Wulf (Lester, IA), Bro. Doug Grimm (Sabetha, KS), Bro. Dean Messner (Winthrop, MN) and Bro. Kent Mogler (Minneapolis, MN). Also visiting us this month was Elder Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS). We are always thankful for visiting ministers and appreciate their giving of themselves for our uplifting.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Dorothy Schmidgall (Bro. Gene) in the loss of her step-father.

Congratulations are extended to Jon and Lori Moser on the birth of their little girl, Jenna Lee, born March 27. Happy grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Norene Moser.

Carter Moser (Bro. Carl and Sis. Norene) and Debra Quistorff (Osakis, MN) have announced their engagement and are planning a June 22 wedding.

August 3 is the wedding date chosen by Wendy Goll and Scott Love. Wendy is the daughter of Junior and Helen Goll.

#### GODLY MOTHERS

Of all the earthly things God gives,  
There's one above all others:

It is the precious, priceless gift  
Of faithful Godly mothers.

Unknown

With grateful hearts, many relive fond memories of such a person. For some of us, she waits on the shores of glory. For others, her face still smiles in life. How could we ever forget the years of her faithfulness to the Word. We rise up to "call her blessed." And through the shadows of our desperate hours, may her holy influence lead us on toward that heavenly home.

#### MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

##### Georgia Messner - Kim Messner

Easter morning we had our annual Sunday school breakfast which was enjoyed by all. We would like to thank the children and teachers for their labors.

Hospital patients this month were Sis. Sophie Miller, Bro. Ray Messner (Sis. Bernadine) and Gene Schmidt (Sis. Ella Mae). We pray that God's healing hand will be upon them in the future.

We were recently reminded to examine ourself to see if our spiritual household is in order so that we will be able to partake of the precious Lord's Supper.

#### MOTHER'S HANDS

Mother's hands were busy hands,  
But never did they fail  
To take the time to tie a bow  
Or braid a loose pigtail.

And never did those hands refuse  
To soothe a fevered brow,  
So even injured dolls pulled through  
In Mother's hands, somehow.

It seemed those hands were magic,  
Always knowing where to start  
To reconstruct a shattered dream  
Or mend a broken heart.

Dear Lord, I pray, as years go by,  
Whatever life's demands,  
That I may give just half the love  
I've found in Mother's hands.

Lois J. Funk

Give Your Old and New Address  
To Your Reporter

#### MISSOURI, LAMAR

##### Martin Hohulin

##### Janel Kellenburger

If it were not for Jesus Christ, and His dying upon the cross, we would not be concerned about those who live in distant stations of life. But because of His great love for fallen mankind and His dying for each mortal that ever lived upon the earth, we have a love and a concern for our fellow man, especially for those of the household of faith.

It was with this love in their heart that the seven single sisters in our congregation invited and welcomed young members and converts April 13 and 14 from Lester, IA, Eureka, IL, Kansas City, MO, Fort Scott, Lamont and Gridley, KS.

As we entered the sanctuary Sunday, the voices blended in a beautiful praise to our God and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sister Arlene Marti (Dean) was a patient in the Lamar hospital a few days. She has returned to her home.

Tom and Tauna Frieden are the happy parents of a baby boy. Jason Ellis, born Sunday, April 14. Grandparents are Sis. Bernice Frieden; Tony and Cheryl O'Neil (Jasper, MO).

As we enter into the summer and the vacation season, perhaps many of our brethren and friends will consider vacations to the Missouri Ozarks, Branson and Bagnal Dam.

We welcome all to our Sunday service and for overnight stays here at Lamar.

Any of our ministers or the Silver Lining reporters would be happy to arrange accommodations.

#### MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS

##### Mark Leman

We thank the following ministers for visiting us in St. Louis and sharing the Word: Bros. Jay Rinkenberger (Goodfield, IL), Tim Zimmerman (Gridley, KS), Kurt Kaufmann (Tuscon, AZ), Elder Bro. Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO) and Bro. Jim Leman (Roanoke, IL).

We St. Louisians are thoroughly enjoying our new church here and we invite all brethren and friends to

come and join us. Open House for the church is scheduled for May 19 and dedication is planned for the following Sunday, May 26. We hope many will come and worship with us on these dates. Directions are in the April issue of the Silver Lining.

## MISSOURI, TAYLOR

### Ruthie Hoerr

So precious and priceless and lovable too, God's sweetest miracle are babies. Bro. Rusty and Sis. Amy Adrian were doubly blessed with twin boys, Aaron Russell and Andrew Robert, born April 4. Grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Emma Hoerr and Jen Adrian (Hannibal).

"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. Shannon Haerr and Marci Musolino were united in marriage April 6. We rejoice with their parents Bro. Norman and Sis. Sally Haerr and Bird and Randy Musolino (Quincy). This happy event was saddened by the death of Marci's grandfather, Ray Lawrence, of Moberly, MO. May God's blessings and comfort be extended to them and their families.

On April 13, Elder Bro. Ray Sinn was here to assist our Elder Roy Grimm in expounding on the conference report; a truly blessed evening. Other visiting ministers this month were Bro. John Steiner (Oakville, IA); Bro. Ben Wysong (Sabetha, KS); Bro. Lenny Meyer (Chicago, IL); Bro. Roy Enley (Bradford, IL) and Elder Bro. Nathan Steffen (Elgin, IL). May God bless them and their families for serving us so faithfully.

