



"O come, let us worship
and bow down: let us
kneel before the Lord our
maker"

Psalm 95:6

"Exalt ye the Lord our
God, and worship at his
footstool; for he is holy."
Psalm 99:5

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Old Glory Still Waves In America



"Exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior:"

I Timothy 2: 1-2-3

FREEDOM OF WORSHIP

MISSION -- WORLD RELIEF -- WORKS PROJECTS

JAMAICAN TRIP

April 9 - 16, 1991

Bro. E. Hartzell Kaisner, Detroit, MI
World Relief Board Member

Committing ourselves into the hands of the Lord, Bro. Kurt Munsel and I headed for the southern blue skies of Jamaica Tuesday, April 9, 1991. We arrived at Montego Bay at 1:35 p.m. Jamaican time.

First on our list was currency exchange. Then we proceeded through customs which went very well. We rented a Mazda 323 and headed for Gordon Brokers to pick up our custom entry papers. We got initiated to the Jamaican schedule, not ours because the papers were not ready for us. Since we reached a stalemate here, we headed for the Falmouth Resort to check in for our stay.

We had a little time to relax before our 5:00 p.m. supper. After supper, we drove about one half hour to see Gladys Gardner. We

visited for about one hour and then headed back to Falmouth for a night of rest.

On Wednesday, April 10, after having breakfast of bacon and eggs, we went out to the Trelawn Infirmary and met with the administrator, Amanda Thompson. After a short visit, Amanda took us on a tour of the infirmary to see the conditions that exist. It was a rather depressing sight. They have accommodations for 120; however at this time they have 87 residents including both male and female. During our conversation, I asked her what it costs them to operate this facility. She said that it costs approximately \$1.5 million per year (this figure is in Jamaican dollars). The help from World Relief amounts to approximately \$500,000. Amanda also

mentioned to us that if it was not for World Relief they perhaps would not be able to continue. We also saw the large washing machine work
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Thank you for your continued support.

Bro. David Bertsch

WORKS PROJECTS COORDINATOR

RE: Obtaining a volunteer to fill the position as an Apostolic Christian Haiti Liaison Coordinator.

Beloved Brethren:

Christian Greetings in the name of our Dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

At the Apostolic Christian World Relief/Work Projects Committee Meeting held in Congerville, IL, April 6, 1991, the Apostolic Christian Caribbean Board requested an invitation be extended among our brethren to obtain a volunteer to serve as a Haiti Liaison Coordinator. The World Relief Committee unanimously approved this invitation. Preferably a couple or two brothers would help with various duties during the time our work teams are in Haiti -- November 1991 through March 1992. Helping with school roof installation, material procurement, water aid, well drilling, pump installation, hospital and agricultural assistance programs.

The length of stay would be five months, with compensation to provide wages, travel, and living expenses. A combination of several persons, each staying a shorter term would be acceptable. Any interested brethren, please address all inquiries to:

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Plantation, FL 33317
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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.

with the electric motor we sent over to them.

Leaving Trelawn, we again headed for Gordon Brokers only to find the papers were not finished again. These papers were very necessary for us to complete our business in Kingston. In spite of the fact, we headed for Kingston with their promise that they would air freight the papers to us. We were to receive the papers Thursday so we could complete our papers for releasing our shipment from the dock of entry at Montego Bay.

We arrived in Kingston at the Ministry of Finance Office at 2:45 p.m. We met with Mr. Jerit and Mr. C.K. Ifill who are the Directors of the Ministry of Finance. They gave

us the necessary papers for which we were very thankful.

We went to the office of the Ministry of Education next and arrived at 3:45 p.m. We were too late and had to go back the next morning. We then headed for the Terra Nova Motel to sign in for overnight.

After breakfast Thursday, April 11, we headed back to the Ministry of Education Office and got our waiver of clearance papers. After receiving these papers, our next stop was the Board of Review. We arrived there at 11:40 a.m., and we finally got our paperwork cleared at 3:05 p.m. We then raced out to the airport to pick up our papers from Gordon Brokers only to find that

the papers were not there and were not even sent.

On Friday, April 12, we started a new day hoping to accomplish more of our agenda which can be somewhat of a chore at times. We called Gordon Brokers and found out that our papers were finished. They would put them on the 10:00 a.m. flight. Mr. Gordon was to call us after they had the papers on the flight and give us the particulars. O meekly wait!! At 10:05 a.m. the call came that they were on the flight.

We then headed for the Division of Supplies only to find that things were changed and we had to go back to the Ministry of Health. When we arrived at the Ministry of Health, we were informed that Mrs. Chambers was out, and we needed the Bill of Lading before they would approve our papers. The Bill of Lading was given to the Ministry of Education so we went back to them to get copies of the Bill of Lading.

We left the Ministry of Education and headed for the Linson Pen Airport to pick up the papers from Gordon Brokers. From here we went to the Champion Customs Brokers Ltd. to see Mr. Scott, our past broker. To

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**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].

our disappointment, we were unable to make contact with him.

We went back to the Ministry of Health and found out that Mrs. Chambers still had not returned. We took a seat and watched the time go by and finally joined the aggressiveness of the Jamaicans. After waiting one hour, Mrs. Chambers came in and immediately stamped our papers. Now we were on our way back to the Department of Supply to meet Mr. Kung and then Mr. Williams for some more stamping. After finishing this, we tried Champion Broker again, but were not able to contact Mr. Scott. This ended our day, and we drove back to Montego Bay and the Falmouth Resort.

After a leisurely breakfast Saturday, April 13, we headed for Falmouth Hospital to see Matron Willis. Unfortunately she was not there, so we visited with a nurse named Christian. Then we went on to Cambridge to see Pastor Alfred Mooris. After a nice visit, we took off for the Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf. Our priorities soon changed due to a flat tire. We had to get the tire fixed as soon as possible before continuing on. We finally arrived at the Caribbean Christian Center at 2:10 p.m. We met the administrator, Bruce Mallberry, and his wife, Terry. After a short visit with them, we took a quick tour of the site.

We arrived back at the Falmouth Resort at 7:00 p.m. We placed our dinner order. Bro. Kurt ordered goat meat and I ordered chicken. Guess what? We both ended up with goat meat! So much for that.

We started out rather leisurely Sunday, April 14. We visited with others at the Resort and had a little devotion together. We left the Resort at 10:45 a.m. to see our trucker, Clive Rattray. After spending some time with him and his wife, we headed on and stopped at Mrs. Gladys Gardners to drop off some toys and food. We left there at 1:30 p.m. and stopped to see Mrs. Flash, the acting principal of Waldensia All Age School. We wanted to touch base and drop off some papers of the sea container's contents. Our next scheduled stop was Duanville Community to see Pastor Thompson and his wife, Laurel. From there we went back to Falmouth Resort, took a short rest and went out for dinner.

On Monday, April 15, we had another busy schedule. I will make a short summary of our actions.

- Stopped to see Mr. Gordon to make sure things were in order.
- Went back to Falmouth Hospital and spoke with Mrs. Fletcher.
- Went back to Trelawn Infirmary for a short stop.
- Drove to Granville Place of Safety for a short visit.
- Visited Clive Rattray again to try and inject some stimulation.

- Arrived back at Falmouth Resort at 4:20 p.m. with our day's run finished.

Tuesday, April 16, was a leisure day while we waited for the time of our departure. We headed back to the USA at 2:35 p.m.

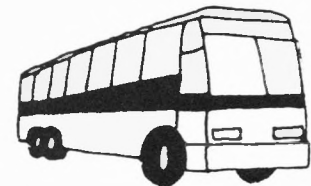
May we thank everyone for their prayers and support. Our Lord and Saviour and God Almighty were good to us and blessed us with a safe return.

I hope this did not become boring, but I feel that it was good for you to know what was involved. I wish everyone could see how appreciative these people are to see us and how appreciative they are for the World Relief help they receive. May God bless you.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Sometimes when one is faced with a disability, growth and learning may seem distant or unattain-

RIDE THE BUS



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.

FEMALE COUNSELOR NEEDED AT GATEWAY WOODS

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.

Please pray about being a part of a unified team treatment approach with fellow believers working to help troubled teens in a residential setting.

Bro. Tim Sauder, Administrator
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219/627-2159, office
219/627-2606, home

Bro. David Bertsch, Elder
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Grabill, IN 46741
219/627-2923

able. The following are the lyrics to a song, "One Step At A Time," which not only has implications for disabled individuals, but for each one of us in our pursuit of holiness and glorifying God:

When something seems
too hard to handle,
too big to conquer,
too far away to touch.

When all your dreams begin to
shatter,
and deep inside you, you're hurting,
oh so much.
That's when it's time to say

(Chorus)
I'm climbing my mountain, step by
step.
I'm climbing my mountain, day by
day.

I'm climbing my mountain all the
way,
I'm climbing my mountain
-- I'm gonna make it.
One step at a time - One step at a
time.
One step at a time, with Jesus by my
side.
I'm climbing my mountain,
one step at a time.

Even though you might grow weary,
don't be discouraged.
In our weakness God is strong.
Remember this: He'll never leave
you
He won't forsake you.
He's your strength and He's your
song.
So sing and start to say.

(Chorus)

Though "One Step At A Time" implies slow and steady growth, sometimes around ACHH growth and change seem to be happening at a rapid pace. Oakwood Estate, our group home for 15 developmentally disabled people, has now been licensed to serve 16 individuals instead! Mark Gundy has moved from our larger facility to this vacancy. In turn, this provides a vacancy at the larger facility for someone who is waiting to be served.

Additionally, summers are a time for a wide variety of activities around all of our homes. Camping, summer vacations, more outdoor experiences and Special Olympics competitions seem to surface on schedules the most. In fact one of our residents, Rhonda Pullen, will travel to International Special Olympics competition in Minneapolis this July to perform her gymnastics routine. We really do appreciate the prayers of so many people for safety in all our travels and activities!

The birthdays at ACHH for August are: Dan McDonough (2), Eric Ringwald (4), Susie Landis (5), Peggy Full (5), Martha Clymer (6), Nancy Eschmann (12), Shirley Pfeifer (23), Barbara Perkins (30). There are no August birthdays at Oakwood, North Main, Hazelwood or Wagler Street.

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**APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN
PRESCHOOL OF ATHENS, AL**
Joan Meister

CREATION

All things bright and beautiful.
All creatures great and small.
All things wise and wonderful.
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens.
Each little bird that sings.
He made their glowing colors.
He made their tiny wings.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

M. Y. R.

Throughout the summer, there are so many opportunities to learn of God's greatness in His creation around us. We take many walks with the children and we are always amazed at their enthusiasm for the world around us. It is a blessing to be able to teach children the truth of God's creation and to have them answer with such faith, "God made that!"

From the spider on the sidewalk
To the splendor of great trees
From the little rocks and pebbles
To the lovely summer breeze
As we teach and talk to children
They hold such simple keys
As they give our Lord the glory
For the wonder each one sees.

Anonymous

We wish to thank each volunteer who has come to help at the Preschool so far this summer. The many hours these volunteers put forth and their willingness to give of their time will not go unrewarded. May the Lord bless each one.

GATEWAY WOODS
Apostolic Christian
Children's Home
Cindy Baurer

Have you heard about the woodcutter who was trying so very hard but just kept getting further and further behind in his work? He watched woefully as the other wood-

cutters accumulated large piles of wood, while his remained a small stack. Working at a furious pace, he desperately struggled to catch up. But alas, it was to no avail. Out of sheer frustration, he decided he had no choice but to work longer hours. He began coming in earlier and earlier in the morning, and staying until very late at night. To his dismay, nothing helped, and he continued getting even further behind. Finally, nearly ready to give up, he asked a veteran woodcutter, "What am I doing wrong? I'm working much harder and twice the hours of the other workers. Yet I still cannot seem to keep pace!" The wise old man thought for a minute and then replied, "My son, have you been stopping to sharpen your axe?"

How often have you tried and tried to make things work out in life, by doing everything in your power that you know how to do? How easy it is to forget that the greatest thing we can do is to tap into the real Source of our power and strength, by spending time in God's Word and in communion with Him! In that precious quiet time, He can "sharpen our axe" in ways we'd never think possible! He'll help us find priorities for our day and empower us with His strength and wisdom to do His work.

As we move into the busy summer months, we staff members will be tempted to forget this important lesson. Especially for the houseparents, days begin early and are filled with many demands on time and energies. Please pray that we can remember to take time to "sharpen our axe," so that we may do the Lord's work with greater effectiveness and joy!

We are excited that Bros. Seth and Doug Sauder (Fort Lauderdale, FL) have joined our team for the summer, to help coordinate our summer volunteer program. We're looking forward to meeting and working with the many different volunteers who are scheduled to come throughout the summer months. We have a long list of maintenance projects for our volunteers, as well as the usual tasks of transporting the youth, helping in the kitchen, supervising work jobs and recreational activities, and "filling

in the gaps" wherever needed.

We're also thankful to welcome Sis. Andria Moushon (Morton, IL) who has moved into the All-Girls House, to complete the team of three single sisters there. Andria is a special blessing, since houseparents Sis. Susan Getz and Sis. Liz Martin have been by themselves for several months. At the same time, Sis. Susan has announced that she will leave her position in order to continue her education this fall, thus creating another opening for a single sister.

We're eagerly anticipating the arrival of Sis. Joanne Kaisner (Detroit, MI) who has been hired as an Administrative Assistant in the office. As part of her training, for a few months, Joanne will also be helping the houseparents when their assistant is off duty.

As we welcome new staff members, we remember the many times we prayed at our staff meetings that God would touch people's hearts for this work with young people, and call them to join our team. A couple months ago, as time passed and we received little or no response to our staff openings, we were tempted to become discouraged. Then some of our prayers at staff meetings began including Praise and Thanksgiving to God for what we believed He was already doing, in calling people to this work! What joy to discover that God was indeed answering our prayers all along, when new staff people finally come and give testimony of the work God has done in directing them here! Please continue to pray that the Lord will also provide a houseparent couple and a female counselor, to complete our staff.

After a long school year, our kids are ready for family vacations and have worked hard earning money at our annual car wash and garage sale. The All-Girls House just returned from spending time in Florida with church people. The Thames group spent a weekend in Chicago, and plans to take two other such "mini vacations" during the summer. The boys from Schicks' house also went to Chicago, while the girls headed all the way to Prince Edward Island. Finally, the girls in the Transitional Living Program spent several days at the Dunes in

Michigan. Thanks to all of you who hosted our families while they were vacationing!

Now that vacations are over, most of our resident teens will begin a summer work program (called Jobworks) where they can earn money learning about job skills and working on various projects. Some of our older teens have their own jobs working in the community (such as waitressing) while the younger children keep busy by doing work around the Home. Other activities include attending summer school programs, such as driver's education and our on-grounds summer school.

We're saying goodbye to several of our residents, who are moving on to a new phase in their lives. Wayne, who was living in Paul and LeAnne Fischer's specialized foster home, will be moving into his own apartment soon. Brian has left the Thames house to return to his parents. Chris and Rich will each leave the Schicks to join their very own, long-awaited "foster family." And, Barb will be moving from the Transitional Living Program into an apartment in her home town. Even though they are moving on, we anticipate seeing these young people often in the future at our homes and at church. Please join us in praying that God will direct them, protect them and remind them of what they learned while at Gateway Woods.

At our recent Recognition Dinner attended by staff and board members and their spouses, we acknowledged the years of dedication and effort of out-going board members, Bros. Jack Krantz (Morton, IL) and Bob Indermuhle (Sardis, OH). Also honored were recent staff members, Bro. John and Sis. Patsy Stoller and Sis. Carol (Kieser) Schrock for their service as houseparents. It was a blessed evening and a time of encouragement as we reflected on what God has done and given.

Each year as the many preparations for the annual Auction and Sale are made, we marvel at how (one way or another!) things eventually come together for a successful day. We praise our almighty God Who has all things in His divine control and Who helps us work

together in harmony toward a common goal. This year's sale is set for August 10. We welcome donated items from individuals, as well as from businesses and merchants associated with our churches around the country. In addition, we can use volunteer help on Sale Day. Your local church representative has been sent details regarding Sale donations and volunteering; please check with him (or look on your church bulletin board) for more information. And, thanks for allowing God to use you to help us!

ALABAMA, ATHENS

Lisa Huette

This month we were reminded to have confidence as a Christian in our daily walk of life. The more confident we are, the more we can allow God's light to shine through us and reflect to others the hope we have as a Christian.

Memorial Day weekend was a special time for those in the Athens congregation as we were blessed with an abundance of visitors. Bro. Roger Sauder and his wife were with us from the Fort Lauderdale, FL, congregation. Bro. Roger presented to us an overview of the Works Projects Committee, World Relief Committee and the Mission Committee. So often it's easy to overlook all of the hard work and commitment it takes to operate the many different committees within our church. It was good to be reminded again of all there is to become involved in right within our own congregations.

We'd also like to thank Bro. Richard Sauder and his wife (Fort Lauderdale, FL) for making the effort to be in Athens over Memorial Day. We appreciate Bro. Richard lending himself and preaching the gospel on Sunday. We also had many other visitors from Champaign, Cissna Park and Washington, IL, Mansfield and Smithville, OH, Atlanta, GA, and Nashville, TN.

We wish God's richest blessings on Sis. Carol Schrenk as she leaves our Athens family to return to her family in Gridley, IL. We will miss her and her children, Maggie and Josh. We will especially miss Maggie's willingness and joy as she sang

her special songs for us on Sundays and Wednesday evenings.

We want to also remember our fathers and the special part they play in our lives. We know the care and concern that they show to us is much like the care and concern our heavenly Father has for all of us.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sis. Shirley Haggemaker (Bro. Carl) and her family as she has spent some time in the hospital this month. We pray she will soon be able to resume her former activities.

ARIZONA, TUCSON

Ron and Ev Hoerr

What power and beauty life takes on when we become a child of God! Our willingness (power) to lay aside people pleasing "things" and reach out and join hands with the Lord and be His child and friend gives us riches only a believer knows.

Elder Bro. Bob Grimm came from Goodfield, IL, to assist Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach and deacon Bro. Jon Kokanovich in hearing the testimonies and baptizing our three new sisters-in-faith, Sis. Verna Poeschel, Sis. Carol Doolittle and Sis. Frances Martin, May 19 and 20. Our prayers are with you as you journey toward heaven.

Vacation Bible School is always a learning experience in a relaxed and delightful atmosphere for all ages -- babes of today, as well as we children from 2 to 3 yesterdays. "When shall these things be" (Matthew 24:3) was well covered for the adult class by Bro. Earl Ringger (Gridley), Bro. Curt Kaufman (Tucson), Bro. Jon Kokanovich (Phoenix), Bro. Chris Huber (Francisville, IN) and Bro. Ken Wuethrich (Indianapolis, IN). The children shared what they learned in a program Sunday afternoon. Our thanks to each one who labored to make this another wonderful event for the Lord, our Saviour.

Surgery patients have been Bro. Joe Dotterer, Sis. Gladys Fisher (eyes), Herbert Morhman and Bro. Gordon Greenbank. Jason Sanders has a leg cast and Morgan Langhofer had to have his arm rebroken and recast. May the Lord touch our dear ones with His gentle strength.

He never gives us more than we can bear.

Our sympathy to Bro. Clarence and Sis. Gerry Beyers on the death of her sister. They drove to Lamar, MO, for funeral services. Also to Sis. Doris Kokanovich and family on the passing of our late Bro. Dan's sister. May the Lord be your Comforter.

If you have fear, Psalm 27:1 gives comfort. Isaiah 40:28-31 is comforting for the weary. (So this includes everyone.)

