



"Hear, ye children, the instruction of a **father**, and attend to know understanding." Proverbs 4:1

"Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy **fathers** have set."

Proverbs 22:28

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## Father's Day

**"The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him."**

**Proverbs 23:24**

**"Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: . . ."**

**Proverbs 29:3**

### Father's Day

There are little eyes upon you, and they're watching night and day:  
There are little ears that quickly take in every word you say.

*There are little hands all eager to do everything you do,  
And a little boy who's dreaming of the day he'll be like you.*

You're the little fellow's idol . . . you're the wisest of the wise.  
In his little mind, about you no suspicions ever rise.

*He believes in you devoutly, holds that all you say and do  
He will say and do in your way, when he is grown-up like you.*

There's a wide-eyed little fellow, who believes you're always right,  
And his ears are always open, and he watches day and night.

*You are setting an example every day in all you do,  
For the little boy who's waiting to grow up to be like you.*

Author Unknown

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

**Proverbs 22:6**

# MISSION -- WORLD RELIEF -- WORKS PROJECTS

## TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF THE SEARCH FOR A NEW HOME — AMERICA

### The Voyage and Shipwreck

Submitted by Bro. Werner Kupferschmid — Rockville, CT

Sometime in March of 1874, John Grimm Sr. and Fred Schupbach traveled through Switzerland and France until they arrived at the great seaport city of Le Havre, France. There they boarded a steamship named Europe that was bound for America. Elizabeth Gehring, Jacob and Elizabeth Hafely and their six children, Benedict and Mary Emch, Christian and Maria Kupferschmid and their four small children, and many others also boarded this same ship at this time.

The steamship, Europe, or Europa, as its Swiss passengers called it, was built in 1864 by Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Greenock, Scotland. When first built, it contained two side paddle-wheels to propel it, but in 1873 the ship was completely remodeled and its paddle-wheels were replaced with single-screw propulsion. So many alterations were made on the Europe at this time, that its passengers who boarded it for the first time in March of 1874 thought it was a new ship. It now contained an iron hull, two tall masts with large sails plus a smaller mizzen-mast in the back of the ship, two funnels or smokestacks set fairly close together in the middle of the boat, and its overall length was 394 feet. The Eu-

rope was owned by the shipping company of Compagnie Generale Transatlantique (generally called the "French Line" in Britain and the United States), and it sailed regularly between Havre, France, and New York City until its reconstruction in 1873.

When the Europe left the harbor in March of 1874 with John Grimm and the other passengers aboard, this was its first voyage across the Atlantic Ocean to America since the ship's reconstruction the previous year. Miss Marion Klotzle, whose mother was on this voyage, wrote:

"After sailing for several days, the steamship struck an iceberg which knocked a large hole in one part. The water gushed in and with the aid of hand pumps, they tried to keep it from sinking. They shot cannons, which was the only means they had for calling for help. The crew told each passenger that they were going to shoot a cannon as a distress signal. They told the passengers that it would be very loud and would rock the ship, and if there was a ship in hearing range, it would come to their rescue."

It is thought that the passengers had to throw some of their belongings or, at least, some of the ship's cargo overboard in order to lighten it and, thus, keep it from

sinking so fast.

During the next three days, the passengers on the sinking Europe were almost overcome with fear. The ship was filling with water, and some of the people "were praying, others crying, while others were sick with fear." At least one passenger, Elizabeth Gehring (who was going to America to visit her brother, Jacob Gehring, Sr., near Elgin, IA), suffered a nervous breakdown because of the cold and shock caused by the shipwreck. It is also very possible that John Grimm began repenting during this time because it is known for certain that several months later he had already begun repenting. Doubtlessly, his thoughts must have turned to God many times during the three horror-filled days

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# Light From The Word

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

## BIBLICAL BASIS OF TRADITION

At times the Apostolic Christian Church is criticized both from those within the church and by those from outside for placing too much emphasis on traditions. There are those who say that our traditions are simply an outward show designed to put on a good appearance, regardless of what is really in the heart; that they are legalistic; that they are mere externals and have no value on the path toward salvation. Such attitudes are clearly an indication of a serious misunderstanding of the role of traditions as outlined in the Bible.

From the Word of God it is quite evident that we are not saved by traditions. Many passages of Scriptures clearly state that "by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God" (Eph. 2:8), and "a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ" (Gal. 2:16). The Bible provides instruction concerning both the positive and the negative potential that traditions may have in our lives. We can learn from the Word of God that traditions can either be very damaging or very beneficial spiritually.

Christ spoke a warning to the Pharisees not to make "the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition" (Matt. 15:6). He also warned of the dangers of "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matt. 15:9) and He clearly pointed out the unacceptable position of those who would "reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition" (Mark 7:9).

The Apostle Paul wrote an urgent exhortation to the believers at Thessalonica regarding their attitudes about tradition. "Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle" (2 Thes. 2:15). The Word also instructs the believers to "prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (1 Thes. 5:21) "be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may

prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:2).

One could form the opinion that there is a serious contradiction between the teachings of Jesus Christ and those of the Apostle Paul. To resolve this seeming contradiction, it is vitally important that a child of God look carefully at several important issues. It must be understood that the contexts in which Christ and Paul spoke were vastly different. Also, it is important to understand both the potential value and the limitations of traditions in the life of a Christian.

The "traditions of the elders" and the "commandments of men" that Christ spoke of were rules imposed on the children of Israel that attempted to justify behavior that was ungodly, to nullify the commandments of God or to make a physical issue (hand washing) a spiritual issue. They were used by the scribes and Pharisees as a means of keeping the people in subjection, as a way of earning God's approval or as a substitute for the Word of God. These practices were utterly condemned by Christ because they were so distorted by the Pharisees and scribes that they prevented men from doing what was right—"Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition" (Mark 7:9). They were more interested in appearance than substance. "This people honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me" (Mark 7:6).

Sometimes individuals use Paul's teaching that we "stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yolk of bondage" (Gal. 5:1) as justification for setting aside the traditions of the church and as a means of freeing themselves from what they describe as old fashioned, unnecessary "man-made" rules. Paul, however, admonished that we "use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh" (Gal. 5:13), and Peter warned against "using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness" (1 Pet. 2:16).

The liberties we have in Jesus Christ and the freedom from bondage promised to Christians are liberties and freedoms from the grip that Satan has on the unconverted and should not be used to justify behavior that is offensive to our Lord or to our brethren (Rom. 14:15; 1 Cor. 8:12).

Why do we need traditions or defined patterns of holiness? Why are they so important to our brotherhood? The Bible does not expressly deal with every specific situation that may confront the children of God. As a result, over the years practices have developed based on scriptural principles that enable God's people to deal more successfully with many of these situations.

The instability that we see in the world today is partially a result of many years of gradually removing ancient "landmarks" that helped people make sound decisions. The ancient landmarks have been replaced with a do "what is right in your own eyes" (Judges 17:6) philosophy which has caused many to suffer spiritual shipwreck.

Nearly all institutions have their own set of traditions, including families, government, educational systems and many others. It is well known that these traditions provide a sense of identity and cohesiveness; they serve as a vehicle for continuity from one generation to another.

The traditions spoken of (2 Thes. 2:15) and taught (Acts 16:21) by Paul were practices that supported the doctrine of Christ, that gave direction to God's people where the Scripture was silent, that helped separate God's people from the world and helped promote unity among the brethren.

The traditions of the Apostolic Christian Church have proven over time to be spiritually beneficial to those who willingly embrace them. They have provided an element of protection from the world and have supported the precious doctrine of Christ.

in which the people's hearts failed them for fear that their food supply might become exhausted or that their ship might sink before another one could come to their rescue.

Finally, after three days, on April 3, 1874; a British steamship named Greece came to their rescue. When this vessel was first built in 1863 by Palmer's Shipbuilding and Iron Company, Newcastle, England; it was named Virginia. In 1872 this ship was lengthened to 391 feet was renamed Greece at that time. It contained compound steam engines, three masts, one funnel, and an iron hull, and it traveled regularly between Liverpool, England and New York City.

At first, this ship tried to tow the Europe, but this plan was quickly abandoned when the two ships collided, causing the Europe to puncture and thus damage the Greece. So they began unloading the passengers, women and children first, by means of ropes thrown over the side of the sinking ship. The people either slid down these ropes into small lifeboats, or else they "were lowered into the lifeboats by putting ropes around their bodies below their arms. While doing so, the rope made blisters on the hands of at least one passenger and, perhaps, on many others also. Then from these lifeboats, the people were transferred to the Greece.

While the women and children were being unloaded from the sinking ship, John Grimm must have

searched through some of the passengers' quarters to make certain that no one was left behind. In one of these rooms, he found Mrs. Maria Kupferschmid and her four small children: Rose, Lizzie, Katie and Chris. In all of the confusion, her husband must have become separated from his wife and family, and so Mrs. Kupferschmid apparently was not aware that the other women and children were in the process of being unloaded from the ship at that very moment. So John urged her to come quickly and then helped her and the children to get off the sinking vessel.

Fortunately, there was no loss of life. All the passengers on board the Europe were rescued.

No one was allowed to take his baggage onto the Greece because there was hardly enough room for the people, much less for their belongings. All they were allowed to take was the clothing that they were wearing. Thus, like everyone else, poor John lost everything he owned except the clothes he wore, and Elizabeth Gehring had to leave all the clothes that she had brought for herself and her brother, Jacob, on the sinking ship. When they were safely on the Greece, Fred Schupbach discovered that he had lost his hat sometime during all the confusion, and so John gave his own hat to Mr. Schupbach.

The passengers "saw the Europe for several days after boarding the British ship," and they watched it fade slowly out of their sight, with all their possessions.

At present, it is not known what

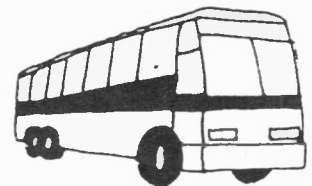
ever became of the Europe. Ironically, some of the crew remained aboard this damaged vessel even after the Greece left it. "Whether another ship came to their rescue and confiscated the cargo" is unknown. By naval law, the entire ship and its contents would belong to the crew or to anyone else who could manage to salvage it.

Miss Klotzle wrote the following about her mother's family:

"It was several days before the Hafely family all got together on the British ship. At first, Grandmother Hafely didn't know whether Grandfather had been rescue or not; but after several days, they had all found each other and their families, and you can imagine what a reunion that was."

The living conditions on the Greece were very poor indeed, because the ship was terribly overcrowded and food was very scarce. The passengers were given "a lot of rolled oats for their meals," and

## RIDE THE BUS



Central Illinois bus trip to Gateway Woods - Apostolic Christian Children's Home Auction and Sale on August 8.

Noah and Evie Herrmann are chartering a bus from Central Illinois for the Children's Home Auction and Sale Saturday, August 8.

The bus will leave Peoria Apostolic Christian fellowship hall Friday, August 7, 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 8, 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 \$30 per person.

Contact Noah Herrmann, 211 Ostrom Avenue, Princeville, IL 61559, phone: 309-385-4872.

## TOUCHING THE LIVES OF OUR YOUTH

We now have need for a full-time Educational Coordinator in our classroom at Gateway Woods. This brother or sister will tutor our young people with daily homework assignments, school projects and tests. In addition, they will provide a liaison role between the local school system and the Home, maintain the library and coordinate the volunteer program.

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this food was served to them in their outstretched hands because there were not enough plates to go around. However, Grandpa Grimm must have been an enterprising young man because he made himself a plate out of a piece of wood. The people could never change into clean clothes because the only clothes they had were the ones that

they were wearing. Moreover, the passengers had to sleep on the bare floors because of the lack of beds, and they had to sleep close together so that they would not roll across the floor as the ship rocked back and forth. Nevertheless, the people bore these hardships patiently because they were all so thankful to still be alive and to have been res-

cued. One would have to experience the kind of tragedy that these people underwent to be able to fully appreciate the relief and happiness that they felt even amongst the privations they endured on board the Greece.

The last living survivor of this shipwreck was Mrs. Lydia (Hafely) Klotzle who died in Girard, OH, January 25, 1965, at the age of 91 years. She was born March 17, 1873, and so was only one year old at the time of the shipwreck.

In 1875 the Greece was transferred to London - New York service, and there it remained until 1896 when it was sold to ship-breakers and was scrapped.

After several more days, the Greece finally reached New York City. From there, John Grimm and Fred Schupbach traveled by train to Pittsburgh, PA, along with the Emch and Hafely families and others. Then this group of Swiss people traveled down the Ohio River by boat to Sardis, OH.

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### FLEXIBILITY AND BLENDING Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle Shioda, Japan

We all admire someone with a strong character and who stands up for what is right. The world is being deluged with a philosophy which states that there are no absolutes, that what is right and wrong depends upon your environ-

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ment, your circumstances, and how the individual feels about what is right or wrong for him or her. We should all be happy to take a stand for what is right and wrong on the basis of the Ten Commandments and the New Testament. Our feelings, etc., are not the criteria to go by.

However, strong character is not synonymous with Godliness. In fact, people with a strong character must be especially careful not to lose their flexibility and ability to blend with others. In Philippians 2:3, we read, ". . . in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves." What this means in the long run is that we can only be adamant about what is clearly written in the Bible in so many words. What we are used to and what we feel is right are not the criteria upon which spiritual decisions should be made. Many spiritual attributes are not visible but have to do with an attitude of the heart. Flexibility is one of them.

We are taught in Ephesians 5:21, "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God" This is not always easy for a person with a strong character to do. Yet we must all learn to be flexible on things not clearly stated in the Bible. We can be ever so dedicated to God and to the Lord Jesus Christ but if we don't blend with the other brothers and sisters, it won't work.

Aren't the traits of flexibility and blending needed in all of our human relations? Would you like to be married to an inflexible

spouse? Would you like to have an inflexible boss, fellow worker, teacher, or child? Isaiah 1:18 reads, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord." Not a bad idea. Wherever possible, let's be flexible and blend.

## EUROPEAN UPDATE

Andy Hunyady

Greetings Beloved,

Nearly ten years ago, my sister, Margit, visited our families in Ohio. It was her first visit in her native America since she was a little girl. Her home and family is in Transylvania, Romania. Her impression of America was like a dream, totally different of that she had experienced in Romania. I will always remember her coming with us to one of our super markets for grocery shopping. It was the first time she ever visited one. She kept walking along the meat counter, that stretched from one end of the building to the other; looking and admiring the beautiful, colorful labels on the food cans and packages, etc. Then puzzled, she stopped, kept looking at the wrappers on the cans with pictures of beautiful, household animals. Finally she asked, somewhat hesitatingly, not knowing what was on the labels: "Do people in America eat dog meat and cat meat?" We explained that this is food for household pets. Nearly crying, with tears in her eyes she said: "Your small animals are fed better than children in our country!" This ex-

perience made us think. What can be done to help these people?

Knowing that Romania at that time was under strict communist control, and their postal service very corrupt, for often packages coming from abroad were opened and articles removed and delivered only what was left in them. But acting in faith, soon an attempt was made to try and see if it works. Six packages of food were ordered through an agency in Zurich, Switzerland. Each family was notified to be on the look-out for such a parcel, and be sure to check the contents against the enclosed invoice. Surprisingly the response came soon and all the packages arrived in good order. This was the beginning of a project that was expected to last for a short time, till things get better, say, within a year or two.

Unfortunately, now, ten years later, and two and a half years after the collapse of the Ploretarian System, conditions have become worse. No sign of any improvement in sight. Shortages of food, medications, clothing and shoes are all over the country. High prices, unemployment and disease cause much suffering for the people.

It is only through the mercy and grace of God that we, in America, can reach out and provide some relief for so many families in this and other former communist countries. Our church continues to send monthly shipments of food and clothing to Romania. Now the problem is the distribution of these packages due to fuel shortages. Because of this, deliveries are made every other month by the brethren responsible for the distribution. It came to our attention that diesel fuel may be obtained from Holland and delivered in 50-55 gallon drums. Brothers can pick it up at the nearest unloading point, used by the Christian aid ministries. This possibility is yet to be decided upon.

The Ukrainian brethren are receiving considerable supplies from Germany and Hungary. Another group of 3-4 cars are about to go from Hungary at end of May to deliver food and medical supplies as well as plumbing and electrical

## IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Our Sis. Shay Nelson, Assistant Houseparent in the New House, is returning to the Central Illinois area in early May. This creates an immediate opening for an Assistant Houseparent on our staff. Please prayerfully consider this important mission of reaching out to troubled young people. Perhaps God is calling you.

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fixtures for the new churches. Veterinary instruments and medications are also being delivered from Hungary, funded by the World Relief.

The end result of the bloody fighting and devastation in Yugoslavia will not be known for a long time. According to daily media reports, millions of families have left their homes. Thousands of refugees, and among them are many of our brethren have found refuge in Hungary, Austria and Germany. There are about 15-20 congregations in the war torn Croatia and other parts of the country. Many of our brethren are still not heard from. Homes in cities as well as in villages have been demolished, farms left uncultivated, animals killed or died of starvation or neglect. The very dry, cold winter destroyed the wheat crop and most of it had to be plowed under. People in the cities are without food, stores are empty. Convoys of relief agencies of the European community were hijacked by the Serbian Army at gun point. Relief agencies from the free countries are waiting for the fighting to cease before any help can be taken into the country. We keep in as close contact as possible in order to send help, but it is too risky at this time. 3 or 4 shipments of food and some clothing were shipped from Toronto, Canada, on Yugoslav Airline, in the past few weeks, but the cost of the transportation is extremely high. The one possibility is to purchase food items in neighboring Hungary and send it in under the Banner of International or Yugoslav Red Cross. This too, is yet to be investigated. The Toronto shipments were intercepted by the Yugoslavian brethren at the Belgrade Airport who were informed in advance. They were successful in delivering the packages to the needy families. Our World Relief helped to finance part of this shipment. Refugees in Hungary, Germany, and Austria are well taken care of by the brethren in the respective countries. Much financial help will be needed once the refugees will be able to return to their homes they left behind, not knowing what they might find. Please, remember these suffering

brethren and their families in your prayers!

As behind every dark cloud there is a silver lining, so it is in most parts of the former communist countries. Suffering and persecution brings on a spiritual hunger and thirst. There appears to be a revival in most of these countries, especially in the Ukraine and Romania. More and more young people and those of middle and old age are seeking their souls salvation. Now that the freedom of worship and the opening of the churches are legally permitted, attendance has increased. The number of new converts also has increased. Many new churches are being built, old ones are being restored and made fit for worship after many years of neglect. The churches in the United States through the mission fund has provided great sums and is still sending funds regularly to carry on the building program in each of these countries in the Ukraine 13, in Romania 38 congregation are getting either new buildings or restoring the old ones with up-to-date improvements. Two churches are under construction in Hungary, one in Szeged and the other one in Ersekcsanad. Breidenbach, Germany, is about to build a new larger building to replace the several times enlarged, yet still too small church.

Funds were sent to Czechoslovakia to refurbish three old buildings for church use and to purchase a mini-bus for use by the elder and ministering brothers to visit and serve those living in isolated areas, where public transportation is not available.

All these projects are moving ahead with the generous support of you, the dearly beloved brethren and friends. May God bless and reward you richly for your unselfish love, your prayers and generosity!

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: And he delighteth in His way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: For the Lord upholdeth him with His hand. I have been young, and now am old; Yet have I not

seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread . . . For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not His saints; They are preserved forever . . ."

Psalm 37:23-28

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### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

We said goodbye to Jaleen Mogler as she moved March 23 to the new small group home (Lakeside Terrace) in Sabetha, KS. We all miss Jaleen, but we know she is enjoying it there where she is closer to family. The address of Lakeside Terrace is 1100 Harrison, Sabetha, KS 66534, for anyone who would like to write to Jaleen.

With the arrival of lovely spring weather we have many things planned! Following are a few of them: Memorial Day picnic; gymnastics competition; Friday evening picnics; the Heartland Dogs will pay us a visit; Floran and Twyla Streitmatter have again invited us to see baby animals and flowers and to have supper at their farm (an annual event that everyone enjoys); the 14 athletes who received 1st place in the Special Olympics competition will be going to state competition June 19, 20 and 21 at Normal, IL; some will be going to camp this summer and we also plan our own "overnighters" at a lodge. Another special yearly outing for us, which will be coming up soon, is a day spent at Forrest, IL, with Earl and Esther Gerber. This brings back many memories for us as Dave Metz (Esther's brother) started this tradition, and Earl and Esther have continued it since Dave's transition to Glory a few years ago. Dave was such a beautiful Christian example to all of us and our memories of him are very pleasant ones.

July birthdays at ACHH are: Billie Tatum (1), Randy Siebenthal (3), Gary Feller (5); Cindy Virkler (6); Michael Oates and Dan Zimmerman (18); Michelle Maloney (19); Clark Lewis (24); Janet Giberson (29); Kristie Ramp (31). At 540 N. Main - Gloria Heiniger (26); at Hazelwood - Ed Getz (31). No July birthdays at Oakwood.

**GATEWAY WOODS  
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Judy Stoller**

With the arrival of summer, the lives of staff and children will be full of work, play, and challenges. Many of our children are seeking employment in the community, while others look to staff to keep them busy. Due to a successful car wash, garage and bake sale, each house is planning a summer vacation trip. Gateway Woods extends thanks and appreciation to all who donated their time, energies, baked goods, garage sale items and financial support to the car wash and garage/bake sale.