Hospital patients this month were Bro. Jimmy Sutter, who underwent hand surgery, and Bro. William Cottrell, who remains hospitalized at this time.

Several willing workers helped load a truck with medical equipment and supplies that were acquired, to sent to the distribution point in Illinois.

Our nation set aside a day to honor our mothers this month. Many of us have memories of God-fearing mothers that are so precious. The Bible reminds us to honor our fa-

thers and mothers, the first commandment with promise. Ephesians 6:2. Our oldest and a very dear mother, Sis. Marie Butikofer, was accommodating by continuing the story of her early years.

Down memories lane . . . "Just a little more of our childhood . . . Thinking back, we indeed had a happy home life; never a cross word between my parents. We were reminded by our dad to never talk back to our mother or it would not be well with us. We had lots of good times (there were seven of us, five girls and two boys). Sad to say, only the two oldest are still living. My sister, Rose Steffen, is in a nice home in Elgin, IL.

We all had our tasks when we were young. After school the wood box had to be filled, water pumped for drinking and to fill the tank on one side of the new stove. What a luxury to have hot water to wash dishes. It was supposed to be our job to do them in the evening, but when Grandma Burki saw we were not too happy at times, she would do them. There was a running spring on our farm which never ran dry, which also served as our refrigerator to keep our milk, butter in jars, and evening milk from twenty-five cows. My dad also made cheese for twenty-eight years. Our cellar was ideal for cheese to cure. It was Mother's job to wash and salt them. Dad had regular customers and it was no trouble getting rid of "Grimm cheese". Since the four girls were older, we also learned to milk and feed young calves. We never lacked for anything we needed. Mother raised chickens and ducks. We learned to pluck their feathers and make pillows and mattress pads. We had two and one-half miles to walk to a one room school house. One teacher taught all eight grades. Everyone at school spoke Swiss so the poor teacher had a time to get us to talk English at noon so she could understand us. My folks boarded the teacher and mother had time filling all the dinner buckets. The teacher usually got pies and we had cake or cookies. I realize more and more what a happy home we had. There were prayers and Bible readings every day. What wonderful training, even though we often would

rather have ran out to play. We realized later how good it was for us. There are other things that come to mind, but I had better tell you a little about our move from Elgin, IA, to Missouri.

Sometime in 1925, my dad felt he would like to move some place where a minister was needed. He had a call to go to Winthrop, but mother did not want to go further north. Then a letter came from Bro. Henry Gerst saying there was a need for a minister at Taylor and LaGrange, MO. Some came down and decided to buy the buildings and forty acres at the Red Barn, which seemed to be a landmark for miles around (and still is). At that time we had been living with the folks, helping dad. The first part of January, 1926, we loaded the belongings of the folks, my sister, Sarah, my brother, Leo, Elizabeth and Eli Sutter and their two year old, Edward, Will and I, and our four children, into a boxcar for the move to Missouri. We loaded our cars and left, along with John Frieden, who was also going to Missouri. There were very few hard roads, mostly mud, so traveling was slow. It took us three days to reach Quincy and cross the only bridge. We stayed that night with Bro. Otto Gerst's who had a small log cabin in West Quincy. They put us up several nights until our box car got to LaGrange. The weather turned real nice and warm and we all were so happy we came to a warmer climate. We needed no heat, which was good as there was no furnace, no electric lights, and no running water. Within a week or more, we had a severe blizzard. We did get some heating stoves to keep some rooms warm. We all lived together there by the red barn for a couple of months until Eli's house was ready. In a short time Eli's little Edward started coughing. There were no antibiotics and no one went to hospitals. Inside of the first month we lost both boys, Edward in the morning and our Joel in the evening of the same day. We had not known our neighbors until then. They came and helped all they could. Until then we had been having church in the homes so the Baptist church at LaGrange offered us theirs to use

for the funeral. Elder Bro. Noah Schrock had the services and since there was no cemetery, the boys were buried in our yard. Some time later, the men bought a cottage a short distance from where our church is now and also an area for the cemetery. (The boys were the first ones buried there.) A petition was removed to make an assembly room. The other two rooms were used for a men's and a ladies' dining room. Later the upstairs was fixed for Sunday school. My dad used to come early to start the furnace so it was warm when the people came. It was one of those mornings he wrote the words to "The Little White Church on the Levee."

Fred finished high school in the spring and he and Elizabeth Frieden (now Hoerr) came down to get jobs in Quincy. Fred was struck on the head by a pipe where he worked, knocking him unconscious for several hours. He later had severe headaches and then a stroke and so was taken to the hospital. My mother was in Elgin, IL, to help sister, Rose, with her new baby. She came home. Sis. Anna, an R.N. from Chicago, IL, came to help take care of Fred because he was in serious condition. Many prayers were made for him. He was a very sick man for many weeks. It was during this time he realized he needed a Saviour. During his repentance, one after the other of his friends and sisters repented until there were fourteen. These were Elizabeth and Eli Sutter; Anna and Sarah Grimm; Anna, Elizabeth, Lydia, and Phillip Hoerr; Leslie and Christ Gerst; Tillie and Carl Gerst; and Clarence Yackley. When Elder Bros. Winzler and Shubert baptized them May 25, 1930, it was a big addition to our church, and there was a real rejoicing." . . .