We are thankful Roger Banks (Marcia and Roger) is doing fine after a serious car accident with some of his friends. About as close as you can get to our dear Lord is sitting out of doors to watch the numerous birds and hear their singing. As the dusk comes, what a time to thank our Saviour for another good day and pray for a good tomorrow.

We surely miss Bro. Tim Rumbold and Bro. Chris Bucher after a semester at A.S.U. They returned to their homes in Princeville, IL and Bluffton, IN.

Cisnee Knepp has moved to Chicago, where the opportunity for employment became a reality through prayer power. Grandparents, Bro. Ervan and Sis. Ione Rocke, miss her even more than the rest of us do.

A reception was held for our graduating students: College - Sis. Connie Massner and Sis. Charla Huber; High School - Sis. Sandy Yackley, Willow Beres and Matt Roth; 8th Grade - Jill Dotterer, Fawn Esslinger and Nicole Baum. Their parents are Ray and Ilse Massner, Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Sophie Huber, Bro. Al and Sis. Joyce Yackley, Bro. Jim and Sis. Lois Beres, Bro. Steve and Sis. Jill Roth, Bro. John and Sis. Jeanne Dotterer, Bro. Lee and Sis. Patsy Esslinger and Bro. Robert and Sis. Christine Baum.

To all our graduates -- congratulations and may the Ten Commandments be a guideline as you move on further in life.

ARIZONA, TUCSON

Lisa Knapp

Bro. Bill Dotterer (Phoenix) and his family visited us recently for the

day. We enjoyed seeing them. We wish to thank Bro. Bill for sharing the Word with us so willingly.

We are enjoying our first year of Vacation Bible School. Teachers and students alike are enjoying learning about God's love and Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. We pray the Lord will bless each gathering.

CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO Cindy Schmidt - LaNae Meyer

"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him: and he shall bring it to pass."

Psalms 37:4-5

The Lord blessed the single ones with a very spiritually enriching Memorial Day weekend. We were grateful to have them here from Phoenix and Tucson, AZ, Denver, CO, and Altadena, CA. God blessed us through His Spirit as He ministered through Bro. Richard Aberle (Altadena, CA) and Bro. Curt Kauffman (Tucson, AZ), as they spoke on the end times prophecy and our commitment to Jesus Christ. Elder Bro. John Klotzle and Sis. Lois also spent a weekend with us.

We rejoice with the added blessing to Bro. Rod and Sis. Cindy Schmidt's lives. Erika Joy was born May 15 and welcomed home by her sister, Kristy. The thankful grandparents are Bro. Alfred and Ginny Streitmatter (Princeville, IL) and Bro. Verner and Sis. Betty Wirtz (West Bend, IA). One great-grandparent, Sis. Naomi Bauman, and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends are thankful also.

We were all grateful to hear God's protective hand was with John Locher during his car accident. He is the son of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Christine Locher. We pray he will have a speedy recovery.

Notice: Silver Lining subscription renewals are due as soon as possible.

COLORADO, DENVER

Marlene Leman

Congratulations to the graduates across the land! Here, in Den-

ver, we have two this year. Jeremy Ebert (Bro. Tom and Sis. Diane) graduated from Summit County High School and Naomi Braun (Sis. Sharon and Herm) graduated from Rangeview High School in Aurora.

We enjoyed and appreciated a visit from our two dear elders, Bro. Nathan Steffen (Elgin) and Bro. Leo Moser (Lester, IA). We thank them for their love and care and thank God for the blessings received.

Bro. Greg and Sis. Lavonne McLaughlin welcome Katherine Marie into their hearts and home. Little Katie (as she will be called) has one sister, Natalie. Grandparents are Bro. Jerry and Sis. Marge Fischer (Roanoke, IL) and Larry and Alice McLaughlin (Hereford, AZ). Our congratulations and prayers for God's blessings to them all.

Bro. Bill Geyer had surgery again. He attests that God has been with him through all his surgeries and recoveries and we pray that will be the case again.

CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE Martha Luginbuhl

On May 29, Gertrude Hoffman (84), widow of Bro. John, died, leaving her daughter, Ruth, with whom she made her home. Ruth lovingly and tenderly cared for her mother in the latter years and our thoughts and prayers are often with her.

We welcome back to Rockville Sis. Gerri O'Brien who had been living and working in Sabetha, KS. Sis. Gerri presently makes her home with Sis. Charlotte Luginbuhl and is working with handicapped children. It is good to have the opportunity once again to fellowship with Sis. Gerri.

"Love, of all gifts, is the greatest which the Spirit does bestow . . ."

Zion's Harp #37

Our best wishes to Sis. Cathy Stomberg (Bro. Ron and Sis. Judy) and Bro. Mark Kloter (Bro. Eric and Sis. Sharon) who were united in holy matrimony June 16. May they ever look to Christ for wisdom and strength in creating a new home, caring and helping one another remain true and faithful to their

individual calling.

Bro. Corbin Bahler had heart by-pass surgery recently at the Lahey Clinic, Boston and is presently convalescing at home. Many prayers are with him that real soon he can be up and around again. Sis. Melanie Schneider was also hospitalized with a heart problem. May the Lord restore her to moderate good healthy as she plans to enter college nearby in the fall; and more importantly, hopes to give a testimony of her faith in the very near future!

We were encouraged by the message brought to us June 9 by Bro. Jim Vierling (Eureka, IL) and thank him and his family for taking time out to be with us. Also, by oversight, I neglected to mention our thanks also to Bro. Alph Strahm (Bern, KS) for his visit Wednesday evening, April 3.

Please make a stop in Rockville while vacationing in our beautiful Northeastern States -- We appreciate and are delighted to have visitors!

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
WASHINGTON
Henrietta Meyer**

We are often tempted to complain about the weather, this time of the year we may say it is too hot. We need to realize all things are sent from God -- even the weather.

Memorial Day weekend we were blessed by the visit of young people from several Ohio churches. There were many opportunities for fellowship with singings at Matthew Mangold's, assembling to listen to a tape at Ed and Ginny Stoll's, along with the usual picnics and sightseeing trips downtown.

On June 1, Sis. Jennifer Kellenberger moved to our area from Philadelphia, PA. She is a very welcome addition to our small group.

Bro. Charles Sauder (Tremont, IL) ministered to us June 2. We were glad he was accompanied by his wife, Sis. Miriam, and two children. On June 16 Bro. Jim Byrd (Roanoke, IL) and his wife, Sis. Leota, were our guests. Other visitors this month have been from Philadelphia, PA, Peoria, Goodfield and Gridley, IL.

We are so thankful and blest when loved ones give up a little of their vacation time to meet with us one evening or a Sunday when we are not scheduled to hold services. Services are held the first and third Sundays of each month at Tyson's Westpark Hotel, located on Route 7, about 1 mile west of I-495 (Capital Beltway). Many from the area meet in the hotel dining room for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Services are at 10:30 and 12:30. For more information, assistance or just to let us know you are in town, please call Bro. Matthew Aescheleman (301) 863-9624 or Ed Stoll (703) 730-0248.

**FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE
Terri Huber**

A special thank you to all of our visitors this month, including ministering Bro. Art Ingold (Rittman, OH).

Our annual elections resulted in the following positions being filled: Bro. Jeffrey Graf, Sunday school superintendent; Bro. Mike Hohulin and Sis. Judy Sauder, Sunday school teachers; Bro. Ryan Huber, trustee; Bro. Bill Kuntz, sound system; Bro. Bob Huber, usher; and Sis. Jayne Webb, kitchen.

It is wonderful to look outside and see a drizzle of rain. We are officially out of a two-year drought. We, in south Florida, have been advised to practice certain water conservations as habit rather than our old wasteful ways. While the Lord tarries, let's all take better care of the world we live in and the resources He gave us.

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

We were very grateful this month to have Bro. Glen Price (Sarasota, FL) to bring God's message to us. Thanks Bro. Glen and Sis. Sandy and family for being with us.

We are looking forward to the testimonies and baptisms of Marvin and Rae Steffen July 14. This will be the first baptisms in our church and also on that wonderful day will be the second birthday of their daughter, Lindsey.

This month the picnic will be at

Bro. Ivan and Sis. Maxine Stoller's home.

**FLORIDA, SARASOTA
Gala Gerber**

**WHAT MAKES A NATION
GREAT?**

Never through the troubled years
Has love of land sufficed;
That nation only shall endure
That bows to Jesus Christ.

Freedom in our country and freedom in our Lord Jesus Christ! So thankful we ought to be for the free land we live in, and the freedom we have in Jesus due to His blood shed on the cross for our sins!

Are we, as citizens, becoming irreligious to our country? Are we, as ambassadors for the Lord Jesus Christ, losing interest in our God? The only way any nation or any soul can become, and remain, great is to humble themselves and honor God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

Psalms 33:12

With the summer season comes a smaller gathering. Elder Bro. Ed and Sis. Nancy Aeschleman were with us on a Wednesday evening. Thankful for His willingness to serve! We appreciate our home ministers and it is always a joy to have our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach and his wife, Lorene, with us!

We want to welcome Ernie and Lucy Buser (Rockville, CT) and Sheila Rufener (Rittman, OH) to our Sarasota congregation. We pray that God will bless them as they settle into our community!

Congratulations to Mark Koehl for his graduation of high school. May he sense that direction and find peace in whatever life has in store for him.

**GEORGIA, ATLANTA
Peggy Camp**

Visiting ministers this past month were Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott, IN) and Bro. Nelson Beer (Milford, IN). We thank these broth-

ers for sharing the Word of God with us and ask God to bless their efforts.

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.

ILLINOIS, BELVIDERE
Dean Steffen

After 11 years of holding mid-week services in Belvidere, the Lord has opened the way to hold Sunday services. A church building has been purchased at 525 Carpenter Street in Belvidere. Belvidere is 10 miles east of Rockford, 20 miles south of Wisconsin, and 40 miles west of Elgin, IL.

Services will be held every Sunday with Sunday school for everyone at 10:00 a.m., the first service at 11:00, lunch and fellowship at 12:00, and the afternoon service at 1:00 p.m. Midweek services will be held the first and third Wednesday nights of the month at 7:30 p.m.

We invite anyone in the Rockford/Belvidere area on business or travel to worship with us. Also, if you know of anyone who lives in the area that would like to attend, please contact Bro. Dean Steffen at (815) 568-6086.

Directions to the church are as follows: Take Bypass 20 to Stone Quarry Road, go north to Lincoln Avenue, turn right, then turn left immediately onto Carpenter Street. The church is on the right hand side of the road at 525 Carpenter Street.

For more information, please call Bro. Dean Steffen at (815) 568-6086 or Bro. Jim Jepson at (815) 3332-9793.

ILLINOIS,
BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL
Carolyn Fischer
Tudy Schmied

How quickly the days go by but we thank and praise God that He is still stirring the hearts of those we love and bringing them into His fold. We welcome Bro. Dennis Zimmerman (Pam -- Bro. Glen and Sis. Mildred, Forrest, IL). We thank Elder Bros. Bob Grimm (Goodfield)

and Wayne Anliker (Forrest) for being with us.

Bro. Jay and Sis. Dawn Martin were blessed with their first child, Taylor Morgan. She was born May 28. Grandparents are Ron and Sis. Shirley Krumwiedi (Cissna Park) and Bro. Vernon and Sis. Rosie Martin (East Lynn, IL).

Bro. Dennis and Sis. Sarah Brummitt also were blessed with their first child, Kirsten Dianne, born June 11. Grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Betty Steffen (Bloomington-Normal) and Dave Brummitt (Hudson).

Sunday, June 9, a breakfast was provided in honor of our graduating seniors this year. They include Wendy Bland, Amy Custer, Mark Heiniger, James Kieser, Kathy Lockwood, Justin Meece, Retta Steffan and Philip Stoller. We wish them all God's blessings, guidance and protection as they each seek out their life's work.

June 10 - 14 we held Vacation Bible School. Our theme for the week was "Light of Truth Through the Ages." We had many good teachings of how God worked in men's lives throughout the ages to our present times to teach the truth as we read in God's Word, the Bible. We thank Bros. Jim Ramseyer (Bay City, MI), Jim Plattner (Princeville, IL), Marshall Heinold (Washington, IL), Neal Widmer (Wolcott, IN) and Andy Hunyady (Columbus, OH) for sharing with us this week of Vacation Bible School.

Other visiting ministers who shared with us this month were Bros. Bill Hodel (Roanoke, IL), Greg Rassi (Chicago, IL), Marvin Stieglitz (Leo, IN) and Ralph Garber (Morton, IL). We thank them all for sharing many good teachings and blessings.

ILLINOIS, BRADFORD
Karen Ringger

Trust His Will -- The Lord is faithful

and He only wants our best . . .

Trust His Word -- Within its promises

His goodness is expresses . . .

Trust His Power -- He is Almighty, the Creator of all things . . .

Trust His Love -- We are His family, children of the King of kings.

B. J. Hoff

Our thoughts and prayers have been with Bro. Don Knobloch (Sis. Jenny) and his family, as Bro. Don recuperates from his bone marrow transplant at the Indiana University Medical Center. May Bro. Don and his family continue to trust in the Lord. Bro. Bill Elsasser (Sis. Vi) has also been a hospital patient this past month. We pray that Bro. Bill and his family can feel God's nearness.

Visiting ministers this past month have been Bro. Don Manz (Junction, OH) and our Elder Bro. Joe Stoller (Princeville). We thank these two brothers for coming and worshipping with us.

Many thanks go to Bro. Jack Knobloch (Sis. Nancy), Bro. Nate Stoller (Sis. Sherrill), Sis. Becky Joos (Bro. Robert) and Sis. Ev Endress (Bro. Gary) for spending many hours teaching our children in Sunday school. May God bless them for the term they have fulfilled. May God also grant much grace to Bro. David Kieser (Sis. Shirl), Bro. Verle Kieser (Sis. Vonnie), Sis. Sharon Bruell (Bro. Clarence) and Sis. Verla Hausmann (Bro. Alfred) as they begin their duties this fall in teaching our precious young ones.

ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN
Kim Walder

Vacation Bible School was held this month in the evenings the week of June 10 through 14. Our theme was centered around the verse, "We love Him, because He first loved us." I John 4:19. It is always encouraging to see the love for Jesus and the seeds of faith planted into these soft little hearts. Ages three through high school attended and we had many visitors this year.

Bro. Mark Bahr (Detroit, MI) and Bro. Rich Sutter (Fort Lauderdale, FL) and their families were here to visit this month. We truly appreciate their traveling to spend time with our congregation.

We were blessed with the presence of The Joyful Life choir (Peoria/Washington) June 22 and 23.

Being able to sit and absorb the inspiring sounds and words made us feel as though this may be a bit of heaven on earth. We want to thank them for coming and sharing the weekend with us.

ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

Kathy Schlatter

I was traveling with my father-in-law to visit my parents. Being a retired farmer, he has a keen eye for the land and its crops. At one point, he called the area "wasted land" because it was no good for corn and soybeans, having hills and trees. I had always thought the area was especially pretty because of its green and its shade. The Lord, of course, spoke of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) that we are to bear and bring forth thirty, sixty, and an hundredfold (Mark 4:20). Certainly within the seasons of our lives, there are times that we are given the grace to bring forth major crops, but others where we are to support those who are bearing the force of the sun and heat. Always we can be soothing, providing shade from our vantage point as we are drawn aside, to prayer, to understanding, to wisdom. No matter our physical limitations or age, never does the Lord expect us to be "wasted land."

We were filled once again with the Lord's provisions through the ministers of His Word. Bros. Ken Schneider (Remington, IN) and Andrew Hunyadi (Columbus, OH) and Elder Bros. Janos Papp (Budapest, Hungary) and Nathan Steffen (Elgin, IL) were true vessels for the Master's use. We would especially remember the sermons of Bro. Janos in Hungarian, translated by Bro. Andrew, for we were vividly taught through them how the Spirit which binds us together is not restricted by language or culture. May we always be aware of this in our prayers and in our lives that we not be "respecters of persons" as God is not, "but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Acts 10:34, 35.

We can depend on the Lord to raise up brethren to His work. We have been blessed by the sincerity

and love Bro. Jake Plattner has shown during his term in Sunday school, and we thank him for that attention and the special effort of this last year as superintendent. Bro. David Kiefer will be replacing him in the classroom, and Bro. Tom O'Shea will be superintendent. May we support them in prayer first, in cooperation, and in love. The Lord will guide them well.

There are precious newcomers. Bro. Paul and Sis. Marie Sauder have been blessed by the arrival of Anna Marie, born June 9. She holds their hearts and those of her grandparents, Bro. Eugene and Sis. Shirley Nester (Lester, IA), and Bro. Dale and Sis. JoAnn Sauder (Tremont, IL). We rejoice with them and their families, and as a church, we look forward to the joy of worshipping with them. We also welcome Bro. Mark Hartman (Fairbury, IL) who is working for DeKalb, and Ann Fehr (West Bend, IA) who is a nanny, for the summer. We trust the Lord will grant them worthwhile work experiences and His support in their adjustments to our area. May we share our love with them quickly, for their stays are short.

Velda Foxe has had a broken ankle, one of those unexpected slowdowns in life. Our love and prayers surround her always, especially as she recovers from this physical trial.

Not that long ago, it seems, there were three who almost died, yet the Lord preserved them. In round numbers, one was 20, one was 30, and one was 40. As a result of the accidents the Lord allowed them to sustain, the 20 year old suffers greatly, the 30 year old still suffers and the 40 year old has fully recovered. Yet what a difference! It is the 40 year old who still says, "All of self, and none of Thee"; the 30 year old who wavers, "Some of self and some of Thee"; and the 20 year old who has surrendered all, saying, "None of self, and all of Thee." (Gospel Hymns #149). May we learn that in suffering, we are to lean more closely upon His breast. Then no suffering can take away the blessings of His presence. We pray for those who have not reached up their hearts to His.

I have a white tablecloth which is well-used. It resists dirt and it

goes with everything. When there are stains, a bit of painstaking (taking pains) care gets them out. Other tablecloths are more colorful or lacier, but none works so hard nor cleans so easily. May I be such a saint for my Lord, who willingly spends time to help keep me useful and white.

ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

Bev Knapp - Karol Stock

We rejoice with Bro. Les and Sis. Christine Kaeb as they welcomed a baby girl, Leah Jean, into their home May 24. Grandparents are Bro. Larry and Sis. Jeanie Kaufmann and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mary Lou Kaeb (all from Cissna Park).

Even as we rejoice with those who rejoice, we also weep with those who weep. We wish to extend our sympathy to Scott and Debbie Beer in the loss of her father, Elmer Kesler. We also wish to express our sympathy to Bro. Eldon and Sis. Melba Steffen in the loss of his mother, Sis. Bena Steffen.

Visiting ministers this month were Elder Bro. Art Bahler (Fairbury), Bro. Bob Beebe (South Bend, IN) and Bro. Kevin Knapp (Bloomington). Our thanks to each one for coming and worshipping with us.

June 16 was the wedding day for Bro. Mark Waldbeser and Sis. Janie Edelman in Fairbury. Her parents are Bro. Fred and Sis. Joan Waldbeser (Cissna Park). We look forward to having Sis. Janie in our congregation and wish them God's richest blessings as they establish their home here in Cissna.

Bro. Herb Hofer spent time in the hospital this last month and Bro. Earl Knapp was a surgical patient also. May God grant renewed health to both of them.

Our young people have been busy with various activities. On May 26 the preschool, first and second grade Sunday school classes visited Heartland Nursing Home in Paxton. They presented the residents with flowers and fruit and also sang songs for them. On June 2, our Bible class students attended Youth Fellowship Day in Bloomington. Currently we are in the middle of Vacation Bible School. As I was leaving one morning, I overheard two students

reciting verses they had memorized and was struck by the fact that there are many of God's words "hidden in their hearts" during this two-week period. As the theme this year is "Footsteps of Jesus," we pray that many will find the grace to "follow the steps of Jesus where'er they go."