Bro. Jeff and Sis. Brenda Thames, with their four children, are planning to leave their position as houseparents by the middle to end of June. Bro. Jeff has accepted a new position at Gateway Woods as the Child Care Supervisor. We are thankful that he will be staying with us and benefiting us with his talents and experience in serving as an encourager, support person and supervisor to our thirteen houseparents, alternates and assistants. Alternate houseparents, Bro. Kevin and Sis. Brenda Fiechter, will be assuming the houseparenting role in the West House with their two children, Kyle and Shannon. Sis. Carol (Kieser) Schrock (a veteran houseparent in the all girls' house) is returning to us with her husband, Bro. Todd Schrock, as alternate houseparents.

Gateway Woods foster care program is growing and has added a new caseworker position. We welcome Ruth Reinhard (Bluffton, IN) to our staff as the Foster Care specialist. Ruth's years of experience as a caseworker has been a tremendous help to our developing the program. As our program grows, we continue to have more needs, not only for believing staff and foster parents, but also for your faithful support and prayers. Thank you again for the encouragement, support, and prayers offered on our behalf. We are continually lifted up and strengthened by our Father's promises and direction in His service.

Gateway Woods still has an

opening for a teacher as our Education Coordinator to direct our on-campus educational program and serve as a liaison with the public schools. We are confident God will provide. It is our prayer that if God is prompting any brother or sister, he/she will take hold His promise for grace and respond to those convictions.

Congratulations to our high school graduates, Bob W., Wendy E., and Cathy B. Please pray with us for our young adults as they take their next step in life, that the Word that has been planted will continue to grow and bear fruit.

Bro. Trent Schrock (Congerville, IL) has been hired as our Summer Volunteer Coordinator. We welcome him and look forward to benefiting from his organizational abilities with our volunteers. There are still openings for volunteers to come and assist us. If you have a few days or a week in which you would like to volunteer here, please contact Denise at Gateway Woods.

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**ALABAMA, ATHENS  
Pamela Moore**

Our Athens congregation has experienced much joy and much sorrow in the past month. On April 24, we were saddened by the death of Charles Vibbert, husband of Sis. Hazel Vibbert. Mr. Vibbert was born in 1934, and is survived by his wife, Sis. Hazel; his four sons, Gary, Kevin, Terry and Tim Vibbert; and his three daughters, Vicki Strasser, Gwen Thomas and Penny Vibbert. The day following the death of Charles Vibbert, we were again saddened by the death of Sis. Corrine Barnett's husband, James Barnett, on April 25. James is also a brother to Sis. Doris Moore. We need to remember to keep them in our prayers.

A time of joy was the engagement announcement of Sis. Joan Meister (Athens) to Bro. Tim Reinhard (Detroit, MI). Their parents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Rhoda Meister (Peoria, IL) and Bro. Dan and Sis. Delores Reinhardt (Detroit, MI).

The teenage Sunday school spent a weekend of fellowship and fun together, as Bro. Tom and Sis.

Joan Schrenk, Bro. J. R. and Sis. Louise Hall, and Bro. David and Sis. Barbara Coulter, hosted a weekend camping trip to Lake Guntersville.

Memorial Day weekend was very special to us here in Athens in many ways. Holy communion was held Friday evening, May 22, with Elder Bros. Bud Klopfenstein (Fort Lauderdale, FL) and Dave Bertsch (Leo, IN) assisting Bro. Lavoyd. It was a solemn time, to reflect on our Lord and Saviour, and all that has been done for us.

Saturday evening, we experienced the Athens church filled to capacity, with a singing held for our many Memorial Day visitors. Other than Athens, sixteen churches were represented: Leo, Bluffton and Bluffton North, IN, Peoria, Cissna Park, Gridley, Bloomington, Forrest, Eureka, Tremont, Princeville and Goodfield, IL, Akron and Smithville, OH, Detroit, MI, and Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Once again on Sunday, with Athens church filled to over capacity, we began the day with our usual Sunday worship services. We were blessed to hear the Word of God brought to us through our visiting ministering brothers, Bros. Paul Gosser (Akron, OH), Jack Bollier (Leo, IN) and Jim Hoerr (Peoria, IL). Sunday evening, we all met for a singing at the Tennessee Fellowship Area. Elder Bro. Bud Klopfenstein (Fort Lauderdale, FL) and Bro. Lynn Stieglitz (Leo, IN) talked on "The Road To Heaven - How To Get On It" and "The Road To Heaven - How To Stay On It," respectively. Everyone enjoyed supper, and more singing, into the evening. Because of the lack of a building or shelter at the fellowship area, we sang under a large tent, with the vans and buses pulled around it to block the chilly wind. It was a time of renewing and refreshing the Lord's Spirit within us, and renewing and forming old and new friendships with our brothers and sisters-in-the-Lord.

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## ARIZONA, PHOENIX Ron and Ev Hoerr

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

John 10:9

Every so many of our loved ones are living the good life – going to church, reading their Bible – who are we to judge if they've made a private commitment with the Lord?

Lo and behold that very special "call" (knock and it shall be opened unto you) was answered by our dear Martha Elsasser. Daughters, Sis. Jan and Phyllis, are thankful. Yes, Lord, we thank Thee, and much praise, for Thou art great!!

Mother's Day is always special and we thank the single members and Bible class for their lunch and work. Well done!

We have always enjoyed Bro. Adrian and Sis. Dorothy Kellenberger's long winter visits. Special heartfelt sympathy to you, Sis. Dorothy, on Bro. Adrian's death. They left Phoenix just two days before he died, April 24, in Sabetha, KS.

Also, sympathy to Bro. Dick and Sis. Marie Beery on his brother, Carl's, death. They flew to Rittman, OH, for the services.

Little Erin Metzger (Ed and Jeanne) got severe chin lacerations when she fell off her bike.

Bro. Jerry and Sis. Cathy Emch welcomed another grandson, Brent James, May 10. His parents are Bro. James and Sis. Gina (Francesville, IN).

We appreciate Elder Bro. Chuck Hemmer's message of hope. Thank you and Sis. Marian for coming from Peoria.

Many birds are singing almost all day and night – the weather is lovely. The desert was quite beautiful with flowers everywhere, even an abundance of blooming cacti.

Our Lord made it all – for us to enjoy. "Oh, give thanks unto the Lord."

## ARIZONA, TUCSON Lisa Knapp

We recently had the opportunity to partake of communion together. Elder Bro. Jon Kokanovich and his wife, Sis. Nancy, were with

us for the evening as we shared holy communion. We certainly appreciate their time and presence here with us. May God bless each one that took part in the evening.

Bro. Doug and Sis. Lillian Wagenbach and their family (San Diego, CA) were with us for Mother's Day. We were much blessed by their visit. The fellowship with visiting brethren is always nice as is the pleasure for our ministers to have a guest minister.

We were reminded how very important the job of "mother" is during our Mother's Day services. We really should be thankful for godly, loving parents.

Our temperatures are in the 100's and we aren't even in June yet!

## CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO Marian Petrovic

On May 17, Bro. Ken Martin's engagement to Sis. Jill Hohulin (Goodfield, IL) was announced. His parents are Bro. Kaywin and Sis. Karen (Detroit, MI), and Sis. Jill's parents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Joy (Goodfield, IL). We pray they will continue to draw closer to God and to each other as they await their forthcoming marriage.

Bro. Greg Gramm (Phoenix, AZ) and his family visited our congregation in the past month. We thank Bro. Greg for sharing the precious Word with us.

Our prayers continue to be with Sis. Anna Jevremov as she has had a very difficult month with M.S. May God continue to uphold her with His strength as she looks to Him for her every care.

## COLORADO, DENVER Eric and Marcel Huber

We welcome Bro. Mark and Sis. Mindy Kiefer and their children, Miles and Marlys, to our fellowship. They have recently moved from Burlington, IA, to Greeley, CO.

Sis. Mindy Kiefer has been elected to replace Sis. Kathy Leman as Sunday school teacher. We appreciate Sis. Kathy's service to our young children during those past years.

A special thank you to those from our congregation who gave their time to our recent spring "work day."

## CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE Michelle Virkler

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor."

Ephesians 5:1-2

The Lord has blessed Bro. Jeff and Sis. Carol Gerber with their first-born son, Thomas Everett, April 23. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Ken and Sis. Aline Bahler; paternal grandparents are Bro. Everett and Sis. Phyllis Gerber. May God continue to guide them as parents in teaching their child the way of the Lord.

Our hearts were saddened over the passing of Sis. Edna Lanz, 87 years old, April 30. She leaves a brother, Bro. Alvin Lanz; and three sisters, Sis. Clara, Olga and Gertrude (Ellington); and many nieces and nephews. "How shall it be when we shall Hear him calling: "Come now, ye blessed of my Father's Grace!" And worshipping upon his footstool falling, We look into that kind and smiling face? (Zion's Harp #146).

We pray for those who have been under the care of a physician or hospitalized during the month of May: Bro. Lee Bahler, who is now at home recuperating. Also, Bro. Al Schneider is gaining renewed strength each day. Bro. Manny Zahner is also able to assemble with us in the convalescent room of the church. We wish them all continued prayer for God's strength and healing.

"Lord Thou Creator, glorious is Thy kingdom! In all the world we sing of Thy great fame. The hosts of heav'n with all the true and faithful, Eternally shall praise Thy holy name, Thou art exalted there in heaven's splendor, And kings and powers shall to Thee surrender. (Zion's Harp #118) We are so blessed to have such beautiful

words in honor and praise of our Lord.

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**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,  
WASHINGTON  
Henrietta Meyer**

“ . . . God that giveth the increase.”

I Corinthians 3:7

The first meeting of the D.C. congregation was held Mother's Day 1986. At that time there were no members in the area and we met once a month. We thank God for the increase. Today there are eight members in the area and several supportive friends. We meet regularly twice a month, sometimes a third Sunday and often gather mid-week in someone's home. Mother's Day 1992 was especially memorable as our Elder Bro. Ed Aeschleman served communion in the D.C. church.

Bro. Ed had other announcements causing us to rejoice that Sunday. Matthew Mangold was announced as having peace with God and man and is awaiting baptism. The engagement of Bro. Matthew Fetter to Sis. Wendy Metzger (Philadelphia, PA) was also made known. Their parents are Bro. Dick and Sis. Betty Fetter (Toledo, OH) and Bro. Eldon and Sis. Doreen Metzger (Gridley, KS).

Other ministers visiting us this month with their families were Bro. Bill Gerst (Alto, MI), Ken Hoerr (Peoria, IL) and Art Ingold (Rittman, OH). Other guests this month were from Rockville, CT, Lester, IA, Peoria and Cissna Park, IL, Philadelphia, PA, and Francesville, IN.

We welcome Andy Gutwein to our congregation. He has moved to his area to continue his education.

Services are held the first and third Sundays of each month at Tyson's Westpark Hotel, located on Route 7, about one mile west of I-495. 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 the area, please call Bro. Matthew Aeschleman (301) 863-

9624 or Bro. Ed Stoll (703) 494-3955.

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**FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE  
Terri Huber**

We were privileged to have a singing shower for two of our engaged couples May 20. Bro. Seth Sauder and Sis. Dawn Plattner, as well as Sis. Amy Sutter (whose fiancé, Bro. Win Stoller, could not be with us) were the guests of honor. Again, we wish them the best and welcome them to our congregation if that is where God leads them.

At Bible study recently we discussed Romans, chapter 3, and were asked how it makes us feel when we think about the fact that Jesus experienced God's wrath for us. This is the same thing that we are to ponder prior to partaking in communion. Some of the answers were: "sad, yet joyful," "thankful" and "glad." These are the exact emotions I felt as I recently tried to explain Jesus' sacrifice in appropriate terms to my almost-four-year-old. Putting it in the simplest terms really brought out the sadness of Christ's death and also emphasized the joy and thankfulness that I feel. Over the recent Easter weekend, a sister told me her children were listening to a dramatization of the crucifixion when her daughter tearfully said, "Mom, why is it called Good Friday? I think it should be sad Friday."

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**FLORIDA, NORTH FT. MYERS  
Marvin and Rhea Steffen**

Finally, brethren, "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

What good advice Paul gave the Philippians, and as we honour our mothers, and the mothers of our children this May 10, what a fitting list of things these dear women stand for. Knowing the job these women do in bringing up children, and all their other responsibilities,

we know it is only a partial list of their attributes. We had a visiting minister Mother's Day. Bro. Steve Ringger (Bluffton North, IN) left us with a fitting thought, ". . . to honour our mothers and the mothers of our children all this week and throughout the year." We will strive to do this.

Our other visiting ministers this month were Bros. Bill Gudeman (Elgin, IL), Jeff Streitmatter III (Sarasota) and Brian Webb (Fort Lauderdale). We thank these dear brethren for their labors of love.

Bro. Dave Sr. and Sis. Kaye Eisenmann's grandson, Dathan, had two major surgeries in one week, so our prayers will certainly be with the whole family. Bro. Roland Keller had minor surgery, and is doing just fine.

Our congregation is looking forward to our monthly meal out together that Art Keller organizes for us. We are going out after services May 17.

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

Our hearts are touched and warmed as we experience the beauty in the flowers, the clouds, the sun, the wind and yes, . . . the rain.

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

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

"Creation"  
Hymns of Zion #207

It is all a gentle reminder to us how each "element" plays a vital role for the proper function of His creation. Each "element" plays a part and is necessary!

As we take thought of our own lives, are we allowing the "elements" to condition us for better use in His divine plan for us? Are our roots deep and wrapped tightly around His Word and are our stems sturdy and strong? Do the "colors" we portray share much beauty for

our Creator? Can our "fragrance" be identified as one of His when put to the test? - Dear Father, we pray that the elements of today might spur on more beauty for tomorrow (. . . glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. I Corinthians 6:20).

Thankful once again for Bro. Bill Gudeman (Elgin, IL) and Bro. Duane Farney (Croghan, NY) for sharing God's Word to us. May they be richly blessed!

It has been a real blessing to have our shepherd, Elder Bro. Ben Maibach, and his wife with us for a time! May God be with them and their many endeavors until God grants them a safe return!

### ILLINOIS, BELVIDERE

Carol Steffen

Anew, Lord, we are bound to Thee through thy blest sacrament, which we partook, that joined in heart and hand to Zion's realm and holy land, we journey on. (Zion's Harp #200, verse 5).

On Wednesday night, April 8, our Elder Bro. Nathan Steffen served our first communion to us in our new church. We thank him for taking time to come out.

We were privileged to assemble with the Elgin congregation for Good Friday services. On Easter Sunday, our visiting ministers were Elder Bro. John Lehman (Bern, KS), Bro. Wayne Miller (Fort Scott, KS) and Bro. Tom Schambach (Elgin, IL).

Bro. Mike Thomas (Valparaiso, IN) came to minister unto us May 3. Also, Bro. Nate Stoller (Bradford, IL) was here that morning to worship with us as they were on their way to a visitation in Wisconsin. We thank our visiting ministers and all of our visitors who make an effort to support us.

On Mother's Day, we were privileged to have Sis. Stacy Miller visit us along with her fiance, Bro. Dave Leman, and her family. After the noon prayer, a group gift was given to Sis. Stacy and Bro. Dave. We will miss Sis. Stacy but wish them the Lord's blessings as they prepare for their marriage.

A meeting was held May 13 to determine the Sunday school

terms. A term of two years was decided on. Bro. Art Mueller is our adult Bible class teacher; Bro. Jim Jepson, senior Bible class; Bro. Bill Schifferer, junior Bible class; Sis. Millie Jepson, second through fourth grades; and Sis. Marlene Mueller, PK through first grades. Our trustees are Bro. Dave Jepson, Bro. Bill Schifferer and Bro. Brian Anliker. Our support goes to each brother and sister who gives of their time on our behalf.

As this is the season for vacations, we encourage anyone who is in our area to come and worship with us.

### ILLINOIS, BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

Tudy Schmied - Debbie Grieco

Each spring morning we are awakened to the sounds of birds and sights of fresh young flowers reaching towards the sun - a new beginning and new hope - not unlike the resurrection which we recently celebrated. The Sunday school Easter program, Good Friday service and sunrise service refreshed our Spirit as we pondered Christ's last days on earth and the great sacrifice that lead to our hope of salvation.

As we approach a special day that is set aside to honor our earthly fathers, we also must think about the unending blessings that we receive from our Heavenly Father:

O Father hand, that guides me so securely,  
O Father eye, that watches over me!  
O Father heart, that hears my prayers so surely,  
And thinks of me in love and charity!  
Conduct me further on my pilgrim journey,  
The narrow way that leads to heaven above;  
And make me worthy of that life eternal,  
Alike in sore distress, in peace and love.

Zion's Harp #180

We ask that your prayers continue for Dave Brummitt (father of

Dennis Brummitt) as he recuperates from surgery.

We appreciate the visiting ministers who chose to worship with our congregation this month. They are Bros. Paul Gasser (Akron, OH), Doyle Frauhiger (Bluffton North, IN), Jim Byrd (Roanoke) and Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL).

### ILLINOIS, BRADFORD

Les and Barb Fehr

We rejoice with Lisa Knobloch as she has turned her back to the world and given her life to the Lord. We wish her God's richest measure of grace in her new life for the Lord. Lisa is the daughter of Ben Knobloch of the Apostolic Christian Home of Eureka.

Our visiting minister for this past month was Bro. Don Manz (Junction, OH) who was with us over the Easter weekend. We wish to thank Bro. Don for kindly reminding us what the Lord did for us as He hung there on the cross and shed His sinless blood for our sins that we might have that hope of life everlasting in heaven. We never can thank our Lord enough for what He has done for us. May we all strive to live a life that is pleasing unto our heavenly Father.

Our prayers go out to Bro. Denny and Sis. Becky Pyles and family on the death of Bro. Denny's father.

### ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN

Margie Heintz

In late April our annual business meeting was held. The congregation voted to fill several positions, including usher, Bro. Sam Furrer; trustee, Bro. Brian Waibel; and Sunday school teacher, Sis. Michelle Wiegand. In addition, Sis. Anne Anliker has recently been appointed as a Sunday school teacher. We are thankful that there are brothers and sisters who are willing to take responsibilities and to serve in God's family in these roles.

In early May we were privileged to have holy communion served to us by our Elder Bro. Dave Wiegand and Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley). We were reminded about

Jesus' great sacrifice and His willingness to forgive us. In response, we were urged to forgive others by drawing a line and putting the past behind us and stepping into a new era with a renewed attitude of love.

Recently the engagement of Bro. Thane Hanson (Bro. Keith and Sis. Joan) and Sis. Heidi Gerst (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Jolleen, Oakville, IA) was announced. They are planning to be married July 5. We pray that they are feeling the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they make plans for their future life together.

Congratulations to Sis. Tina Fehr (Bro. Bob and Sis. Barb) as she graduates from Mahomet High School. The graduation exercises for Parkland College and University of Illinois students have also taken place. As a result, many young people from our congregation are stepping out into the work force or are going on for further study. We appreciate each of the unique qualities that you brought to our congregation. We will miss each of you and pray that you will know God's presence as you begin the next stage of your life. "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee: The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." Numbers 6:24-26

Even as many graduates leave, we have an addition to our congregation. Bro. Chris Frautchi (Phoenix, AZ) has taken a job in the area and will be making Champaign his home church. We welcome him and wish him God's blessings in his new endeavors.

Our visiting ministers this past month were (in addition to Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger), Bro. Clarence Dietrich (Silverton, OR) and Bro. Mark Bahr (Detroit, MI). We appreciate the messages of love and encouragement which God spoke through them.

### ILLINOIS, CHICAGO Kathy Schlatter

One Friday night my daughter and I went looking for a friend to go on a journey. His family didn't know where he was nor did anybody we could find in town – certainly not in the "He Ain't Here"

Lounge. We made several calls. Finally, after waiting awhile for him, we went back home – but not before we left a note telling him that we have a gift for him, that we want him to get in touch with us, and that we love him. Long ago a Father sent His Son looking for you and for me to go on a journey. Families weren't responsible for where we were – nor was anyone else. Sometimes we put up signs to tell Him, "He (she) Ain't Here." Jesus kept on calling. He did not go back home to wait for us. And He has left many a note – of His gift for us, of His desire that we contact Him, and always of His love. Let's make connections with Him soon.

On Memorial Day weekend, we took our 15th annual bus trip as a church family. This time we went to Kansas City, MO. There were so many precious similarities to other ones: teens and children especially enjoying their time together, quick ball-throwing at the rest stops, singing (the youngest thrilled: "Just like church, just like church"), laughter and sharing, food and fellowship – and that was just on the bus! We had deluxe accommodations and food with our brethren and friends in Kansas City, but it was the love and joy, warmth and caring that we will remember. Once again the Lord has renewed us for our upward journey. Thanks to each one at Kansas City.

We have numerous graduates who are looking both ways, ahead to the challenge of new beginnings and back at memories and achievements. We wish them God's grace and guidance as they follow the turns of life ahead. Sis. Raelynn (Stahl) Plattner graduated from the University of Illinois, Chicago campus. She will be using her physical therapy expertise at a hospital in the northwest suburbs. Bros. Shannon Stahl and Martin Hodel have both graduated from the University of Illinois at Champaign, Bro. Shannon in chemistry and Bro. Martin in education. This summer Shannon has an 8-week internship at a chemical company in Osaka, Japan, and plans to pursue an advanced degree at Cal-Tech in the fall.