Sis. Marie would also like to say a special thanks to all who remembered her on her ninety-second birthday. She felt it was a real blessing to hear from so many. She wishes you all God's blessings.

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**NEW YORK,  
 CROGHAN/NAUMBURG**  
 Alice Virkler

On Easter Sunday our Sunday school children presented a short

program of verse and Easter hymns to remind us of Christ's arising from the dead for us. May each of these children remember the important teachings from their Sunday school days. It is our prayer that they carry the Word of God, which they are taught each Sunday by faithful teachers, deep in their hearts each day of their lives whether they are preschool or college age or beyond.

The weekend of April 6 and 7 was a special weekend in the lives of John and Matie Farney and a special blessing for each one in our congregation. We were given the opportunity to listen to their testimony of faith and to witness their baptisms. We welcomed them into our midst as a brother and sister-in-faith and pray that God will remain close to them as they begin this walk of life in Him. May He lead, guide and direct them each step of the way as they strive to live for Him and bring up their little family according to His Word. We also had the privilege of hearing God's Word expounded by Elder Bro. LaVoyd Moore (Athens, AL) and Bro. Kevin Ryan (Rockville, CT). Our deepest thank you is extended to these brothers for their service unto God and us and also a thank you to the many loved ones who traveled from several different churches to share the weekend with us.

Sis. Julia (Urban) Karcher is doing well following surgery on her hand. Grace Mattoon (mother of Sis. Lois Virkler) is a hospital patient following surgery for a broken hip. Bro. John Rauhe was a medical patient. Our thoughts and prayers are for each of them that a measure of good health might be restored.

Our midweek services for the summer season have resumed Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

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**OHIO, AKRON**  
 Joyce Gasser

May is the month we give extra tribute to Mothers. There is a mother in the Bible who was blessed by God, but moved out of His will and became destitute. In her destitution, she called upon the Almighty, in Hebrew, El Shaddai, the One that takes nothing and creates

something, and El Shaddai gave her a miracle. Naomi and her husband moved out of Bethlehem-Judah to Moab. Bethlehem means House of Bread and Judah is Praise, where they should have stayed, instead of going to Moab which is a cursed place as they were idolaters. In the cursed place, her two sons took Moabite wives, and both sons and her husband died. In returning to the House of Bread, she tells her daughters-in-law, Ruth and Orpah, to go their way. Orpah submits to her, but Ruth does not submit to her. Naomi had told them about God, and Ruth wanted the living God, and followed her to Bethlehem.

Naomi had become destitute of her husband, sons, and with no grandchildren, it looked like no chance to leave a heritage. However, God gave her a miracle, and her former Moabite daughter-in-law Ruth, claimed grace or favor from God, and God answered their prayers. Ruth gleaned in the barley field, which belonged to Boaz, which means a deliverer, and he bought all that was Naomi's husbands and sons, and took Ruth to be his wife. In Leviticus the law was that the second husband's name. Thus, the son of Ruth and Boaz was Naomi's grandson. He was named Obed, who became the father of Jesse, the father of David. Therefore, Naomi, who had a time in her life of destitution, became blessed to be in the lineage of Jesus Christ. We are thankful that we can call upon the Almighty, our El Shaddai, and He can turn situations around and bless us.

We rejoice that Don Taylor has turned to the Lord in repentance. His loving wife, Sis. Ruth (Kaufman) never ceased praying for his salvation. May the Lord continue to give him His abundant grace.

We have two wedding engagements: Bro. Michael Palitto and Sis. Amy Beery are engaged. Parents are Bro. and Sis. Ron Palitto, and Bro. and Sis. Everett Beery (Rittman).

Bro. Mark Graf and Sis. Marcy Bahler have announced their engagement. Parents are Bro. and Sis. Leon Graf and Bro. and Sis. Lowell Bahler (Wolcott, IN). May the Lord's

blessings be upon both couples as each plan for their wedding.

Sis. Susie Grawunder and Bro. Mike Walder were united in marriage. Parents are Bro. and Sis. Fred Grawunder and Bro. and Sis. Melvin Walder (Champaign, IL). We welcome Bro. Mike into our area and are glad for the employment he was offered here. May the Lord continue to bless the newlyweds as they serve the Lord together. We appreciated visiting elders and ministers for the occasion: Elder Bros. Dale Eisenman, and Robert Walder, Bros. Kenneth Weerts and Lenard Meyer.

Sis. Juliet Graf had the misfortune of falling and getting a punctured lung and broken ribs. She went to the Home from the hospital to recuperate, and we pray for her speedy recovery. Sis. Juliet wishes to thank everyone that remembered her with prayers, gifts, cards, and so much love.

We have college graduates as follows: All three daughters of Bro. Zoltan and Sis. Bonnie Bako have earned different degrees this year: Melinda has a Masters of Art degree in English; Sherri has a Bachelor of Science degree in social work and plans to be a medical social worker in a hospital; and Sandra has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and plans to work with developmentally delayed children.

Lisa Spangler, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ned Spangler, has a Bachelor of Science degree in social work and plans to work in gerontology.