The Bible class students meet for four evening sessions. Ministers speaking to them were Bro. Steve Baner (Gridley) on End Times, Bro. Doyle Frauhiger (Bluffton North, IN) on Temptation and Peer Pressure, Bro. DeWayne Dill (Champaign) on Sports and Entertainment and Bro. Dan Stoller (Remington, IN) on Dating and Marriage. We appreciate the time each one has spent preparing these topics and thank each one for bringing these messages to our young people.

Then at last when on high He sees us, our journey done, we shall rest where the steps of Jesus end at His throne. Footprints of Jesus, that makes the pathway glow, we will follow the steps of Jesus, where'er they go. (Gospel Hymns #111).

ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE
Myra Steffen - Joanne Roth

"We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear . . ."

Hymns of Zion #156

The Lord has once again called home loved ones from our midst. Sis. Bena Steffen (Bro. C. Ed) and retired minister Bro. Joe Schrock (Sis. Esther) have finished their earthly sojourn and have gone on to their reward. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families. We also extend our sympathy to Sis. Janet Schrock (Bro. Ken) and Sis. Mary Schieber (Bro. Mike) at the passing of their father, Bro. Lee Overmeyer (Francesville, IN).

June 15 was the wedding date for Lynda Schrock (Bro. Allen and Sis. Carol) and Rodney Hinrichsen (William and Janet, Goodfield, IL). May God bless their life together.

Our congregation was again blessed with several visiting minis-

ters: Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville, IN) and Bros. Loren Knapp (Tucson, AZ), Wes Knapp (Goodfield, IL), Kenneth Dietz (Bradford, IL), Walt Herrmann (Princeville, IL) and Gene Lehman (Wolcott, IN). We appreciate their willing service.

Let us also pray for our home ministers who daily encourage, support and guide us through the joys and heartaches we experience on our earthly walk. May the Lord richly bless them.

Hospitalized recently were Bros. Bob Williamson (Sis. Doris) and Jim Roth (Bro. Keith and Sis. Pauline) and Sis. Mary Knapp (Bro. Bruce). We pray for restored health for each one.

The family of Sis. Bena Steffen would like to sincerely thank everyone for the love, prayers and kind deeds during her years at the Home and at the time of her passing.

The family of Bro. Joe Schrock would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone for the prayers, cards, food, flowers and kind deeds during a difficult time. The comforting words and memories shared were sincerely appreciated. The following poem, sent by a family friend, was especially comforting:

WHEN I HAVE GONE . . .
WITH JESUS

When I have gone; remember I'm
with Jesus;
Then do not grieve because I've
passed away;
Life holds so many griefs and
disappointments,
And will you weep because I did
not stay?

'Tis only for a spell we must be
parted --
Not many years on earth to us are
given --
And when my Saviour tells me
you are coming,
I'll go with Him, and welcome you
in Heaven.

Grieve not because the eyes that
looked upon you
Shall never see your face on earth
again;
Rejoice because they look upon
the Saviour

Who gave His life to ransom
sinful men.

Weep not because I walk no
longer with you;
Remember I am walking streets of
gold;
Weep for yourselves that you
awhile must tarry
Before the blessed Lord you may
behold.

Anonymous

ILLINOIS, ELGIN
Elizabeth Schambach
Betty Bachtold

We were privileged to obtain and would like to share some interesting family history of our dear Sis. Anna Schmidgall who is one of our older sisters-in-faith.

Anna Lindoerfer Schmidgall, widow of Joseph, was born March 13, 1900, to Christian and Fredericka Schambach Lindoerfer. She is the youngest and only surviving of 13 children. With the exception of one, all were converted to the Apostolic Christian faith.

Anna was converted and baptized in June of 1916 by Elder Bro. Martin Steidinger (Fairbury), in the old wooden church at Preston and Lillie Streets in Elgin. At the time of Anna's conversion, only dark ankle-length clothing was worn. Sisters wore long, dark dresses with matching buttons and collars, or dark skirts and blouses. No white or lace of any kind was allowed. Shoes were also dark and laced with no straps or open toes. Veils were made of black material in a square, and then folded like a triangle, and tied under the chin. Brothers wore only dark suits, striped gray or blue shirts and black shoes. Their ties were black bow ties.

As for some history, Anna's mother's parents were John and Jacobina Schmitt Schambach. John was supposedly a Lutheran minister in Germany. Jacobina had heard of the teachings of Samuel Froelich, and became curious enough to attend one of his services. Upon returning home, she was deeply convicted, and in discussing her feelings with her husband, it was suggested she stay away from the meetings. She continued to be deeply

troubled, and John also became curious and attended another service with her, became convicted and they both repented and were baptized. After John's death, Jacobina, a daughter, Christina, and two sons, John and George, moved from Germany to a farm near Morton, IL.

Anna's parents, Christian and Fredericka Lindoerfer, arrived in America, and Elgin with three children and 10 cents left. Christian was a stone cutter and was sponsored by a Mr. Trieber (Elgin). Fredericka was brought under conviction in 1881 and wrote to her mother in Morton who sent Elder Bro. George Welk (Morton) to Elgin to baptize her. She was Elgin's first convert and was baptized in the creek at Lord's Park after her husband, Christian, broke the ice. Christian was baptized in 1894.

Sis. Anna is now 91 years old and lives with her daughter, Sis. Madeline Tobler. She is in good health, thanks be to God, and attends church regularly. When she is unable to attend church, she listens to tapes at home. She reads her Bible faithfully and has always been a wonderful example of her faith to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and to us all.

Picnic fellowship and blessings were enjoyed by our Sunday school families and teachers. Also our Sunday school children recently gathered for Vacation Bible School. We are especially thankful for the ministering brothers who came to be with us. These include: Bros. Wayne Banwart (Champaign, IL), Jaye Rinkenberger (Goodfield, IL), Curt Rassi (Tremont, IL) and our Elder Bro. Nathan Steffen. Also we are appreciative for the spoken Word by Bro. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka, IL). May God grant the increase to the precious seed that was sown.

We share our love and sympathy to LeRoy and Florence Leman and family of Charleston, IL (formerly of Elgin) in the sudden passing of their son, David.

Drew and Kathleen Kellenberger are happy to welcome their first child, Kassandra Marie, born June 6. Grandparents include Bro. Lloyd and Carol Kellenberger, and Jerome and Lillian Kline (all of Elgin).

Our hospital patients were Bro.

Lester Heiniger (Sis. Emma) and Adam Freed and Brian Schmidt, grandchildren of Bro. Delbert and Sis. Jeanette Schmidt.

I want to thank everyone for all the cards and gifts of love I received during my hospital stay. Also telephone calls and visits from everyone at home. May God bless you all.

Sis. Helen Banwart

Silver Lining dues of \$9.00 are payable now in July.

ILLINOIS, EUREKA

Kathy L. Leman

We were thankful to hear that four of our converts have peace with God and man and are willing to bring their testimony before the congregation. Our prayers are with John Cottrell (Sis. Judy), Eric Vierling (Bro. Jim and Sis. Linda), Brad Kupferschmid (Bro. Richard and Sis. Maribeth) and Tom Zimmerman (Sis. Janet) as this opportunity for them is June 22, Lord willing.

Bro. Dan and Sis. Heidi Schumacher welcomed Cody Jacob May 26. Cody's grandparents are Bro. George and Sis. Fern Knapp (Goodfield) and Bro. Bob and Sis. Charlene Schumacher (Eureka).

Katie Lynn Wiegand is the first child of Bro. Andy and Sis. Vicki Wiegand, born June 2. Bro. Ernie and Sis. Judith Knecht and Bro. Bob and Sis. Helen Wiegand (all of Eureka) are Katie's grandparents. We pray God's nearness and guidance as these little ones have been entrusted into their care.

Steve Crawford and Lynn Kaufmann have announced their engagement. Their parents are Maury and Sis. Joyce Crawford (Eureka) and Leola Kauffman (Michigan) and the late Walter. We wish them God's blessings!

LeRoy and Wilma Fehr recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. May God bless them as they go forward in this life hand in hand.

We are thankful for visiting ministers who have come and shared the Word with us. May God bless Elder Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford, IN) and Bro. Walt Beery (Rittman, OH) and the words that were spoken.

Our hospital patients this month were Sis. Evelina Sinn, Sis. Eliza E.

Leman and Bro. Lewis Martin (Sis. Arletta). May God be with them and comfort them in their time of illness.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Ida Mae Rocke (Bro. Eldon) in the recent passing of her mother, Sis. Bena Steffen (Congerville).

Also, Sis. Sarah Blunier (Bro. Lee) suddenly lost her brother, Paul Waibel (Remington, IN) in an accident. We trust that God will provide for each one who has suffered the loss of a loved one, and that we will remember them in our prayers.

Thank you: The family of Sis. Sara Tanner expresses their gratitude for all the deeds of kindness and love including the many prayers, flowers, food and cards during her illness and recent passing. A special thanks is extended to all the loved ones at the Eureka Home.

Thank you: Dear brethren and friends, Thanks to our family and our Christian brethren and friends for making our golden wedding anniversary a blessed and memorable event. Your prayers, cards, gifts and your attendance were appreciated.

Bro. Vernon and Sis. Violet
Leman

ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

Jean Bachtold - Crystal Fehr

We rejoice with our new converts, Daniel and Davida Steidinger (David and Deann) and Darren Fehr (Bro. Chris and Sis. Kay) and Bro. Jason Kilgus (Bro. Duane and Sis. Arlene) vowed to give their heart and lives to the Lord and were baptized and welcomed into our brotherhood. May God continue to guide and direct them in every step of their lives.

We were happy to hear of the engagement of Sis. Kim Ashba (Robert and Cherie Kaisner) to Bro. Todd Kupferschmid (Bro. Dean and Sis. Robin, Forrest) June 9. May God bless their lives together. A September wedding is being planned.

We rejoice with Sis. Janie Edelman (Bro. Fred and Sis. JoAnn, Bern, KS) and Bro. Mark Waldber (Bro. Fred and Sis. Joan, Cissna Park) as they were united in holy matrimony June 16. May God bestow upon them His richest bless-

ings as they take this important step in life.

Sis. Gertrude Moser, 92, passed on from this earthly life May 29. Our sincere sympathy is extended to her family. Survivors include one brother, Si Moser (Fairbury); and four sisters, Sis. Fannie Maurer, Ollie Steidinger, Sis. Lavina Moser and Sis. Viola Moser (all of Fairbury).

Hospital patients this month were Sis. Aldine Steffen (Bro. Ezra), Sis. Della Meiss (Bro. Eli), Sis. Lydia Wiedman and Margaret Kelson. We have a loving concern for their health and hope it will be restored.

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." II Timothy 4:2. Visiting ministers this month were: Elder Bros. Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI), Wayne Anliker (Forrest), John Lehman (Bern, KS), Bob Grimm (Goodfield), Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO) and Bros. Gary Brown (Forrest), Lenard Meyer (Chicago), Earl Gerber (Forrest), Trent Meiss (Iowa City, IA) and Frederick Knapp (Congerville). May God bless these dear ones for their love and sharing His Word with us.

June 3 - 7 we held our Vacation Bible School. May God add the increase to the seeds that were sown in their young and tender hearts.

Our new Sunday school teachers elected were Bro. Dale Banwart and Bro. Keith Hinrichsen. Bro. Keith replaces Bro. Dennis Steidinger. May they ever feel the Lord's guidance as they accept this important work. We thank Bro. Dennis for his years of service. May God be his rich rewarder.

We extend congratulations to our Sis. Crystal Broquard who graduated from nurses' training. We wish her God's blessings as she enters the next chapter of her life.

ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

Sherri Kelson
Sandra Schneider

Summer is a time of vacationing for many. As we travel, may we be a light to those around us and stay close to the Lord even as we try to do at home.

The Word of God is so important in our lives. We thank our home ministers and visiting ministers, Elder Bro. Ed Ringger and Bros. Earl Ringger (Gridley), Trent Meiss (Iowa City, IA), Al Schneider (Rockville, CT), Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka), Loren Knapp (Tucson, AZ) and Kenny Knapp (Taylor, MO) for feeding us with God's Word. May God bless them for being willing to serve us.

The week of June 10 - 14 was filled with learning about what's important in life as we gathered for Vacation Bible School. Hopefully these teachings have been planted deeply in each heart that attended and will some day bring fruit pleasing to God. We are grateful to the ministers who came to teach the Bible class, some from near, some from far, but all willing to give up their time to come. May God reward Bros. Dennis Rassi (Fairbury), Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville), John Steiner (Oakville, IA), Ron Schambach (Elgin) and Steve Sauder (Tremont).

We were happy to hear the engagement of Bro. Todd Kupferschmid (Bro. Dean and Sis. Robin) to Sis. Kim Ashba of Fairbury (Ray Sledge, Bloomington and Cherie Kaisner, Fairbury). We wish them God's guidance and direction as they plan for their lives together.

We rejoice with Bro. Rich and Sis. Marian Rieger as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. May God continue to bless their lives.

Adrian Bachman (Bro. Larry and Sis. Donna) spent some time in the hospital but is able to be home again.

Sis. Dorothy Bachtold wishes to thank all her family, relatives and friends for the cards, flowers, calls and visits while in the hospital and since returning home. It was deeply appreciated. God bless you.

ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

Trish Gerber

Our children enjoyed a week of Vacation Bible School and we adults enjoyed our three nights of special Bible classes. Presenting the lessons and inspirational singing during those special nights were Bro.

Steph Baner (Gridley), Bro. Rick Plattner (Peoria), Bro. Jon Zeller (Morton), brothers-in-faith from Gridley and a special group from Goodfield.

Thanks to Bro. Tom Hoffman (Roanoke) for sharing a Sunday with us.

MY PRAYERS

At night I kneel to say my prayers,
I know that someone up there cares.
I tell Him all my fears and doubts;
I rant and rave, and sometimes
shout.

Patiently He hears my voice
And tells me I must make a choice.
Trust in My Word, I'll not lead you
astray,
Safe in my arms I want you to stay.

Then the devil plays his games,
He tries to convince me to call on
his name.
He says that I'm just not good
enough,
I'll never measure quite up to snuff.

The way of the world is how we
should live
If we heed the devil and the advice
that he gives.
Make merry today, think of only
yourself;
Amass a great fortune of gold,
silver and wealth.

He tempts us, he goads us to bend
to his will,
His main goal in life is our spirit
to kill.
What glory it is to defeat his great
might.
The heavens rejoice, the angels
delight.

It's not always easy to be God's
child,
The fruits of the Spirit do not grow
wild.
They must be planted and tended
with care,
So that when He returns He will
find them there.

He's given so much of Himself to
me,
His Son He sent to set me free.
I am so thankful he hears all my
pleas.

I know I can talk to Him down on my knees.

By His Grace
Barbara Ann Brim

ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY

Perry A. Klopfenstein

Just as the Lord pours out His Spirit to our congregation each Sunday and Wednesday evening, so He did again in a special way during our Vacation Bible School that was held each evening during the week of June 10 - 14.

Our adult sessions were convened in the church sanctuary each evening and a teaching presentation was made under the week-long theme of "Leaning On Jesus." The Lord was not hesitant in opening the windows of heaven and showering us with blessings from on high. Five visiting ministers spoke as follows: Monday, "Leaning On The Truth," Bro. Glenn Dill (Tremont); Tuesday, "Leaning On The Spirit," Bro. Bob Meyer (Bluffton, IN); Wednesday, "Leaning On The Brethren," Bro. Kent Heimer (Taylor, MO); Thursday, "Leaning On The Promises," Bro. Ted Witzig (Morton); and Friday, "Leaning On Deliverance," Elder Bro. John Lehman (Bern, KS).

As the adults and the high school Bible class met for their third annual sessions, children from ages three through fourteen met in classes for their Vacation Bible School. They, too, heard lessons from the general theme of "Leaning On Jesus." In all, it was a wonderful week of blessing as all church families and their children gathered at church for give consecutive evenings of learning and devotion. This, at a time in our nation when traditional family life is breaking down and many families are feeling distress and turmoil as the wrath of Satan is being unleashed with a foreboding fury. May God be praised that His Spirit is with us and our brethren, and that we as families are minded to gather under the sound of influence of the gospel, and that we daily wish to "Lean On Jesus."

One of the highlights of Vacation Bible School this year occurred on Thursday evening when our Intermediate Choir, consisting of 35 children in grades five through eight,

gave a four-song choral presentation prior to our adult topical lesson. These dear children sang four songs from memory. Their enthusiasm, their willingness to sing out with volume, their attentiveness to their director, and their growing love for sacred music, was indeed an inspiration to the church. Their fifteen minutes of singing practice after Sunday school each week is indeed paying off.

Holy communion was served to the church May 22. Elder Bro. Art Bahler (Fairbury) was here to assist with this solemn occasion. During such a time, one's heart is certainly drawn close to the Saviour, and everyone considered it a privilege to gather around the Lord's spiritual table. As God's children, may our hearts always be ready to commemorate Christ's broken body and His shed blood for us, who are unworthy.

Sisters Viola McKinley and Pauline Witzig and our friend, Ed Meiss, were hospitalized this past month.

Other visiting ministers were Bros. Everett Hari (Bloomington, May 19), Curt Rassi (Tremont, May 26) and Robert Miller (Portland, OR, June 2). May God richly bless our ministering servants who are willing to preach the Word from Sunday to Sunday.

ILLINOIS, MORTON

Phyllis Farney

Cheryl Wuthrich

During the month of July, when we celebrate America's independence, our thoughts turn to our country's freedoms. This year let us be especially thankful for our precious freedom to worship. We can learn a lesson from the people in the Iron Curtain countries. Now that they are allowed to worship openly and to own Bibles, we hear reports of their great hunger and thirst for God's Word. Congregations will wait for hours to hear a sermon preached. Churches are overflowing. Bibles are snatched up as soon as they are made available because the people long to read and study God's Word. Oh, America, America. We who have worship services several times a week, are we flocking to hear the

Word? We who have many Bibles in our homes, are we even reading them daily? . . . "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required" . . . Luke 12:48

This month our congregation experienced both joy and sorrow as we laid to rest two dear sisters, but also welcomed a new brother into the fold.

Sis. Katherine Moser was called into all eternity. Her funeral was May 25. May our heavenly Father comfort and bless her brother, Bro. Ben Moser; her sister, Sis. Verena Heiniger; her nieces and nephews and many friends. Her family, Bro. Ben and Sis. Marie Moser and Bro. Art and Sis. Verena Heiniger wish to gratefully acknowledge the many kind expressions of love and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement.

Sis. Patricia Bertschi died May 30 after 12 years of battling cancer. May the Holy Spirit comfort and support her son, Bro. Ron Bertschi; her mother, Sis. Edna Fite; and her brother, Gary Fite, as well as her other relatives and friends. Her family wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and gifts of love during Patty's illness and death. Support and love shown during this time is appreciated more than words can tell.

We were privileged to hear the testimony and witness the baptism of Melvin Rein May 29. We rejoice with him and pray his walk will continue to glorify our God.

Our new Sunday school teachers are Bros. Allen Kaiser, Dennis Mott and Steve Roeschley. May we continue to pray for all of our Sunday school teachers as they carry out this important duty.

We were blessed with many visiting ministers this month. We want to thank them all for making themselves available to preach God's Word. They were Elder Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield, IL) and Bros. Bob Miller (Portland, OR), John Rowell (Burlington, IA), Ken Schneider (Remington, IN), Ron Heiniger (Bloomington, IL), Dave Graft (Akron, OH) and Steve Sauder (Tremont, IL).