Our high school graduates are Amanda Plattner (Bro. Jake and Sis. Jeanne), Bart Pfeifer (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Nancy) and Esther Bozzay (Bro. Tibor and Sis. Pearl). Amanda plans to attend the University of Colorado in Boulder; Bart, ISU, Normal; and Esther, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn. Our eighth grade graduates include Katie Gudeman (Bro. Dan and Sis. Becky), Andrew Howell (Jim and Sis. Eloise), Rocky O'Shea (Bro. Tom and Sis. Jean), and Jarod Rinkenberger (Bro. Ken and Sis. Devon). Our love and prayers are with them.

We welcome Sis. Frances Schrenk (Phoenix, AZ) who is living here now with her sister, Sis. Martie Grivet. We are grateful to have her back with us and thank Phoenix for letting her and Sis. Lynne Fischer come with their blessing. We hope they can be as happy with us. We truly love them.

Lea Stefan was a gracious woman, wife, mother and grandmother. She had battled cancer for several years before her death near the end of April. Her husband, Joe; son, Robert; two grandchildren and a brother survive. She had come from Europe long ago with her parents and lived near Francesville, IN, before moving to Chicago. Those who cared for her at the hospital remarked on the depth of the love between Lea and Joe. Her faith was made stronger under the difficulties of pain and suffering. We who knew her sweetness and gentleness loved her and mourn her. But most of all, we pray for comfort for Joe and for Robert and his family, bereft and grieving deeply, their bond of love having been so close.

Last summer after my six nephews went home, I took back all the library books – I thought. But the library started sending overdue notices on a Hardy Boys book. I looked around thoroughly, I was sure. I informed my brothers and my nephews gave me information but had no book. It never turned up. Eventually I paid the fine and the price of the book – expensive. Last week one of my young friends found the missing book: in the huge bag of comic books. I was amazed,

for the incident reminded me of my search for salvation. First of all, it took me awhile to realize the book was lost. Once I knew that, I started looking for it. I checked with other people's information. But my seeking was not really committed because I kept waiting for it to turn up. Finally, I paid the dues and settled up - feeling I had no other choice. My young friend found the book because she was looking in the right place. After I knew I was lost, I, too, had to become truly committed to finding salvation, going beyond what other people said and not waiting for "someday." I paid unpleasant dues for my delaying also - until I opened the right "bag," full of saving grace. Lord, may we all seek diligently for Thee day by day.

#### ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

**Cyndee Anderson - Bev Knapp**

"As a hart for water panteth, so my soul cries, Lord to thee . . ." Zion's Harp #157. How often are we like the thirsty hart, or deer, that comes to the water's edge so in need of fortification and there find the life-giving and life-sustaining water of life? Day after day, week after week, month after month, and year after year, we go to our heavenly Father for a drink of the living water. And the well is never dry. As the Lord told the woman at the well, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst, but the water that I give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:14

There are so many ways the Lord provides us with that living water. As we assemble in the Lord's house on Sundays and Wednesday evenings, our cups are often filled to overflowing through the preaching of God's Word. Brothers who visited us this month and were used to bring that living water to us were Elder Bros. Wayne Anliker (Forrest), Art Bahler (Fairbury), Dale Eisenmann (Chicago) and Bros. Marvin Leman (Bradford), Art Baurer (Princeville) and Robert Beebe (South Bend, IN). It is always so refreshing to see how the Lord uses them to speak to

each of our individual needs. Only God could know what we each need to hear.

Several of these brothers were with us as our new Bro. Greg and Sis. Patti Rudin were taken into the brotherhood through baptism. What a joy to know that the peace that comes from that well of living water within will always be there to quench their thirst as they face the days ahead.

We also rejoice with Sis. Jill Kaufmann (Bro. Larry and Sis. Jean, Cissna Park) and Bro. Jonathan Sutter (Bro. Richard and Sis. Kathy, Fort Lauderdale, FL) as they announced their engagement. They are both living in Champaign and we wish them God's nearness and showers of blessings as they make plans to be united in marriage.

"Lord that which can bring me comfort, can I find alone in thee . . ." Zion's Harp #157. This month we have laid two dear souls to rest. April 29, Sis. Clara Kaufmann passed away, and was able to gain the reward of meeting her Lord. She is survived by many nieces and nephews. Also, on April 19, Emily Geyer, who had recently made a commitment to our Lord in repentance, passed away. She is survived by her sister, Lillian, and a number of nieces and nephews. Our sympathy is extended to these families and we especially remember Lillian as she also just moved to Fairview Haven Nursing Home.

"In thee is the living water . . ." Zion's Harp #157. Throughout the years, our Bro. Ed Alt many times relied on that living water within and shared it with all he came in contact with. On April 26, he preached his last sermon and retired from his duties as deacon. We know he wishes God to be given the glory and honor, but we are also thankful to Bro. Ed for his many years of service to our congregation. We pray his years of retirement may be blessed as he can still offer that cup of cold water to all.

As it was mentioned the day he retired, the scriptures say, "Ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have not many fathers." I Corinthians 4:15. As we approach

Father's Day, we encourage all our fathers to continuously rely not on themselves, but on that Holy Spirit within for direction. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5, 6.

This month our mothers were also recognized at the Mother-Daughter dinner with the theme being "A Legacy of Faith." As we think of our "Mothers and Fathers of Faith," we realize that the legacy they have left us is because the source of their love is that well that never runs dry. The responsibilities of parenthood would truly be overwhelming if we did not have a constant source of inner strength.

Also this month we recognize our young people who are graduating from high school. They include Bro. Steve Eisenmann, Sis. Rachel Conrad, Sis. Rachel Laubscher, Nathan Walder, Clint Heinhold and Veronica Kaufman. We encourage each of them, as they make major decisions in life and move on to new careers, to look to the Lord for guidance and to drink of the true water of life.

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come to me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water . . . this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive. John 7:37-39.

#### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

**Myra Steffen - Joanne Roth**

Spring is the time of year we are surrounded by signs of new life; flowers bursting forth in bloom, baby birds trying their wings and most precious of all, newborn babes sent from God which bring all of us joy and happiness.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Juanita Walder have been blessed with their first baby girl, Marlise Marie. Elder Bro. Bob and Sis. Gloria Walder (Congerville) and Bro. Bill and Sis. Judy Gerst (Alto, MI) are Marlise's grandparents. Brooke Morgan is the new baby girl at Kent

and Sis. Crystal Remmert's home. Bro. Bob and Sis. Sharon McClure (Congerville) and Sharon Remmert (East Peoria) and Waldo Remmert (Eureka) are Brook's grandparents. Just arrived at Bro. Kim and Sis. Carol Craig's home is Daniel Jacob. Joan, Benji, Kate and Brian are very excited about their new brother. Jim and Elda Mae Craig (Congerville) and Bro. Dan and Sis. Verla Wiegand (Goodfield, IL) are Daniel's grandparents.

Hospitalized this past month, but now home again were Bro. Willis Knapp (Sis. Bernice), Elizabeth Virkler (Bro. Denny and Sis. Gayle) and Ed Eglin. We offer them each our prayers and a return to good health.

This month we were thankful to hear God's Word brought to us by many visiting ministers. Elder Bros. Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH), Henry Dotterer (Rittman, OH) and Bros. Kenny Knapp (Taylor, MO), Glenn Dill (Tremont, IL), Gary Anliker (Elgin, IL), Bill Gerst (Alto, MI), Steve Martin (Eureka, IL) and Jim Vierling (Eureka, IL). May God's guiding hand continue to lead these brothers as they spread the precious Word.

Mother's Day was an extra special day this year because we once again had Sis. Sarah Dietrich (Bro. Bill, Sr.) with us in church. Because of Sis. Sarah's health it had been quite some time since she had been able to worship with us. We all pray for continued good health for Sis. Sarah and pray that she will be back with us again soon.

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

We would like to recognize our graduates this year and wish them God's blessings as they go forward into a new phase of life. May they look to God for their help and guidance.

Graduates this spring include Karen Anliker (Bro. Gary and Sis. Edie), Jay Cox (Bro. Bob and Sis. DeAnne), Brian Heiniger (Bro. Don and Sis. Peg), Kay Kellenberger (Bro. Keith and the late Sis. Sharon), Matt Rinkenberger (Dave and Gloria), Jason Schambach (Bro.

Tom and Sis. Connie), Shaena Schambach (Bro. Don and Sis. Leann) and Stephanie Schambach (Bro. Stan and Sis. Norma).

Newly elected Sunday school teachers are Bros. Larry Steffen and Rick Schmidgall and Sis. Alison Schambach. May God bless the efforts of Bros. Keith Leman and Brad Gudeman and Sis. Kathy Schifferer and all who labor in behalf of our Sunday school children.

Happiness is found in the home of Dave and Lori Lodge as they and Courtney and Marie welcome little Kelsey Nicole, born April 24. Grandparents include Bro. Bill and Sis. Sandy Kinsinger and LeRoy and June Lodge (Elgin).

Is God No. 1 in your life? In your busy daily routine and duties, in your family activities and decisions, in your business dealings, do you truly put God first in your life? Many gentle reminders were lovingly shared with us as we prayerfully considered the conclusions of the brotherhood conference. Together we pray for the continued inspiration of God's Holy Spirit and blessings upon all our elder brethren, including Elder Bros. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL) and Nathan Steffen.

We also welcomed visiting ministers Bros. Wayne Miller (Fort Scott, KS), Dean Steffen (Belvidere, IL), Edwin Bahler (Remington, IN) and Gary Brown (Forrest, IL).

Our heartfelt condolences are shared to the family of Bro. Adrian Kellenberger (formerly of Elgin), who recently passed away in Sabetha, KS.

On May 16, our aged Sis. Anna Foell Scheitlin, 96, widow of Bro. Albert, was ready for the summons and could "fly away" (as she often expressed) to the portals of eternity. Their children include: Sis. Doris Roche (Bro. Norman, Eureka), Marian Schumacher (Stan, Peoria), Kathryn Schmidgall (Albert, Phoenix, AZ), Carol Sinn (Fort Scott, KS), Robert Scheitlin (Jean) and Bro. Albert Scheitlin (Sis. Joan), both of Elgin, also many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. One sister, Kathryn Vick (Raleigh, NC) also survives.

At this time of writing, we are especially mindful of our dear Sis.

Sarah Kellenberger, who is in need of prayer. We are thankful Sisters Katherine Kachelmuss, Ella and Helen Banwart could return home after hospital care. We are also thankful our Elder Bro. Nathan could be restored to health following knee surgery.

With Father's Day approaching, it is a blessing to live in a country that sets aside a special day for them. We, as God's children, think also of our heavenly Father. "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust." Psalms 103:13-14.

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**ILLINOIS, EUREKA**  
**Dori Blunier**

We were saddened by the death of our Sis. Cory Frey, who died May 7 in a car accident. Services were held Monday, May 11. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Henry; and three daughters, Sis. Betty Schumacher (Washington), Letty Hueni (Bremen, IN) and Sis. Wilma Buck (South Bend, IN). We will certainly miss Sis. Cora as she was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Also we sympathize with Bro. Gene and Sis. Carol Zobrist in the death of Bro. Gene's mother, Lauretta Moss Bruehl.

On a happier note, we rejoice with Bro. Mark and Sis. Cheryl Zimmerman in the birth of their new baby boy. Andrew Leland was born May 9, and is welcomed home by Laurel and Lanae. Grandparents are Bro. Leland and Sis. Laurene Zimmerman and Bro. George and Sis. Thelma Saathoff.

Along with the prayers of the congregation, the Richard Rocke family traveled to Hungary to witness the wedding of Bro. Dave Rocke (Bro. Richard and Sis. Marge) and Sis. Eva Szabo (Bro. Janos and Sis. Eva, Ersekcsanad, Hungary). May God continue to guide and direct their life together, and we want to warmly welcome Sis. Eva to our congregation.

We were appreciative that Bro. Wes Moser (Lester, IA) and Bro. Loren Schrenk (St. Louis, MO)

could share Good Friday services with us.

As we think of our fathers at this time of the year, several verses from Proverbs teach us what will give our fathers the most joy. "Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father . . ." Proverbs 29: "The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice." Proverbs 23:24 and "He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live." Proverbs 4:4.

### ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

#### Jean Bachtold - Crystal Fehr

As Father's Day is upon us, may we give thanks for the fathers God has blessed us with. Most of all, we are thankful for our heavenly Father who has given His life that we could go free.

Our congregation rejoices with Bill Stork (John and Eunice) as he has turned his back on the world of sin and is now striving toward the heavenly goal.

On May 17 the engagement of Bro. Corey Steffen and Sis. Beth Steidinger was announced. May the Lord bless their lives as they plan for their wedding day. Happy parents are Bro. Albert and Sis. Karen Steffen and Bro. Tom and Sis. Dianne Steidinger.

Those that needed hospital care were Dana Banwart, Cody (Craig and Trisha Curry), Bro. Alf Steffen and Sisters Ruth Hofstetter, Marie Huber and Lila Fehr. May the Lord be with each one who suffers bodily afflictions.

Best wishes are extended to our high school graduates. They are as follows: Dana Banwart (Bro. Dale and Sis. Donna), Dean Edelman (Bro. Walt and Sis. Rosie), Ryan Hartman (Bro. John and Sis. Rosemary), Bryan Steffen (Bro. Chris and Sis. Kay), Tracey Steffen (Bro. Albert and Sis. Karen), Beverly Steidinger (Bro. Tom and Sis. Dianne), Joy Steidinger (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Jane), Kevin Stoller (Bro. Dale and Sis. Sandy), Sarah Zehr (Bro. Warren and Sis. Dolores) and Mindy Wiat (Scott and Connie).

College graduates are Bro. Chris Steidinger (Bro. Donald and Sis. Alice), Bro. Eric Platz (Delmar and

Glenda) and Sis. Bonnie Gaerig (Bro. Norman and Sis. Lollie). As each one embarks upon new horizons, may they prayerfully seek God's help regarding decisions concerning employment or continuing education.

Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago), Bros. Dewayne Dill (Champaign) and Gary Brown (Forrest) fed us God's Word. May these servants who follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit continue to lean upon the promises of blessings and grace to do His will.

### ILLINOIS, FORREST

#### Sherri Kelson Sandra Schneider

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ . . ."

II Peter 3:18

As our college and high school graduates reach this special time in their lives, may they realize how important it is to have grown in the knowledge of our Lord as well as in the knowledge learned in school. We wish the best to our high school graduates, Shelly Aberle (Bro. Mark and Sis. LaVerne), Sis. Shawna Adams (Sis. Sharon), Ryan Bachtold (Bro. Herb and Sis. Jan), Jennifer Goodwin (George and Jane), Kendra Ifft (Warren and Sis. Betty), Garrett Kupferschmid (Bro. Al and Sis. Wanda), Erik Leman (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Kathy), Gina Metz (Bro. Gene and Sis. Carol), James Pruitt (Ron and Vicki) and Erik Schaffer (Bro. John and Sis. Sally).

Thoughts and prayers have been with Sis. Leona Ricketts, Sis. Louise Honegger and Sis. Edna Wiegand as they each had to spend time in the hospital this past month. Also we are happy to report our Sis. Alice Lehmann has finally been able to return to her home three months after having hip surgery. Even though these loved ones are out of the hospital, we wish them God's continued nearness as they wait for the healing of the body.

We thank Elder Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH) and Bros.

Gerald Sutter (Taylor, MO) and John Stoller (Leo, IN) for visiting and ministering God's Word to us.

Sam and Terry Wenger are happy first-time parents with the arrival of Nicole Marie. Ron and Sis. June Slagel (Fairbury) and Sis. Nathalia Wenger are the grandparents.

Kaylee Jo has joined the family of Bro. Eldon, Sis. Stephanie, Krystle and Joshua Kaeb. Her grandparents are John and Adeline Kaeb and Robert and Sis. Elaine Mueller.

We wish both these families much joy in raising their families.

March 21 was the wedding day of Marisa Schrof and Kraig Rogers. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rogers (Bement, IL) and Ed and Sharon Schrof. We wish them happiness as they set up a home together.

We have several engagements to announce. Brian Mueller (Robert and Sis. Elaine) is engaged to Denise Stork (Elmer and Darlene, Chatsworth).

Corbin Kupferschmid (Bro. Al and Sis. Wanda) and Stephanie Hoelscher (Delmar, Chatsworth and Mary, Fairbury) are making plans for their wedding.

Brad Metz (Bro. Gene and Sis. Carol) and Karen Martino (Mark and Ruth Ann, Roanoke) have also announced their engagement.

May each of these couples include God as the third party in their union.

Our congregation will miss Bro. Harvey, Sis. Judy, Melissa and Kristin Kaeb as they have moved to Gridley and will be assembling with the brethren there. We wish them well in their new location.

We extend sympathy to Sis. Nathalia Wenger and Sis. Kathryn Steidinger in the sudden passing of their brother, Robert Schaffer. May God comfort their hearts.

Note: July is Silver Lining collection month for our Forrest congregation.

### ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

#### Trish Gerber

With the summer months upon us, we are reminded each day of our grave responsibility of "train-

ing up our children" in the ways of God. We must pray for God's constant guidance as we interact with our little (and big ones) each day.

We rejoice with Bro. Jim and Sis. Joy Hohulin on the announcement of the engagement of their daughter, Sis. Jill to Bro. Ken Martin (San Diego, CA). Ken's parents are Bro. Kaywin and Sis. Karen (Detroit, MI).

Thanks to Bro. Gene Metzger (Lester, IA) and his wife for sharing Mother's Day with us.

We pray for God's healing power as Sis. Ruth Rokey and Sis. Phyllis Zobrist (Bro. Howard) recover from their surgeries.

Ken and Jaci Lowery are the proud parents of Luke Norman. Luke was born April 16 and his happy grandparents are Bro. Norm and Sis. Eileen Musselman and Wayne and Sheryl Lowery (Mackinaw). Great-grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Clem Joos.

The Goodfield congregation was once again saddened by the death of one of our dear examples of a faithful brother. We grieve at the loss but rejoice in the victory of Bro. Cris Hohulin and his surviving wife, Sis. Vi and family, Bro. Stan Hohulin (Bro. Jean), Bro. Wes Hohulin (Sis. Joyce), Bev and Sam Bauer, Bro. Clyde and Sis. Charlene Knobloch and Jim and Lin Schmidt.

### ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY

#### Perry A. Klopfenstein

The death angel visited our congregation this past month, and two dear brothers-in-faith passed from time into all eternity. Thanks be to God they had found the grace to seek their salvation and can now reap the everlasting rewards for their earthly discipleship.

Bro. Elmer Schlipf, 72, died of esophageal cancer April 28. A faithful brother, he was allowed to see a brief glimpse of heaven prior to his death that he could relate to his dear wife of 39 years, Sis. Marjorie.

Although his conversion came later in his life, his zeal for God and his love of the brethren were a marvel for all to see. When he would offer prayer in church, the

reverent and solemn tone gave evidence of inspiration from above.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Ed (Lancaster, CA) and Bro. Steve (Gridley); one daughter, Sis. Kathy Wyss (Eureka); two brothers, Clarence (Eureka) and John (Gridley); three sisters, Sis. Dorothy (Gridley), and Sis. Ruth Ann and Lois Schlipf (both of Eureka).

Bro. Ray Meiss, 68, suffered a heart attack April 28 and passed away April 30. He had suffered from physical afflictions for many years. As a young boy, he first encountered diabetes. Health problems ultimately resulted in the amputation of both legs, below the knees. Yet, through it all, Bro. Ray enjoyed life, was cheerful, uncomplaining, and always ready to flash his winning smile.

After his death, someone commented to his wife, Sis. Katie, of what a blessing she was to him. She replied, "He was a blessing to me." May Sis. Katie be rewarded for all the care and devotion she gave to her dear husband of 27 years.

He is survived by six brothers, Bros. Elmer, Kenneth and Floyd (Gridley), Charles (Lexington) and Bro. Earl (Morton); three sisters, Carolyn Aeschlimen (Roanoke) and Sisters Alyce Gilmore and Viola McKinley (Gridley).

Michelle Krug, 14, daughter of Sis. Linda Krug, was injured in a kitchen accident Easter morning. She cut her hand and 21 stitches were required to close the wound. She is recovering nicely.

Chet Stortz has suffered a stroke and is now residing at the Eureka Home.

On Sunday evening, May 17, our high school seniors and their parents were honored at our "Senior Night" supper at the Elms in El Paso. Bro. Tim Kaupp spoke on the topic, "Making the Most of Your Future."

On Easter Sunday, our visiting ministers were Bros. Kurt Rassi (Tremont) and Ron Bollier (Indianapolis, IN). On April 26, Bro. Will Schieler (Milford, IN) preached in Gridley. On Mother's Day, May 10, Bro. Jon Zeller (Morton) was our guest minister.

### ILLINOIS, MORTON

#### Phyllis Farney Cheryl Wuthrich

To every 1992 graduate we wish God's richest blessings and direction as you begin a new era in your life. God's unchanging Word is the best resource we have for living. Psalm 1:1-2 is especially appropriate for the new graduate or for anyone in any stage of life. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

We are rejoicing with Bro. Maurice and Sis. Ella Wittmer. They have recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Their family, Mary Streitmatter, Ruth Stevig, Roy, David, Jane Fehr and Susan Wilson, hosted an open house for their parents at the fellowship hall. May God continue to keep them in His care.

We gathered together Saturday evening, May 2, for holy communion service. We are thankful for the opportunity to meditate on Christ's sacrifice and to strive to have a closer walk with Him. We wish to thank Elder Bros. Bob Grimm (Goodfield, IL) and Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI) for helping serve communion.

