



"Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."
 Philippians 4:11

"Better is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith."
 Proverbs 15:16

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Contentment

"But godliness with contentment is great gain."
 I Timothy 6:6

"And having food and raiment let us be therewith content."
 I Timothy 6:8

If you cannot see the mountains
 Do not grumble or complain;
 There is beauty in the flowers
 As they grow upon the plain.
 There is music in the bird's singing;
 There is magic in the sky . . .
 For our God has given freely
 Gifts like these with our supply.

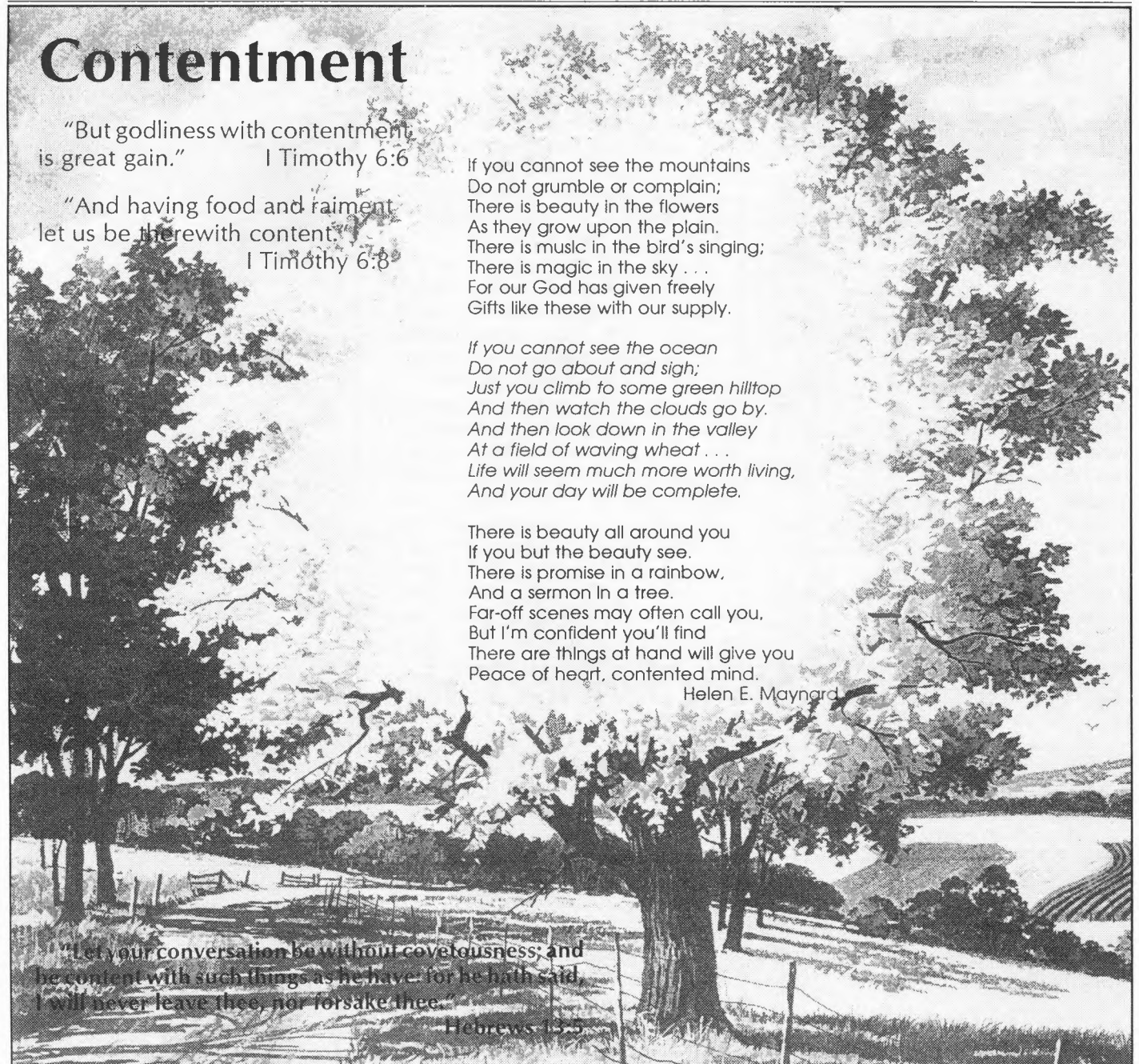
*If you cannot see the ocean
 Do not go about and sigh;
 Just you climb to some green hilltop
 And then watch the clouds go by.
 And then look down in the valley
 At a field of waving wheat . . .
 Life will seem much more worth living,
 And your day will be complete.*