Our Vacation Bible School was held June 10 - 14. The theme for the adult classes was "Fellowship In

Christ," which covered the book of I John. The ministers who lent themselves were Bro. Rick Plattner (Peoria, IL), Everett Hari (Bloomington, IL), Earl Ringger (Gridley, IL), Tom Hoffman (Roanoke, IL) and Steve Gutwein (Francesville, IN). The visiting ministers teaching the high school Bible class were Bros. Ed Fritz (Washington, IL), Ken Hoerr (Peoria, IL) and Elder Bro. Chuck Hemmer (Peoria, IL).

Charles and Judith (Zeiger) Downes II and Joshua welcomed home Jacob, who was born May 3. His grandparents are Ralph and Karen (Belsley) Zeiger and LaVonna Downes.

ILLINOIS, PEORIA Jim David

The theme for our annual Vacation Bible School this year was, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:13). In addition to studying the Word of God, our children worked on crafts and practiced singing hymns of praise, which they presented in a program June 14. One representative from each class also read a brief synopsis of what they learned during Vacation Bible School. We thank all those who gave of their time to help make Vacation Bible School a great success.

We were privileged this month to witness the testimonies and baptisms of two converts: Katherine Knapp and Linda Miller (Bro. Robert and Sis. Betty). We welcome our sisters-in-faith, and pray for God's blessings as they begin a new life of Christian service to our Lord.

Bro. Mike and Sis. Diane Honegger have recently moved to Peoria from Valparaiso, IN, where Bro. Mike was continuing his education. We welcome Bro. Mike and Sis. Diane, and their children, Jennifer and Andrew, back to the Peoria church.

Bro. Steve Joos, formerly of Peoria, is now living in Poseyville, IN. Bro. Steve would appreciate hearing from some of the brethren. His mailing address is P. O. Box 250, Poseyville, IN 47633, and his phone number is (812) 874-2813. Poseyville is located on the south-

western tip of Indiana, just off Interstate 64.

Hospitalized this past month were Bill Hofstetter, Sis. Shirley Klaus, Ed Meister II and Sis. Lois Hamann.

After a lengthy illness, our Sis. Ellen Siebenthal was called home by our heavenly Father. Sis. Ellen's family wishes to express their appreciation: "The family of Ellen Siebenthal is deeply moved by your kind expression of sympathy in various ways: with cards, gifts, flowers, also for the prayerful support during her illness. We thank each and every one, and may God bless you richly."

Sis. Louise Stickling also sends a thank you note: "In appreciation, I thank all who sent get well wishes to me. God bless you."

God blessed Bro. Matthew and Sis. Aimee Moser with a baby boy, Matthew Jonathon, June 10. Grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Barbara Moser (Morton) and Bro. Ken and Sis. Darlene Hoerr (Peoria).

Elizabeth Renee was born to Bro. Doug and Sis. Peggy Hoerr June 20. Natalie and Chad welcomed Elizabeth home. Elizabeth's grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Velma Hoerr (Peoria) and Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marjorie Sutter (Taylor, MO).

On June 25, Bro. Chris and Sis. Marsha Stickling were blessed with a new son, Nathan John. Nathan was welcomed home by his older siblings, Julia and Joel. Nathan's grandparents are Ben Stickling and Sharon Stickling, and Russell and Sis. Roma Rumbold (Princeville).

ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE Martha Jane Siebenthal

We want to thank Bro. Curt Heimer (Alto, MI) for visiting us Memorial weekend and bringing forth the Word of Life. May God bless him and his dear family.

We rejoice with our dear friend, Heather Wieland (Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth) having peace with God and man. We look forward to her testimony and baptism the weekend of June 29 and 30.

Believing it is God's will, Bro. Mike Martin and Sis. Julie Gehrig's engagement was announced June 9. Their parents are Sis. Janet Martin

and the late Bro. Elmer and Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Donna Gehrig. May God bless them as they make plans for this important step in life.

A precious bundle from heaven has blessed the home of Bro. John and Sis. Cindy Aupperle and Bro. Mark and Sis. Cathy Kieser. To welcome home Allison Ann Aupperle are Jonathan, Erin, Clayton and grandparents, Bro. Nick and Sis. Gladys Knobloch and Eli and Greta Aupperle (Fairbury). To welcome home Emily Ann Kieser are Janis, Bethany, Megan, Jodi and grandparents, Bro. Loris and Sis. Martha Kieser and Beatrice DeSpain (Bradford). May God bless their family circles as they bring these little ones up in the Lord.

Sis. Mary Martin (Bro. Sam) and Sis. Betty Stahl (Bro. Lyle) were given teaching duties in Sunday school. May they plant the good seed in those young and tender hearts. We thank Sis. Kathleen Stoller (Bro. Bill) for her term in Sunday school and may God bless all who work with our youth.

On June 2, Bro. Floren and Sis. Twylla Streitmatter opened their heart and home for our dear people from the handicapped home. This was the 10th year for them doing this labor of love. May God richly bless them for all they do for others.

On May 19, the annual senior breakfast was held at the fellowship hall in honor of the high school graduates which each received a Bible. May they treasure and use this precious Book of Life. They are Sis. Janna Gehrig (Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Donna), Ema Jean Streitmatter (Bro. Don and Sis. Mary Lou), Jill Eberle (Marvin and Sharon), Carrie Christ and Eric Christ (Wolfgang and Barbara), Ross Herrmann (Bro. Walter and Sis. Betty Lou), Jeff Martin (Bro. Dale and Sis. Teresa) and Kent Streitmatter (Bro. Floren and Sis. Twylla). May God direct the paths of each of our graduates.

Congratulations to our eighth grade graduates. We wish them well as they continue into high school. They are Mary Ehnle (Bro. Kurt and Sis. Jane), Holly Steiner (Bro. Harold and Sis. Karen), Naomi

Streitmatter (Bro. Steve and Sis. Mary Lynn), Kerry Baer (Raymond and Sis. Janna Lou), Scott Eberle (Marvin and Sharon), B. J. Graham (Bro. Richard and Sis. Jeanette) and Jim Martin (Sis. Edna and the late Bro. Ray). To all of our graduates: "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:6.

Let us remember our dear elders in prayer as they travel to Morris, MN, and for their concern for our undying souls as conference time nears. Let us pray and do our part to preserve this precious heritage and not lose what we have.

As we celebrate Independence Day, let us be especially thankful for the privileges and freedoms we enjoy in the United States of America! We are mindful of the Persian Gulf War which we just went through.

It's called "An American."

"We the people of the United States . . .

I am proud to take those ringing words for my own:

Proud to be part of the great hope, a great confidence that man is, and of right ought to be free:

I AM AN AMERICAN:

Free to work,

Free to build,

Free to speak,

Free to worship.

I HAVE FAITH IN AMERICA:

Because I know America is right;

Because I believe in freedom;

Because I accept and enjoy the tremendous responsibility and great blessing of America.

I AM PROUD OF AMERICA:

Millions have lived for it;

Millions have sacrificed for it;

Millions have striven for it;

Millions have died for it.

In the light of those sacrifices I am proud to say:

I AM AN AMERICAN."

Frank P. Johnson

We extend prayers of healing for our loved ones. Bro. Daniel Feucht (Sis. Natalie - surgery), Bro. Denny Streitmatter (son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Diane - car accident), Marian Riley (mother of Sis. Elizabeth Wieland) and Ryan Siebenthal (son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Kay - bro-

ken arm). May we continue to remember them in our prayers and all those who are sick and shut in.

Our dear Sis. Elizabeth Stoller, the oldest member (mother of our Elder Joe) will be 100 years old July 28, the Lord willing. May we remember her in our prayers as she has not been able to be in church for some time.

We were blessed this month with many visiting ministers. We were very thankful for them and their dear wives. Elder Bros. Edwin Ringger (Gridley) and Dave Wiegand (Champaign) helped our Elder Bro. Joe with testimonies and baptisms. Bros. Al Langhofer (Wichita, KS), Charles Sinn (Fort Scott, KS), Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton, IN), Ronald Heiniger (Bloomington), Rick Plattner (Peoria), Stephen Baner (Gridley), Kenneth Dietz (Bradford) and Roy Ehnle (Bradford). May God bless them for bringing us such inspiring messages.

On April 27, Elder Bro. Wayne Anliker (Forrest) assisted our Elder Bro. Joe, as we were privileged to partake of holy communion. We were reminded of Christ's love for us and we should likewise love one another. "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." I Corinthians 11:26.

"Now it is accomplished! I'm no longer mine; Lord, I will forever and always be Thine, For Thou hast created and purchased me too, Baptized with Thy Spirit, Thou makes me new." Zion's Harp #209. On April 20 and 21, Hope Steiner (Bro. Harold and Sis. Karen), Jodi Knobloch (Bro. Al and Sis. Vicki Hartzler), Kristina Stoller (Bro. Bill and Sis. Kathleen) and Luann Martin (Bro. Sam and Sis. Mary) became our new sisters-in-faith. On May 19, we witnessed the baptism of Darin Blunier (Bro. Dale and Sis. Joyce). We pray that they will walk the narrow path and be a light in this dark world. May God's richest blessings be a part of their life.

We rejoice to hear three more souls have turned their back on the world and have the desire to walk with God, Jane Knobloch (Bro. Ed and Sis. Frances), Krista Scholl (Bro. Robert and Sis. Arlene) and Wanda Baer (Raymond and Sis. Janna Lou).

We wish them much grace to seek out the Lord fervently.

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord:" (Psalms 127:3). Bro. Kurt and Sis. Connie Christ welcome Lena Marie into the hearts and home. Little sister, Beth, and grandparents, Bro. Walter and Sis. Doris Christ and Bro. Elwin and Sis. Loretta Rumbold (Bradford) also welcome her. May God bless this family in rearing these dear children. Happy grandparents of Tyler James Rumbold (Bro. Myron and Sis. Lori) are Bro. Ronnie and Sis. Jackie Rumbold. Also happy grandparents of Jordan Jeff Hoerr (Bro. Jeff and Sis. Marie, Peoria) are Sis. Marlene and Bro. Richard Seidel. Erika Joy Schmidt (Bro. Rod and Sis. Cindy) have Bro. Alfred and Sis. Ginny Streitmatter as happy grandparents. May God bless these families.

Our hearts were filled with joy to see our dear Bro. Ervin Martin in church Sunday morning, Mother's Day. May God continue to bless him with His healing powers. Gwen Ehnle (Bro. Curt and Sis. Jane) had the misfortune of breaking her wrist. Jacob Menold has been a hospital patient. May the Lord heal and restore as He sees best.

Bros. Gale Stoller, Ed Baurer and Phil Ehnle are our newly elected Sunday school teachers. May God impart to each teacher the wisdom and love needed to plant the seed in those tender hearts. May God bless Bro. Bruce Stoller and Bro. Larry Baer whose terms have expired.

On May 19, Sis. Lynne Pflederer and Bro. Brent Teubel (Washington) had their engagement announced. Parents are Bro. Duane and Sis. Doreen Elsasser and Bro. Dave and Sis. Pauline Teubel (Lester, IA). May God richly bless them as they make plans for their life together.

A MOTHER'S DAY AND FATHER'S DAY MESSAGE

If you have a gray haired mother or father

In the old home far away,
Sit you down and write a letter
You put off from day to day.
Don't wait until their weary steps
Reach Heaven's pearly gate

But show them that you think of
them
Before it is too late.

If you have a tender message
Or a loving word to say,
Don't wait till you forget it.
But whisper it today.
Who knows what bitter memories
May haunt you if you wait?
So make your loved one happy
Before it is too late.

The tender words unspoken,
The letter never sent,
The long forgotten messages
The wealth of love unspent;
For these some hearts are
breaking,
For these some loved ones wait,
Show them that you care for them
Before it is too late.

Author Unknown

Reminder: July is collection
month for the Silver Lining for Prin-
ceville.

ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

Cathy Hohulin - Annie Hoffman
School has ended and our
thoughts turn to our graduating
seniors. As they say goodbye to high
school and make new beginnings,
we wish them God's presence and
guidance.

Bible School was held the first
two weeks of June. Students and
teachers alike enjoyed the singing,
teachings and fellowship. What a
blessed way to begin our summer.

May 19 was the wedding day for
Bro. Nathan Hoffman (Bro. Tim and
Sis. Jeanni) and Sis. Karel Braker
(Bro. Marvin and Sis. Michaleen).
We also witnessed the marriage of
Bro. Fred Wyss (Bro. Carl and Sis.
Lydiann, Washington) and our Sis.
Dianne Leman (Bro. Rich and Sis.
Rachel) Father's Day, June 16. May
God richly bless them.

Bro. Curtis and Sis. Edna Sauder
celebrated their 50th wedding an-
niversary June 9. They are the
parents of Sis. Patricia (Peoria) and
Les and Bruce (Roanoke) and have
eight grandchildren. We wish them
many more happy years together.

David Steffen and Sandra Ulrich
have announced their engagement
and upcoming marriage. Their

parents are Dan and Mary Jane
Steffen and Mr. and Mrs. Vilas
Ulrich.

Also announcing their engage-
ment are Raymond Blunier and
Wendy Rosier (both of Glendale,
AZ). Raymond is the son of Bro.
Wilmer and Sis. Sylvia Blunier.

Bro. Sam and Sis. Ann Leman
happily welcome a new grandson,
Clinton Joshua, born to Bro. Tim
and Sis. Bethany Leman (Bloom-
ington). Also welcoming a new grand-
son are Bro. Harold and Sis. Edna
Roth. Joshua Carlos was born to
Don and Bev Roth (Guadalajara,
Mexico).

Family and friends are rejoicing
with Kathy Fehr (Ben), Jana Har-
ris (Bro. Mike and Sis. Linda), Robin
Zimmerman (Bro. Rick and Sis.
Raylene) and Mike Gastman (John
and Barb), as they have turned to
the Lord in repentance.

We extend sincere sympathy to
the family of Sis. Ellen Siebenthal
who passed away June 8, and also to
the family of Sis. Bena Steffen
(Congerville) who passed away May
22.

We were thankful to have many
visiting ministers this past month:
Elder Bros. Joe Braker (Morton),
Edwin Ringger (Gridley) and Janos
Pap (Budapest, Hungary) and Bros.
Jozsef Nameny (Budapest, Hun-
gary), Andy Hunyady (Columbus,
OH), Jim Hoerr (Peoria), Don Braker
(Kansas City), Steve Ringger
(Bluffton North, IN), Robert Miller
(Portland, OR), Marshall Heinold
and Carl Wyss (Washington), Russell
Wuthrich (Pulaski, IA), Roger Aberle
(Sabetha, KS), Virgil Metzger
(Chicago) and Randy Kellenberger
(Kansas City, MO).

We're glad to see Bro. Jim Hodel
(Sis. Doris) and Bro. Bob Luginbuhl
(Sis. Jean) back assembling with us
after their recent hospitalizations.

Note of thanks: To my friends,
neighbors and relatives, I say thank
you for the prayers, cards, phone
calls, visits and gifts I received while
in the hospital and since at home.
All are much appreciated and will
always be remembered.

Bro. Ervin Kempf

Give Your Old and New Address
To Your Reporter

ILLINOIS, TREMONT Carolyn Bolliger - Marsha Koch

We are thankful our two hospi-
tal patients are on the mend. Little
Randy Aberle (Bro. Pete and Sis.
Debbie) was hurt in a mowing acci-
dent and Sis. Mary Baurer submit-
ted to more eye surgery.

On a happier note is the birth of
a sweet baby daughter, Jeni Marie,
June 12 to Bro. Gregg and Sis. Cindy
Sauder. Little Jeni is also welcomed
home by big brothers, Timmy and
Nicholas. Proud grandparents are
Bro. Earl and Sis. Glenna Sauder
and Bro. Glenn and Sis. Marilyn
Dill.

Sis. Elizabeth Moser would like
to thank everyone who has remem-
bered her on her 96th birthday with
cards, money and gifts. All were
greatly appreciated. May God bless
each one.

Sis. Elizabeth has been unable
to attend church for some time. We
miss her and her cheerful disposi-
tion.

Sis. Alma Getz was saddened by
the sudden death of her nephew,
Tom Getz. We wish Sis. Alma God's
special blessings as another of her
small family is taken.

INDIANA, BLUFFTON Jill Frauhiger - Gwen Kipfer

"For ye were sometimes dark-
ness, but now are ye light in the
Lord: walk as children of light."
Ephesians 5:8

What an uplifting month we've
had. We wish God's grace upon Ryan
Fiechter, Wes Gerber, Shane Ger-
ber, Mike Linn, Arlo Kipfer and
Ronnie Steffen as they have made a
commitment to serve the Lord.

We were also blessed to witness
the testimonies and baptisms of Sis.
Jamie Schwartz, Sis. Trisha
Baumgartner and Sis. Melissa Hess
June 9. Thank you, Bro. Uriel
Gehring (Leo) and Elder Bro. Phil
Stettner (Bluffton North) for lend-
ing yourselves and sharing your
time with us for this special occa-
sion.

"Teach me to do thy will, for thou
art my God . . ."

Psalms 143:10

Bro. Eric Gerber (Bro. Lee and Sis. Jenny) and Sis. Lori Shady (Bud and Gwen) feel it is God's will to be united in marriage. They are looking forward to their wedding August 18. Also engaged this month were Bro. Lonnie Grube (Paul and Jane) and Sis. Vicki Baumgartner (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Jennie). They have chosen the date of September 8 to begin their three-fold cord with the Lord.

We rejoice with Bro. Troy Reimchisel of Indianapolis (Bro. Richard and Sis. Elaine, Bluffton) and Sis. Bonnie Klopfenstein (Indianapolis) who were married in Leo June 2. May God continue to be the center of their lives as they serve Him together as one. Mike Lehman (Derryl and Sharlene) and Julie Stucky (Bro. Rick and Sis. Cathy) were also united in marriage June 22. We pray that God will bless them now and in the days to come. Kerry Frauhiger (Bro. Tom and Sis. Rose) and Penny Brickley (Bryce and Dorothy) were wed June 8. Also wed in June were Greg Lobsiger (Bro. Dale and Sis. Martha Reinhard) and Krista Patterson. In the midst of all this excitement, we pray that God will remain our first priority in all we do, that He would continue to offer His abundant grace in our lives.

We share the joy of Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy Frank, as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. We're thankful for the years they've spent together and pray that many will follow.

Our congratulations go out to Bro. Larry and Sis. Laura Bertsch on the birth of their son, Lance Edward, born May 23. Grandparents are Bro. Glen and Sis. Dina Fae Moser and Bro. Leonard and Sis. Wava Bertsch. Anna Laura, born May 8, was welcomed into the home of Bro. Keith and Sis. Martha Stoller. Anna joins Isaac and Emma at home. We rejoice with grandparents Bro. Ben and Sis. Arlene Habbegger and Bro. Ray and Sis. Flossie Stoller.

Hospitalized this month were Sis. Martha Moser, Taylor Kipfer (Bro. Troy and Sis. Brenda), Bro. Don Reinhard (Sis. Sarah), Bro. Ezra Kaehr, Bro. Millard Aschleman (Sis. Alice) and Bro. Scott Dehoff (Sis.

Rita). Let's remember them in our prayers.

INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH
Terri Mueller - Lora Kieser

How thankful we are for the visiting ministers that continue to share God's Word with us. Bro. Ben Mantz (Junction, OH) was with us in June and we wish a blessing for his labors.

We rejoice that three souls, Jonathan Leman (Bro. Wally and Sis. Marilyn), Arlo Kipfer (Bro. Lynn and Sis. Val) and Brandi Robey, are now walking the narrow way and have given up the trappings of this world and are seeking their peace through repentance. May God walk with them through the days to come.