Elsie Miller died May 13. We wish God's special comfort to her husband, Bro. William; her sons, Jerry and Robert; her brothers, Aaron Raymer, Herman Raymer, and Sam Raymer; one sister, Arly Huff; and her grandchildren and friends.

We rejoiced with the angels as we heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptisms of Kim Schick and Gerald and Geneva Sullivan May 16 and 17. It was such a strengthening to the congregation as we hear how God had worked in their lives.

We wish to thank ministering Bro. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington, IL) and his family for visiting us this month.

Bro. Ben Moser wishes to thank everyone for the many cards and notes he received on his 90th birthday.



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

The Lord presented Bro. Keith and Sis. Diana Ifft with their first child, Alyssa Lauren, April 28. Alyssa's grandparents are Bro. Harvey and Sis. Velma Jean Ifft (Forrest, IL) and Bro. Albert and Sis. Martha Wiegand (Oakville, IA).

Bro. Dean and Sis. Holly Ramseyer were also blessed with their first child, Leah Lynne, May 14. Leah's grandparents are Sis. Lillian Ramseyer (Peoria) and Bro. Harold and Sis. Ardith Herrmann (Peoria).

Bro. Mark and Sis. Jan Hohulin are also enjoying their first child, Tate Austin, who was born April 23. Tate's grandparents are Bro. Vernon and Sis. Marie Hohulin, and Sis. Joyce Domnick (Morton).

The engagement of Bro. Brice Teubel (Bro. Dave and Sis. Pauline Teubel, Lester, IA) and Sis. Julie Rumbold (Bro. Elwin and Sis. Loretta, Bradford) was announced April 5. The engagement of Sis. Joan Meister of Athens, AL (Bro. Paul and Sis. Rhoda Meister, Peoria) and Bro. Tim Reinhard (Bro. Dan and Sis. Delores, Detroit, MI) was announced May 17. May God bless these couples as they prepare for their upcoming marriage and we pray for God's healing of our hospital patients, Bro. Pete Plattner, Bro. Bob Waibel, Emma Stoller, Sis. Viola Messner, Sis. Diane Roecker and Sis. Ruth Hartman. Bro. Pete Plattner sends this note of thanks: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and expressions of love during and since my recent surgery. I did not know there were so many wonderful and caring people. God bless you all."

Sis. Evie Stoller also sends a thank you note: "I wish to thank everyone for all the cards, prayers and good wishes which I received while in the hospital. May God bless you all for your thoughtfulness."

We were privileged to witness the baptism of Jeff Birkner May 6. Elder Bro. Robert Walder (Congerville) participated in the baptismal ceremony. We also thank Bro. John Rowell (Burlington, IA) for visiting the Peoria church.

On May 13, members of the 8th grade and Bible classes joined Morton's 8th grade and Bible classes in visiting Faith, Hope and Love Ministries. Faith, Hope and Love is a halfway house which gives the Word of God to prisoners who desire to become productive members of society. During our visit, we heard the fascinating testimonies of several ex-prisoners, and we were reminded of Jesus' words, "I was in prison, and ye came unto me." (Matthew 25:36)

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

We express our thanks and appreciation to our visiting ministers who shared God's Holy Word with us this past month. They were Elder Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield), Bros. Harvey Grimm (Bern, KS), John Grimm (Columbus, OH), Steve Martin (Eureka), Jim Vierling (Eureka), Mark Bahr (Detroit, MI) and Nelson Beer (Milford, IN). May God bless them and their families for their labor of love.

We were blessed to hear the testimonies of Debbie Stahl (Bro. Lyle and Sis. Betty) and Ema Jean Streitmatter (Bro. Don and Sis. Mary Lou). Our love and prayers are with them as they make this new beginning.

We are thankful for two more converts, Tim and Tricia Wagenbach (Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Elaine and Bro. Dean and Sis. Judy Martin, Tremont). May God be with them and lead them through a true repentance.

We had three wedding engagements this month. Sis. Barb Baer (daughter of Bro. Herman and Sis. Mary Baer and Bro. Chris Johnson, Denver, CO). Sis. Mary Menold and Bro. Alvin Farney (Roanoke). Bro. Dennis Herrmann (Bro. Harry and Sis. Bertha Jean) and Sis. Renee Stieglitz (daughter of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Joan, Leo, IN). May God richly bless their lives together in this time of planning.

"Whoso findeth a wife, findeth a good thing." (Proverbs 18:22). Believing through faith that God has brought their lives together, Sis. Laura Siebenthal (Bro. Eugene and Sis. Kay) and Bro. Jim Baxter

(Kitchener, Ontario) become one-in-the-Lord May 17. May they look to God for their help and strength in this important commitment to marriage as they establish a Christian home and may He bless this union of hearts.

Larry and Tiffany Martin are the happy first-time parents of a baby girl born May 5. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Ellsworth and Sis. Donna Martin.

May God provide sympathy and comfort to Sis. Anna Lou Grimm (Bro. Earl) in the loss of her brother from Latty, OH.

**A TRIBUTE TO FATHER**

God give us men in times like these,  
With hope and courage strong,  
Men like Daniel in day of old  
Who'll stand against the wrong.

God give us men in times like these,  
With hearts and purpose true,  
Who'll stand for right with all their might,  
Despite what others do.

God give us men who will not swerve,  
From all that's fair and just,  
With faith in Thee through war and peace,  
A steadfast trust.

God give us men with vision keen,  
Men of integrity,  
Men who will put their hand in Thine,  
Lead with humility.

Author Unknown

July is the month for Silver Lining dues. Please give any address changes to your reporter.

**ILLINOIS, ROANOKE****Cathy Hohulin****Annie Hoffman**

As another school year draws to a close, our thoughts and prayers ascend to the Teacher Who wants all of His children to "pass" His tests and finally His school here on this earth. We pray He will watch over all the students but especially the graduates as

they reach for the goals they have set before them. May they realize the much higher goal and opportunity they must achieve to have eternal life.

Our dear Sis. Emma Hodel has reached her goal in this life and attained what she has hoped for. She was such an example to all of us. She leaves two sons, Gene and Bro. Merle (Chicago). We extend our sympathy to her entire family in their loss.

Our congregation welcomes two new baby girls. Hannah Jean Knepp was born to Bro. Rich and Sis. Janet April 22. Marc, Adam, Sarah and Alex welcomed their new little sister home with open arms. Grandparents are Bro. Ralph and Sis. Ruth Knepp and Bud and Viola Hinthorne.

Jim and Lorna Ott are parents of their first girl. Shelby Marie was born May 5. She has an older brother, Adam, and her grandparents are Bro. Merlyn and Sis. Jan Getz and Bro. Don and Sis. Carolyn Ott (Congerville). May God bless these new additions and give their parents Godly wisdom to rear them in His ways.

We rejoice with our Bro. Alvin Farney who announced his engagement to Sis. Mary Menold (Princeville). May God bless their life together.

We thank our visiting ministers this month for bringing God's message to us. They were, Bros. Fred Knapp (Congerville), Kent Heimer (Taylor, MO), Don Braker (Kansas City, MO), Jaye Rinkenberger (Goodfield), Dennis Kaufman (Bloomington) and Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka).

We rejoice with two young mothers who gave their testimonies and were baptized Mother's Day. Our two new sisters are Sis. Margie Hodel (Kyle) and Sis. Janice Braker (Kevin). May God grant them the grace and love to be a shining light to their children and husbands as well as all around them.

Our prayers are with our hospital patients this month, Sis. Cindy Leman, Sis. Lois DesCarpentrie, Bro. Art Legle, and Bro. Wilmer (Buster) Fischer all have spent time in the hospital and are recuperating at home. May God grant them

the strength to once again assemble with us.

#### TOOLS FOR THE TRADE

If you are a father, you are a builder  
And your children will become what you've made.  
Please do your best, and please don't forget  
God gave you the tools for the trade.

He gave you eyes to see where your child might go wrong  
And feet to lead them safely through,  
Hands to hold their hands,  
And lips to say "I love you."

He gave you arms to hold them when they are afraid,  
And time to wait until they're calm,  
Ears to hear between their lines  
And tears to cry when they're gone.

And your knees are for playin',  
and they're also for prayin'  
That God will watch over the child.

And in those times you can't say it,  
But they still need to hear it.  
You can say "I love you" with your smile.

By Steve Chapman

#### ILLINOIS, TREMONT

**Carolyn Bolliger  
Marsha Koch**

April 26 was the day chosen for the wedding of Sis. Ruth Steiner and Bro. Tim Kaiser. Their parents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Ann Steiner and Bro. Melvin and Sis. Marlene Kaiser. We certainly wish them God's richest blessings as they begin this new step in their lives.

We were thankful to see Sis. Ida Schweigert (Bro. Chris) assembling with us again. Sis. Ida spent some time in the hospital this month.

Also a hospital patient was Sis. Royaldine Hodel (Bro. Bob). Sis. Royaldine is still confined to her home. We pray that she will soon

be able to worship in church with us again.

Our congratulations to Bro. Dave and Sis. Francie Koch on their 50th wedding anniversary, which was celebrated with a family gathering May 16.

We were especially blessed this month with visiting ministers. They were Bro. Richard Sutter (Fort Lauderdale, FL), Bro. Tom Stock (Cissna Park), Bro. Jay Rinkenberger (Goodfield), Bro. Dale Stoller (Fairbury), Bro. Marvin Dotterer (Forrest), Bro. Dennis Rassi (Fairbury), Bro. Greg Rassi (Chicago) and Bro. Kent Heimer (Taylor, MO). Our heartfelt thanks to all of these brothers and their families.

Congratulations are also in order for our graduates this year. High school graduates are Jennifer Beutel (Bro. Fred and Sis. Jeannette), Christine Holmes (Bro. Marshall and Sis. Phyllis), Trent Hopkins (Bill and Maizie), Brad Kaufmann (Bro. Dale and Sis. Jane), Joe Reinbeck (Bro. Larry and Sis. Barbara), Derek Sauder (Bro. Steve and Sis. Mary), John Schweigert (Dan and Connie) and June Steiner (Bro. Joe and Sis. Marcella).

Those graduating from eighth grade are Jason Knobloch (Kelvin and Marian), Carrie Reinbeck (Bro. Larry and Sis. Barbara), Matthew Sauder (Bro. Dale and Sis. JoAnn), Jeff Schweigert (Dan and Connie), Troy Stuber (Bro. Todd and Sis. Beth) and Tricia Zuercher (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Kathy).

#### ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

**Sue Ruppert  
Denise Romersberger**

Another month of blessings has come and gone. We are thankful for visiting ministers who have let the Spirit speak through them to our congregation. Bro. Wes Knapp (Goodfield, IL) and Bro. Virgil Metzger (Chicago) spoke to us. We also enjoyed the ministry of song as presented by the Bloomington choir. The Easter story is always meaningful and it was presented in a special way. Thank you to all.

We rejoice with Bro. Bill and Sis. Joan Schick at the arrival of a

little girl, Katie May. All of her brothers welcome her, as well. Sis. Martha McCough was hospitalized but is recuperating well.

#### A MORNING OFFERING

My God, I offer you today  
My life and all its care.  
Keep me from sin til evening  
comes  
Help me my cross to bear.  
My day is long, my work is hard  
My life seems all awry.  
I have no time to think or pray  
And the years pass swiftly by.  
O God, accept my work today,  
I do it all for You.  
Tis badly done, complainingly  
But the best that I can do.  
And You are kind and gentle,  
Lord,  
And the faults You will not see.  
Such as it is my life anew  
I dedicate to Thee.

Thomas Foy

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

Colossians 3:23, 24

#### INDIANA, BLUFFTON

##### Jill Frauhiger - Mary Isch

We were blessed to have several births this month. Bro. Jerry and Sis. Jodi Reinhard welcomed Audrey Jo into their lives March 30. Audrey's grandparents are Bro. Ezra Reinhard and Bro. Dave and Sis. Maxine Ringger. She joins Clint at home. Lena Marie was born May 5 to Keith and LuAnn Kaehr. Lena joins brothers, Lyndon and Andrew, at home. Grandparents are Bro. Millard and Sis. Alice Aschliman and Sis. Lucille Kaehr. Allen and Carla Steffen were blessed with Emily Nichole May 9. Emily's grandmother is Sis. Irene Steffen. Aisha Kaye was born to Bro. Kip and Sis. Jill Gerber May 13. Aisha joins a sister, Aerika, at home. Grandparents are Bro. Kent and Sis. Jan Ringger and Bro. Mike and Sis. Cheryl Gerber. Bro. Jeff and Sis. Val Ringger welcomed Adam Lee home May 15. Adam

joins J. D., Shawn and Bradley at home. Grandparents are Wally and Sis. Marilyn Leman and Bro. George and Sis. Evelyn Ringger.

We were thankful to witness the marriage of Bro. Troy Leyse and Sis. Kelly Manges May 17. We would like to thank Bro. Nile Bucher (Bluffton North) for ministering to us on this blessed occasion.

Visiting ministers were Elder Bros. Jesse Beer (Milford) and Ray Sinn (Latty, OH), both of whom were with us for communion. Also, sharing the Word with us were Bro. Al Langhoffer (Wichita, KS) and Bro. John Stoller (Leo).

Bro. Paul and Sis. Justine Baumgartner celebrated their 50th anniversary May 16. We wish them God's richest blessings.

Hospitalized this month were Mark Maller (Bro. Bob and Sis. Kim), Sis. Martha Kipfer, Sis. Irene Neuenschwander (Bro. John), Mark Klopfenstein (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Carol), Bro. Harold Geisel (Sis. Ellen) and Kevin Barger.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of our Sis. Nancy Herring May 10. Sis. Nancy is survived by her husband, Bro. Bob; and three children, Beth, Bevin and Brenna. Our prayers are with the family in their time of loss.

#### INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH

##### Terri Mueller - Lora Kieser

We appreciate the visiting ministry of Bro. Ben Manz (Junction, OH) and Bro. John Stoller (Leo) as they shared God's Word with us. May the Lord bless them for their willingness to serve us.

Our congregation is rejoicing over three dear souls who have found peace with God. On April 26, we witnessed the baptisms of Sis. Jema Frauhiger, Sis. Brandi Robey and Bro. Tyson Campbell. We welcome our new brother and sister-in-faith. We thank Elder Bro. Ed Schwartz (Bluffton) for coming to share in this blessed event.

We have had several people who have been in our prayers recently. Hospitalized this month were Sis. Elma Kipfer, Sis. Virginia Rauch (Bro. Jerome) and Sis. Mabel Rauch (Bro. Jehu). May God bless them

through these times and give them renewed strength.

Unfortunately, the wrong name was given when we reported last month on the engagement of Bro. Kurt Ifer (Bro. Frank and Sis. Ruth) and Sis. Angie Frauhiger (Bro. Chuck and Sis. Marie). We pray God will richly bless your union.

#### INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE

##### Bev Huber

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

Proverbs 22:6

Our congregation has had the joy of several babies born this past month. Bro. Dave and Sis. Julie Westphal welcome a boy, Bryce Andrew, born April 19. Grandparents are Larry and Marge Brooks (Rensselear, IN) and Bro. Karl Westphal.

Bro. James and Sis. Gina Emch are rejoicing on the birth of a son, Brent James, born May 9. Amy Lynn is happy for a brother to play with. Grandparents are Bro. Gene and Sis. Barb Huber and Bro. Jerry and Sis. Kathy Emch (Phoenix, AZ).

Bro. David and Sis. Mim Wuethrich have been blessed with a daughter, Courtney Ann, born May 15. Kyle and Clint are Courtney's big brothers. Grandparents are Sis. Barb Wuethrich and Herb and Sis. Suzanne Cook.

Gordon and Judy Gutwein welcome a precious daughter, Samantha Kay, into their home. She has two brothers, Jason and Jeremy, and a sister, Katie, to help care for her. Bro. Harvey R. Gutwein is her grandfather.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with Bro. Randy and Sis. Stefanie Wuthrich. Bro. Randy underwent surgery and we're thankful for a good report.

On May 16 and 17 we witnessed the testimonies and baptisms of two dear souls. We welcome Bro. Vernon Pelsy (Sis. Evelyn) and Bro. Stanley Gutwein (Edwin and Mary B.) into our church family. Elder Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford, IN) spent

the weekend with us and we appreciate his labors of love.

Visiting ministers this past month were: Bro. Neal Widmer (Wolcott, IN) and Bro. Ken Wuethrich (Indianapolis, IN).

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### INDIANA, LACROSSE Barb Troxel

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 5:1

This verse has become an anchor for one of our new brothers-in-faith. We had a blessed weekend April 25 and 26 when many visitors came to hear the testimonies and witness the baptisms of three young souls - Bro. Ned Stoller (Bro. Steve and Sis. Anna Marie), Bro. Eric Heinold (Bro. Glen and Sis. Sandy) and Sis. Kathy Heinold (Bro. Gene and Sis. Evie). It is wonderful to be able to welcome them into the fellowship.

We want to thank the following elders and ministers for sharing and worshipping with us that weekend or other weekends this past month: retired Elder Bro. Leroy Huber (Eureka, IL), Elder Bros. Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH) and Bob Walder (Congerville, IL), ministering Bros. Marshall Heinold (Washington, IL), Bob Stoller (Lamar, MO), Nelson Beer (Milford, IN), Bob Beebe (South Bend, IN), Gary Bucher and Andy Moser (Valparaiso, IN) and Larry Wenninger (Latty, OH).

We want to express our sympathy to Sis. Ruth Heinold in the passing of her brother, Louis Gutwein (Columbia, MO).

### THE IDEAL MOTHER

A lot of love -- a lot of grace  
A cheery smile to brighten the  
place.

A lot of patience and faith in me  
When I spill my milk or skin my  
knee.

A little discipline when I need to  
be good

To help me to learn to live like I  
should.

A mom that puts God first place  
in the home  
So that from His Word I'll never  
roam.

There are some things my mother  
should be  
If she's to make a good daughter  
of me.

Elaine Wright Colvin

We honored our mothers at a  
luncheon May 2. We heard about  
the many seeds of love that they  
sow.

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### INDIANA, LEO Thelma Schlatter

Blessed are those children whose father guides his family under the love of God and the instruction of His Word! "And, you fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4. Father's Day is another special time to say, "I love you. Happy Father's Day." Fathers have important responsibilities. Children are wide-eyed observers and model what they see in their home. The following story makes this point. "Long ago there was a family where three generations lived under the same roof. As the years went by, the grandfather's hands got shaky and he occasionally would drop a dish, breaking it and making a mess on the table. As he got older, it got worse until the father got a wooden bowl for the grandfather to eat from, and set him in a corner so when he did drop his food, it wouldn't mess up the table and disturb the rest of the family.

A couple of weeks later, the father saw his younger son carving at a block of wood. He inquired of the boy, "What are you carving?"

The boy replied, "I'm making a dish for you when you grow old like grandpa."

Bro. Eugene Stoller was a recent hospital patient. It's apparent the Lord has again blessed the skill of physicians.

Appreciation is expressed for the

visit and ministry of Bro. Randy Gasser (Detroit, MI).

Sis. Marilyn Walder is welcomed into our Leo church family. She is already busy in His service at Gateway Woods.

Announcement was recently made of the engagement of Sis. Renee Stieglitz and Bro. Dennis Herman (Princeville, IL). They are wished His blessing upon their upcoming wedding and future. Her parents are Bro. Marvin and Sis. Joan Stieglitz and Bro. Harry and Sis. Bertha Jean Herman.

While some are planning for marriage, others are looking back and reminiscing over many past years which brought them to their golden anniversary. Bro. George and Sis. Helen Zimmer were honored Sunday evening, May 24, with a reception in observance of fifty years of marriage, blessed by His love. "We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to everyone who remembered us with cards, gifts and phone calls on our 50th anniversary. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness." George and Helen Zimmer

Sis. Cindy Baurer has earned a Master's Degree from Indiana University. Kelly Klopfenstein graduated from Indiana University.

Wendy Evans is a Snider High School graduate. Bob Waller is a New Haven High School graduate. Leo High School graduates are Cathy Brashears, Sis. Kara Hersey, Sheri Klopfenstein, Scott Klopfenstein and Sis. Candi Stoller. Congratulations to each one! "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Proverbs 1:7.

Bro. Jack and Sis. Velma Bollier have been double blessed with two dear new grandsons. Bro. Philip and Sis. Stephanie Bollier are the parents of Drew Matthew. James and Rhonda named their son, Ryan James. Congratulations and good wishes to these families.

Sympathy is extended to Bro. George and Sis. Helen Zimmer in the passing of her brother, Matt Weisser, age 90 (Peoria, IL).

Our spring Mother-Daughter luncheon was delightfully pleasant and appreciated by the many who attended at the fellowship center.

**Bits of This and That:**

Excuses are obstacles to the gates of heaven.

A man who is humble doesn't know it himself, but others see it. When you think you are humble, there's already some pride.

Have you ever said to yourself, "Without the grace of God, I'd be a disgrace!"

If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

"A world without a Sabbath would be like a man without a smile, like a summer without flowers, and like a homestead without a garden. It is the most joyous day of the whole week."

(Henry W. Beecher)

Thought for the day: Thank you, Lord.

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**INDIANA, MILFORD**  
**Paula Haab - Gwen Steffen**

**TO OUR GRADUATES**

God bless you at this happy time that means so much to you;  
God bless you in your hopes and plans

throughout the future too.  
And may the strength and guidance

that your faith in Him bestows,  
Be a constant source of help to you as each day comes and goes.