Bro. Brian Palitto, son of Bro. and Sis. Ron Palitto, has a Bachelor degree in Computer Science from the University of Akron.

We have high school graduates as follows: Sis. Jill Schamback, daughter of Bro. and Sis. John Schamback, plans to attend the Mansfield General Hospital School of Nursing.

Lisa Henico plans to attend Kent State University.

## OHIO, COLUMBUS

### Julie Grimm

Visiting ministers this past month were Bro. Jim Rinkenburger (Bluffton, IN) and Bro. Art Ingold (Rittman). Bro. Ed Aeschleman (Philadelphia, PA) also ministered

to us on a special Tuesday night service. We are thankful for the exhortation and encouragement we receive from God's Word through willing servants.

God, in His love,  
 Will grant a new start  
 To all who are truly  
 Repentant at heart . . .  
 This is a gift of His limitless love,  
 A gift we are all unworthy of.

Helen Steiner Rice

Our prayers are with Bill Sauder (Sis. Becky) and their daughters, Diane, as they have both heeded God's call to repentance. May our heavenly Father provide daily grace as they follow Him.

## OHIO, JUNCTION

### Laurie Schlatter

We recently enjoyed Bros. Doug Harmon (Toledo) and Randy Gasser (Detroit, MI) as they ministered unto our congregation. May God continue to bless our ministering brothers in their labors of love.

Bro. Ken and Sis. Gwen Manz welcome Brenda Diane. Brenda's brothers and sisters are Marvin, Tony, Larry, Cindy, Willie, Janice, Beth and Jimmy. Happy grandparents are Sis. Rose Steiner (Oakville, IA) and Bro. Eli and Evelyn Manz.

Midweek services for the Junction church have recently been moved from Thursday evening to Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. We invite anyone in our area to stop and worship with us.

Sis. Betty Manz (Bro. Alvin) is recovering from recent surgery. We pray for her continued recovery.

## OHIO, MANSFIELD

### Linda Morrison

Elder Bro. Henry Dotterer (Rittman) assisted our Elder Bro. Ken Sauder in serving communion. What a privilege to receive communion but especially during the Easter season. It seems so special to be reminded of the shed blood of Jesus. "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and

gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it." (Matthew 26:26, 27).

The Sunday school children presented the wonders of Easter in verse and song. "I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High." (Psalm 9:2).

Elder Bro. Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI) was with us and brought God's Word in abundant measure for Good Friday and Easter. Bro. John Grimm (Columbus) was also willing to be used in bringing God's Word. What good news: "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said." (Matthew 28:6) As we walk the path the Lord has set before each of us, do we sometimes become discouraged because a stone lays in our path? Let us go forth with faith, just as the stone was rolled away for those dear women who went early in the morning to seek Jesus' body, so will our stones of discouragement be rolled away if we go forth in faith.

We rejoice with Sis. Tracey Baltic (Bro. Pete and Sis. Karen) and Bro. Ed Dawson as they became our new sister and brother-in-faith. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:4). We enjoyed and appreciated the many visitors that shared the day with us and especially those who shared the duties of preaching God's Word: Elder Bro. Andy Stoller (Smithville); Bro. Nelson Beer (Milford, IN); Bro. Ron Palitto (Akron); and Bro. Glen Rigenbach (Smithville).

Bro. Doyle Frauhiger and Bro. Gary Tonner (Bluffton, IN) ministered to us and spent a blessed day with us and we thank them for their efforts on our behalf. "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said I, Here am I, send me." (Isaiah 6:8).

Our prayers and sympathy go out to Bro. Clarence and Sis. Ruth Pfiester in the death of Clarence's sister, Martha Gilbert; and to John and Roma Them in the death of Roma's father. "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." (Romans 12:15).

Hospitalized this month has been Ben Oesch and Frank Bertka. We pray God will restore them in both body and spirit. "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (I Thessalonians 5:18).

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**OHIO, RITTMAN**

**Lois Maibach  
Charlene Winkler**

Saturday evening, April 13, the Smithville congregation gathered with us for communion services. Assisting our Elder Bro. Henry Dotterer with these duties were Elder Bros. Ken Sauder (Mansfield, OH), Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH), and Andy Stoller (Smithville, OH).

March 25 Rachel Naomi joined Bro. Greg and Sis. Joy Stoller's family. Laura and John will share with their sister the loving care of grandparents, Bro. Dale and Sis. Jeanette Stoller and Bro. Ron and Sis. Hope Gasser.

Gail, Darlene, Aaron, Steven, and David along with their parents, Bro. Virgil and Sis. Lois Gasser, welcome a family addition, Nathan Virgil, born March 27. Grandparents are Bro. Glenn and Sis. Liz Gasser and Bro. Don and Sis. Martha Walder.

Announcing their engagement and planning for their wedding June 8 are Keith Winkler (Glenn and Mary Jane) and Regina Boltz (Bro. Bob and Sis. Marjorie).

On March 31 the engagement of Bro. Mike Palitto (Bro. Ron and Sis. Lynell, Akron, OH) and Sis. Amy Beery (Bro. Everett and Sis. Carol) was announced. We wish both couples God's nearness as they each plan for their marriage.