Bro. Leonard and Sis. Wava Bertsch are the happy grandparents of little Lance Edward born May 23 to first-time parents Sis. Laura and Bro. Larry Bertsch (Bluffton).

Just as births are occasions for rejoicing, death can cause sadness in a family. Bro. Leonard Bertsch learned of the passing away of his brother, Bro. Wendell Bertsch of the Phoenix, AZ, congregation.

We also would like to express our sympathy to Bro. Gene and Sis. Melinda on the death of Gene's father, Gene Gilgen, Sr., who died at the age of 51.

Hospital patients this month have been Sis. Louise Gerber and Sis. Ida Gerber. May we pray for their speedy recoveries and grace to make it through these painful times.

An appreciation dinner was held June 9 for Bro. Wendell Gerber. Bro. Wendell has, through all his years of ministering, shown his true love of the Lord and this church. May God richly bless him in his retirement years.

We enjoyed hearing a program of songs by the children who attended the two weeks of Bible School. We also had the privilege of looking at the wonderful craft projects that they worked so hard on.

Someone cried, "Where must the seed be sown
To bring the most fruit when it is grown?"

The Master heard and He said and smiled,
"Go plant it for Me in the heart of a child."

Anonymous

INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE
Jackie Huber

Sunday evening, May 19, was our annual graduation program. The following graduates received Bibles, and we pray that they will look to God and His Word for guidance throughout their lives: Samuel Gutwein (Bro. Phil and Sis. Carol), Stanley Gutwein (Edwin and Mary B.), Jennifer Leman (Bro. Larry and Sis. Pam), Becky Masten (granddaughter of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Viola Von Tobel), Carol Knip (Bro. Richard and Sis. Garnet Nuest), Lana Overmyer (Bro. Roger and Sis. Janet), Steven Putt (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Paulette), Sis. Joy Vogt (Bro. Ron and Sis. Dianne) and Tanya Nuest (Bro. Larry and Sis. Jane).

Bill and Deb Boehning are happy to have a baby boy! Brandon Douglas was born to them May 31. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Scheffer and Glen and Sis. Eileen Boehning.

Glen and Sis. Eileen Boehning also gained a son-in-law, as their daughter, Connie, was united in marriage to Scott Williams Saturday, June 8 at the fellowship center in Lafayette, IN. Scott's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Williams. Scott and Connie are residing in Lafayette, and we wish them God's blessings in their life together.

We extend congratulations to Bro. Matt Gudeman (Bro. Wendell and Sis. Marcella) and Sis. Tracey Putt (Norm and Sis. Mary), as their engagement was announced Sunday, June 16. May the Lord continue to bless them with His presence, now and always.

We were thankful to have Bros. Nelson Beer (Milford, IN) and Tom Schambach (Elgin, IL) here to share God's Word this past month.

Erin Ward (Bro. Roger and Sis. Sandy) underwent a tonsillectomy this month. We're glad to say that she is getting along well.

HE HAS FORMED ME

He has formed me from the dust
And to dust I shall return.
He has made me in His light
And to light I shall return.
And I'll be free at last to lay it all
down.

Free at last to wear my crown
That He set with the jewels of love
He's place in my heart.
And the sun will never rise again,
For He will be my light.

Anne Herring

On June 5, our Bro. Lee Overmyer was free to "lay it all down" and to be at home with the Lord. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Sis. Velda, who lovingly cared for him; his three sons, Bros. Danny, Richard and Roger, all of our Francerville congregation; and two daughters, Sisters Janet Schrock and Mary Schieber, both of the Congerville, IL, congregation. May the special memories of a loving husband and dad be with them until that great reunion day with the Lord.

Note of Thanks: The family of Bro. Lee Overmyer wishes to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of you for your kind expressions of love and concern that have been shown to our family during the illness and since the passing of our beloved husband, father and grandpa. We want to thank our many relatives and friends for their prayers, cards, calls, flowers, food and many acts of kindness in so many ways. May God bless and reward each of you.

Sis. Velda Overmyer and family

Note: July is collection month for Francerville subscribers, \$9.00 per year -- Thank You.

INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS Miriam Gudeman

We always enjoy the fellowship of friends and family as they visit us here in Indy. We designated the weekend of April 5th as "Invite A Friend Weekend." We want to thank everyone who came and made it such a blessing. It is wonderful that we find time in our busy schedules to have special weekends like this. God allows us time, we need to use it to His glory.

Congratulations to our high school graduating student this year, Tony Bucher. Tony is the eldest son of Bro. Ardie and Sis. Leann Bucher. We wish him God's blessings as he begins his future.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bro. Don and Sis. Jenny Knobloch (Bradford, IL) as they are here with us in Indy for a few weeks. Bro. Don has undergone a bone marrow transplant and the prognosis looks optimistic. May God grant Bro. Don a quick and miraculous recovery that he may join his family and friends soon. May God also grant patience and encouragement to Sis. Jenny through this long waiting period. Please continue sending your expressions of love and encouragement through prayers and letters to Mr. Don Knobloch, Indiana University Medical Center, 6th Floor Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, 926 W. Michigan Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

We are thankful to have our Sis. Lyn Wuethrich back with us after her recent surgery this past month. May the Lord bless her with a complete and healthy recovery.

May God richly bless our visiting ministers this month for their unselfish devotion in sharing His Word with us. They were Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott), Bro. Ken Schneider (Remington), Bro. John Bollier (Leo), Bro. Earl Ringger (Gridley, IL) and Bro. Ed Alt (Cissna Park, IL).

A special loving appreciation goes to all our dear fathers and mothers this time of the year. May God grant us a lifetime of memories to hold in our hearts until we are all united again with Him in our heavenly "home."

We have a very special addition to our congregation. His name is Daniel Bollier, new son of Bro. Ron and Sis. Edie. He was born May 9, and welcomed into the family by his sisters, Sarah, Emily and Anna. We rejoice with them.

Congratulations and best wishes to our Sis. Bonnie Klopfenstein and our Bro. Troy Reimschisel who were joined in holy matrimony June 2. May God richly bless their lives together.

Our VBS was held the week of

June 17 through 21. We enjoyed a blessed week of fun and fellowship, teaching the children as we journeyed through the Book of Acts on our wagon train called "Sonward Ho." The program was held Friday evening and we would like to thank our families and friends who came to share with us.

INDIANA, LACROSSE Barb Troxel

"The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness."

Psalms 41:3

Our prayers are with Bro. Virgil and Sis. Ruth Heinold as they both face sickness and suffering in battling cancer. Sis. Mary Gudeman (Bro. Art) also spent time in the hospital after surgery.

We wish our four high school graduates the Lord's blessings as they either pursue more education or enter the job market. They are Matt Gudeman (Bob and Sis. Diana), Rachel Heinold (Bro. Gene and Sis. Evie), Jenny McClanahan (Dru and Diane) and Sis. Andrea Stoller (Bro. Steve and Sis. Anna Marie).

We want to thank Bro. Bob Stoller (Lamar, MO), Elder Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH), Bro. Ron Schambach (Elgin, IL) and Bro. Gary Maibach (Smithville, OH) for sharing God's Word with us. We appreciate their willingness to minister to us.

"And what I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch."

Mark 13:37

We used this timely verse as the theme for our Vacation Bible School. Bro. Gary Maibach (Smithville, OH) talked about what we should watch for. Bro. Merrill Laukhuf (Latty, OH) informed us about the New Age Movement, and Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington, IN) reminded us of God's plan for our individual lives. We want to thank these brothers for taking the time to prepare and share with us. We appreciate the love and concern they show for our young people.

INDIANA, LEO Doug Kellenberger

200 years ago our independence was won in a war over personal freedom. Today another independence is at stake in a war over our soul. Paul says to approach this war with a certain kind of armor -- one part being The Truth, another being the right kind of protection on our head (Ephesians 6). Have we detected how the enemy discourages us with feelings and unfounded thoughts? He wins when we believe them, because we become what we think (Proverbs 23:7). But Paul says think the truth -- what God's Word says. We may not feel it, but we can still think it and believe it. Jesus says it will make us free (John 8:32). All we can do is trust Him and do it.

Some more dear souls in Leo have decided to do just that. We welcome them and love them. Jackie Foster and Kathy Brashears have turned to the Lord in repentance.

Our Sis. Bonnie Klopfenstein was happily married to Bro. Troy Reimschisel a few weeks ago.

It's nice to see Bro. George Zimmer gathering with us again.

We had one graduate this year, Barb Bell (Gateway Woods). We wish her the best.

Vacation Bible School was a success. Each morning for two weeks the children were excited about learning, doing and singing. Instead of doing crafts, the older students did projects for the older people. One of the classes was given money by the teacher and told to use it to generate a profit. This object lesson was to teach the point made by Jesus to use our abilities and not hide them. It was a very thoughtful and well organized Vacation Bible School. We so appreciated Elder Bro. Phil Stettner (Bluffton North) and Bro. Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit, MI) sharing the wonderful Word of God with us.

INDIANA, MILFORD Gwen Steffen - Paula Haab

It seems that for one reason or another we all look forward to summer. We, here in Milford, look forward to the blessing of many visitors during this time of year. An added blessing was that among our

visitors were Bros. Bob Meyer and Steve Ringger (Bluffton North) who brought God's Word to us.

Sis. Mary Gerber, Bros. Al Wuthrich and Bill Longcor recently had surgery. May they feel God's healing power and be encouraged in their faith at this time and always.

Recently we laid two loved ones to their eternal rest. Although Sis. Esther Welty wasn't in good health, she was in church every Sunday; and we were surprised when God quietly took her to her heavenly home. We'll all miss her, but missing her most will be her son, Bobbie, and her brothers, Bros. Roy and John Lehman. Florence Stieglitz was taken from time into eternity after a short illness. She leaves to mourn her half sister, Sis. Mary Ann (Art) Haab and a host of nieces and nephews. May these families feel the Holy Spirit as their comforter in time of sorrow.

We gathered together one Sunday evening to her what the Sunday school classes have been studying and learning. The church gave Bibles to five students who just completed the eighth grade. It is always such a blessing to spend such an evening as this with our young people.

"In Times Like These," was the theme for our Vacation Bible School. We are so thankful for the brothers who were willing to come speak to us. God inspired them with timely messages on Decisions for Today's Lifestyles, Current Mideast Events, Coping as a Christian in Today's Society, and Benefits of Christian Living. We wish God's blessings upon Bros. Ron Kipfer (Bluffton), Edwin Bahler (Remington), Robert Beebe (South Bend) and Paul Gasser (Akron, OH) for their labors of love in our behalf.

We rejoice to have another little girl in our congregation. Amber Sue was born to Bro. Steve and Sis. Tonya Price June 13. Heather will now have a playmate. The happy grandparents are Bro. Tom and Becky Price and Bro. Bill and Diana Tonner.

During Bible School the warning was given that Jesus is coming soon. Are you ready? As I try to write this, a young relative lies very near death after suddenly collaps-

ing in his home. What a great reminder that we not only be ready for Jesus' appearance, but be prepared to meet Him if we see death.

INDIANA, REMINGTON Amelia Schini

On Saturday, May 18, we were all saddened by the auto accident that took the life of Paul Waibel. Paul was well-known in the community as he was employed by many in his latter years. He enjoyed working in yards and flower gardens, trimming shrubs, etc. Even though he would have been 88 years old in August, he worked in a yard and garden that morning before the accident. He left to mourn his loss two sisters, Sis. Louise Waibel, who is at Parkview Haven in Francesville, and Sis. Sarah Blunier (Lee, Eureka, IL). Also nieces and nephews, all of whom were very devoted to him. Two sisters and three brothers preceded him in death. His family expresses their deep appreciation and thanks for the many kind deeds and expressions of sympathy.

Bros. Virgil Metzger (Chicago, IL) and John Hartman (Fairbury, IL) were our visiting ministers this month. We thank both of them for so capably bringing God's Word to us. We thank all four of you. We do appreciate you, even though we often neglect to say so.

We are thankful that Betty (Braker) Vaughn's six day stay in the hospital healed her body and she is back to work again.

It was a frightening experience when Tim and Lynette (Heinold) Bahler's little son, David, not quite three years old, fell out of the hay-mow. He spent a night in the hospital with a skull fracture. But no holding down for long a lively little boy like David. Mother, Lynette, says he is doing very well.

It's another boy, born to Bro. Dan and Sis. Jenna (Getz) Kilgus. Brothers, Aaron and Trenton, and sister, Alisia, were on hand to welcome Stuart David and mother home. His grandparents are Bro. Keith and Sis. Doris Getz (Francesville) and our ministering Bro. Earl and Sis. Arlene Kilgus.

This week we had Vacation Bible School with the Wolcott Sunday

school and church being our hosts since we enjoy this blessing together alternating years. It is such a blessing to work together on such a worthwhile project. Like the say, "I won't steal their thunder" but will let the Wolcott reporters fill you in on any details they choose. It was a wonderful week of evening blessings. It was great that each evening we were hungry for that heavenly manna.

A thought for the day: Faith is in the eyesight of the Soul!

INDIANA, SOUTH BEND

Renee Mangold

May 19 our church marked its ten year anniversary since its dedication. We made it a special day with a potluck dinner. Fellowshiping with us that Sunday were Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) and Bro. Cris Huber (Francesville).

We were also fortunate to have with us this month Elder Bro. David Bertsch (Leo), Bro. Ted Witzig (Morton, IL) and Bro. Walt Rager (Toledo, OH) and their families.

This is graduation time for our seniors. Congratulations to Bro. Josh Mangold, Clay Frank and Sis. Debbie Lehman. We pray that God will be with them as they venture on to college and into their future, and that they will think about these things:

"Whatsoever things are true,
whatsoever things are honest,
whatsoever things are just,
whatsoever things are pure,
whatsoever things are lovely,
whatsoever things are of good
report
if there be any virtue,
and if there be any praise,
think on these things."

Philippians 4:8

Another glad event this month is the birth of a baby girl to Bro. Don and Sis. Jill Lehman. We pray for God's continued blessings on their family.

INDIANA, VALPARAISO

Marie Heinold - Cindy Susdorf

We send our best wishes along with Bro. Mike and Sis. Diane

Honegger and their two children, Jennifer and Andrew, as they move back to Peoria, IL. Mike chose Valparaiso University to study law. Many loved ones came to be with him for graduation ceremonies. We, here at Valparaiso, will miss their presence and support. We hope they and their families will come back often and visit.

Our high school graduates are Bros. Brandon Moser and Michael Thomas.

Someone describes packing his bag for a journey. Just before closing it, he observes a small corner not yet filled. He says, "Into this corner I put a guide-book, a lamp, a mirror, a volume of choice poems, several well-written biographies, a package of old letters, a book of songs, a sharp sword, and a small library of more than sixty volumes; yet strange enough to say, all these did not occupy a space of more than three inches long by two inches wide. "But how could you do it?" Well, it was all in the packing, I put in my Bible.

Leaves of Gold

It is awesome to feel and see how the Holy Spirit can lift and fill hearts with love and teachings, as when many visitors and ministering Bros. Marvin Leman and Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger spent a Sunday with us. We are thankful for these blessings.

INDIANA, WOLCOTT

Lynell Blume - Lorna Knapp

We rejoice with Janell Hofstetter (daughter of Bro. Ted) as she has answered the Lord's call to repentance. We wish her much grace in this most important step. May she be a blessing to the Chicago, IL, congregation as she assembles with them due to her employment.

We extend our congratulations to our high school graduates! They are Melissa Minniear (Bro. Mike and Sis. Glenna), Lynette and Lynell Farney (Leroy and Frances) and Phillip Kyburz (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Nancy). May God bless each one and our prayer is that they will seek His will throughout their lives.

Vacation Bible School was held June 10 - 14 and all ages were blessed

by the spiritual teachings of Jesus and His love. The theme for the adults was "Power of Purpose." We wish to thank all the visiting ministers that came and presented messages to us that week. Elder Bro. Phil Stettner (Bluffton North, IN) spoke on "The Value of Purpose"; Bro. John Reinhard's (Bluffton, IN) topic was "God's Purpose Is Victory"; Bro. Lynn Stieglitz (Leo, IN) spoke on "God's Purpose Is Contentment"; Bro. Denny Kaufmann's (Bloomington, IL) topic was "God's Purpose Is Heaven"; and Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville, IN) spoke on "Declaring Your Purpose." These messages furnished much food for thought and we pray that we will be not only hearers, but also doers of the Word.

Sis. Arles Kropf was hospitalized this month and we missed her while she recuperated at home. Our prayers were with her and we are thankful she is able to assemble with us again.

IOWA, BURLINGTON

Deyona Massner

Carolyn Wulf

We were thankful for our visiting ministers, Bro. Dave Eisenmann (North Fort Myers, FL), Bro. Ervin Knecht (Eureka, IL) and Bro. Ed Fritz (Washington, IL), who were willing to share the truth with us this past month. May God bless their labors.

We send our belated, yet sincere, congratulations to our recent graduates. They were Scott Massner (Bro. Dale and Sis. Evelyn), Inga Buster (Bro. John and Sister Ingrid), Matt Eisenmann (Bro. Paul and Sis. Elaine), Sis. Rachel Massner (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Gail) and Chris Musselman (Arlyn and Carol).

We wish Sis. Timna Taeger (Bro. Dick and Sis. Dorothy) God's richest blessings in her betrothal to Bro. Ron Lanz (Bro. Ed and Sis. Joan, Oakville).

Our new Sunday school teachers are Bro. Fred Eberhardt, Bro. John Buster and Sis. Ingrid Buster. We're thankful for those who are willing to teach our children the blessed truth, that they may experience our precious faith as we have found.

IOWA, ELGIN Gloria Frieden

Once gain the people of this area stand in awe as we view the devastating results of a flash flood to our urban and rural areas. So often we want to question God for the purpose of such things but yet we know that He does have a purpose and we are not to murmur but to trust, and be thankful that it wasn't even worse. Even though the damage is great, we know God's love is even greater. We read in Song of Solomon 8:7, "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it."

God's love was greatly and humbly felt as we could partake again of holy communion. Assisting our Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer with this sacred duty was Elder Bro. Wayne Fehr (West Bend). May God be with us now as we continue to press onward.

Also sharing the truths of God's Word unto us this month were visiting ministers, Bro. John Zeller (Morton, IL) and Bro. Pat Zaugg (West Bend). May God richly bless our visiting ministers as well as our home ministers for serving us from the Bread of Life, God's Word.

Hospital patients since the last writing have been Ida Frieden and Larry Frieden (both medical).

IOWA, GARDEN GROVE Dawn Moser

We have been richly blessed again during these past few months. On April 28, Elder Bros. Sam Huber and Ed Lanz were with us to read the conference letter and to serve communion. We thank them for their love and concern for us.

We also want to thank the rotation of churches who have so faithfully served us. Special thanks to the ministering brothers and their families for traveling to spend their Sundays with us. These brothers are: Bro. Walter Herrman (Princeville, IL), Bro. Pat Zaugg (West Bend, IA), Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart (Fort Scott, KS), Harvey Grimm (Bern, KS), Harold Schmidgall (Gridley, IL), Doug Schock (Pulaski, IA), Dale Wulf (Lester, IA) and Jon Schmidgall (Oakville, IA).

We are also thankful that the

Bill Wulf family from Lester included us in their Father's Day surprise. Their whole family was with us June 16. They added so much to our fellowship on this day. Thank you.

"Try a Little Kindness" was our theme for Vacation Bible School. This was held the first week of June. Each class had a "kindness" morning where we did something in the community. We thank the children for their enthusiasm and for their ability to teach us too.

IOWA, IOWA CITY Janette Schulz

Greetings to all! We are thankful for all of our visitors this month. May God richly bless all who took the time and made the effort to assemble with us.