Author Unknown

Life is changing for at least five young men and women of our congregation as they graduate from various levels of education. Graduating from high school are Sis. Rita Beer (daughter of Bro. Nelson and Sis. Shelby), Tom Haab (son of Bro. Don and Sis. Martha), Vanessa Pamer (daughter of Bro. Matt and Sis. Karen) and Cindy Price (daughter of Stan and Sis. Ginger). Our college graduate is Sis. Jenny Price (daughter of Bro. Tom and Becky). Jenny received an associates degree from Indiana University - Purdue University in Fort Wayne in the field of interior design. Our congratulations to each graduate and the goals they have attained,

praying they will use their talents and knowledge to glorify the Lord.

**DEAR DADDY**

When I'm a great big man like you,

I want to do just like you do;  
I's goin' to go just where you go,  
I want to know all that you know;  
I's just a growin' awful big,  
And walkin' in the tracks you dig;  
I think it won't be very long,  
I's growin' fast and gettin' strong,  
And soon I'll go to town with you  
And be your partner all day  
through;  
I'm just a little, great big man,  
A gettin' like you as fast's I can.

**DEAR SON**

I'm glad you want like me to be,  
Yet, I must change some things I see;

If you will do just what I do,  
And follow me the whole length  
through;  
Then I will pray for strength and  
power,  
To walk the Christ's life every  
hour,  
And leave tracks all along my  
way,  
Which lead to joy and endless day.

R. E. Neighbour

What a responsibility lies in the hands of each one of us! Are our "tracks" leading our children to the Lord, or do we need to make some changes today?

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**INDIANA, REMINGTON**  
**Amelia Schini**

This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."  
Luke 22:20

It was a blessed day Sunday, April 26, when Elder Bros. Jesse Beer (Milford) and Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI) came to assist our Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler to serve communion. We thank you brothers for this precious service.

On May 3, we were favored again with a visit from Bros. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka, IL)

and Bill Hodel (Roanoke, IL). We thank you brothers and your wives for your visit. Please come again.

Thought for the day: Too much sun makes a desert.

Arabian Proverb

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**INDIANA, SOUTH BEND**  
**Renee Mangold**

It was a mixture of sadness and joy that we laid to rest our dear Bro. John Schuch this month.

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

"Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

"Therefore comfort one another with these words."

I Thessalonians 4:16-18

Bro. Dan Klaus celebrated his 95th birthday this month. Our elementary children went to see him on an outing to the Francesville Nursing Home. Many thanks to Sis. Carolyn Frank. May God continue to bless her for all the love and guidance she gives her Sunday school children.

We were grateful to have with us this month our Elder Bro. Jesse Beer for a special communion service.

Congratulations to Bro. El and Sis. Mae Schumacher on their 67th wedding anniversary they celebrated this month.

We're thankful to God that Matthew Mangold, son of Sis. Renee and Mike Mangold, was announced to be at peace with God and man and that soon, the Lord willing, He will be taken up and baptized. We pray that God will continue to work His miracle of repentance and conversion in the hearts of many while this time of grace continues.

Monthly our sisters sewing group meets. Many times only the same two or three sisters are able to come and sew. May God continue to bless their efforts.

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## INDIANA, VALPARAISO

### Marie Heinold - Cindy Susdorf

"If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

John 14:23

This comforting chapter in John was opened to Bro. Elmer Schmidt who ministered the Sunday after the week of distress and destruction in L.A. Also thanks to Bro. Curt Heimer, another visiting minister.

We hope cheer and charity were left with the Parkview residents after Valparaiso hosted the annual spring luncheon.

Mothers are lifted this refreshing month of May. New life springs forth with blossoming fruit trees, tulips, lilacs and all are so beautiful. There are a lot of poems written honoring mothers - but none more beautiful than Proverbs 31:10-31—

"Strength and honor are her clothing, and she shall rejoice in time to come . . . Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

Proverbs 31:25 & 30

## INDIANA, WOLCOTT

### Lorna Knapp - Lynell Blume

We were reminded of our Lord's suffering and death as we partook of holy communion. We sincerely thank Elder Bros. Jesse Beer (Milford) and Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI) for serving us this blessed sacrament.

Other visiting ministers which we had this month were Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville) and Bro. Dwight Stoller (Latty, OH). We thank them also for allowing themselves to be used that we might be fed from the Word of Life.

We ask God's blessings on Colleen Kyburz (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Pat) and Keith Braden as they were united in marriage May 16. May they look to Him as they walk life's pathway together.

As Father's Day approaches, our hearts are filled with love and grati-

tude for our heavenly Father, our dear dads and the fathers of our children. It seems they grow more precious each year as we come to realize the many sacrifices they have made for us. May we each one make a special effort to show them our appreciation for their selfless love for us. God will surely have a special reward for fathers, as He knows first hand the weight of responsibility that they must bear and how weary they must sometimes become when we, as children, are disobedient and must be chastised once again. The best gift of love we could give both our heavenly Father and earthly fathers alike, is obedience. "If ye love me, keep my commandments." St. John 14:15.

## IOWA, BURLINGTON

### Jana Massner - Carolyn Wulf

We thank Bros. Jim Vierling (Eureka, IL) and Jon Schmidgall (Oakville) for bringing God's Word to us Good Friday. What a blessing to gather, to hear of the wonderful way of salvation that is still available to sinful men today. May our lights shine brightly in a dark world.

Elder Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield, IL) was with us for our communion service. He assisted Elder Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville) in bringing us the holy sacraments. What a solemn and serious thing to reflect back on our Lord's death and suffering. May we never take lightly our hope of salvation and the final hope of someday dwelling forever with our risen Savior.

## IOWA, ELGIN

### Gloria Frieden

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct thy paths."

Proverbs 3:6

We have two high school graduates this year, Peggy Moore (Bro. Dale and Sis. Cheryl) and Bruce Frieden (Bro. Floyd and Sis. Jan). Also one college graduate, Jeff Callahan (Tammy). We wish each one God's continued nearness and direction in their lives.

". . . How shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?"

Romans 10:14-15

How thankful we are for brethren who are faithful to their calling to minister God's Word. Knowing our ministers come to the pulpit without any preparations of their sermons, except earnest prayer, it is so encouraging, each week, to see how the Lord continually provides for their needs as well as for each of us in the congregation waiting for a blessing. A special thanks to our two visiting ministers Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton, IL) and Bro. Fred Eberhardt (Burlington).

A wedding reception was held in honor of Keith and Karla (Moore) Wittmer who were married April 18 in Colorado. May God richly bless their home and lives.

Sis. Marie Butikofer would like to thank all who remembered her with cards, gifts and visits on her 102nd birthday.

". . . and the glory of children are their fathers."

Proverbs 17:6

It is a great responsibility given to man to be a Christian head of the home and family. May we truly appreciate all their efforts in giving loving correction, advice and guidance to those entrusted to their care.

Parting with a loved one is never easy but when the struggle to live becomes long and the wish to die becomes strong, we can feel a sense of relief mixed with our sorrow when the battle is finally over. On May 19, we bid farewell to our brother, Larry (Edwin and Sis. Joy), who lost his battle with leukemia. Our prayer are now with Bro. Floyd and Sis. Jan Frieden as they fulfill Larry's wish for them to raise his 7-year-old son, Hans. Also feeling the empty place in our family circle is our Sis. Marsha Corbin (Ron) and several nieces and nephews.

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### IOWA, GARDEN GROVE Dawn Moser

"Our love shall not diminish nor fade nor wax away. Bind us till life we finish and in the grave we lay."  
Zion's Harp #137

This is the hymn we sang after we heard the engagement announcement of Bro. Brad Funk to Sis. Laura Wuthrich (Pulaski, IA). We rejoice with them and do pray for them that God will bind them in a three-chord strand with Him. A July 12 wedding is planned.

We have two high school graduates this year. They are Heidi Downen (Ron and Janice) and Dawn Clark (Sis. Willa and Don). We also have two 8th grade graduates: Sara Clark (Sis. Willa and Don) and Heather Downen (Ron and Janice). Our prayers are with all four as they continue their education. We especially pray that they do not leave God out of their lives.

Janice Downen and Sis. Dawn Moser were surgical patients this month. We have thankful hearts that each has been given clean bills of health and have recovered nicely.

We wish to thank all of our visitors this past month. Twice we had more than one minister and we know they appreciated not having to give both sermons. We are thankful for each of our visitors, but a special thanks to the ministers and their families for the time given in coming here and being God's hand tools on our behalf. Very special thanks to Bro. Russell Wuthrich and his wife, Sis. Caroline, for coming on Good Friday. Our other ministers were: Bros. Elmer Witzig (Gridley, IL), Ron Joos (Pulaski, IA), Wes Moser (Lester, IA), Alpha Strahm (Bern, KS), Bob Stoller (Lamar, MO), Wayne Grimm (West Bend, IA), Walter Herrmann (Princeville, IL), Gary Anliker (Elgin, IL), Mike Leman (Denver, CO) and Roger Aberle (Sabatha, KS). May God bless each of you.

### IOWA, IOWA CITY Janette Schulz

Greetings to all! We again thank all of our visitors this month. We appreciate your willingness to

travel to assemble with us. Among our visitors were ministering Bros. Dale Frank (Oakville, IA) and Erik Givens (Princeville, IL) and their families. May God bless them for their willingness to be used to feed our small flock.

We are often reminded to pray for the unconverted and for those who are beginning their walk with God. But as the Bible compares our spiritual journey to a race, let us not forget to intercede for those nearing the end of their journey - often the last mile of a race seems the longest and most difficult to run.

### IOWA, LESTER Cindy Leuthold Mary Knobloch

As we see the new growth and the beauty of God's handiwork, we know that "summer is nigh." May we ever be ready for our Lord's appearing at that great and notable time.

We rejoice when we have visiting ministers with us and pray that God will ever be near them that His Word might ever go forth each time we gather in His house. Bro. Kent Mogler spent the Easter weekend with us and we ask God's blessings upon him.

We have a number of our congregation who have had physical afflictions. A surgical patient was Sis. Eleanor Popkes. Hospitalized for medical treatment were Bro. Ernie Metzger, Bro. Howard Mogler, Larry Peterson and Brenton Feuchtenberger (Bro. Tim and Sis. Beth). We are thankful they are again able to assemble with us, and that God's healing power has been felt.

We extend our sympathy to those of Adrian Kellenberger's family circle as he has now gone to his reward. He has several family members in our congregation. Also may God comfort the John DeHaan family in the loss of his stepfather.

And as God calls loved ones out of this life, He blesses others with new babies. Bro. Rodney and Sis. Polly Metzger welcome Vance Louis into their family. Jerry and Debbie Larson are the parents of a new daughter, Dena Rae. We trust God

will ever lead them as they rear their children.

Believing that God has brought them together, the betrothals of Sis. Anita Nester (Bro. Gene and Sis. Shirley) and Bro. Byron Fehr (Elder Bro. Wayne and Sis. Kathy Fehr, West Bend) and Sis. Joni Gerber (Bro. Bill and Sis. Erma) and Bro. Lynn Knobloch (Bro. Glen and Sis. Joyce Metzger) have been made known. We ask God to be with them as they plan their lives together.

We neglected to include with our list of graduates Dean Knobloch (Bro. Larry and Sis. Sheryl) who graduated from a vo-tech school. We are sorry for the oversight.

As we look to our heavenly Father daily for our spiritual needs as well as our physical needs, we realize that our earthly fathers also pray for our daily needs as well. Might we, as Father's Day is upon us, thank God daily for them, and ask God to reward them mightily, and help us to show our love and appreciation to them, especially on Father's Day.

Words to live by: You can complain because the rosebushes have thorns . . . or you can rejoice because the thorns have roses.

### IOWA, PULASKI Ernestine Wuthrich Carol Wettstein

We were very privileged to have Elder Bro. Don Sauder and his wife from Roanoke, IL, with us April 25, as he helped Bro. Russell in serving us holy communion. What a special time as we each one prepare our hearts for that solemn occasion.

Our congregation has been blessed with two little bundles this month. On April 22, Amy Marie joined the family of Bro. Paul and Sis. Charlotte Teubel. Sara, Jonathon, Ruth and Rachel are happy for a little sister. Also, Bro. Jon and Sis. Rita Wettstein along with Jackie, Boni, Jodi and Matthew welcomed Heidi Jo April 30. May God bless both of these families, and give them grace each day.

Another event that has brought joy to us all was the engagement announcement of our Sis. Laura

Wuthrich and Bro. Brad Funk (Garden Grove, IA). Their parents are Bro. Joel and Sis. Shirley Wuthrich, and the late Bro. Bill and Sis. Verle Funk. May God be with this couple as they prepare for a lifetime together.

Our hospital patient this month was Georgia Wells (Joe Dean).

### MY FATHER AND I

I'm so glad my heavenly Father  
Walks with me each passing day;  
I'm so glad His hand is guiding  
All along this pilgrim way.  
I'm so glad my heavenly Father  
Stooped to walk this earthly road;  
It is He who walks beside me  
When I'm crushed beneath my load  
My Father and I walk together,  
We walk together in this land;  
Thru heat of day or cool of evening,  
My Father and I go hand in hand.

Joe E. Parks

Let us thank our heavenly Father for blessing us with Christian fathers who have upheld the faith for us.

### IOWA, WEST BEND

#### Lela Banwart - Mary Gerber

We read "For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus." I Timothy 3:13. We felt the hand of the Lord on our congregation as we witnessed the ordination of Bro. Wayne Grimm as our deacon. We pray that he and Sis. Rose and their family can feel God's love and help as they enter into this important work. Here to assist Elder Bro. Wayne Fehr were: Elder Bros. Ed Lanz (Oakville), Leo Moser and Dennis Warner (Lester), Art Nohl (Morris, MN), and Paul Butikofer (Elgin, IA). We also felt the spirits leading amongst us as Bro. Kevin Banwart was placed in the ministry. May he and his wife, Sis. Sandy, experience the grace and peace of God each time he is called upon to preach the Gospel.

Other visiting ministers this month were: Bro. Joe Gerst (Iowa City), Andy Virkler (New York), Dean Messner and Leroy Messner

(Winthrop, MN), Kent Mogler and Don Miller (Minneapolis, MN), Wayne Banwart (Champaign, IL), Dale Moore (Elgin, IA), Jim Plattner (Princeville, IL), Myron Knoblock (Lester), and Elder Bros. Curt Frank (LaCrosse, IN) and Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH). May God reward each of His servants.

We rejoice with three converts who have found peace in their hearts that passeth understanding. They are Dawn and Frank Schmidt (Bro. Ivan and Sis. Evelyn) and Wendy Mogler (Bro. Art and Sis. Eula). May they always hold fast the precious pearl they have found. We plan to hear their testimonies and witness their baptisms June 6 and 7.

We appreciate the songs sung about the cross and the resurrection by our Bible class Palm Sunday. May these words be forever printed in their hearts.

We wish God's blessings on three dear couples who have joined hands in holy matrimony. Bro. Neal and Sis. Angie Schmidt became one-in-the-Lord May 2. Joel and Wendy Schmidt were married in Burlington, IA, May 16. They will be making their home in Atlanta, GA. May they look to God as they establish an earthly home. Bro. Neil and Sis. June Knobloch spoke their vows May 17. They will be living near Iowa City and attending church there. May the Lord bless them in their walk together.

"Our love shall not diminish, nor fade nor wax away." Zion's Harp #137. May God bless two dear couples who have become engaged and are planning summer weddings. They are Bro. Byron Fehr (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Kathy) and Sis. Anita Nester (Bro. Gene and Sis. Shirley, Lester); and Larry Banwart and Beth Huisman, both of Naples, FL (Bob and Kay Banwart, West Bend, and Virginia and Calvin Huisman, Quimby, IA). We pray the Lord will bless and guide them in this special time in their lives.

Hospital patients have been Bro. Fred Wirtz (Sis. Hulda) and Bro. Earl Banwart. We are thankful Bro. Fred is able to be home and pray that the Lord will continue to heal and to bless. At this time, Bro.

Earl is hospitalized in Mexico for treatments. We pray the Lord to be with him and Sis. Edna (who is with him there) and heal if it is His will. May they feel His love, strength and comfort day by day.

Our congratulations and best wishes to the parents and grandparents, and sisters, Jaci and Kayla, as they welcome a new baby girl, Deena Ray, into their lives. Parents are Deb and Jerry Larson (Larchwood, IA). Grandparents are Bro. Harley and Sis. Adele Bruellman and Bervin and Hazel Larson (Sioux Falls, SD). We wish God's blessings in the lives of little Deena Ray and her family.

We want to extend congratulations to our high school graduates. May they always remember the Christian example from home as they journey on in this world. Those graduating are: Clark Anliker (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Helen), Michael Banwart (Mike and Sis. Marilyn), Andy Fehr (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Charlette), Bro. Kevin Fehr (Bro. Melvin and Sis. Glenna), Cory Fehr (Bro. Dan and Sis. Eunice), Jason Fehr (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Judy), Darin Metzger (Bro. Duane and Sis. Ruth), Tracy Metzger (Bro. Harlan and Sis. Shirley) and Betty Mogler (Bro. Art and Sis. Eula).

### JAPAN, TOKYO

#### Andy and Jana Klaus

"As cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." Proverbs 25:25, and we were greatly blessed by several "bearers of news" from afar.

Bro. Todd and Sis. Carol (Kieser) Schrock, my sister, visited Japan for two weeks, bringing much appreciated family news and companionship. We discovered that there is room in our apartment for another couple, so we welcome any else, too, with open arms!

On Sunday, May 3, our small church was filled with visitors from afar. In addition to Todd and Carol, Sis. Heidi Luginbuhl (Altadena, CA), who was visiting Bro. Frank and Sis. Kathy Sauder, and Bro. Alex Koszo and Kalmon Fulop, who were returning to Hungary after a visit to Australia, also joined us in worship. We all were touched by



God's Spirit and power as Hungarian was translated to English and English to Japanese so all could hear greetings and encouragement from our brethren in Hungary. After church, Bro. Akito and Sis. Marie hosted a singing and supper for everyone. What a refreshing day of fellowship!

Our dear friends, Kiyoshi and Sachiko Fujii and son, Makoto, came back from Texas for a short visit in May. Kiyoshi's work is not yet finished there, so they will return for several more months. We miss their fellowship here, and pray for God's hand to be with them.

The Inoue's and Bro. Yoshio Yamazaki enjoyed some time touring with Gary Kellenberger (Bro. Keith, Elgin, IL) and his friend. They had an opportunity to visit friends here in Japan, and, of course, to sightsee. Thanks be to God for all of our "bearers of news!"

Our precious mothers were certainly thought of on Mother's Day. Even though miles separate several of us here from our mothers, "God bless you, from the heart we sing."

On May 17, we had our annual business meeting. God's presence was felt as several decisions were made concerning duties and plans for the new year.

Bro. Yoshio Yamazaki wishes for all to know his present address and phone number: 202 Yamazaki-so, 1-4-19 Nishi-Tsutsujigaoka, Chofu, Tokyo 182, telephone 424-86-6444. He would enjoy hearing from anyone! Bro. Yoshio is planning a trip to America in June. He'll be visiting friends and brethren in California and Illinois. Our prayers are with him for a safe and enjoyable trip.

#### KANSAS, BERN

**Donna Edelman - Diane Kaeb**

We thank our visiting ministers this month. They were Bros. Edwin Bahler (Remington, IN), James Ramseyer (Bay City, MI) and Howard Plattner (Wichita). May God richly reward each one for their endless labors of love.

We also enjoyed the slide presentation that Bro. Gene Marti

(Kansas City, MO) shared with us on his recent trip to India. How humble we feel when we see all that God has so richly blessed us with.

April 25 was the wedding of Sara Strahm (Bro. Wilfred and Sis. Verona) to Ed Popkess (Roger and Lana). We wish them God's blessings as they start their lives together.

We extend our best wishes and God's blessings on all graduates. Our high school graduates are Amanda Hartter (Bro. Steve and Sis. Lois), Natalie Lehman (Bro. John and Sis. Connie), Bro. Christopher Menold (Bro. James and Sis. Louise), Mary Menold (Bro. Donald and Sis. Patricia) and Carla Meyer (Bro. Robert and Sis. Janet). Marci Strahm (Bro. Wilfred and Sis. Verona) graduates from the school of nursing. We pray they will each seek God's direction as they make plans for their future.

A child is more likely to see God as Father if he sees God in his father.

As Father's Day approaches, we want to express a special thanks to our dear dads and husbands for all their selfless deeds they so willingly do for us and our children. May all fathers be encouraged to take the time to truly "bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

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

Proverbs 22:6

We rejoice with first-time parents, Bro. Faren and Sis. Jana Strahm as they welcome little Clay Isaac into their hearts and home. Grandparents are Bro. Eli and Sis. Lois Meyer (Sabetha, KS) and Clayton and Miriam Strahm.

Our prayers are with Sis. Leola Lehman (Bro. Ed) as she has spent time in the hospital and also Bro. Harvey Grimm (Sis. Marie) as he is in the hospital at this time of writing. May God grant His healing hand over those who are suffering pain and illness.

We are so thankful to have Sis. Ellen Strahm (Bro. Curt) assembling with us again. We all look

forward to when they can bring little Daniel to church with them.

#### KANSAS, FORT SCOTT

**Janelle Sinn - Tammy Sinn**

We are very thankful for the quick, safe recovery of David Sinn (Bro. John and Sis. Carol) after he was seriously injured in an automobile accident April 25. After a brief hospital stay at the Kansas University Medical Center, he returned home and has improved extremely well since. The Lord has certainly healed and blessed him in many ways. The many thoughts and prayers that were offered on David's behalf have made a wonderful difference and are deeply appreciated.