Those suffering physically and needing care in the hospital have been Emil Baltic (Bro. Dan and Sis. Betty), Bro. Reinhart Keiper (Sis. Betty), Zachary Murray (Brent and Jenny), Sis. Jenee Rufener (Bro. Steve), Kathleen Shane (Bill), Sis. Freda Winkler, and Sis. Lillian Zollinger (Bro. Charles).

We thank Bro. Ken Indermuhle (Sardis, OH) for visiting and serving as a messenger of God's Word.

The Silver Lining subscription fees are due in May for the Rittman

congregation. Please pay \$7.00 to the general fund.

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**OHIO, SARDIS**

**Paula Figel**

"God give the world stars . . .  
and there was beauty  
God gave the world sun . . .  
and there was warmth  
God gave the world rain . . .  
and there was life  
God gave the world mothers . . .  
and there was love."

Unknown

Soon we will be commemorating Mother's Day. May we ever be grateful for our Christian mothers.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all they ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5, 6. God's Word never fails to give instructions for any given situation. May Valerie Miller and Sis. Lisa Brake trust in God to direct their paths as they graduate from high school. Valerie is the daughter of Bro. Denny and Sis. Doris Miller and Sis. Lisa is the daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Miriam Brake.

The annual all day meeting of the New Martinsville, WV, church will be held June 29 and 30. The morning song service will begin at 10:30 with afternoon services beginning at 1:00 p.m. Services will be held Saturday evening, June 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sardis church. All are welcome.

David Figel and Amy Ludwig have plans for a June 8 wedding. David is the son of Bro. John and Sis. Paula Figel and Amy is the daughter of Brian Ludwig and Mrs. Lois Starr. May God bless this union.

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**OHIO, SMITHVILLE**

**Stephanie Luginbuhl  
Kim Stoller**

We worship Thee with tears of gladness,  
Lord Jesus Christ, for Thy great love!

To reconcile us with the Father,  
To die, Thou camest from above.

How great has been Thy sacrifice!  
To thee our thanks and praise shall rise.

Zion's Harp #25

On April 13, we had communion with the Rittman congregation. We want to thank Elder Bros. Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH) and Ken Sauder (Mansfield, OH) for assisting Elder Bros. Henry Dotterer and Andy Stoller.

We were blessed with several visiting ministers this past month. May God reward Elder Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH), Bro. Dave Graf (Akron, OH), Bro. Ken Indermuhl (Sardis, OH) and Bros. Earl Beery and Ron Steiner (Rittman, OH) for their labors.

We are thankful that Marge (Bill) Rhoades has turned to the Lord in repentance. May the Lord give her grace in the days ahead.

Our prayers are with Jamie Riggerbach (Bro. Don and Sis. Gail) as he is recovering from surgery.

Emily Jean was born March 2 to Bro. Rudy and Sis. Barb Maibach. Bradley and Katherine are excited to have another playmate. Grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Janet Maibach and Donald and Dorothy Boley.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Corinthians 5:17. March 30 and 31 we heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptism of three young men. Our new brothers-in-faith are Bro. David Maibach (Bro. Gary and Sis. Mary Ann), Bro. Steve Dotterer (Bro. Keith and Sis. Linda), and Bro. Jason Riggerbach (Bro. Don and Sis. Gail).

Reminder: The Silver Lining fee of \$7.00 is due in May.

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**OHIO, TOLEDO**

**Frances Laidig  
Josephine Rehklau**

Something happens to the people who dedicate themselves in the service of our heavenly Father and Jesus our Saviour. There is a change in their desires and interests in life. They find happiness in walking this new pathway. It gives them security to find that other people can



stand firm amid temptations and hold fast to the truths found in the Holy Word of God (Bible).

Sis. Minnie Fetter (Bro. John) has been in the hospital for cataract surgery. May she experience a good measure of improved vision. We wish her a satisfactory recovery.

### OREGON, PORTLAND Pearl Miller

I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able!

Able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

Able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

Able to succor them that are tempted.

Able . . . to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.

Able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.

Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.

Believe ye that I am able to do this? . . . Yea, Lord, according to your faith be it unto you. II Timothy 1:12; Ephesians 3:20; II Corinthians 9:8; Hebrews 2:18; Hebrews 7:25; Jude 24; II Timothy 1:12; Philippians 3:21; Matthew 9:28, 29.

How thankful we are that Bro. George Witzig (Gridley, IL) husband of Sis. Pauline, now at home with the Lord, could surrender his life to Him in his latter years of life. Our deepest sympathy to his dear wife, Sis. Pauline, and family. Being closely related, we are grateful for the visits we have had together.

Thought of death does not appall me;

Jesus is my life and all.

I am now an heir of glory.

Though the mortal body fall

Into dust, again I'll rise  
When He calls me from the skies.  
Zion's Harp #183

Blessings flowed upon as abundantly as our Elder Bro. Leo Moser (Lester, IA) ministered the precious Word in Silverton April 7, (Portland present). Warnings were expounded to not flirt with time, that God's deadline might overtake us in an unprepared state as the January 15 deadline of the coalition forces in Saudi Arabia. Sis. Teresa Knecht and Sis. Katrina Walter (Silverton, OR) were added to the fold. They answered the call and did not remain in the cocoon of sin, but came forth as the butterfly, a new life in Christ.