Among our visitors were Elder Bros. Paul Butikofer (Elgin, IA) and Wayne Anliker (Forrest, IL) and their wives, Sis. Millie and Sis. Judy, who came to share communion with us. It was a blessed weekend for all of us. We were reminded of the meaning of "communion" -- "common union" -- and the implication it has for us as we walk as brethren in this life. The importance of unity was also felt by the following authors.

And what is God's glory? It is the ministration of love. We are not to wait for a union of opinions; we are to begin with a union of hearts.

A battleship cannot go into action with a mutiny raging on board.
Springs in the Valley, June 17

When pure and upright hearts,
By flames of love ignited,
Are by the bond of faith
More firmly yet united,
The light of hope beams forth
In radiance far and nigh,
Invites us to partake
The blessings from on high.

Then shall this vale of tears
On earth become an Eden
When joined in spirit we
In prayer look up to heaven,
Then bear we joyfully
This earthly toil and care;

We put our trust in God
And all complaints forbear.

"The Union of Hearts"
Zion's Harp #79

Thus united And in concord
Let us walk the path of life;
Hand in hand, O may love bind us
For each other's welfare strive.

Thus it is our Saviour's pleasure,
As His footprints plainly show.
May God's love, our greatest
treasure,
Richly ev'ry heart bestow.

Only He is called a brother
Whom the tie of love does bind;
And the love of God, the Father,
Filleth soul and heart and mind.

With the love of God inspired,
There is joy for us on earth;
May the Spirit, we've acquired,
Grant us blessing, peace and
mirth.

"Unity"
Zion's Harp #237

IOWA, LESTER Kathy Metzger - Mary Knobloch

"This is the day the Lord hath made, let us be glad and rejoice in it." We have had some beautiful spring and summer days and God has blessed us with timely rains, causing crops, lawns and flowers to show the beauty of His handiwork. We know our efforts would be in vain without God's blessing.

Again we have enjoyed visiting brethren who bring forth God's Word. Those visiting recently were Bro. Roger Aberle (Sabetha, KS), Bro. Jay Luthi (Lamont, KS) and Bro. Vern Wettstein (Congerville, IL). We thank them for being spent in God's service.

On June 1, Terry Meyer (Bro. Raymond and Sis. Twila) and Paula Vogel were united in marriage. May God bless them as they begin their life together.

Sis. Zelma Knoblock (Bro. Mart) was hospitalized in Cody, WY, following a heart attack while traveling. She has now returned home and we pray that God's healing power will continue to be with her.

Our new fellowship hall is completed and has been used for nu-

merous occasions. We ask for God's direction in all undertakings therein.

IOWA, OAKVILLE
Melody Steiner
Debbie Wagenbach

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." Psalm 32:8. What precious promises for all of us. Our hearts and our prayers go out to our high school graduates this time of year. May they always seek out God's perfect will and strive to walk according to His holy purpose. Our 1991 graduates are: Brent Eberhardt (Bro. Jody and Sis. Ruby), Eric Gerst (Sis. Susan), Bro. Nathan Larson (Bro. Jack and Sis. Cathy), Sis. Dana Musselman (Bro. Doss and Sis. Bertha Lee Massner), Bro. Aaron Schmidgall (Bro. Ron and Sis. Jane), and Bro. David Stoller (Bro. Ed and Sis. Patty).

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And though shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and then when thou risest up." Deuteronomy 6:6, 7. With prayerful hearts and minds, we have elected our new Sunday school teachers. The brothers who have been called to serve new terms are as follows: Bro. Kent Grimm, Bro. Keith Lanz and Bro. Don Schmidgall. They will replace Bros. Chris Grimm, Ken Lanz and Bob Siegle. The sisters who will serve new terms are Sis. Linda Gerst, Sis. Melody Steiner and Sis. Lora White. They will replace Sisters Donna Massner, Marian Pflum and Debbie Wagenbach. What a blessing it is to teach children of God's children. We must always remember that our walk of life and example of faith are perhaps the biggest influence that we can have on our precious youth. Let us never forget that the words that we teach and the life that we lead must reflect the same or else we could be confusing to the minds of our children. "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering: (for he is faithful that promised;) . . ." Hebrews 10:23.

We have been spiritually instructed by several visiting ministers. Occupying our Oakville pulpit recently have been: Elder Bro. Chuck Hemmer (Peoria, IL) and Bros. Gary Endress (Bradford, IL), Dan Stoller (Rockville, CT) and Elmer Witzig (Gridley, IL). May God's blessing be upon them and their families.

June 15 was the day set for the wedding of Dana Stoller (Bro. Dan and Sis. Diane, Rockville, CT) and Nathan Honson (Mr. and Mrs. Ron Honson, Mediapolis). We wish the Lord's blessings upon their marriage.

We rejoice with Sis. Gayla Metzger (Bro. Galen and Sis. Mary Jo) and Bro. Jason Stoecker (Sis. Jan) as their engagement was announced to the congregation June 16. As they plan for this second most important step in their lives, may they seek out God to be the center of their marriage.

Father's Day also brought two visiting ministers to Oakville. Bros. Gary Bucher (Valparaiso, IN) and Arnie Gerst (Taylor, MO) spent the day with us and we appreciate their willing service.

IOWA, PULASKI
Teresa Schock
Carol Wettstein

We want to thank Elder Bro. Walt Anliker (Eureka, IL) for bringing us the Word of Life this past month.

We welcome Virgil Knobloch who as moved to our area from Lester, IA.

Sis. Elizabeth Wuthrich (Bro. Albert) had the misfortune of falling and breaking her hip and has spent some time in the hospital.

We extend our congratulations to our graduates this year. Eugene Joos (Bro. Ron and Sis. Chris), Darren Wiegand (Bro. Dave and Sis. Mary), Chad Wuthrich (Bro. Bill and Sis. Ernestine), Carrie Wuthrich (Bro. Joel and Sis. Shirley) and Bro. Mike Musselman (Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn) graduated from college. Our prayers are certainly with our loved ones as they seek higher levels of learning or employment.

Our best wishes are for Bro. Cleo and Sis. Esther Rinkenberger as

they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. May God bless them with many more years together.

IOWA, WEST BEND
Phyllis Banwart - Mary Gerber

"Flourishing youth, thou our hope and our fond expectation"

Zion's Harp #168

Elder Bro. Dale Eisemann (Chicago, IL) and Bro. Jon Schmidgall (Oakville) came to share God's message for our youth fellowship weekend held here in West Bend on June 8 and 9. We hope they will always remember the message given them and cherish the customs and practices unique to our Apostolic Christian faith.

We enjoyed Bros. Jim Knobloch (Elgin, IA), Dean Messner (Winthrop, MN) and Elder Bro. Gene Marti (Kansas City, MO) being in our midst this past month. Our prayer is that they will continue to proclaim the Gospel.

We are thankful to report several of our converts who have been announced as having peace and awaiting baptism soon. Those who are to be added to the fold June 22 and 23 are Darren Fehr (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Judy), Angie Fehr, John Fehr, Heidi Fehr and Karl Fehr (Bro. Jim and Sis. Sharon). On July 6 and 7, we plan to listen to the testimonies of Byron Anliker (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Helen) and Jay Schmidt (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Judy).

We have several hospital and surgery patients to report this month, but are thankful that God is restoring health to each one of them. They are Bro. Larry Wickman (Sis. Marvella), Marie Fisher, Chuck Wirtz (Trela), Sis. Edna Banwart (Bro. Earl) and Bernard Metzger (Alice Marie).

Dave (Bro. Martin and Sis. Doris) and Melissa (Don and Jane Banwart) Zaugg were honored with a wedding reception May 25 at our fellowship center. May God bless this marriage.

Congratulations go to Elizabeth Banwart (Bob and Kay) and Doug Worth (Fred and Fay, Kansas City, MO) on their engagement. May they feel the Lord's blessings as they

plan a November wedding.

We are soon to pay tribute to our earthly fathers and may we always love, honor and respect them, but most of all, that we may remember the example of faith our fathers left for us.

Faith of our fathers! we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife:
And preach thee, too, as love knows
how,

Be kindly words and virtuous life:
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Hymns of Zion #85

Bro. Rick Kellenberger (Sis. Karen) was among those recently hospitalized. Louisa Anliker (Reuben) is residing at the West bend Care Center at this time. God can be near wherever we are.

We welcome Bro. Mark and Sis. Janet Fehr to our community and congregation as Bro. Mark has recently completed his schooling. May they feel His nearness in their new home.

JAPAN, SHIODA Renee Baurer

"... we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one."

I Corinthians 8:4

The reality of idol worship became more real to us recently when a friend shared, "I'd like to attend my friend's funeral, but I know it's wrong to pray to the idols at the funeral. What should I do?" It is a Buddhist custom at funerals to burn incense and pray to the stones set up there. Our friend would face cultural pressure as well as a certain amount of social persecution if she did not bow before the man-made gods.

We were reminded of another type of persecution that has taken place in the Soviet Union and Hungary as we visited with Sis. Jolan Szabados from our church in Hungary. Sis. Jolan was able to come to Japan for a few days after a business trip to China. It was a special blessing to be able to fellowship with her.

We enjoyed beautiful, warm weather for our Sunday school picnic July 9. Over 60 people gathered together at a nearby park for lunch, songs and a Bible story. We're thankful for each one who attended. We appreciated Bro. Joru Saigusa telling us the Bible story. It reminded us that it is better to give than receive.

We welcome Joy Ehnle (daughter of Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois) back to Japan! It has been over three years since many of us have seen her. We look forward to spending time with her until she returns to Chicago at the end of July.

KANSAS, BERN

Kathy Strahm - Diane Kaeb

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the following visiting ministers and their families for serving us this past month. They were Bro. Wayne Miller (Fort Scott), Bro. Dean Steffen (Elgin, IL), Bro. Roy Ehnle (Bradford, IL), Bro. Max Reimschisel (Wichita), Bro. Dennis Rassi (Fairbury, IL), Bro. Dewayne Dill (Champaign, IL), Bro. Jim Knobloch (Elgin, IA), Bro. Leland Plattner (Zapata, TX) and Bro. Don Braker (Kansas City, MO). We appreciate the time and effort each one puts forth to travel the many miles to come and proclaim God's Holy Word.

We rejoice in the engagement of two young couples. Bro. Jay Baumgartner (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Nancy) is engaged to Sis. Heidi Menold (Bro. Joe and Sis. Kathy Rokey). Also, Bro. Faron Strahm (Clayton and Mirian) and Sis. Jana Meyer (Bro. Eli and Sis. Lois, Sabetha) are making plans for their wedding. We wish both of these couples God's nearness and guidance as their plan for their future lives together.

June 2 was the wedding of Bro. Brad Strahm and Sis. Michelle Braker in Kansas City. Their parents are Bro. Alpha and Sis. Manie Strahm and Bro. Don and Sis. Eileen Braker (Kansas City, MO). On June 15 there was a reception held for them at the fellowship hall. We share in their joy and wish them much happiness and many blessings together.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Pearl Meyer in the loss of her brother, Edwin Streit. May God be her comforter during this time.

We were so thankful that God's protecting hand was over Bro. Dwight Rokey (Bro. Alan and Sis. Glenda) as his truck collided with a train. He had some stitches on his head, but was otherwise okay.

Reminder: July is collection month for Silver Lining. The dues are now \$9.00.

KANSAS, FORT SCOTT Teresa Bahr

We presented a Bible gift to Shauna Robb as she is our high school graduate for 1991. Her parents are Steve Robb and Gayle Robb.

Bible school classes were held June 3-7. A short program and church picnic were held on Sunday to finalize the week.

Graveside services were held June 5, for Sis. Rose (Zaugg) Crane. She was called from this life June 2, after being in frail health for several months. Her daughter, Mary Jean Cobb (Cleveland, OK) and sisters, Sis. Marie Zaugg and Betty Hartman (Fort Scott) and Sis. Ruth Reiman (Burlington, IA) survive.

May God bless Bro. Bob Stoller and family from Lamar, MO, for visiting and ministering to us recently.

"God did not remove the Red Sea, and He will lead us through our difficulties if they cannot be removed."

Wings of Silver, pg. 68

KANSAS, GRIDLEY Vola Young - Judy Kraft

Our love and sympathy is extended to Bro. Rudy Bahr and family. His sister, Sis. Dorothy Brown (Kiowa) passed away after a lengthy illness.

Sis. Doris Bahr (Bro. Roy) continues to suffer physical infirmities. We truly need the prayers of one another to uphold and sustain in time of need.

We were blessed one Sunday to be fed and nurtured from the Living Word by Bro. Charles Sinn (Fort Scott). A blessed weekend was spent

with Elder Bros. Eugene Marti (Lamar, MO) and Sam Huber (Sabetha) as they shared the conference conclusions with Gridley/Lamont and served communion.

Katelyn Joy Bahr was born Sunday, June 16. Happy parents are Bro. Brian and Sis. Julie. Kayla, Brock and Kendon welcome her to their family circle. Grandparents are Bro. Loren and Sis. Liseten Strahm and Bro. Roy And Sis. Doris Bahr.

July is collection month for Gridley Silver Lining dues.

KANSAS, KIOWA

Darcy Kisling - Janice Bahr

SHE'S GONE HOME

Gone to rest and her reward,
Faithful servant of the Lord.
Weary pilgrim of earth's shore,
Now at rest for evermore.

Laid aside earth's toil and pain,
And our loss is but her gain.
Saints will live e'en though they
die,
In the realm beyond the sky.
Gracious, meek, and mild in life,
Loving, gentle, in earth's strife.
Oft in mortal pain was she,
Bore afflictions patiently.

Bless her loved ones here, O Lord,
Let them share in her reward.
For all loving service shown,
Keep them, leave them ne'er alone.

Seventy years and more she trod
In this vale, she walked with God.
Cares and sorrows, cross, laid down,
She has won the victor's crown.

Fairer tribute there is none:
Just to know her work well done.
Gone to dwell in mansions fair,
Just secure in Jesus' care.

There has been a vacant spot in
our assembly and in our hearts at
the passing of our dear Sis. Dorothy
Brown. May those who sorrow be
comforted.

Sis. Kathryn Miller was hospitalized this month and Sis. Laverne Roth received a fractured ankle. We pray that these dear sisters will feel the healing comfort of the Lord.

Many were present at a dinner for Bro. Raymond Roth's 80th birthday. Bro. Raymond served on the pulpit for many years and we appreciate his labor of love. We pray for a special blessing on this faithful servant of the Lord.

As we celebrate our Independence Day this month, let us be especially thankful that the Lord has allowed us to worship him freely in a world where many cannot.

KANSAS, LAMONT

Jane Isch

Saturday evening, June 8, we gathered with the Gridley congregation for a blessed evening of hearing the memorandum. On Sunday, they gathered with us to partake of holy communion. We were reminded of the suffering and death of our Saviour on our behalf. Let us never take this lightly, but, as we were reminded, think on it daily and show our appreciation by walking an obedient and upright life. Elder Bro. Gene Marti (Kansas City, MO) and Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha) were here for this work. May God bless them for their deeds of love done in His name.

A little son, Marshall Dean, was born to Marvin and Jeana Anliker. The grandparents are Bro. Glen and Sis. Lorean Anliker and Dennis and Jan Kleysteuber. May God bless these first-time parents as they endeavor to raise the son God has entrusted in their care.

We appreciated the message brought forth by Bro. Charles Sinn (Fort Scott) as we gathered with the Gridley congregation one Sunday afternoon.

Thank You - Words cannot express my sincere thanks to each and everyone for the cards, gifts, flowers, visits, telephone calls and the prayers of the beloved brethren. Also the love and kind deeds that you have shown me while in the hospital and since I am home. I pray God will bless and reward each one.

Retired Elder
Bro. Samuel Anliker

KANSAS, SABETHA

Beth Hartter - Sharon Strahm

We appreciate the visits from

ministering Bros. Randy Kellenberger (Kansas City, MO) and Edwin Bahler (Remington, IN) and their willingness to bring us the Word of Life. They had many timely teachings for our everyday living.

Two young couples chose June 1 as their wedding day. Lafe Bailey (Bro. Larry and Sis. Linda) and Debra Bauer were united in marriage. Steve Plattner and Becky Schwitzer (Bro. Fred and Sis. Charlotte Aberle) became husband and wife.

The engagement of Sis. Jana Meyer (Bro. Eli and Sis. Lois) and Bro. Faron Strahm (Clayton and Miriam, Bern) was announced. We wish all three couples God's blessings in their life together.

Two homes have been blessed with new babies. Bro. Tim and Sis. Charlene Hartter are happy for the arrival of their son, Micah William, June 3. He is welcomed home by Seth, John, Heidi and Maria. Grandparents are Bro. Virgil and Sis. Marie Hartter and Bro. Edwin and Sis. Lois Bahler (Remington, IN).

Eldon and Lana Kaster became happy parents for the first time with the birth of their son, Gabriel John, June 10. Baby Gabriel remains hospitalized, but we trust he can soon be home. His grandparents are Bro. Harvey and Sis. Arleta Wenger.

Our prayers are with our dear Sis. Selena Brownlee (Steve) and her family as she will be starting treatments. May she trust in His promise "My grace is sufficient for thee." II Corinthians 12:9

We extend heartfelt sympathy to the Steiner family in the loss of their sister, Sis. Ellen Siebentahl (Roanoke, IL).

We held our annual Sunday school picnic. Our thanks to the teachers for their efforts in organizing some games for the children and an enjoyable evening of fellowship.

Those newly elected to serve as Sunday school teachers are Bros. Jay Kellenberger and Steve Knoblock and Sis. Rudy Grimm. May they feel our prayers and support.

Have A Great Day!

KANSAS, WICHITA**Emma Miller**

Bro. Phil Bowers was awarded his M.S. in Educational Psychology with a reading specialist certificate, grades K-12, at the spring graduation ceremonies at Wichita State University. Bro. Phil paid special recognition to his mother, Sis. Lillian, by having her accompany him across the stage. Without the support of his family members, it would have been impossible for him to reach this goal. Bro. Phil will be teaching at the University next fall and hopes for full time employment in the local school system if it is the Lord's will. In spite of his paralysis, he feels a need to be a useful and contributing member of society and wants all praise and glory to be to God!

Our assembly was blessed June 2 with the ministry of Elder Bros. Ed Lanz (Oakville, IA) and Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS) and ministering Bros. Dale Frank (Oakville, IA) and Charles Sinn (Fort Scott, KS). These brothers and their family members plus many others joined us in welcoming Patrick Funk as a new brother-in-Christ.

Bro. Patrick Funk will attend the summer session at Phillips Academy in Andover, MA. One of the requirements for his scholarship was to demonstrate a desire to learn. It has been my experience as a past educator that when that desire is there, and the mind set is right, the Lord blesses the desire. Hopefully, Patrick will be able to fellowship at the Rockville, CT, church.

Fathers and sons gathered in the church fellowship area on June 14 to share in a Father-Son meal and evening dedicated to their special relationship.

A well seasoned "soldier of the cross" handed me this gem recently: "A change of heart can never be brought about by laws -- it can only be effected through inner conversion."

Silver Lining dues for Wichita will be collected in August. Please inform me of your intentions to continue or discontinue your subscription. As always, you may write to me at my Eldorado address, 320 S. Taylor, 67042 if you cannot contact me personally. The price is \$9.00/

year.

KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON**Barbara Huber**

A special blessing was enjoyed when a chartered busload from the Chicago church visited us. Their group was a real witness and encouragement to "hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (for He is faithful that promised)". Hebrews 10:23.