On Wednesday evening, May 6, our retired Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart stood before us for the last time to bring forth God's Word. After the service, a reception was held to express our appreciation for the faithful service of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Kathryn to the Fort Scott congregation for the past twenty years. We wish them God's blessings in their continued service in this life, and by faith we know they will be blessed even more in the life to come.

Our congratulations go out to Trista Banwart (Bro. Lon and Sis. Debbie), Julie Sinn (Carol Sinn and Leon Sinn) and Clifton Beth (Darrell and Sandra Beth) as they graduate from high school. May the Lord be ever near to guide and direct them as they close this chapter of their lives.

"Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers."

Proverbs 17:6

Let us not forget the strength and support of our earthly fathers or the love and mercy of our heavenly Father on this Father's Day, June 21.

#### KANSAS, GRIDLEY

**Vola Young - Judy Kraft**

Sis. Wendy Metzger (Philadelphia, PA) and Bro. Matthew Fetter (Washington, D.C.) have an-

nounced their engagement and upcoming marriage. Sis. Wendy is the daughter of Bro. Eldon and Sis. Doreen (Gridley). Bro. Matthew is the son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Betty (Toledo, OH). We wish them God's blessings and guidance as they begin their walk together.

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**KANSAS,  
KANSAS STATE UNIV.  
Sheri Braker**

As the school year comes to a close, we all must breath a sigh of relief. Many memories have been made and all of us look forward to many more next year. We would like to thank Elder Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS) and Bro. Harvey Grimm (Bern, KS) for their special efforts to come and fill our wanting cups. Each of us received a blessing from above!

David Edelman (Bro. Nathan and Sis. Marlene, Bern, KS) graduated from Manhattan Vocational Technical School in Drafting Technology. We wish him the best with his new job and all of his future endeavors.

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

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; . . ."

Psalm 46:1, 2

Harvest is here, and as we look around us and see the thunderstorms building and the tornados, hail and other forces that in a season could destroy all of our year's work, we sometimes get very upset and worried. And then we read Psalm 46:1-2, and realize that we have Someone Who will never leave us or forsake us, and should a disaster befall, He will always be there in our trouble and will provide those things we have need of. We are a truly blessed people to have such wonderful promises to lean on, and such a loving Father to trust in.

Our prayers and love to our dear

ones who have been ill through various afflictions this month. Sis. Edna Reed and Sis. Elizabeth Diel were both in the hospital, but I know there are others who have been ill, and pray God's strength and healing in their lives also.

It seems like our lives are so full, and Sundays are the only time we have for ourselves anymore. So, many use the Lord's Day for worldly pleasures and forget that Satan is delighted with the outcome. He, Satan, would have us so busy that we would never hear God's Word or work in God's service (if Satan could accomplish it). So come on Christian soldiers let's get our priorities straight, and if we need more time, don't let it be at the expense of our soul and our walk with our Lord. But, let's give up some of those worldly pleasures and we might find lots of time for ourselves and for our Lord. God bless all you dear faithful ones who support our lifecare services each month, and our Bible study and singing and midweek services in the winter months. It is deeply appreciated. Have a blessed summer in Christ.

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**KANSAS, SABETHA  
Mary Kay Wenger  
Sharon Strahm**

We were very blessed this past month to have had the opportunity to listen to several ministering brothers. Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington, IN) was with us for Good Friday services in Bern. He also shared the Word with us on Easter, along with Bro. Rex Frieden (Lamar, MO). Further, we thank Bro. James Ramseyer (Bay City, MI), Elder Bro. Eugene Marti (Kansas City, MO) and Bro. James Leman (Roanoke, IL). May the Lord bless each one for their labors of love in our behalf.

We were privileged to view slides presented by Elder Bro. Eugene Marti on his recent trip to India. It was interesting to think about scripture references such as the woman at the well and realize we could be seeing some things being done as when Jesus was here. Seeing how other people live should make us more thankful for our blessings from God.

". . . We have no fear  
Of need while here,  
For we shall lack in nothing  
Of daily food and clothing."  
Zion's Harp #206

We are happy to welcome Sis. Bernice Frieden to the Retirement Village from the Lamar congregation. We pray the Lord will bless her as she adjusts to her new home.

Our area was reminded God controls all things when we received six inches of snow April 20. Lilacs, cherry blossoms and tulips were heavily laden with snow. Our lives too can become burdened down if we don't cast off the weights that can easily hinder our walk in the Spirit.

We express heartfelt sympathy to Sis. Dorothy Kellenberger in the loss of her helpmate, Bro. Adrian Kellenberger, April 24. May God grant courage and strength in the time of need. We rejoice "that whosoever believeth in Him should perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:15)

We pray for those who have been hospitalized. Priscilla Kellenberger was a surgical patient and Bro. George Lambert was treated for medical problems. We're grateful Bro. Roger Aberle escaped serious injury in a farming accident. May they look to Him from which their strength cometh.

As the angels rejoice over one sinner that repenteth, so we likewise rejoice that the waters have been troubled again. Our prayers go with Lafe Bailey (Debra) as he answers the call of God and seeks the hope of eternal life.

As reflect this time of year on our mothers and fathers, may we think upon how God has blessed us from the beginning.

We offer our congratulations to our graduates and ask God to provide for them as they open a new chapter in their lives. High school graduates are Bro. Darin Grimm (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Ruby), Wanda Grimm (Bro. Rodney and Sis. Arlene), Kalyynn Hartter (Bro. Roger and Sis. Ilene) and Alisa Meyer (Bro. Daryl and Sis. Susan).

Memorial Day causes us to reflect on our loved ones who have gone before us. What a blessed heri-

tage is ours. May we remember our Savior who made the way possible for us to be able to have a hope of meeting on yonder shore.

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

Zion's Harp \$236

### KANSAS, WICHITA

#### Emma Miller

The weekend of May 2-3 was an especially blessed one for the Wichita congregation. Elder Bro. Ed Lanz and Sis. Joan were with us. On Saturday evening we were privileged to partake of holy communion. The following day, our body of believers was led to cast a ballot for a minister. Bro. Glen Funk was chosen for this important role.

While we rejoice over Bro. Glen's willingness to return to the ministry, we are downcast because of the reason it was necessary to choose another minister. Bro. Howard Plattner has accepted a position in Ionia, MI, and he and Sis. Kristen and their family will be leaving our community. As Bro. Glen said when he ministered last Sunday afternoon, no one can take Bro. Howard's place. We just know that the Plattner family made the decision to move after much prayerful consideration and we believe that God's will was revealed to them. Our loss in Wichita, KS, will be Alto, Michigan's gain.

Sis. Ann Farney has been ill and required hospitalization for treatment. We are glad that she is recovering as is her granddaughter, Shawanda Reimschisel (Bro. Max and Sis. Judy). Shawanda was hit in the mouth by a bat which resulted in lost teeth. Stitches were required to close the gash in her cheek. Another victim of misfortune is David Reed (John and Sis. Paula). He fractured an arm bone in a fall. How grateful we are for the healing powers of the Great Physician!

We have two graduating seniors this year. Bro. Patrick Funk is graduating from Derby High School and Jennifer Reimschisel is graduating from Rose Hill High School. They are to be honored at a church reception Wednesday evening, May 20. Both of these young people plan to continue their education in college next fall.

The annual Mother-Daughter Banquet was held on the evening of May 16. The families of Sis. Ann Greiner and Sis. Emma Miller joined together to hostess the event. One of the guests made this comment the night of the dinner. "This is a tradition and I wouldn't think of missing it." God is so good to us for giving us families and allowing us to renew ties with each other.

### MICHIGAN, ALTO

#### Denise Oesch - Michelle Oesch

This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." St. Luke 22:19, 20

We gathered together Saturday evening, May 16, to share holy communion. Our hearts and spirits were again strengthened that we might have a closer walk with our Savior Jesus Christ. It always is a humbling experience to be able to partake in this holy sacrament because we are His only by the suffering and death of God's most precious son. We are truly a blessed people.

Little Noah David came to bless the home of Gary and Laurie Blough. Proud grandparents are Bro. Noah and Sis. Marguerite Blough and Thane and Glenda Young. Bro. Bill and Sis. Judy Gerst are rejoicing at the birth of their first grandchild, little Marlise Marie, born to their daughter, Juanite Walder (Bro. Ben) in Congerville, IL. Proud grandparents also are Elder Bro. Bob and Sis. Gloria Walder (Congerville, IL). May the Lord bless each of these little ones and may they be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

### A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD US

You, little child, with your shining eyes and dimpled cheeks, you can lead us along the pathway to the more abundant life:

We blundering grownups need in our lives the virtues that you have in yours:

The joy and enthusiasm of looking forward to each new day with glorious expectations of wonderful things to come.

The radiant curiosity that finds adventure in simple things: the mystery of billowy clouds, the miracles of snowflakes, the magic of growing flowers.

The tolerance that forgets differences as quickly as your childish quarrels are spent, that holds no grudges, that hates never, that loves people for what they are.

The believing heart that trusts others, knows no fear, and has faith in a Divine Father who watches over his children from the sky.

Little child, we would become like you, that we may find again the Kingdom of Heaven within our hearts.

Author Unknown

In the hospital recently for surgery were Bro. Noah Blough (Sis. Marguerite) and Bro. Lloyd Blough (Sis. Elouise). Our prayers continue to be with them that they may be healed fully. Sis. Christine Wingeier has been laid up with a cast on her leg from an injury and we pray that she may soon be able to be up and about again!

Our sympathy and prayers are with Sis. Melva Oesch (Bro. Joe) at the loss of Sis. Melva's brother, Richard Crosby.

Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only one mother in the whole world.

Kate Douglas Wiggin

As we recently honored our mothers on Mother's Day, may we remember the sacrifices that they surely made for us because it is so

like a mother to do that for their children!

Visiting Alto recently to bring us the Word were Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott, IN) and Elder Bro. Don Sauder (Roanoke, IL). May a special blessing be given to each for being willing servants of the Lord.

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### MICHIGAN, BAY CITY Emily Rechsteiner

This is a remarkable time of the year to see the earth come to life again. The grass is green, trees are getting leaves, spring flowers are blooming and the farmers are tilling the soil again. We should all be thankful to our generous God.

"Could we with ink the oceans fill,  
And were the skies of parchment  
made;

Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill,  
And ev'ry man a scribe by trade;  
To write the love of God above,  
Would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll contain the  
whole,  
Tho' stretched from sky to sky."

Hymns of Zion #289, vs. 3

Wednesday evening, April 15, Elder Bro. Robert Beyer (Croghan, NY) came to help Elder Bro. Andy Virkler serve communion. May God richly bless him for his time and effort.

We also have had several who have had surgery and body afflictions, Sis. Sharon Remseyer (Bro. Neil), Sis. Dorothy Remseyer (Bro. Joe), Sis. Leanore Knochel (Bro. Norman), Bro. Merle Wieland (Sis. Elaine) and Sis. Doris Knochel. We hope and pray all soon can enjoy good health again.

Bro. Winson Mosher (Sis. Loretta) has reached the four score year. We wish him God's blessings and many more healthy ones.

The engagement of Bro. Rob Wardynski to Sis. Kim Andrzejewski (Norman and Sis. Linda) was recently announced. We pray they will seek God's guidance as they plan their new life together.

It always makes us happy to see our friends come Easter Sunday to know that it was the day of

our Risen Lord who died for us. Who e'er believes is saved.

We also honored all our mothers on Mother's Day as they are the foundation of our homes. May God bless them all.

Elder Bro. Andy and Sis. Maxine were honored by a card shower for their 40th wedding anniversary. May they have many more happy ones. God bless them.

O faithful Lord, Thy love and truth  
sincerely

Thou dost bestow on us each day  
so clearly,  
So grant that we also each day  
anew.

Become more faithful, loving, kind  
and true.

Zion's Harp #172, vs. 5

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### MICHIGAN, DETROIT Marlene Reinhard Holly Barton

Ministering Bro. Ron Allenbach (Kiowa, KS) spent a Sunday with us this month. We appreciate his willingness to be used in the Lord's service.

Bro. Walt and Sis. Hilda Bauer welcome a new grandson to their family circle. Jonathan Thomas was born May 7 to Ron and Mary Bauer. Congratulations to parents and grandparents!

We also extend congratulations to two recent college graduates. Bro. Ted Orcsik received his Master's degree in Architecture from the University of Michigan. Ed Orcsik graduated with an Associate's degree in Auto Body. Both are the sons of Bro. John and Sis. Esther Orcsik. We wish them the Lord's blessings in their future endeavors!

Several in our congregation have been seriously ill this month. Sis. Helen Popp (Bro. George) remains hospitalized and faces possible surgery. Sis. Ruth Gudeman is currently hospitalized with high fever. Carole Maibach (Bro. Doug) has also been in the hospital. We fervently pray that the Lord will sustain these dear ones and their families during difficult days.

We welcome Bro. Scott Aberle (Sabetha, KS) to our congregation

this summer. He is again doing a summer internship in our area.

### HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH

Here we are at the start  
committing to each other  
By His Word and from our hearts  
We will be a family in a house  
that will be a home  
And with faith we'll build it  
strong.

We'll build a household of faith  
that together we can make  
And when the strong winds blow  
it won't fall down.  
As one in Him we'll grow and the  
whole world will know  
That we are a household of faith.

B. Lamb and J. Rosasco

We are thrilled to see the Lord working in our congregation to build new "households of faith." Bro. Jim Baxter (Kitchener, Ontario) and Sis. Laura Siebenthal (Bro. Eugene and Sis. Kay, Princeville, IL) were united as one in Him May 17. Though their home will be far from our fellowship, we still hope to see them occasionally!

On May 17, two more engagements were announced to our congregation. Bro. Tim Reinhard and Sis. Joan Meister (Athens, AL) feel led of the Lord to join their lives together. Their parents are Bro. Dan and Sis. Delores Reinhard of our congregation and Bro. Paul and Sis. Rhoda Meister (Peoria, IL). They plan a July 26 wedding.

Bro. Ken Martin (San Diego, CA) and Sis. Jill Hohulin (Goodfield, IL) look forward to a new beginning in the Lord August 15. Their parents are Bro. Kaywin and Sis. Karen Martin (Detroit, MI) and Bro. Jim and Sis. Joy Hohulin. We pray that each of these couples will build their homes and lives on the firm Foundation, that "the whole world will know that they are a household of faith."

Services at Woodhaven for the month of July will be hosted by Toledo, OH, July 7 at 7:00 p.m. We welcome any of you to join us!

As we recently honored our mothers, this month we honor our earthly fathers. Many of us probably take the presence and guid-

ance of our fathers for granted, but in our society today this position is unfilled in many homes. How thankful we should be that God has provided Christian fathers to fill that vital and special role for us. Fathers, we encourage you in your responsibilities and endeavors!

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**MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS**  
**Delores Sauder**

Elder Art Nohl (Morris) and Bro. Bill Gerst (Alto, MI) shared with the resurrection story Easter Sunday.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Bro. Perry and Sis. Carol Virkler. Bro. Perry's father, Elmer, passed away at his home in Eagle River, WI, April 30.

Amy Miller (Bro. Don and Sis. Bernadine) and Mathew Welter were united in marriage May 1. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their life together.

When I read this poem it reminded me of Father's Day.

**TWO PRAYERS**

Last night my boy confessed to me  
Some childish wrong;  
And kneeling at my knee  
He prayed with tears:  
"Dear God, make me a man,  
Like Daddy -- wise and strong;  
I know you can."

Then while he slept  
I knelt beside his bed,  
Confessed my sins,  
And prayed with love-bowed head,  
"Oh God make me like a child  
Like my child here --  
Pure, guileless,  
Trusting Thee with faith sincere."  
Andrew Gillies

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**MINNESOTA, MORRIS**  
**Debra Joos - Maxine Sauder**

"A world without a Sabbath would be like a man without a smile, like a summer without flowers, and like a homestead without a garden. It is the most joyous day of the whole week."

Henry W. Beecher

We have been refreshed by the "springs of living water" brought forth by those who allow themselves to be used as instruments in His hands. We want to express our thankfulness to those ministers who traveled to Morris the past month. They include Elder Bro. Lawrence Luthi (Lamar, MO), Bro. Rex Frieden (Lamar, MO), Bro. Trent Meiss (Iowa City, IA) and Elder Bro. Bob Walder (Congerville, IL) who assisted our Elder Bro. Art Nohl in serving communion.

Precious little John Koehl, son of Bro. Guy and Sis. Lynette, had surgery at the University of Minnesota Hospital. We rejoice that God's healing hand is upon him.

Scott Joos and Kim Thomas have announced their engagement and are planning a July 11 wedding. May Christ be the foundation of their marriage and home. Scott is the son of Jerry (Pete) and Kathy Joos.

The sights and sound of a newborn baby adorns the home of Bro. Doug and Sis. Dawn Moser as Preston Benjamin has joined their family. Big brother, Brandon, will be eager to assist in his care. Grandparents, Bro. Alpha and sis. Pearl Moser, and Bro. David and Eileen Nohl, are waiting to share their love too.

Recognizing that along with the joys of fatherhood, there are also responsibilities, we would like to share these words of encouragement and wisdom to all fathers.

"If you are a father, you are a builder  
and your children will become what you make.  
Please do your best. Please don't forget,  
God gave you to tools for the trade.  
He gave you eyes to see where your child might go wrong  
and feet to lead them safely through.  
Hands to hold their hand,  
and lips to say, "I love you."  
He gave you arms to hold them when they are afraid  
and time to wait till they are calm.  
Ears to hear between their lines

and tears to cry when they are gone.

And your knees are for playing  
and they are also for praying  
That God will watch over the child.

In those times you can't say it,  
But they still need to hear it,  
You can say "I love you" with a smile.

If you are a father, you are a builder  
and your children will become what you make.

Please do your best, please don't forget

God gave you the tools for the trade."

Steve Chapman

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**MINNESOTA, WINTHROP**  
**Georgia Messner - Kim Messner**

On the weekend of April 25 and 26, we were privileged to hear the testimony of friend Bonnie Eskuri (Bro. LeRoy and Sis. JoAnn Messner) and witness the baptism. Our Elder Bro. Dennis Warner (Lester, IA) was assisted by Elder Bro. Art Nohl (Morris, MN). We want to wish Sis. Bonnie and her husband, Walter, God's blessing.

That same weekend we had the privilege of partaking of communion. We want to thank our elder brothers for serving us on this holy sacrament.

Our surgical patients were Florence Gutknecht (Sid) and Bro. Ray Messner (Sis. Bernadine). They certainly need our prayers.

Visiting ministers for the month were Bro. Earl Gerber and wife from Forrest, IL, and Bro. Mike Rieker and wife (Peoria, IL).

The engagement of Kendal Messner (Bro. Marlyn and Sis. Lois) to Lori Nelson was made known. A June 20 wedding is planned.

As Father's Day approaches, we want to thank our dear fathers for their loving and care, which we all need at one time or another.

As the school year comes to an end, please utter a special prayer for the children to have a safe summer.

We want to thank the Sunday school for Easter morning breakfast which was enjoyed by all.

Retired Elder Bro. Harold and Sis. Gerry Messner would like to thank everyone for thinking of

them on their 50th wedding anniversary.

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**MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY**  
**Lanette Meyer**

"Invited Guest Weekend" is always a special weekend for the Kansas City congregation. Again this year, we had many visitors from across the Midwest. Elder Bro. Charles Sinn (Fort Scott, KS) and Bros. Kent Mogler (Minneapolis, MN), Don Wagenbach (Washington, IL) and Charles Marti (Lamar) were our visiting ministers.

May 2 was "church work day." The clean sparkle and fresh appearance, both inside and out gives all of us a sense of reward for the efforts put forth. It we use the same intensity of effort to renew and maintain our souls, those efforts will win an even greater reward for us in eternity.

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**MISSOURI, LAMAR**  
**Martin Hohulin**  
**Janel Kellenberger**

**YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE**

When you walk through a storm  
Hold your head up high,  
And don't be afraid of the dark.  
At the end of the storm  
Is a golden sky  
And a sweet silver song of a lark.  
Walk on through the wind,  
Walk on through the rain,  
Though dreams be tossed and  
blown  
Walk on, walk on, with hope in  
your heart,  
And you'll never walk alone,  
You'll never walk alone.

by Richard Rogers

The above song has so much meaning; not just for those making a new beginning or a new career, but for each one of us. Our best wishes and God's blessings are extended to our graduates of this time. They are Lon Stefan (Sis. Barbara Stefan and William Stefan), a graduate from high school, and Sis. Kristi Luthi (Bro. Ray and Sis. Marilyn), a graduate from nursing school. May God

richly bless them both in their new endeavors.

We also want to remember those with affliction or hospital stay. Walter Cordill has been released from the local hospital and is now residing in the Lakeview Health Care Center in Lamar. Nicole Braker (Bro. Jay and Sis. Sharon) had the misfortune of breaking her arm at school. Thankfully, after a ten-day stay, Nicole was able to return home.

Bro. Gene and Sis. Linda Banwart have a new arrival. Her name is Emily Subha. She is 2½ years old and arrived from India May 9. Mother's Day was an extra blessing for Sis. Linda, after waiting many months for Emily to arrive. She joins brothers, Gary and Jason, and sister, Andrea. We wish the family God's richest blessings.