### RUMORS

Did you ever hear a rumor  
And you thought that it was true,  
And you passed it to another  
Adding something to it new?  
Just a little word you added,  
Thinking it wouldn't cause much harm;  
And the next person did the same,  
Thinking it wouldn't cause alarm.  
So the little rumor travels  
From another day by day,  
Growing larger as it passes,  
But what did you receive in pay?  
Maybe you thought it a pleasure,  
Adding just a little line,  
But remember somehow, somebody  
Will have to pay the fine.  
The next time you hear a rumor,  
Stop! Don't spread it anymore;  
It's going to hurt somebody,  
So throw it out the door.

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### OREGON, SILVERTON Rosa Lee Kuenzi

We were blessed with two wonderful, uplifting weekends in a row in the last month. First: Good Friday/Easter weekend, the holiest and most meaningful days of the year for true Christians, with its message brought to us so pure and clean and, second: a lovely weekend where we heard the testimony of two dear souls and witnessed their vows in the waters of baptism as they became sisters-of-the-Lord.

Those added to the fold were Sis.

Katrina Walter (Bro. Chuck and Sis. Karen) and Sis. Teresa Knecht (Bro. Ed and Sis. Judie). We welcome to the family of God and pray that they will be given much grace to always look to the Lord for He never faileth.

There were many dear visitors for both these occasions and we thank each one for coming especially our ministering brothers, Elder Bro. Leo Moser (Lester, IA), Bro. Peter Petrovic (San Diego, CA), Bro. Robert Miller and Bro. Garth Steffen (both of Portland, OR).

April 14, we were pleased to hear of the engagement of our Bro. Kip Edelman (Bro. Albert and Sis. Marajean, Gridley, KS) and Sis. Donita Furrer (Bro. Don and Sis. Rita, Wolcott, IN). A June 23 wedding is planned in Wolcott, IN, where the young couple plan to make their home. Bro. Kip has lived in Oregon nearly four years and we will miss his friendly smile and willingness to help. Our prayers go with him and Sis. Donita as they join their lives and together with the grace of the Lord strive to create a home where Christ will always be their unseen and welcome guest.

As it seems our farewells usually go hand in hand with our welcomes . . . we are very pleased to welcome Sis. Peggy Schultz who has recently moved here from Oakville, IA. Sis. Peggy's parents, Bro. Myron and Sis. Dorothy (Oakville, IA), were here to help her get settled into the cute little home that Sis. Brenda Knobloch is sharing with her. Sis. Peggy has already found employment at a doctor's clinic in nearby Stayton. We pray that God's blessings will follow her here to the Pacific Northwest.

March 16 was the wedding day of Kurt Metzger and Koren Kuenzi. Kurt, son of Bro. Dale and Sis. Chris Metzger (Lester, IA) and Koren pledged their vows of marriage in the home of Koren's parents, Jim and Barbara Kuenzi (Silverton). The Buffet/Reception was held later in the day at the Silverton Grange, where many relatives, brethren and friends gathered to give the new couple their best wishes. May God bless their lives together.

Once again our Sunday school children brought us the precious

story of Christ's sorrowful, suffering death on the cross and His triumphant resurrection on Easter morning. In Silverton, weeks of preparation and practice precede this youthful presentation on Palm Sunday night. There were the usual concerns with combed hair, straightened ties and bows, and smoothed down skirts. There were some properly squelched nervous giggles over the unpredictable actions of the littlest ones. And, as each class completed its pieces, came the relieved sighs of teacher and parent alike when, after all, they did remember the words just like they had said them over and over again at home. But truly, through it all, prevails this crystal clear picture: "Christ died for me, for my sin. And because He lives I have a lively hope for eternal life." We pray and trust this thought will stay firmly planted in each little heart.

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**PENNSYLVANIA,  
PHILADELPHIA  
Franz Soni**

"He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

John 14:21

Bro. Jerry and Sis. Linda Isch welcomed Joel David into their hearts and home March 27. Blessed as grandparents are Bro. Ernie and Sis. Lucille Isch (Bluffton, IN) and Bro. Glenn and Sis. Eileen Furrer (Morris, MN). May God bless them.

We welcome back Sis. Ruth Dapper. Sis. Ruth spent the winter in Sarasota, FL, and was missed.

We thank Bro. Elmer Witzig (Gridley, IL) for sharing God's Word with us. May God richly reward him for being such a willing servant.

With the coming of summer, we welcome visitors who are travelling in the area to worship with us. Services are held Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. If directions are needed, please call Bro. Edward (Sis. Nancy) Aeschleman at (302) 478-7846.

**TENNESSEE, NASHVILLE  
Don Sauder**

April 14 was the scheduled Sunday for our services here at Nashville. We were blessed with visitors from Mansfield, Junction, and Rittman, OH, along with our dear Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore who ministered to us from the Holy Word of God. We here in Nashville know we cannot thank our ministers and visitors enough, so we just turn it over to our Lord and Savior asking Him to richly reward and bless all of you.

Our weekend started out with a cook-out followed by a singing. It ended Sunday with all of us feeling God's rich blessing. It's so great to know He will never leave or forsake us.

It was nice to have Sheila Rufener from the Rittman area in Nashville for a short time. She is here for some schooling. We would wish her God's richest blessing.