There is a blessing in Christian fellowship when God's love is shed abroad in our hearts and lives by the Holy Spirit. We appreciated many other visitors represented from the following churches: Congerville, Cissna Park, Fairbury and Washington, IL; Wolcott, Francesville, Bluffton, Milford and LaCrosse, IN; Rittman and Smithville, OH.

We pray for God to bless our visiting ministers, Elder Bros. Dale Eisenman (Chicago, IL) and Ed Alt (Cissna Park, IL), and Bro. Neil Widmer (Wolcott, IN), Bro. Virgil Metzger (Chicago, IL), Bro. Carroll Gerber (Bluffton, IL), Bro. Walt Steffen (Milford, IN) and Bro. Curt Frank (LaCrosse, IN). We thank them for sharing God's Word with us.

Our congratulations are extended to Stacy Fritz (Bro. Harold and Sis. Sherry) as she graduated from high school June 5. This is a great milestone in Stacy's life and pray the Lord will walk beside her and guide her throughout the days ahead as she makes decisions for the future.

Upon Stacy's graduation, Bro. Harold and Sis. Sherry, Stacy and Craig, have moved to their home in Minneapolis where Harold's employment was transferred some time ago. We will miss their support and presence here and wish them God's blessings as they adjust to their new home. We thank them for the joy and service they have shared in the Lord's vineyard for the Lexington congregation.

MICHIGAN, BAY CITY**Peggy Waibel**

"I was a poor wandering sinner, so long had I chosen to roam; Then something wonderful happened that

turned me t'ward heaven and home.

God put His hand on my shoulder, He whispered His love so divine; God put His hand on my shoulder, and saved this poor soul of mine.

Gone are the fears that tormented, and gone is the burden of sin; Peace fills my heart overflowing, There's gladness and glory within."

Country & Western
Gospel Hymnal #2, #56

Isn't it beautiful when God takes a guilt-ridden, unhappy sinner, extends His love and grace to him and makes him a whole, new, beautiful person. One of the most beautiful parts of having God touch your life, is when He gives you His peace. Jeff Waibel (Bro. Bill and Sis. Carol) was announced for having received God's peace and he is excitedly awaiting baptism.

Bay City held Vacation Bible School this month and we wish to extend our sincere thanks to the ministers who spoke at our V.B.S. services on the topic; "The Heart of Man." These brothers were: Bro. Ken Hoerr (Peoria, IL), Bro. Merrill Laukhuf (Latty, OH), Bro. Steve Gutwein (Francesville, IN), Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit) and Bro. Paul Gasser (Akron, OH). Good certainly speaks through His servants and we are thankful that through His divine inspiration, we could receive five messages that spoke to believers and unbelievers alike, touching each heart.

Other visiting ministers were: Bro. Ben Wysong (Sabetha, KS), Bro. Randy Gasser (Detroit) and Bro. Dan Stoller (Rockville, CT). May God continue to use you in His service.

Bay City had five graduating high school students this year. They were: Marc Kimmerly (Gordon and Sis. Lynn), Wade Meylan (Gary and Marilyn), Jason Wieland (Brian and Char), James Ramseyer (Dale and Mary) and Dale Meylan (Dale and Sue). We pray that God's loving, guiding hand will always be present in their lives as they go their various ways in the world.

"Now the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always by all means.

The Lord be with you all."

II Thessalonians 3:16

MICHIGAN, DETROIT

Holly Barton

Marlene Reinhard

"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

"He is ever merciful, and lenient; and his seed is blessed."

Psalms 37:25, 26

Reading in God's Word how it is more blessed to give than to receive, we were thankful to everyone who visited us here in Detroit to share in the annual benefit pork chop dinner for Woodhaven. May God bless everyone that visited us or held us in prayer, and may He continue to bless Woodhaven to keep caring for the aged according to His will.

August is Bay City's turn to host services at Woodhaven Tuesday, August 6 at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to a blessed evening of worship with the residents.

We were thankful for the opportunity to share a Wednesday evening service with Malcomb Pereira and his son, Wilfred, from Bombay, India. We trust his visit to the states was a blessed one and he could return home safely. May we often remember the less fortunate countries in our daily prayers.

We share in the joy of Bro. Dana and Sis. Beth Knochel and their son, Luke, in welcoming little Brooke Lauren in to their family circle. Grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Margaret Schlatter (Bay City) and Bro. Dan and Sis. Ruth Knochel (Detroit). We pray for God's strength and healing hand will be felt by Sis. Beth and she can assemble with us again soon.

We also want to welcome Bro. Scott Aberle (Bro. Roger and Sis. LaVonne, Sabetha, KS) to our Detroit congregation for a couple months this summer as he seeks his internship for college in our area.

On the other hand, we are saddened to know our Sis. Joanne Kaisner (Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Mary) will be leaving Detroit and making her home in the Leo, IN, area where

she plans to start work at Gateway Woods. We pray for God's presence to go with her on this new journey that lies ahead, but we are reassured by God's promise that He will never leave us nor forsake us. Please remember, Joanne, we will always be glad to have you come back home for a visit.

Jason Allen (Bro. Pat and Sis. Jeanette) is one of our college graduates. We wish him God's blessings in life for all his future plans.

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

Psalm 32:8

Our prayers were answered and our cup runneth over as we sat under the teachings of the Lord brought forth from visiting minister, Bro. Loren Shrenck (St. Louis, MO). May God bless and reward him for his labors of love.

Food For Thought: Keep away from anything that might take God's place in your heart.

MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS

Marcy Schmidgall

As summertime begins, we think of the school children who will have a nice three month vacation. We also remember in thought and prayer, those of our loved ones who graduated from high school and now begin a new step in life. Adam Hafdahl is the son of Richard and Joanne (Schmidgall) Hafdahl (Osceola, WI). As he graduates, may God direct his path, so that he may remember all the good teachings from home and Sunday school. He is the grandson of Bro. Ray and Sis. Millie Schmidgall.

We had visiting ministers this month to bring forth God's Word. Elder Bro. Joe Stoller (Princeville, IL), Bro. Dean Messner (Winthrop, MN) and Bro. Bill Gerst (Alto, MI). May God bless these brothers for their labors of love.

MINNESOTA, MORRIS

Debra Joos - Christa Sauder

We are very grateful this month for each visiting minister. Those who shared the Word with us were

Bro. Lawrence Luthi (Lamar, MO), Bro. Dean Messner (Winthrop, MN), Bro. Kent Mogler and Bro. Ken Lawson (Minneapolis, MN), Elder Bro. Wayne Fehr (West Bend, IA), Bro. Leroy Messner and Bro. Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop, MN), Bro. Pat Zaugg (West Bend, IA) and Bro. Doug Grimm (Sabetha, KS).

Many of our loved ones have been hospitalized recently. Medical patients were Sis. Helen Schaefer and Bro. Chris Koehl. Those submitting to surgery were Sis. Esther Koehl, Bro. Noah Nohl, Bro. Randy Sutter and little Paul Koehl (Bro. Guy and Sis. Lynette). May God restore good health and healing as only He can.

The engagement of Bro. Chris Koehl and Shelly Nohl was made May 26. Their parents are Bro. Eddie and Sis. Lois Koehl and Bro. Dave and Sis. Eileen Nohl. We wish Bro. Chris and Sis. Shelly God's blessings as they make their wedding plans.

It was our privilege to hear the testimonies of four dear friends June 15, Doug and Dawn Moser, Ben Moser (Bro. Carl and Sis. Norene) and Kathy Feuchtenberger (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Karen). We witnessed their baptisms the following day and welcomed them into the brotherhood.

How thankful we are that souls are still turning to God in repentance. Turning their backs on the world and all it has to offer are Bob Domnick (Bro. Gary and Sis. Velma) and Mindy Fehr (Bro. Leroy and Sis. Judi).

Our junior and senior Bible classes were privileged to spend the weekend of June 8 and 9 in West Bend, IA, for Youth Fellowship weekend. We want to thank the West Bend congregation for hosting this weekend, knowing how much planning goes into a gathering such as this. We trust that all those who participated in any way received a blessing from the weekend.

MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

Georgia Messner - Kim Messner

Our apologies to our graduates, Scott Vandest (Dick and Sis. Nancy) and Jeff Messner (Duane and Mona) from high school, and Jeff Miller

(Tom and Maggie) and Sis. Joleen Messner from college, for overlooking them last month.

We were privileged to hear the testimony and witness the baptism of Jan Messner (Bro. Paul) on the weekend of June 1 and 2. Our Elder Bro. Leo Moser (Lester, IA) was here to attend to this important event. It is a blessing to greet Jan as a sister and welcome her into the fold. We rejoice with Bro. Paul and Sis. Jan. Bro. Alphonse Moser (Morris, MN) was with us also.

Hospital patient for the month was Brendon Messner (Bro. Dean and Sis. Wanda) who had surgery on the nerves of his spine. He will be hospitalized up to eight weeks and has many months of therapy ahead. We want to pray for God's healing hand and God's strength with us family. His address is Brendon Messner, c/o Shriner's Hospital, 2025 East River Road, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

We would like to thank the West Bend congregation on hosting the annual Sunday school picnic. It was an enjoyable and blessed weekend. Also, we would like to thank the teachers for our church Sunday school picnic. It was a blessing for the young adults.

As the annual brotherhood conference is approaching may we stop a moment and offer a special prayer for their guidance and safe travel upon the highway.

MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY

Lanette Meyer

We welcome Bro. Joe and Sis. Joan Fehr to Kansas City. Bro. Joe recently graduated from the University of Iowa and has found employment here.

Sis. Michelle Braker and Bro. Brad Strahm were married June 2. Their parents are Bro. Don and Sis. Eileen Braker and Bro. Alphonse and Sis. Mamie Strahm (Bern). Sis. Michelle completed her Bachelor's degree at Kansas State University in May, and is employed in Manhattan while Brad continues his schooling there.

Another week of Vacation Bible School has come and gone. As usual, many prayers and efforts were offered with hope that the children of

our congregation will have the seed planted in their hearts and will one day bear fruit that will please God.

Ron Smith (Sis. Diane) is recuperating from back surgery. We pray for his recovery and hope he can join our assembly again soon.

MISSOURI, LAMAR

Martin Hohulin
Janel Kellenberger

We, of the Lamar congregation, were blessed with an unusual amount of company since the last writing.

A group of sisters, whom originated from the Bern-Sabetha area, have corresponded for over 35 years with a round-robin type letter. They were invited to Lamar for a reunion May 25-26. Bro. Alpha Strahm (Bern, KS) was our guest minister.

Additional visiting ministers were Bro. Bill Hodel (Roanoke, IL), Bro. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka, IL) and Bro. Earl Beery (Rittman, OH).

The visiting ministers brought to us the spoken Word and the visiting brethren from across the land brought to us many blessings.

We bade our beloved Sis. Janese Kellenberger, an affectionate farewell, as she departed for Yardley Penna for employment. Her cheerful spirit will be missed, but she will be an asset to the Philadelphia brethren.

We extend our sympathy to Jack and Betty Thiebaud. Jack's younger brother, George, departed this life from the cab of his tractor. Walter Cordill has been a patient in the Lamar hospital.

We, here at Lamar, are very dry, while we read accounts of brethren in distant places who are beset by storms and floods. We are reminded that God is on the throne and it is He who is in control of the elements. We do well to accept His perfect will and to trust that He will provide grace that we might bear our lot and portion in our lifetime.

MISSOURI, TAYLOR

Ruthie Hoerr

Sometimes in our busy world, we hardly can find time to do the things we ought to do, or even time

to just be happy. Most of us are so busy making a living, that we are hardly living at all. Dear Lord, help us find time to be closer to you; to read and pray and to spend time noticing your wonderful, beautiful world. Help us to notice and communicate with our families and friends and to show our love for you through our actions and words.

Several attended the dedication of the new church at St. Louis, May 26. We were fortunate, and blessed to have Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI) and Bro. Paul Gasser (Akron, OH) return to Taylor for services here that evening. Bro. Ed Bahler (Remington, IN) also refreshed us with God's Word this month.

School was out, so we enjoyed a week with our children at Vacation Bible School. It was delightful to see the eager faces bubbling with excitement, on both the children and teachers. We really would like to thank those who put together the material for our VBS. I was amazed at the thoroughness of the research and the added commentaries and helps of the 5th and 6th grade material which I read. The highlight was a program of songs and verses with a display of things made and learned; an exhausting . . . but very blessed week.

Bro. Jim Sutter (Sis. Kris), son of Bro. James and Sis. Lois, was our only hospitalization this month. He is now home recuperating.

The fathers and sons had a campout to share fellowship, food and fun. If you didn't have a son, you could borrow one or bring a grandchild or friend to share this special time with. This reminds me of a saying, "God is easy to live with, He has a father's heart."

The farmers are combining their wheat and comments are heard about the poor condition of the grain, even worse than they could have imagined. We pray the Lord will not find it so when he comes to harvest His grain. God bless you all.

NEW YORK, CROGHAN/NAUMBURG

Alice Virkler

June is graduation month for our high school students. Our con-

gratulations and best wishes go to our graduates. May they remember to look to God as they begin another step in their lives, and may He continue to guide them each step in whatever they begin at this time. Our graduates are Matthew Herzig (Bro. Ron and Sis. Eleanor), Aaron Hirschey (Bruce and Gayle), Craig Virkler (Ken and Marlene) and Paul Virkler (Bro. Ted and Sis. Mae).

We express our thanks to Elder Bro. Andy and Sis. Maxine Virkler (Bay City, MI) for being with us Sunday, June 9. It truly is a blessing to hear God's Word expounded unto us in its truth and purity.

Hospital patients this month were Sis. Celia Virkler (Bro. Lowell) and Sis. Betty Herzig, both for surgery, and Sis. Charlotte Virkler and Bro. Leland Hirschey, as medical patients.

August is collection month for the Silver Lining for Croghan/Naumburg subscriptions. Please pay the correspondent.

OHIO, AKRON

Joyce Gasser

"A woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment . . . and the woman was made whole from that hour." Matthew 9:20-22. The woman had said within herself that if she touched his garment, she would be healed. She wanted to touch his garment as she knew she would be touching the Word, because in Bible days the garment of men had a blue ribbon upon the hem, signifying that they remember the Word. Numbers 15:38-40. Jesus responded to the woman's faith in the Word. We're thankful that we can touch the blue ribbon on the hem of His garment, we have the Word to touch Jesus, and that He is the same today as yesterday, and will respond the same with us as with the woman.

Sis. Eva Wenhardt, 76, who was born in Hungary, passed on to her heavenly home. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bro. Peter, and is survived by daughter and her husband, Bro. Peter; her daughter and her husband, Sis. Eva and Bro. Manfred Grawunder; grandchildren, Sis. Monica and Bro.

William Bauman, Sis. Susan and Bro. Michael Walder, and Jodi; great-granddaughter, Brooke Nicole Bauman; and 4 sisters in Hungary. The family wishes to extend a sincere thank you to each and everyone who remembered them in sympathy with a prayer, a card and a thought since the death of their mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. May God bless each one.

We appreciated Bro. Ron Steiner bringing us inspiring sermons.

Sis. Janet Graf, Sis. Kathryn Novotny and Sis. Margaret Gruenig were hospitalized.

OHIO, COLUMBUS

Julie Grimm

We have been blessed with many visitors over the past month and are thankful to have them worship with us. Visiting ministers were Bro. Dave Graf (Akron, OH), Bro. Bill Brake (Sardis, OH) and Elder Bros. Chuck Hemmer (Peoria, IL) and Ken Sauder (Mansfield, OH). May God reward their labors of love.

The time has come to bid farewell to many of our college friends as some graduate and others return to their homes for the summer. We will miss them in our assembly.

On June 2, we had a breakfast in honor of our graduates. May God bless and direct Jenny Banks (Bro. Larry and Sis. Nancy) and Denise Sauder (Bill and Sis. Becky) as they graduate from high school.

Sis. Nancy Banks (Bro. Larry) has been hospitalized this month. We have missed her presence at our worship services and pray God will bless her with renewed health and strength.

We would like to thank everyone who remembered us during my hospital stay. We appreciate very much the many cards and prayers offered in our behalf. May God reward each one abundantly.

Humbly,

Mike and Sandy Zimmerman

OHIO, JUNCTION

Laurie Schlatter

We rejoice with and congratulate Bro. Warren Schlatter (Elder Bro. Bill and Sis. Emily) on his

graduation from high school. Our prayers go with him as he plans on entering college this fall.

Bro. Ray and Sis. Corrine Schlatter welcome home little Clark Robert. Loral and Gina are happy for a new little brother. Grandparents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Pauline Wieland (Bay City, MI) and the late Bro. Ben and Sis. Esther Schlatter.

Lillian June is the newest addition for Bro. Russell and Sis. Vera Manz. Brothers and sisters are Randy, Patricia, Vicki, Richard and Rachel. Happy grandparents are Bro. Eli and Sis. Eveyln Manz and Bro. Steve and Sis. JoAnn Varga (San Diego, CA).

OHIO, LATTY

Rhonda Stoller

"We'll build a household of faith that will please and glorify God!"

Randy Wenninger and Joni Saylor were united in marriage. We ask God to bless their union and Randy's parents are Bro. Don and Sis. Josephine. We also welcome Joni in our hearts.

"How sweet to hold a new born baby and feel the joy it gives!"

Bro. Eli and Sis. Janel Schlatter are happy first-time parents. Their lives have been made fuller with the addition of Kristen Aldean. The excited grandparents are Robert and Aldean Price and Bro. Joe and Sis. Elsie Schlatter.

Also very thankful parents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Patty Gerber. God has blessed their family with little Kelsey DeeAnn. Kelsey was also welcomed home by her big sister, Laura, and big brother, Bryant. Kelsey is blessed to have grandparents, Harlan and Sis. Dolores Rigenbach and Roger and Sis. Eunice Gerber, to love her.

We pray God's blessings, help and wisdom to be with each one of these parents as they raise their families.

Randy and Joni Wenninger have felt the call of God and have begun to turn their backs on the world to follow Christ. Our hearts are full of great joy! May you always know and feel that our great God will never leave you. Welcome, both of you to the family of God!

We are thankful once again for the many visiting ministers who have shared with us. May our dear Lord sweeten your fellowship with Him as only He can do!

Our congregation was more than blessed as we spent the evening hearing what our children had learned in Bible School. What a beautiful sight to see so many young children praising God's name.

OHIO, MANSFIELD

Linda Morrison

"And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." (Malachi 4:6) With the passing of Father's Day, this verse reminds us that the first responsibility is with the fathers; turn the heart of the fathers to the children. Often our idea of God is directly related to our relationship with our earthly fathers, what a grave responsibility.

Vacation Bible School was enjoyed by children and adults alike. Those taking responsibility for the adult classes were: Elder Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction), Conditions necessary for and evidence of spiritual growth was his topic for Monday. On Tuesday, Bro. Ron Steiner (Rittman) spoke on the Christian family. Elder Bro. Andy Stoller (Smithville) addressed the topic of deception on Wednesday. Thursday brought Bro. Merrill Laukhuf (Latty) to warn us of the new age movement. Bro. Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville, IL) brought a consideration of popular music on Friday and we were delighted when he and his family stayed over to spend Sunday with us. Also with us for a Sunday of worship, were ministering Bro. Steve Martin (Eureka, IL) and Bro. Larry Wenninger (Latty). May God richly bless all who so willingly came to share God's word unto us. "... but my heart standeth in awe of thy word." (Psalm 119:161)

Bro. Harry (Mary Mae) Bocka is to have surgery and we trust God's blessings and nearness for him. Ollie (Martha) LaRue also was in the hospital, praying for their swift recovery.

If we rely on ourselves we in poor

hands. "... at they right hand there are pleasures for evermore." (Psalm 16:11) May we ever wait upon the Lord.