There is beauty all around you
 If you but the beauty see.
 There is promise in a rainbow,
 And a sermon in a tree.
 Far-off scenes may often call you,
 But I'm confident you'll find
 There are things at hand will give you
 Peace of heart, contented mind.

Helen E. Maynard

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as he have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

Hebrews 13:5



MISSION -- WORLD RELIEF -- WORKS PROJECTS

SELF-INDULGENCE

Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle, Shioda, Japan

When you must make a decision, what is the criteria you go by? I hear it is very popular to have the criteria of avoiding pain and struggle and, to seek pleasure. What do you think about that?

When our children were still small and at home, during the summer, we sometimes had family weed-pulling parties at 4:30 in the morning. Upon thinking back of those times, it appears we tried to, intuitively, follow a set of criteria based more on self-discipline than on self-indulgence. Our children couldn't quite figure out how such an undertaking could be a party. It can be, though. It all depends upon what you enjoy.

Thinking of scripture which might pertain to this topic, Luke 9:23 comes to mind. "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." That doesn't quite sound like looking for the easy way out.

I don't believe it is God's will for us to go out of our way to look for pain and struggle. However, if pain and struggle come as result of doing what is right and what is clearly taught in the Bible, so be it.

An interesting aspect of this whole topic is that the seeking of pleasure and an easy way does not necessarily bring pleasure nor an easy way. There is something contradictory about this. If you want

real pleasure, forget about seeking it. Seek to please God and help others and pleasure will come to you. Persevere through pain and struggle when it comes and you will experience a level of fulfillment which can be achieved in no other way, certainly not by following the easy, comfortable road.

Let's be careful about self-indulgence. It doesn't sound like a very good way to go.

"FREE HOME AVAILABLE"

Lexington, Kentucky

In response to support our small church here in Lexington, Wayne and Becky Snodgrass (Bluffton, IN) prayerfully heeded the call and through the counsel of our elder brethren and their local church moved into the vacant furnished home here next to the church in April of 1991. They have been a blessing and a source of encouragement and support to our fellowship. And now this past April of this year, the Lord has prospered them to purchase for themselves a modest home for their growing family.

The Apostolic Christian Church and the adjacent home here are the providence of the Lord's blessing through the gifts of our precious brotherhood, and we are humbled to be here as a witness of

our precious faith in this community.

If the Lord should lay it on other hearts as a call for service to come and serve in His vineyard through the church, we would welcome them to come and visit in search of the Lord's will and to possibly live in our now vacant home as the Lord leads further in employment. Many opportunities are available in this diversified growing city. And Jesus promised to those who by faith sacrificially serve Him, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions, and in the world to come eternal life. Mark 10:30, Matthew 19:29, Luke 18:29.

For further interest or information, contact our counselling elders, Elder Bros. Wendell Gudeman or David Bertsch, or your least Bro. Lester Huber 606-745-2541.

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A new Froehlich book entitled, "OLD TESTAMENT MEDITATIONS" will be available in May from the Apostolic Christian Publications bookstore in Eureka, IL. The text contains writings of S. H. Froehlich, including new sections previously not available in English, along with a number of educational maps. These writings have been carefully translated in order to remain true to the original, then the entire work formatted and printed in a new style which is easier to read than existing Froehlich works.

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Your needy Brother-in-Christ,
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on God's Word

Light From The Word

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

FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is one of the greatest virtues of the Christian faith. To be forgiven of God, and to have the grace to forgive others, represents a glow of Christ's light that draws special attention to His glorious cause. To forgive someone is a noble act of charity and it brings blessings to both the forgiving person and the one who is forgiven.