Once again we would give all a hearty welcome to come and worship with us.

Services are held in our home, Don and Faye Sauder, 2059 Timberwood Drive, Nashville, TN, 37215, phone 615-373-8928. If you are interested, call or write for our schedule. The other contact is Don and Enid Miller, 4012 Green Pond, Springfield, TN 37172, phone 615-382-1081.

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**TEXAS,  
DALLAS-HOUSTON**

**Brad and Cindy Eisenmann**

Ministering Bro. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington, IL) accompanied by his wife, Sis. Kay, and their children were with us for our Sunday worship services in Houston in March. We appreciate their support and fellowship.

Services are held in Houston on the last Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn - Southwest. The local area contact for Houston is Bro. Brad and Sis. Cindy Eisenmann at (713) 265-2216. If you plan to be with us in either Dallas or Houston in July or August, please give us a call. The summer plans of our residents may lead to some deviation from the established Dallas and Houston schedules.

Our ministers in Dallas in April were Bro. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka, IL), with his wife, Sis. Dorothy, and Bro. Ron Kipfer (Bluffton, IN) with his wife, Sis. Linda. Our thanks and the Lord's blessings to the faithful brethren who ministered to us once again.

Services in Dallas are held on the first and third Sundays of the month at 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn - Desoto, TX. Bro. Howard and Sis. Delores Rapp, at (214) 867-4074, are the local area contact for Dallas services.

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**TEXAS, ZAPATA  
Viola Perdelwitz**

This month we have had a lot of our members that are winter residents leaving to go back north. As we sing our farewell songs we hope if it is the Lord's will we will see them again next fall.

We are so thankful for the few families that live here the year around.

We always welcome visitors.

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**Sermon . . .**

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boys, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. The time came when this king set up this golden image and when the music played, everyone was supposed to bow down to it and worship it. Not these three boys, they had faith in God. They believed in the true and living God. And they would not bow to anything, and after he warned them and gave them another chance to bow down, they said even though you cast us in the fire, we cannot worship any but the true God. And you well know they were cast into the furnace of fire. But there was no harm done to them. There wasn't even a smell of smoke on them if you will read in the 3rd chapter of Daniel, you will find it so. And thus were the words fulfilled that God spoke in Isaiah. You see, He doesn't bring it in fulfillment to multitudes of people, but if He brings His Word in fulfillment in just a few, yet God's Word is fulfilled and we find it then here, dear ones, that we can go on and on throughout the scriptures. We can find where this very fire which was used in that way to fulfill

God's Word, that it was also used in the time with Moses, in a way that it didn't consume the bush, but it burned and burned. When he came near to it then the voice came out of it saying take off thy shoes for this is holy ground and he did and it was God speaking from the bush. We can remember the time when He led the children of Israel with a pillar of fire, a cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night. Yes, God did this and then we can go to the time of Elijah when he was on the top of that hill and the king sent out a captain and 50 men to apprehend him and he said if I am a man of God, fire will come and consume thee and it did. The captain and the 50 men and this happened twice, but the third man that came to get him bowed down and said have mercy on me and on my men and they were spared. And yet dear ones, these were only things that happened in the time of old that should increase our faith. Now what of today? What does the New Testament speak of the fire? You know already this John the Baptist, when he came he spoke of the Lord's coming and he said that someone will come whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose, and He will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Perhaps you will say I have never been baptized with fire. let's go on then to the other writings of the apostles and he said that we should not fear or be so concerned of the fiery temptations and trials which confront us for they are for our good.

Now dear ones, we day by day, have our problems and cares, we day by day have these things which come upon us and those who are tried the hardest must admit oft times they are as a fiery temptation and trial but let us remember also that which is recorded in I Corinthians, the third chapter, for it says that the time will come when perhaps even the works will be burned, but we should be saved and while it doesn't refer to every individual in this way, this is more so for the leaders of the church. Yet we find that we ourselves must be able to let these things which cling to us, yet today we are not fit for the kingdom of heaven, that they must be burned away. Yet they will be hard to bear

sometimes but it is for our good. It is for the good of the hearts that must be cleansed and dear ones, they time, how long? We do not know. Each one's life is only known unto God, but the way is open. There will be no excuse for the way it made for generations for individuals. The day of salvation is when you feel convicted in your heart, when you feel that there should be something done that I am not prepared to meet my Lord. That is the time then to do something.

That is the beginning of this burning away that is needed to cleanse the heart, and dear ones, it isn't so hard. We found it that way, didn't we? Yes, there were many stumbling blocks. There were many things that were shackled to us, holding us, but when the time came that we were willing to, in humbleness, bow in repentance, then how easy it was and it's just as easy for anyone else. But the humbleness is necessary. Paul was humble. He so often wrote as he did in this chapter, that he had to endure many thing, but he says we have received this ministry and we faint not. They had so much more to endure than what we do today and yet dear ones, it has come to the point where the criticism is often great, but there is but one way and that is to speak the word of the truth. There is no other way and it is an unchanging word and even though it is brought perhaps, in just a little different way, oft times yet as often as you are concerned, try and search it yourself; you don't have to take the individual's word for it. It's here and we only try to use what is written, for it's for you and it's for me.