OHIO, RITTMAN

Lois Maibach
Charlene Winkler

Among those visiting us recently were ministers Elder Bro. Robert Walder (Congerville, IL), Bro. Randy Gasser (Detroit, MI), Bro. Pete Baltic (Mansfield, OH) and Bro. Kenneth Indermuhle (Sardis, OH). We appreciate their willing efforts.

We want to remember those who are recovering from sickness and surgery. Cheryl Beery (Ralph), Brian Stoller (Bro. Harlan and Sis. Jean), and Rachel Winkler (Bro. Andy and Sis. Mary Jane) have accepted medical care.

On June 8, Keith Winkler and Regina Boltz were married. Parents are Glenn and Mary Jane Winkler and Bro. Robert and Sis. Marjorie Boltz. We wish Keith and Regina God's blessings and direction throughout their marriage.

OHIO, SMITHVILLE

Stephanie Luginbuhl
Kim Stoller

Many youngsters look forward to this time of year because school is finally out for the summer. Eight students in our congregation are not only out for the summer, but have finished their twelve years of schooling. Our high school graduates are Doug Nieman (Bro. Denny and Sis. Kay), Adam Uhler (Dale and Sis. Marilyn), Sharon Hartzler (Bro. Ken and Sis. Jane), Bonita Beery (Art and Eileen), Brian Hartzler (Bro. Stan and Sis. Gloria), Wendy Riegenbach (Bro. Art and Lynne), Lori Bratcher (Irene), and Kelly Luginbuhl (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Rose). We pray that these precious souls will follow the Lord's guidance in all that they do.

We always appreciate those dear brothers who faithfully minister God's Word unto us. This past month we were privileged to have visiting ministers. They were Bro. Marvin Dotterer (Forrest, IL), Bro. William Gerst (Alto, MI), Bro. Curt Frank (LaCrosse, IN), Bro. Jim Vierling

(Eureka, IL) and Bro. Harold Schmidgall (Gridley, IL).

"After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

"Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labours into his harvest."

Luke 10:1-2

After much prayer, the Lord revealed to many that Bro. Mark Steiner should be the one to help minister God's Word. Our thoughts are with Bro. Mark, his wife, Sis. Sue, and their children. We pray God will give Bro. Mark the needed grace and strength to be one of the Lord's labourers.

OHIO, TOLEDO

Frances Laidig
Josephine Rehklau

We were blessed to have our Elder Bro. Bill Schlatter and family (Junction, OH) with us Sunday, June 16. The message from God which he brought to us was as a light when confronted by the many problems of this world and time. May the blessings of God be with him and his dear family.

God has again found it good to take one of His children to his heavenly rest. Our congregation will miss Bro. John Fetter (Sis. Minnie) as he came to church, in spite of difficulties, in the latter days, and was one of our faithful song leaders. We remember him sitting in the church hall with his grand and great-grandchildren as they were growing up. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Sis. Minnie; daughter, Sis. Collette Harmon; sisters, Mary and Grace Fetter and Sis. Herma Whitaker; brothers, Paul, Bro. Richard and Bro. Eugene; 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

We are pleased that Bro. Homer Reineck (Sis. Dorothy) is again able to assemble with us after being in the hospital for a medical problem. May God bless him with a measure of good health.

We extend our congratulations

to Kathy Hughes, the daughter of Michael and Diane. Kathy has graduated from high school and is looking forward to her future career.

OREGON, PORTLAND
Pearl Miller

"The night is far spent the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armour of light."

Romans 13:12

Our life is like the dial of a clock.
 The hands are God's hands,
 passing over and over again.
 The short hand is the hand of discipline,
 The long hand is the hand of mercy.
 Slowly and surely the hand of discipline must pass
 And God speaks at each stroke;
 But over and over passes the hand of mercy,
 Showering down sixtyfold of blessings for each
 Stroke of discipline or trial,
 And both hands are fastened to one secure pivot,
 The great, unchanging heart of a God of love.

Words of Silver and Gold

Sis. Elizabeth Klopfenstein, daughter of Bro. Perry and Sis. Carol (Gridley, IL), has moved to Portland and plans to attend Mt. Hood Community College. She is living with her grandparents, Bro. Robert and Sis. Pearl Miller.

Visiting ministers in June were Bro. Clarence Dietrich and Sis. Bess (Silverton, OR), Bro. Art Metz and Sis. Betty (Silverton, OR).

Bro. Bert and Sis. Lucy Gasser (Rittman, OH) are visiting in the Portland and Silverton areas. We appreciate the visit of each one and thank them for coming.

Debbie Rumbold (David) met with misfortune getting her three fingers into the power mower. Our prayers are with her that she will have a speedy recovery.

OREGON, SILVERTON
Rosa Lee Kuenzi

Two sweet little girls, born two days apart in May, and already

claiming a spot in our hearts are welcomed to our congregation. On May 5, Brooke Richelle Luthi was born to Bro. Bill and Sis. Kris Luthi. Her brother, Aaron, is very pleased with her and also her grandparents, Bro. Ray and Sis. Marilyn Luthi (Lamar, MO) and Bro. Rich and Sis. Rosa Lee Kuenzi. On May 7, Janeen Mary Kuenzi was born to Bro. Jack and Sis. Janet. Justin and Jaclyn's sibling enthusiasm is contagious and shared by grandparents, Leroy "Bud" and Rose Rush and Bro. Rich and Sis. Rosa Lee Kuenzi.

There were seven graduates from the different levels of education this year. From the college level were Bro. Mike Leman (Sis. Lisa); Karmin Popkes (John); and Koreen Metzger (Kurt). The two young men graduated from high school were Eldon Metz (Bro. Art and Sis. Betty) and Bruce Kuenzi (Bro. Rich and Sis. Rosa Lee). And from the 8th grade were Lori Dietrich (Bro. Jim and Sis. Joan) and Tonya Kuenzi (Bro. Bob and Sis. Linda). A potluck supper, reception and singing were held in recognition of the efforts of these fine young people. Many sincere well wishes and prayers were extended to them for their futures.

June 8 was the wedding day of Karmin Walter (Bro. Chuck and Sis. Karen) and John Popkes (Sis. Eleanor, Lester, IA). John and Karen solemnly listened to the good and kindly words of John's great uncle, Bro. Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski, IA) as he conducted the marriage service and pronounced them husband and wife. The wedding and reception were held at the Molalla Senior Center.

Visiting ministers in recent weeks include Bro. Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski, IA), Bro. Tom Leman (Denver, CO), Bro. Gary Anliker (Elgin, IL) and Bro. Glenn Rigenbach (Smithville, OH). We really do appreciate their efforts and pray for God's blessings upon them and their families.

PENNSYLVANIA,
PHILADELPHIA
Franz Soni

"And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be

the Saviour of the world."

I John 4:14

We rejoice that people are still coming to the Lord. The weekend of May 25 and 26 we heard the testimony and witnessed the baptism of Rachel Clough (John and Sis. Kathy). It is with joy that we greet Rachel as a precious sister in faith. We thank Elder Bro. Henry Dotterer (Rittman, OH) for assisting in this important work.

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."

Matthew 5:4

We were saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Elder Bro. Edward (Sis. Nancy) Aeschleman's brother, Bro. Joe's (Roanoke, IL) wife, Mardell. May God comfort Bro. Joe and his family during this time of sorrow.

This past month we said farewell to a dear brother and sister. Bro. Steve Hofstetter will be attending MIT for graduate studies and Sis. Jennifer Kellenberger has found new employment in the Washington, D.C. area. May God richly bless and reward them as they embark on these new endeavors.

We welcome Sis. Janese Kellenberger (Lamar, MO) to our church family and look forward to having her worship with us.

We extend congratulations to Sis. Rachel Clough who had graduated from high school.

Bro. Carroll Gerber (Bluffton, IN) shared God's Word with us this past month. May God richly reward him for his efforts.

TENNESSEE, NASHVILLE
Don Sauder

Jesus said, Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Surely we, at Nashville, are comforted and encouraged by the promise we truly rejoice when, not once but twice this month, we were blessed with visitors and church services. As most of you know already, we normally only have services once a month.

What a nice surprise when we

received a call informing us that a group of 20 or so from Bloomington, Gridley, Fairbury and Chicago, IL, would be in Nashville the first weekend in June. After a phone call to our Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL). He and his wife, Sis. Doris, agreed to spend the Sunday with us. We trust and have faith to believe God will bless Bro. Lavoyd for sharing God's Word, as we say thank you.

The following week, June 9, was our regular scheduled monthly service. This Sunday we were fed from the Word both morning and afternoon by Bro. Lenny Meyer. Again we say thank you and may God be your rich rewarder. Bro. Lenny and his wife, Sis. Charlotte, are from Chicago. We also enjoyed and say thank you for taking the time to visit us, from our visitors from Indianapolis, IN and Gridley, IL, please come again.

We were also happy and enjoyed having Faye's mother, Evilyn La Bauve (New Orleans), visit us for a few weeks. It was extra nice she was with us for both services. May God watch over her, protect and bless her through life's trials.

Not for services, but we enjoyed our visitors from Mansfield, OH. Please come again.

As we invite and encourage you one and all to visit us. Again for a reminder, listed are the dates for the balance of the year: Sundays, July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3, December 8 and January 12, 1992.

Faye and my phone number is 615-373-8928. 2059 Timberwood Drive, Nashville, TN 37215. Don and Enid Miller's phone number is 615-384-1081.

TEXAS, DALLAS/HOUSTON Brad and Cindy Eisenmann

We enjoyed a special Memorial Day weekend when Bro. Lee and Sis. Mary Plattner (Zapata, TX) visited us in Houston for our worship services here.

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. Please contact Bro. Brad and Sis. Cindy Eisenmann at (713) 265-2216 or Bro.

Bill and Sis. Betty Zeltwanger at (419) 542-0763 for information regarding Houston services.

There were no services held in Dallas in June, however, we were blessed with the opportunity to gather as a group on two occasions during the month. On June 9, several of our Texas brethren and friends, along with some very welcome visitors from Rockville, CT, gathered in the home of Brian and Teri Kaisner (Austin, TX) to listen to a sermon tape and share in singing and fellowship. Then on June 16, we gathered in the home of Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty Zeltwanger (Giddings, TX) to share in a worship service with ministering Bro. Lee Plattner. How blessed we truly are to have these occasions to encourage and support one another in our most precious faith.

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

TEXAS, ZAPATA Viola Perdelwitz

Congratulations to our junior high graduate, Julie Nohl (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Joyce). Julie graduated from Sharyland Junior High School, Mission, TX. We wish her the best as she continues into high school.

Jesus used the fig tree as examples of some of His parables. The palm trees and citrus fruit trees always have some green leaves in the winter months, but the fig tree loses all the leaves in the winter months and puts on new leaves in the spring. We are harvesting our fruit from the fig tree the month of June.

Sermon . . .

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everybody that I know would be satisfied." Of course, I really don't know anybody that completely follows God's Word, do you? The only person you have to answer to is yourself because God says in His Word, "There is no judgment if you judge yourself." Isn't that marvelous?

You take your own life and put it into your own hands, but before God. He is the judge. But if you look at someone else and you judge him or her by your standards, then we have a problem. I am confident of all other things that God gives each one of us a certain set of characteristics in our life, and we are to take those characteristics and we are to use them to honor and glorify God.

Some people can pray. Some people can speak. Some people can sing. Some people can use their hands. Whatever it is, we all will not be the same. That is why it is so important that we don't tell people, "You have got to do exactly the way I do it," because God never intended that at all because we are individuals before Him. He just wants us to comply with His Word.

Does He know you this morning? That is a question you get to ask yourself . . . and again . . . and again. If you have come to the waters of baptism, does He really know you? If you have not, why not?

He goes on to say, "Then shall ye begin to say, we have eaten and drunk in their presence, and thou hast taught in our streets." Luke 13:26. They walked close with God, didn't they? Or, at least, they thought they did. Where did they get off track? Where did they not understand that they were serving God? I think they didn't understand where they were serving God because they took advise.

I told someone yesterday as we visited about the different denominations, there are four thousand and some different denominations of Protestant religions in this country . . . four thousand and some! Why are there four thousand and some different religions for Protestant religions? It is man's

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problem . . . not God's. Because it tells us in His Word there is one faith. One! (See Ephesians 4:5). There isn't a whole bunch of them . . . there is only one!

So what happened to that one faith that it was stretched out so that there are four thousand and some, and it didn't come back to the one? Some man decided that this is the way it should be . . . that is the way it should be . . . this is the way it should be instead of looking at the Word of God for directions and looking at the blueprint that it comes with and goes down the line with so we can stay true and faithful.

"But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity." Luke 13:27. Sometimes we walk through life and we do things so good and see other people do other things so bad that we think somehow or other that will get us into heaven. That will not . . . absolutely will not!

It is the accomplishments of you and me as we walk spiritually with God and serve Him each one of us individually on a basis as the Spirit drives us and directs us in our lives. Then He says, "True and faithful servant, come home."

He tells us what it is going to be like for those who did not serve God, for those who do not walk with God, and for those who do not understand and comprehend that they think the world has more to offer than God does.

It tells us, "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out." Luke 13:28. It is a little frightening, isn't it? We don't like to think of that, do we?

We have the niceties of life, don't we? We say to ourself, "That can't possibly be because I can buy and I can do anything I want in life." We can! God gives you and I the liberty to do anything we want. There are no constraints upon mankind . . . absolutely not!

But He tells you and me in His Word, "You will be accountable for the things you do." Now if you are willing to be accountable for the things you do, you can do anything

you want, but there is judgment. There is judgment! That is what He talks about.

And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God." Luke 13:29. Aren't you glad they are going to come from all over? Aren't you glad you know someone that is there? Doesn't it thrill you that that kingdom is big enough for everyone who calls upon the blood of Jesus Christ and the cross? It is there! They are there!

It tells us in another place that God is not a God of the dead, but a God of the living and then He goes on to name some of the prophets that are there, and they are living! Isn't that a thrill? That is a thrill!

We just pass from this side to that side in a flip of the moment. The last breath quits on this side and starts on the other. He is a God of the living . . . not the dead! That is the beautiful part about it because you and I struggle through this life to maintain the fight of our spiritual walk of life.

Some have already reaped their rewards and they don't worry about the infirmities of the flesh. They don't worry about the power of the devil anymore as he begins to fight us tooth and nail, and he is there, believe me.

He is there, and he is powerful and he would tell you and me that it's really not that important. He would tell you and me, "You are living a good enough life that God will take you anyway." He would tell you and me, "You don't have to go through that," but in the Word, it says that you do.

All you have to do when you fight the devil is be like Christ when He was up on the mountain and the devil came to tempt Him. Every time the devil tempted Him, Christ said, what? Man said? He did not say that. He said, "It is written . . ." "It is written . . ." "It is written . . ." That is what He said.

Aren't you glad that man does not change what is written in God's Holy Word? "It is written," that is what He says. Do you rely upon that written Word? Do I rely upon it? It tells me in the Word that scarcely the righteous shall be saved. (See I

Peter 4:18). Who, this morning, in the congregation thinks they are righteous? Think about that . . . scarcely!

"And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last." Luke 13:30. That is comforting, brothers and sisters in faith and those who seek to love the Lord. There is no time limit except death. None. You can be twelve years old. You can be eighteen. You can be fifty. You can be seventy. You can be eighty. No time limit and you have as much right to the kingdom of God if you come when you are eighty as you do when you are twelve. But you have got to come! You have to serve! You have to do it.

When someone tells you, "I have served the Lord for fifty years," you can say, "So what? I have served Him for a day and I have the same rewards that you have."

It is the quality of service that God looks for and the quality of time that you and I give.

You know, we all have the same amount of time and there is nothing we can do about controlling time. Believe me! If I could, I would turn time back six months, but I can't do it. I would reach up and grab hold of the clock and I would stop it and say, "I want to stop time." But you can't do it. Or I would move it ahead fifty years so I would not be here. but I can't do it.

You and I have got the same amount of time to serve God . . . the same amount. What are you doing with your time? That is the question He is going to ask you and me when we stand in front of Him.

He will say, "I have given you twenty-five years of time, or twenty years of time like brother Kenny's boy, or fifty-six years of time like He did my mother, or fifty-four years of time like He did my grandmother, or fifty-nine years of time like He did Evelyn. He will say, "You had this much time to accomplish in your life what I have in store for you."

Then He is going to show you and me just exactly how we spent that time. How do you spend your time? Would God say to you, "This day, well done, good and faithful servant." Or, would He say, "You have wasted your time."

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SERMON BY BRO. LOREN KNAPP OF TUCSON, AZ

Time Is So Important . . . Live It For God
 Luke 13:24-30

God's Word is rather plain . . . if we get into it . . . if we read it . . . if we allow it to teach us. But we live in a time that is so occupied with the things of this world that reading God's Word and really studying it is very difficult because we can't fit into our schedules, can we? It is difficult to do.

That is the biggest and most important problem that you and I have -- being able to fit God's Word into our schedules. It seems like if we can't do it with two or three or we can't go to some gathering to get together to talk or go some place to eat or something else, we really don't accomplish anything, do we?

The greatest accomplishment of all is to pick up God's Word and go into a room by yourself, shut the door and let God feed you.

We mistake a lot of things, brothers and sisters, what we consider worshiping God that are not. They are really not.

We need to read God's Word. We need to digest what it says, and then we need to live how He tells us to live and not look at our brother or sister-in-faith and wonder where they are at, but to wonder where we are at, and to wonder at the strength that we really have.

How deep is your faith? How deep is it really if the adversities of life would set upon you?

James tells us in the first chapter and second verse, that when adversities come up against you in life . . . "when", he says, and they will. He doesn't say "if" they will or

"maybe" they will, but they will. He tells us that very plain. So we rely upon the strength that God has given us.

"Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." Luke 13:24. Why won't they be able? Why don't they come? Why aren't they willing to come through the gate? Even you and I, if we are honest with ourselves, sometimes we find that we like to bend a little bit this way and a little bit that way because it suits us a little better, doesn't it? It doesn't make us quite so uncomfortable.

But it says strait is that gate. Strait is that gate! Does man say that? No, God says it. Not man. God says it. That is why it is so important when you counsel someone that you do not say, "I say this"; but you say, "This is a piece of scripture that I think you will get some help out of. Would you read it?" Then let them read that piece of scripture.

Why would you want to tell someone what to do when God can do it for you? He is much more apt to make it accurate in their life than you or I are because with the emotions that we have sometimes, we let our own things come through instead of letting the Spirit of God come through, don't we? We have been raised this way . . . or we have been taught this way . . . or we think this way . . . or our emotions move us this way, but God's Word is always the same. Let Him talk about it.

He goes on to say, "When once

the master of the house is risen up . . ." Who is the master of the house? Who is the master of your house? I ask you a question, how much does God control in your life?

When you go trade for a new car, is He in complete control? Or do you begin to wonder about the cost of it? Do you wonder how much you can bring the dealer down, or how much padding he has got in there? Do you wonder about that?

Do you wonder about that when you build a house, or shop for a dress? Are you fair, honest and sincere as you go out to deal in this world? Remember the world watches you and me. Not only do they watch you and me, they judge the Saviour by your walk of life and mine. That is the bad part about it. How much?

" . . . and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are." Luke 13:25. Wouldn't it be a frightful experience that as we walk the face of this earth, we did not follow the straight road, or the strait gate? Not the gate or road that man sets up . . . no, no! But a road that God sets up and a gate that God opens, and the direction that God points to.

Someone has said, "Well, I can't really turn my life over to the Lord in that church. You people are too straight-laced." I said, "What do you mean, too straight-laced? All you have to do is follow God's Word and

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