The couples of the Lamar congregation enjoyed company our Memorial Day weekend. We want to thank them for coming and being with us. A special thanks to the visiting ministers: Bros. Daryl Stoller (Bern, KS), Russell Wutherich (Pulaski, IA) and Eugene Metzger (Lester, IA).

We have been blessed with the abundance of rain. How it reminds us once more of God's creation, as we again see the life in the green grass, the wheat fields, gardens, flower beds, the lushness of green trees, and the green pastures. Springtime is when pastures of old, dead grass is burned off, and in almost no time the new green grass appears. It is a way to remember how the old self is buried and the new one arises!

Just a reminder for those who are traveling through our area, we welcome you to come give us a visit. Southern Missouri is filled with national and state parks, lakes and historical sites. Lamar is where the late President Harry Truman was born. We also have a Prairie State Park, approximately 20 miles straight west. To our south 26 miles is Carthage, MO, home of the Precious Moments Chapel Complex, and many other historical sights, including the downtown court house. Also to our south is the well-known Ozark country. This is just a brief list of reasons to come give

us a visit, but again a hearty welcome to all!

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**MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS**  
**Betsy Schrenk**

We thank the following ministering brothers and their families for visiting the St. Louis church: Steve Baner (Gridley), Walt Steffen (Milford, IN), Mike Rieker (Peoria, IL) and Earl Kilgus (Remington, IN). Many other visitors accompanied them, and we appreciate the effort each one made to join us in worship.

One Sunday we read of Jesus and His meeting with blind Bartimaeus on the road to Jericho. (Mark 10:46-52) Physical blindness was contrasted with spiritual blindness. Those who are physically blind realize their great handicap and are challenged to learn to function effectively. Often those who are spiritually blind, those who have not been converted, do not realize their deficit. It is a much more dangerous situation to have a need and not recognize it than to have a need and strive to deal with it.

Our church parking lot is now paved and striped. Slowly but surely everything is getting finished.

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**MISSOURI, TAYLOR**  
**Ruthie Hoerr**

On April 29, Elder Bro. Bob Grimm was here to share the conference report with us. We appreciate so much the time and effort our elders spend trying to hold the flock together and giving us guidelines to help us in our daily walk of life. Bro. Kenny Dietz also ministered to us this month and shared this poem, which I felt was so meaningful. God bless these dear ones for sharing and caring.

**SERMONS WE SEE**

I'd rather see a sermon than hear  
one any day.  
I'd rather one should walk with  
one, than merely show the way.  
The eye's a better pupil and more  
willing than the ear;

Fine counsel is confusing, but  
example's always clear.  
And the best of all the preachers  
are the men who live their  
creeds,

For to see the good in action is  
what everybody needs.

I can soon learn how to do it, if  
you'll let me see it done.

I can watch your hands in action,  
but your tongue too fast may  
run.

And the lectures you deliver may  
be very wise and true.

But I'd rather get my lesson by  
observing what you do.

For I may misunderstand you and  
the high advice you give,

But there's no misunderstanding  
how you act and how you live.

Edgar A. Guest

We again had a lovely Mother-Daughter banquet in honor of our mothers and enjoyed the songs and special memories shared. The Bible class and junior Bible class served the lunch on Mother's Day to show appreciation for all the mothers. What a special thing to be remembered as a mother; but as was brought out in our sermon, it is also a time to show those who haven't been mothers, we care for them too.

Karen and Benji Knapp have found peace with our Lord and have expressed their desire to be baptized. We wish them God's blessings as they continue to look up to Him.

Our high school graduates this year are Dana Meyers (Danny and Jodi) and Jason Stratton (Bro. Mike and Sis. Cheryl). College graduates are Chad Massner (Bro. Allen and Sis. Rosie), Michael Stratton (Bro. Mike and Sis. Cheryl) and Dan Wiegand (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Joan). We have heard it is better to get wisdom than gold and to commit our works unto the Lord and our thoughts will be established from Proverbs 16. We wish them God's blessings and guidance in their future.

Jodi Meyers has surgery as an outpatient and is recovering nicely. William Cottrell was hospitalized but is now home and is stabilized. Our prayers go out to these dear ones.

Duane Rocke, formerly from Eureka and St. Louis, will be spending the summer working in Quincy. We welcome him to our area.

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**NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY**  
**Franz Soni**

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Romans 10:17

We thank Elder Bro. Edward Aeschleman (Philadelphia, PA) and Elder Bro. Kevin Ryan (Rockville, CT) for sharing God's Word with us. May God richly reward them and their families for the effort they put forward in sharing with us. We encourage those in the area to worship with us. Services are held once a month. For further information, please call Elder Bro. Edward Aeschleman at (301) 478-7846.

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

On Wednesday evening, April 29, we gathered together with Elder Bro. Ed and Sis. Nancy Aeschleman in our midst. Bro. Ed, our Elder Bro. Robert Beyer and Bro. Duane Farney shared the memorandum of the conference with us. As we hear the loving words of exhortation from our elder brothers, may each of us do our part in carrying out God's will for us on this earth. May God richly bless our brothers who gather from time to time for the purpose of considering God's instructions and the cares that come upon us from day to day. We want to thank Bro. Ed for traveling from Philadelphia to be with us.

Our Sunday school children presented a program of song and verse Easter Sunday to share with us their understanding of the death and resurrection of our Saviour. It is our prayer that each Sunday school student will carry these teachings with them throughout their lives wherever they may go.

Bro. Seth Schulz was called from this life April 28 after several weeks in the hospital. Bro. Seth has been

crippled from arthritis for many years, but always enjoyed visiting whenever we were in his home and always had a smile on his face even though he could not assemble with us on Sunday. He reached his 93rd birthday March 15 and several of us were able to spend the evening in their home enjoying songs together. Our deepest sympathy and God's comfort is extended to his wife, Sis. Olivia, and his sons and daughters and their families. They are Niles and Grant (Lowville), Florence Storms (William, Clay), Louise (Palm Desert, CA) and Miriam, a resident of the Apostolic Christian Home for the Handicapped. He is also survived by ten grandchildren who were all in attendance at his funeral service, traveling many, many miles. Funeral services were held April 18 by Bro. Andy Virkler, Bro. Duane Farney and Elder Bro. Robert Beyer.

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**OHIO, AKRON**  
**Joyce Gasser**

June has a Sunday as Father's Day, and we are grateful for our faithful and loving fathers. "The Father of us all" (Romans 4:16), Abraham, was promised that "... in thy seed shall all the kindred of the earth be blessed." Genesis 12:3, Acts 3:25 and Galatians 3:8. His name means "Father of multitude," and God told Sarah she shall be a mother of nations and kings shall be of her. But they had no children. They kept faith in God's Word, and then Sarah bore Isaac. God asked Abraham to sacrifice their son on Mt. Moriah. Abraham said: "I and the lad will go yonder and worship and will come again." (Genesis 22:5) His faith was honored, and a substitute was provided for the sacrifice. Abraham saw ahead that God would provide a substitute for all (John 8:56) and said "... in the mount of the Lord it shall be seen." (Genesis 22:14). It was at Jerusalem on Mt. Moriah just inside the city gate that Abraham was ready to offer their son; and centuries later God offered His Son Jesus at Jerusalem on the same Moriah mountain range, but outside the city gate on

Calvary. When visiting Moriah at Jerusalem, they point out a pendulum hanging to denote the center of the earth. We that are Christ's, are Abraham's seed, and heirs to the promise of blessing. (Galatians 3:29).

Sis. Jill Schamback and Bro. Rodney Steiner are engaged to be married. Parents are Bro. John and Sis. Joyce Schamback and Bro. Ron and Sis. Ruth Steiner (Rittman). We wish them the Lord's blessings.

Bro. Irvin and Sis. Evelyn Walker are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary as 50 years ago, May 30, Irvin and the former Evelyn Messner were married. They have three children, Donald and his wife, Patricia, and they have two boys; Pamela and her husband, Keith Weir (Pennsylvania); and Kerry and his wife, Chriss, who have one daughter. Our congratulations to the Walkers and may the Lord continue to bless them.

Elder Bro. Henry Dotterer assisted Elder Bro. Gene Pamer in serving us communion, and we were blessed with this holy sacrament.

Bro. Ron Steiner and family blest us with a visit and with his inspiring sermon.

Our Bible class young people treated us Mother's Day by preparing and serving our noon lunch. We thank them for their very fine work.

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### OHIO, COLUMBUS Julie Grimm

"But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." I Peter 1:25. May God's blessings be upon those who minister the gospel of truth. We appreciated having Bro. Larry Wenninger (Latty, OH), Elder Bro. Ken Sauder (Mansfield, OH) and Bro. Bill Waibel (Bay City, MI) and their families with us this past month.

We are thankful that Joseph Sauder (Bro. Stanley and Sis. Judy) is recovering well after outpatient surgery. May God continue to lend His healing hand to Joseph.

It was a joy to watch our Sunday school children and young

members work together to serve a lovely Mother's Day lunch. May God richly bless them for their efforts and hard work.

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### OHIO, JUNCTION Sandra Manz

He lived in a palace on a mountain of gold surrounded by riches and wealth untold, Priceless possessions and treasures of art, but he died alone of a "Hungry Heart!"

For man cannot live by bread alone no matter what he may have or own

For though he reaches his earthly goal, he'll waste away with a "starving soul!"

But he who eats of Holy Bread will always find his spirit fed, And even the poorest of men can afford

to feast at the table prepared by the Lord.

Helen Steiner Rice

We were fed the Living Word by several visiting ministers the weekend of the World Relief Committee meeting. They included Elder Bros. Gene Marti (Kansas City, MO) and Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO) and Bros. Doug Grimm (Sabetha, KS), Jim Hoerr (Peoria, IL), Andy Hunyady (Columbus, OH) and Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit, MI). My apologies for a belated "thank you."

We are thankful that Sis. Sharon Gherian can be back on her feet again after foot surgery.

Our family recently visited the Arlington Cemetery, including the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Visitors are sometimes warned by the guides that the path leading to this famous tomb is long and winding; but don't try to take any shortcuts, because there are none. It reminded me of our journey to heaven. Although the path to our goal may at times seem long and burdensome, we should never be looking for a shortcut. Only the way of the cross leads home.

### OHIO, LATTY

#### Rhonda Stoller - Kathy Sinn

We wish to thank our visiting ministers and their families for being with us during the month. Elder Bros. Ed Frank (LaCrosse, IN) and Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI) and Bros. Dennis Rassi (Fairbury, IL), Sam Schlatter (Junction, OH), Walter Rager (Toledo, OH), Dan Stoller (Remington, IN), Art Ingold (Rittman, OH) and Lynn Stieglitz (Leo, IN) were inspired to bring forth God's precious Word throughout the month.

We are praying for God's healing hand for the following brethren who were hospitalized during the month. May He richly bless each one and their families. They are Bro. Ben Schlatter (Sis. Helen), Sis. Rosa Laukhuf, Sis. Tootie Sinn, Nancy Laukhuf (Dave) and Louis Kupersmith.

We received the wonderful news that several of our converts have experienced peace with God and all men. They are Lane Stoller (Sis. Irma), Wendy Baumle (Pat) and Shelli Grant (Bro. Phil and Sis. Gloria).

A note of thanks: We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the many cards, flowers, gifts, love and prayers extended to us during the illness and death of our husband and father, Millard Stoller.

Sis. Irma Stoller  
and family

As the school year draws to a close, we have several high school graduates. They are Sandy Sinn (Bro. Walter and Sis. Renee), Mick Laukhuf (Bro. Dwain and Sis. Wanita), and Jason Whitman (Bro. Richard and Sis. Eileen). May they trust God to guide their future as He is able and willing to do.

We welcome the brethren who have returned from the south. They are truly missed during the winter months; we look forward to visiting with them again.

During several evenings, our congregation gathered to be counseled concerning the upbringing of our families. Those of us who gathered received a great blessing and benefit.



**OHIO, MANSFIELD****Linda Morrison**

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." (Revelation 3:13) We appreciated the visit from Bro. Curt Heimer (Alto, MI) and the words of warning and exhortation.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5). We pray that our high school graduates will trust their futures to the Lord. Those recognized with a breakfast at the church were: Lisa Enderle (Richard and Hilda Enderle); Cameron Graszl (Frank Jr. and Ruth Graszl) and Craig Vent (Richard and Sis. Becky Vent).

We wish to thank the Sunday school students and Sis. Jolene Ramsier for taking care of lunch and the kitchen duties on Mother's Day. "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." (Exodus 20:12)

Our prayers support Sis. Sarah Rice and Bro. Ora Sauder, both have been hospitalized for surgery. "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers . . ." (I Peter 3:12)

To everything there is a reason, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die: . . ." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2) We wish to remember Frank Bertka with our prayers and sympathy in the death of his brother.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction . . ." (James 1:27). A living example of this pure religion is our oldest couple Bro. Alvin and Sis. Elda Riggensbach, both 88. They recently celebrated their 65th anniversary and still actively visit the widows and encourage those of us who are fatherless. Bro. Alvin has helped with registration every year since the beginning of the Ohio Youth Day in Mansfield and is one of our church ushers. Sis. Elda enjoys sewing and cooking and willingly shares her recipes and years of experience. Travel has been shared and enjoyed by Bro. Alvin and Sis. Elda; her favorites are Mt. Rushmore and Niagara Falls. (This

was included without their blessing but I trust they will forgive me.)

**OHIO, RITTMAN****Lois Maibach  
Charlene Winkler**

May 9 and 10 was a blessed weekend as we heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptism of Bro. Mark and Bro. Sam Hartzler (Bro. Merle and Sis. Bonnie), Bro. Marvin Hatzler (Bro. Vince and Sis. Jane) and Bro. Dean Ramsier (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Terri). Elder Bros. Ray Sinn (Latty, OH), Gene Pamer (Akron, OH) and Andy Stoller (Smithville, OH) assisted Elder Bro. Henry Dotterer with this precious work. Also, visiting us for the weekend were ministering Bros. Fred Domka (Mansfield, OH) and Bro. Randy Gasser (Detroit, MI).

Bro. Sam Schlatter has recently visited us and ministered the Word of Life unto us. May each one feel God's nearness and guidance as they labor in the vineyard of our precious heavenly Father.

The engagement of Bro. Rod Steiner (Bro. Ron and Sis. Ruth) to Sis. Jill Schamback (Bro. John and Sis. Joyce, Akron, OH) was made known May 10. They have chosen August 23 as their wedding date.

On April 16, James Gasser and Rebecca McVicker were joined as husband and wife. James is the son of the late Bro. Robert and Sis. Elda Gasser.

John Deuber and Kim Hanzie announced their engagement and upcoming marriage June 13. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deuber and Larry and Janet Janzie.

Many families members traveled to Seattle, WA, to witness the marriage of Chad Riggensbach (Bro. Edward and Sis. Anita) to Denise Curtis April 25.

May each couple feel the Lord's blessings and His nearness.

We want to welcome Bro. Jim Zollinger (Bro. Ed and Sis. Shirley) as he has moved here from Phoenix, AZ.

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts

with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

Psalm 100:4

We are thankful that Bill Breece (Sis. Pearl) has turned to the Lord in repentance. May he feel God's nearness and guidance each day.

We were saddened at the death of Bro. Karl Beery April 25. He was a very faithful brother and a good light in our congregation. He is survived by his loving wife, Sis. Ruth; six children, Ralph (Cheryl), Alan (Pat), Sis. Beth Beery, Sis. Margaret Winkler (Bro. Stan), Sis. Mary Jane Winkler (Bro. Andy), Sis. Kay Rufener (Bro. Ron); 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers, Harold (Sis. Rhea) and Bro. Richard (Sis. Marie); and four sisters, Sis. Delphine Nieman (Bro. Charles), Sis. Alma Maibach (Tug), Sis. Donna Young (Bill) and Sis. Christine Dotterer (Bro. LaVern).

On April 23, Rich and Renee Stahl welcomed their first child, Radley Clay. Happy grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stahl and Bro. Robert and Sis. Marjorie Boltz.

Alexandra Nicole, born May 6, was the name chosen by Alan and Pat Beery. Grandparents are Sis. Ruth Beery (the late Bro. Karl) and Betty Lipps (the late Jerry Lipps).

Those that have been hospitalized this past month were Bro. Melvin Beery (Sis. Elizabeth), Jenny Murray (Brent), Bro. George Riggensbach, Jr., (Bro. Carl Steiner (Sis. Carol). May they feel each prayer that is said in their behalf.

We have 17 high school graduates this year. May they feel the Lord's guidance each day as they make plans for the future. May they seek His help in all things. They are: Daniel Baltic, Jr. (Bro. Dan and Sis. Betty), Scott Bachman (Zane and Betty), Lisa Christian (Bro. Ron and Sis. Joann), Kristen Hanzie (Larry and Janet), Bradley Hartzler (Bro. Dick and Sis. Karen), Tricia Indermuhle (Bro. Galen and Sis. Cheryl), Danisa Lanz (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Diane), Myra Miller (Bro. Mike and Sis. Norene), Jody Moore (Randy and Sis. Beverly), Sis. Linda Ramsier (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Terri), Natalie and Nathan

Schar (Bro. Rowen and Sis. Judy), Brian Stoller (Bro. Harlan and Sis. Jean), Bro. Gary Stoller (Bro. Dale and Sis. Jeannette), Jan Thompson (Jim and Sis. Joyce), Bradley Widmer (Bro. Harold and Sis. Carole) and Jerry Winkler (Bro. Andy and Sis. Mary Jane).

Words cannot express the feelings of our heart for the love and kindness shown to us at the time of the death of our husband, father and grandfather. The expressions of sympathy and all the acts of love were overwhelming. We want to thank you all.

The Karl Beery family

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**OHIO, SARDIS**  
**Renee Miller**

Sis. Martha Indermuhle was hospitalized for 11 days with Guillain-Barre Syndrome. We are thankful that she is recovering and has been able to return home.

We appreciate the recent visit of ministering Bro. Gary Maibach (Smithville) and wish to thank him for bringing the Word to us.

It is such an encouragement to hear the testimonies of those who have committed their lives to the Lord. May 17 was a special day for Sheila Brake (Bro. Bill and Sis. Miriam) as she was baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. A special thank you to Elder Bro. Gene Pamer (Akron) for his service.

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**OHIO, SMITHVILLE**  
**Stephanie Luginbuhl**

**Kim Stoller**

"To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

"A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels."

Proverbs 1:3, 5

Those who are graduating from high school are Calvin Beery (Calvin and Linda), Tom Dotterer (Bro. Keith and Sis. Linda), Bro. David Maibach (Bro. Gary and Sis. Mary Ann), Carla Ramsier (Bro. Dave and Sis. Dot), and Gina

Stoller (Bro. Andy and Sis. Roberta). May God be with them as they begin another phase of their life.

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**OHIO, TOLEDO**  
**Josephine Rehkla**  
**Edie Fetter**

How sweet the privilege of prayer,  
When we our cares and sorrows  
share

With Him who understands.

Our Father's house has large  
supplies,

He owns and rules the earth and  
skies

And bounteous are His hands.

Henry Beer

"Prayer" vs. 1

My Garden of Verse

As Father's Day approaches, may we ever remember to thank and praise our heavenly Father for His bounteous gifts of love.

We wish God's richest blessings for Bro. Matt Fetter (Washington, D.C.) and Sis. Wendy Metzger (Philadelphia, PA), whose engagement was recently announced. Bro. Matt's parents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Betty Fetter (Toledo).

Bro. Paul Rywalski (Sis. Teresa) was a hospital patient recently. We are thankful that he has been able to return to work.

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**OREGON, PORTLAND**  
**Pearl Miller**

"Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and reject not your Mother's teaching; for they are a fair garland for your head, and pendants for your neck."

Proverbs 1:8-9

How important is the father's role in the family, which brings to mind, how much we appreciate the guidance and direction of our Father in heaven!

We thank our visiting ministers, Bro. Ed and Sis. Judie Knecht, Bro. Art and Sis. Betty Metz, Bro. Clarence and Sis. Bess Dietrich (Silverton, OR) sharing the Word of God with us!

Bro. Dan and Sis. Karen Rufe-

ner, Bro. Ed and Sis. Anita Rigenbach and son, Bro. Corbin, Bro. Ed Winkler, Bro. Dan and Sis. Betty Baltic, and Bro. Lyle Rufener (Rittman, Ohio) visited us. We appreciate their coming to worship with us!

Several brethren from Silverton and Portland house-cleaned the cabin, "Restless Surf" at Yachats. The weather was just beautiful, as we could view the mighty Pacific! We extend an invitation to all of you to visit Oregon and stay at the cabin. Call Sis. Pearl Miller, phone no. 1-503-771-7834.

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**OREGON, SILVERTON**  
**Becky Gudeman - Peggy Schulz**

Greetings to one and all across the miles! "Grace be unto you, and peace, be multiplied," (I Peter 1:2)

We extend a hearty welcome to our two new addition this month. KayLynne Kuenzi has joined her older sister and brother, Audrey and Tristan. Bro. Todd and Sis. Melissa Kuenzi are thankful for their precious bundle. Bro. Mike and Sis. Lisa Leman have been blessed with their first child, Vonn Hayden. He is certainly a joyful addition!

As our congregation grows, so does our need for room. We have been blessed to find a mobile unit which has been converted into a new Sunday school building. It also contains a second baby room; both additions have been long awaited. Our old Sunday school room has become our dining area, the old dining area has become a fellowship area, and our assembly has been extended and benches have been added. We truly count our blessings and are appreciative of the added room. The Lord has been good to us, as He so faithfully remains.