Then he says, "But we have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the Word of God deceitfully." He tried to bring it in the spirit and in the truth, too. And he said, "but by manifestation of the truth, commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." Now this is the part where often there is a failure. Dear ones, it gives us courage and strengthens us, when there is someone that will say "well is this a member of your church or who is this person" that by their walk of life I can see some-

thing different. This is the kind of a life that Jesus, our Lord, expects to shine out in you and me. This is the way we must walk, in joy in the spirit, but how sad it is when again we must hear that the dollar means more than anything else to someone. This is not the light that our Lord expects to see. This is not one of those things that is of a benefit to God's children, not even to their own soul, let alone to the Lord Who expects us to walk as He walked. Stop to think for a moment dear ones, did He try to lay up any treasure while here upon earth? Did He depend upon anything, that He had one garment He wore? And he said that the foxes have holes, the birds have nests, but He has no where to lay His head. Yes, the Lord depended only on the goodness of others, and of course, on God, more than any, but He went through life in that way, not that He was affectionate of the things of life, for they were nothing. He knew that this was not for Him, that He was here to prepare a way of salvation, and He did fulfill it. And then after He fulfilled it, after He showed us that we must believe upon Him and upon His atoning blood, and that there must be a repentance and conversion, then even then He showed us of the things which were to come. He fulfilled it in such a wonderful way, dear ones, and that then we can consider it as a time which is drawing so near. We spoke of the fire, yes, and it spoke of fire in here so many times, but it didn't mean the fires of rioting and arson which we must see and hear of so much today. This isn't the work of the Lord, this is done by hatred between man. This is done by violence and it is the work of the unrighteous men, not of the Lord. That isn't living according to the Spirit, and we must flee from such things and never take part in them, but today, it is prevalent in our time. Today it seems that even the young people enjoy going with the crowd and having some excitement, even though it could be in violence and this is not according to the will of God. In quietness, the Apostle Paul tried to bring the Word and as a light to all men.

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### II Corinthians 4

Paul gives us comfort in these words, does he not, dear ones? He brings us to the same level that he found himself in because he brings our hearts and minds to realize that this is all done in the mortal body. But he also brings us to understand that it must be a spiritual undertaking, also now when we read here the 7th verse, how much it can prove to us this very thing. "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." We can truly say this dear ones, that we ourselves have not accomplished this thing, we ourselves, even though desiring it oft times, we were in bondage to the world and to the evil one. Now what do we mean by this thing? It is something which cannot be hid. It is something which should grow, dear ones, while the mortal body decays and declines in health, strength and in age, the spirit and our faith toward our Lord should increase; do we find it so? It is whatever will be accomplished through the effort that we make and yet this faith, this very faith which he speaks of here, it cannot be seen dear ones, in the way that we look for something in a material way. No, the heavenly home, we have not seen. But stop to think for a moment, the very Son of God, Who hung upon the cross and died there, Who had no beautiful vision but He didn't need it, did He? Because He came from heaven, He knew what was there and even though He had to die this cruel death and needed some comfort at that time, He was

left all alone for He felt that even His Father, God, had forsaken Him. This then should cause us to somewhat review or understand our own life that even though we don't see things and have it to encourage us so greatly, yet we have this Word, dear ones, and if we treasure peace within our hearts, what more do we need? It seems that it is as many gifts lightly accepted, as gifts are in this our time, lightly accepted and not treasured enough until it has been taken away and then it is so sad. Let us hope and pray that his would never happen to us, dear ones, that the precious pearl of peace with God would be taken away. Paul left this invitation, now not only to those who have it, but it is open for all today, again is the day of salvation and while some may say again and again, that has been for centuries. Yes, it has but remember while we speak of eternity, while as the Apostle Paul wrote in another place that a thousand years is as but one day to God, and one day as a thousand years and this is exactly as it is, dear ones, time doesn't mean anything to God. But your conduct and mine does, for I believe and within myself that this will have a greater bearing on when God will let the end come than what it will according to just a measurement of time.

Now we read together here in the fore reading already of the coming of our Lord. This is Isaiah's writing so many hundreds of years before and I had to notice then when he spoke of it, "For every battle of the worrier is with confused noise

and garments rolled in blood, but this shall be with burning and full of fire." And he spoke of it later on then again of the fire. Have you ever noticed how often this is mentioned in the Bible? Now there were times when it was for the comfort and the good of man and there are times dear ones, when it should cause fear within the heart of everyone for the fire that it speaks of in the Revelation, where the false prophet and Satan will be cast into that lake of fire, but I'm reminded then of the words that Bro. Loren Strahm read when he was here a number of weeks ago and it too has to deal with this fire.

Then yet the reason I bring it out is because it should remind and bring us greater faith in God for this is the writing of Isaiah too, in the 43rd chapter, when he said, "When thou passeth through the waters, I will be with thee, and through the rivers they shall not over flow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned. Neither shall the flames kindle upon thee." Now these are the words that the Lord spoke through Isaiah and then already we can go on just a few books farther and in the 3rd chapter of Daniel, this very thing took place, dear ones. After the children of Israel had been taken into captivity and taken to Babylon under the rule of King Nebuchadnezzar and if you will remember, the three who were taken and raised up to serve in his kingdom, even though they were Jewish

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