Our always welcomed visitors this month have included Bro. Dave and Sis. Ethel Wiegand (Champaign, IL), and Bro. Bill and Sis. Sharon Dotterer (Phoenix, AZ). We are thankful for Bro. Dave's and Bro. Bill's willingness to be used as God's messengers to us. May God reward them as He sees fit, both now and in eternity.

**PENNSYLVANIA,  
PHILADELPHIA  
Franz Soni**

"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,"

Ephesians 1:13

We thank Elder Bro. Kenneth Sauder (Mansfield, OH) for being with us the weekend of April 11 and 12. After a church supper Saturday, Bro. Ken assisted Elder Bro. Edward Aeschleman in reading the conference memorandum. Sunday, we shared in the Lord's Supper. What a special time it is when we are able to share precious times like these with those of like mind and faith.

On April 26, Elder Bro. Ed Aeschleman and Sis. Nancy held a reception in Wilmington for Bro. Matthew and Sis. Jill Aeschleman (Bro. Gene and Sis. Delores Metzger, Lester, IA). We wish them God's blessings.

We rejoice with Matthew Mangold who has found peace with God and man. We look forward to his baptism.

Our love shall not diminish;  
It is our Lord's command,  
And free us from all blemish,  
Before our God to stand.

Zion's Harp #137

Sis. Wendy Metzger's (Bro. Eldon and Sis. Dorene, Gridley, KS) engagement to Bro. Matthew Fetter of our Washington, DC, church (Bro. Richard and Sis. Betty, Toledo, OH) was announced May 10. Their wedding day will be July 26 in Gridley. We wish this special couple God's blessings as they prepare to unite as husband and wife.

**TENNESSEE, NASHVILLE  
Don Sauder**

Looking through the new Apostolic Christian Churches and Ministers book, two things come to my attention. First, we are the smallest with only five of us in the area. Second, we are the only area to

hold services in the home. As I read the history of our church, many churches were started this way. Pray for us, visit us, that the Lord will direct us. We really appreciate all that take of their time to remember us.

This month, Bro. Erik Given (Sis. Debbie, Princeville, IL) fed us twice with God's holy teaching. After they and our visitors from Rockville, CT, departed, the words from the Zion's Harp #138 came into my mind. The Lord again has given His counsel and His will, He came to live among us. His promise will fulfill. We never are forsaken, with Christ our Lord so near. His faithfulness revealing. We feel His presence here. Then the second thought came to mind. Am I fulfilling totally my promise to God and how many times do I forsake Him? May God richly bless all our visitors.

Services are held normally the first Sunday of the month. Sometimes if a minister is in the area, we have a special service. Call us if you're planning to be in our area. First service starts at 10:00 a.m.

**TEXAS, HOUSTON  
Sandy Darlington**

On April 26, we met at the Holiday Inn for our monthly service. We are so thankful for servants like Bro. Leland Plattner (Zapata, TX) who travel so far to be with us. We were pleased to have visitors like Bro. Gene and Sis. Evie Bruellman (Sarasota, FL) remember our small group. We remember when they dropped in on our church service in Dallas. Also, Lila Plattner traveled from College Station to see her dad, and assembled with us on Sunday, too. Afterward, we all ate together at a nearby restaurant.

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. Bill and Sis. Betty Zeltwanger at (409) 542-0763 for information regarding Houston services.

We felt blessed again May 10 when those who were able met in the home of Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty

Zeltwanger. We were spiritually strengthened through our study and discussion of the wonderful Word of God.

There are also scheduled services for the Dallas, TX, area 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. Please contact Bro. Howard and Sis. Delores Rapp at (214) 867-4074 for more information about this area.

**TEXAS, ZAPATA  
Viola Perdelwitz**

Our cherished winter residents have returned to their homes up north. We had many welcomed visitors this winter also. Now when we assemble at church, we are few in number. We miss the large congregation but we still feel God's presence.

We have been blessed with a good supply of rainfall and the grass and trees are green. The citrus fruit trees give us promise of fruit this fall.

We would enjoy summer visitors, also.

**SILVER THREADS**

**SMILE**

When you're gloomy, When you're sad,  
When you're grouchy, When you're mad,  
Life will not seem near as bad -  
If you smile!

If you've had a trying day,  
And meet folks along the way,  
But have no words to say -  
Give a smile!

Maybe they've had troubles too -  
Maybe even more than you -  
But a sunbeam may break through,  
If you smile!

If you have no joy at all,  
And your faith seems very small,  
And you feel like you could bawl -  
Try to smile!

Yes, I know it costs a lot –  
Sometimes all that you have got –  
But you've won the fight you've  
fought –  
If you smile!

Author Unknown

"DON'T GIVE UP"  
By Martha Dahl 1883-1954

Don't give up and think it's  
hopeless  
Tho the way seems hard and drear  
And the clouds hand low and  
heavy  
For blue sky will yet appear.

These dark days are necessary  
For they test our hearts each day  
And prove just what is in us  
As we walk God's lowly way.

Oftimes we get discouraged  
With such little progress made  
And worrying over our mistakes  
Think we'll never make the grade.

Then at times we do get careless  
And neglect to watch and pray  
Thus the enemy gets a chance to  
work  
And we hinder God from having  
His way.

But it's not the failures or  
mistakes  
That we make along the way  
Which will cause us greatest  
sorrow  
When we are judged on that last  
day.

For God in His heaven has  
promised  
That such things He will forgive  
If now we're willing to repent  
And differently then live.

It's not the sin which we commit  
That really tells our worth  
It's our willingness to make it  
right  
That's going to count the most.

And tho we're and make  
mistakes  
As we journey on lifes way  
In order to get right with God  
There is a price which we must  
pay.

But the price of sin is costly  
And it's not only us who pay  
It cost God something also  
And others too in His way.

It's not paid with gold or silver  
But it's paid by losses and tears  
It's paid by heartaches and  
suffering  
And sometimes it takes years.

Because of a little folly  
We may lose a lot down here  
The confidence of others  
And some friends we treasure  
dear.

But of one thing we can be certain  
When other friendships dim  
In Heaven there's one who will  
not fail  
If we put our trust in Him.

He has never disappointed  
And he never, never will  
So if we give our life to Him  
He'll make it worthwhile still.

He'll blot out our failures and  
mistakes  
He'll give us a hope that's new  
He'll stand by us when  
temptations come  
Our courage and strength he'll  
renew.

As we take His hand and journey  
on  
Oe'r a rough and rugged way  
It's then that the clouds will  
disappear  
And brighter will be each day.

We'll meet new friends and they'll  
trust us  
And as we look back on the past  
These heartaches all will have  
vanished  
But the scars of them will last.

THE MASTER ARTIST

The Artist's canvas is unfurled –  
'tis seen across the sky –  
In pastel tones: lavender and  
pink,  
saffron and red and gold;  
and then for contrast He did  
add  
Brush stroke of blue – deep, bold!

He's giv'n the trees new change of  
dress  
from fresh, green robes of  
spring.

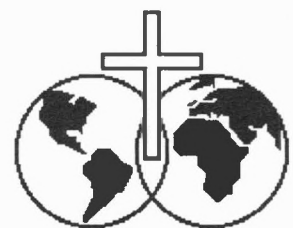
Now lavishly they are attired  
in brightest hues and bold:  
reds, yellows, golden bronze  
and orange –  
These robes we now behold!

With gentians blue and aster  
bright  
He brightens all the way-sides;  
And golden-rod and cat-tails,  
brown  
we see along the ditches.  
Oh azure skies! October skies!  
All are God-given riches!

(Soon wind will whisper to the  
leaves,  
"do come and play with me")  
Then Artist paints a carpet,  
bright  
with leaves from off the trees.  
(In answer to the wind's loud  
call  
They dance along with ease).

Our feathered friends are  
gath-er-ing  
to leave us for a season,  
Except the chickadee and jay  
and cardinal in bright vesture  
who stay to brighten dreary  
days  
When autumn's days are over.

Oh wind and trees, birds, flowers  
and skies!  
all made by Great Creator –  
The Word becomes reality:  
". . . heav'ns declare . . . glory  
of God;  
firmament sheweth His handi-  
work: –  
Praise! acknowledge! all is from  
God!



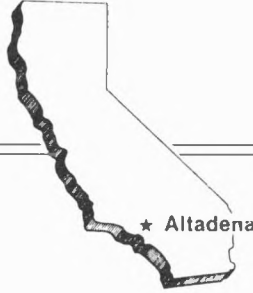
" . . . Go ye into all the world,  
and preach the gospel to every crea-  
ture."  
Mark 16:15

# Marching To Zion

A History of the Apostolic Christian Church of America  
1847-1982

## ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA  
2243 North El Molino Street



The first new church established within the denomination in the 1950's was at Altadena, California. Located on the northern edge of the Los Angeles metropolitan area between the city of Pasadena and the southern portions of the San Gabriel mountains, Altadena was typical of many western spots in California which drew families from the "East."

Persons of Apostolic Christian background, too, were lured to the area by the favorable climate, beautiful terrain, and general economic opportunity. Initially, brethren at Altadena were a part of the church at Maywood, California, a small suburb of Los Angeles, located seventeen miles directly south (or twenty-five miles by freeway).

Because several members and friends lived in the Altadena-Pasadena area since 1944, consideration was given, beginning in the late 1940's, to establish a congregation in that area to better accommodate those believers living there. These wishes came to fruition in 1951 when services were begun in

Pasadena with Joe Klotzle as minister. Worship services were held at rented quarters in the Knights of Pythias Hall and at the Pasadena Women's Club.

Among the first families comprising the church at Altadena were those of Simon Bahler, Joe Klotzle, Carl Kinsinger, Bill Schwartz, Joe Traub, and Clarence Graf.

After approximately one year, the congregation purchased a large residence at 2243 North El Moline in Altadena. It was remodeled to make it serviceable as a church. First worship services were held at the new building the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving, 1952, although the church was not completed until the following summer.

A Silver Lining article described the church: "Our church is a remodeled home, with an assembly room, three Sunday school rooms, a kitchen and dining room, nurs-

ery, and entrance on the first floor. Upstairs we have four bedrooms, a complete kitchen and dining room-living room combination."

Through the years many visitors from the other churches have stayed at the rooms upstairs and have enjoyed the hospitality of caretaker Elizabeth Feldman who has lived in an apartment over the church.

On February 12, 1952, Carl Kinsinger, formerly of Pulaski, Iowa, was chosen to assist Joe Klotzle in the ministry. In 1954 Kinsinger assumed the duties of deacon and on February 20, 1955, was ordained as elder following a church vote in September, 1955. Interestingly, all his church offices - minister, deacon and elder - were placed on him in the month of February.

The Altadena church was never formally dedicated.

By 1980 the Altadena congregation consisted of thirty-six members.

(The Altadena congregation is presently in a new church building project.)



### A GLORIOUS CHURCH

Do you hear them coming, brother,  
Thronging up the steps of light,  
Clad in glorious shining garments,  
Blood-washed garments pure and  
white?

Do you hear the stirring anthems  
Filling all the earth and sky?  
'Tis a grand, victorious army,  
Lift its banner up on high!

Never fear the clouds of sorrow,  
Never fear the storms of sin,  
We shall triumph on the morrow,  
Even now our joys begin.

Wave the banner, shout His  
praises,  
For our victory is nigh!  
We shall join our con-q'ring  
Savior,  
We shall reign with Him on high!



Chorus:

'Tis a glorious church without spot  
or wrinkle,  
Washed in the blood of the Lamb;  
'Tis a glorious church, without spot  
or wrinkle,  
Washed in the blood of the Lamb.  
Gospel Hymns #53

### The Church: Its Foundation

"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

"And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."  
Matthew 16:18-19

### Sermon . . .

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when men will say to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Revelation 6:16-17. The only way you and I will be able to stand is if you and I have the blood of the Lord Jesus on our hearts.

Let us go back to that story of the children of Egypt. When God called them out that night, they prepared each household to be ready for the death angel to come. Unless each one acted and believed and obeyed, they were taken. The death angel would not pass over.

So it will be on that day that is coming. Unless we have the Lord Jesus' blood on your heart and on my heart, we, too, will be consumed because of His wrath upon us, His creation.

John had the vision on the island. Each one of us has had dreams, each one of us has had a vision . . . maybe at night, maybe about how the Lord will take us. We cannot comprehend death even though it has been so close to some of us as loved ones - fathers, mothers, from our own families - have

been taken.

We do not understand death, but it is real. It is hard to speak about death, but we do not have to be afraid of dying if we have the Lord Jesus within us, if we are obeying the truth of His Word, if we are measuring up ourselves with His Word, and if we judge ourselves every day to see how we fit in.

If we have that still small voice whispering sweet peace in our life and mind, we have opportunity then that you and I can be comforted no matter what happens in life, and we can be forever with the Lord.

I think we read this morning, "Fear not the kings and the rulers of the land that are able to persecute you or punish you and put you in jail or burn the body. Do not fear that one as much as the great God that is able to kill the body and then cast the soul into hell fire forever and ever. I tell ye, fear ye Him." (See Luke 12:4-5).

May we all take warnings . . . the wonderful warnings that come from God. May we realize we are just passing through as pilgrims and strangers. What you and I have, we have not gained. Naked we came from our mother's womb and naked we shall go to the ground and return to dust. As we have come from dust, so shall we return.

When we hear it is his possessions or their possessions that they have gained, loved ones, it is what the Lord has blessed. There are many responsibilities that come along with those blessings.

We should be a peculiar people when we realize all these little things that God has been good to us in our lives. The talents that have been given to you and to me, are we doing what we should? Or are we like that one servant that took that talent and buried it because he feared God? Was that all bad? No, but the Lord saw he was lazy, slothful, and not diligent in doing what he really had ability to do.

We can look around and say, "Well, the brother has failed, but it is the minister's duty to go and see the individual." I encourage each brother and sister as I believe we

have been encouraged by our elder brothers and by ministers, too, to at least one time in your life go visit one that you love and that you are concerned about. One time in your life, go and see such an individual and see how it will turn out. We know that God is all-powerful and all-knowing. If you and I have a fervent love for the brethren, it would be an easy task to do.

"And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer."

Revelation 6:1-2

We believe that the Lord Jesus, someday, is going to have a reward for everyone. It will be either one of two things. Brothers and sister and friends, it is one of two:

"Enter into a mansion that is prepared for you, and blessed are your works and your deeds." Or it will be, "Depart from Me, ye worker of iniquity. I know ye not."

The latter, as we read in the New Testament, said, "Lord, Lord, we did this and we did that." We have to believe that that was the account of a Pharisee, a scribe or one that puffed themselves up in the street corner and one that liked long prayers and one that liked to be seen of men of the good that they had done.

I believe that in the spirit of meekness and humility as God motivates your heart and mine, that in the secret hour and secret moment of the day, if you have a prayer of a concern for a brother or sister and have it laid upon your heart to go visit that one or give a cup of cold water, unbeknown to anyone else, God will surely bless that deed.

I am confident that the goodness of God will look down upon us and see those things that you do unbeknown to anyone else. In the Scriptures, it talks about not letting the left hand know what the

right hand giveth. (See Matthew 6:3).

Isn't it a blessing when you and I have the opportunity to give and to share? When we really feel motivated of God to do it and not because of others seeing or knowing, don't we really (all of us) entertain precious moments in our lives when He gives us the ability and desire to serve Him with all our heart, mind, and soul? That reward is coming for each one.

“. . . and he went forth conquering, and to conquer. And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.”

Revelation 6:2-4

We live in a time and a land of peace and safety. As it has been spelled out, such a tremendous effort has been given to those that rule over us for peace in the land. Yet you and I know how shallow that peace really is. In the hearts of men today, when there are men after men and country after country, there is no peace. Yet the world is somewhat satisfied and content with what is going on because of the global situation.

May we be wise in our salvation, loved ones. May we not be deceived, for God is not mocked. You and I know through how we have been raised, through our Sunday schools, through the preaching of this precious Word over this pulpit, that you and I who have been given much, will be required of much.

Money and responsibilities are ours. We believe that in the world we live in, there are others that might not be living up to what we think they ought to be living up to. I believe there is a Righteous Judge that will judge us according to what is required of you and me.

When the Lord Jesus gave those three servants talents, the one gained ten talents, another gained five talents, and one hid it in the

ground. There was no difference between the one that gained five and the that gained ten. The Lord was pleased with those two.

But with the one that did not gain any, the one that was lax, He was displeased. He said, “Give it away to the one that has ten.” (See Matthew 25:14-28). We believe there will be a Righteous Judge and a righteous judgment someday.

We do not know the little details between one man's life and another man's life, and how we judge by the fruits, but let us be careful for the Lord will be a Righteous Judge. May we not be concerned about the things that will take place on that great and notable day.

“And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, a measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the win.”

Revelation 6:5-6

I do not understand his vision, but what I get out of this verse is that a balance is coming for you and me. When we are weighed in the balances before God, I believe we all are going to be short. We all come up short of the glory of God. No, not one has been good. The Scriptures tell us that.

But when the Lord Jesus puts His grace – a certain amount of grace – to each one, and the Lord Jesus knows that particular amount that you and I need, we will be weighed in the balance. It is only by that grace and the Lord's goodness toward us that we may inherit life eternal and be weighed in the balance and not be found wanting.

“And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed

with him. And Power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.”

Revelation 6:7-8

There is coming a day when men will be no more. His creation will be terminated. We have to believe. I remember a question in Sunday school one time was, “How will God treat the animals and the beasts of the field?” When we were little, we had the question of, “What about the soul?” This poor dog and pet that we had, and how we were concerned.

When you and I were born and given that breath of life, God breathed in us a living soul. We cannot put our finger on it, but loved ones, when we as parents were able to see birth, we could see that poor little soul take upon itself that first breath, and God gave that breath, did He not? Was it not a miracle to come to life?

There is coming a day when death and hell are going to prevail. “And Power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death . . .” Revelation 6:8. I hope, brothers and sisters, that we are not around. We do not know what John is getting at here, but there is going to come a time when there is going to be torture and weeping and gnashing of teeth forever and where the worm dieth not.

Such a torment and anguish that the hearts of men will have to endure if they do not make the proper preparations in their lives today, while we have life and breath. You and I, it is your choice and mine whom we will serve, not just today, but in that long and endless eternity.

Will we be the one that will hear the saying from God, “Depart from me ye worker of iniquity . . . I know ye not?” Or, “Enter in, thou good and faithful servant, into the joys of the Lord?”

May all of us take warning. You and I do not have to look at the brother or the sister on the right or left, or the minister behind, but may the Word speak clearly into each one of our hearts.

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## SERMON BY BRO. TOM SCHAMBACH OF ELGIN, IL

### Prepare For God's Judgment Revelation 6

In the world that we live in today, we do not want to judge anybody or our faith. It says first the judgment should begin right here in the house of God. (See I Peter 4:17). If we look into the Word and we see how we measure up, that is judging. But for us to go and tell of someone else's actions, the Scripture say, "Wherever by their fruits ye shall know them." Matthew 7:20.

We see from time to time fruit that is not really what God would want. We need to love that dear soul and if there is a little way that we could help that soul see their erring way, I believe it is your responsibility and mine, if God would move our hearts, to speak to that one.

If we do not feel we have to speak, that still, small voice might speak to that individual by a quiet action that you and I can do as a good, living witness that you and I need to be.

As we read here in these last couple of paragraphs, where you and I live in a land that we do, for the most part, we are not ashamed to talk of religion.

I thought, when I was a child and teenager, as Bro. Sid talked this morning about coming to Forrest, IL, so many times during his younger years, and I likewise, in an unconverted state would love to come to Forrest and be with those who were our age.

We knew what our church stood for and yet we did the opposite.

But in time, God in His mercy and compassion, for myself I say, He was so very patient. In time He gave us the grace we did not deserve. He had compassion and He had mercy.

Jeremiah talks in Lamentations about those mercies and those compassions . . .

"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."

Lamentations 3:22-23

They are new and fresh every morning! As the day of grace continues in your life and mine, have we not found it so, how the mercies of God are new every morning? What has happened yesterday, might not be so pleasant. But today when ye hear the voice of the Lord, harden not your heart as they did in the days of provocation. (See Psalm 95:7-8).

May we take hold and live for God and believe upon the Lord Jesus and what He has done for all mankind. We believe this One that is sitting on the throne now, the One that was able to open these seals is the One that paid for your sins and paid for mine.

In the previous chapters, we can see that there was a group that was sitting there and no one was able to open the seals. We can sense that there was a great desire to

look and open the seal and see what it said, but there was only One worthy to open the seal.

What I wanted to get at was the day and the time that you and I live. The religion of the people is lukewarm and how man does not give God all the honor and glory that is really due Him, but how man justifies himself with man and morals are decaying. You and I know that. If the world goes on for another generation or two, will there be any morals left in the hearts of men? We believe it could come to the day and time when we will be like Sodom and Gomorrah and people will not know any different.

Yet we understand the prayer of Abraham when he prayed to God and said, "Oh, Lord God, if there would be just fifty souls, would you destroy the city?" (See Genesis 18:23-24). We know how it went down to ten. There were not ten righteous souls in that city. What I want to get at is that the wrath of God is coming. You and I have opportunity to talk to men and women of this world and time, but very seldom, to my disappointment, do we hear that men and His creation believe in this wrath that is to come.

We pray and trust that you and I could be wise to not be deceived as the Lord warned. May we not be deceived for God is not mocked of what He spells out in His Word.

Here the scripture talks about  
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