The definition of forgiveness is an inspiration to ponder: "to give up resentment against or the desire to punish: stop being angry with; to overlook; to cancel or remit a debt." The characteristic of resentment and the unwillingness to forgive are evidence of the weakness of the flesh. Resentment brings more resentment, and one's entire being can seeth in the mood of unforgiveness. Such a trait, which may include hatred, is in total opposition to the spirit of Christ. It is a pattern from which a believer in Christ has been converted. The gentle, forgiving ways of Christ have no place for an unforgiving spirit.

To "overlook" the failings and misdeeds of others is to forgive. This is reflective of the mind of Christ. Because none of us is perfect, and we often fail, the aspect of forgiveness which includes "overlooking" is most essential in the household of faith. We need to do it daily. Yet, we must not overlook the faults in others to the extent that we would fail to kindly exhort someone who demonstrates an ongoing fault that is spiritually harmful or corrosive.

It has been said that it is easier to ask forgiveness than it is to forgive. This is true when God's spirit is lacking in one's heart. When one's heart is filled with God's spirit, the ability to forgive is greatly enhanced. It is a commandment of God to forgive others.

Our inclination to forgive others should stem from our appreciation of how willing God was (and is) to forgive us. At the time of repentance, when many of us came to the Lord

with a heavy load of sin and hearts stained and scarred with ungodliness, God was graciously willing to take us lovingly into His bosom, and to forgive our sins. As prodigals we had left our father's house, had rebelled, and had eaten of sin's husks. In our hardness of heart, we did not deserve forgiveness. But as the prodigal son's father forgave his repentant son, so God forgave us. Forgiveness of God is not predicated on whether we deserve it. It only requires our asking for it, in humility and sorrow, through faith in the shed blood of Christ. The most gross and devious sins can be willingly forgiven by God, who is "ready to forgive and plenteous in mercy unto all them who call upon him" (Ps. 86:5).

The seeking of forgiveness has a power that can affect others. Many of us can attest, when we repented for our sins and made restitution, how willing people were to forgive us. Even unbelievers often melted and became very willing to forgive when we apologized and "made things right." Such a response adds credence to the saying, "to err is human, to forgive is divine."

The greatest example of forgiveness was portrayed by Christ on the cross. As he existed in a crucified state, in severe pain, in agony, and in great disappointment, He prayed, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). While His despondent heart uttered to His father, "Why hast thou forsaken me" (Matt. 27:46), His divine quality allowed Him to show forgiveness. As the soldiers mocked Him, and even offered vinegar to quench His thirst, He had the grace, and the power of God's spirit, to forgive them. Why? Because of His unending love for mankind. He recognized they were ignorant of the magnitude of their sin. With the deepest sense of forgiveness, He "overlooked" their putting Him to death.

In teaching us to pray, the Lord emphasized forgiveness: "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Matt. 6:12). It is obvious that as we go through life we are going to encounter persons who will wrong us, or even offend us. Our calling of God is to be willing to forgive. The greatest and possibly the most dramatic emphasis on forgiveness is found in the instructions found in Matthew 18:22 where Jesus said not only to forgive a person seven times, but seventy times seven, or 490 times. It is crystal clear in the Word that we are to always be willing to forgive a person, no matter how many times we've been wronged, or how serious the infraction may be.

There is a severe penalty for unwillingness to forgive. "But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your father forgive your trespasses" (Matt. 6:15). On a positive note, the Word teaches, "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly father will also forgive you" (Matt. 6:14).

Forgiveness is a wonderfully noble Christian grace. Ideally a believer should automatically forgive, even before a person comes and asks for forgiveness. God can give power to allow one to forgive, and to love the offender. Closely related to forgiveness is the teaching of "turning the other cheek" to an enemy, or to someone who has wronged us. In a sense, this is the automatic forgiveness that can only come from the Holy Spirit.

The compassion of Christ is our greatest example of forgiveness. It is His example that the true, spirit-filled believer must follow: "And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross" (Col. 2:13-14).

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

There was a story floating around a couple years ago about a church in South Korea. This congregation had many converts and outgrew the building in which they

were worshipping. Because they were praying people, the group really prayed to the Lord for His will in their lives . . . and they decided to build a wonderful new building! The architect even designed one entire front wall to be made of imported mirrors in order to give the sanctuary a natural, open look.

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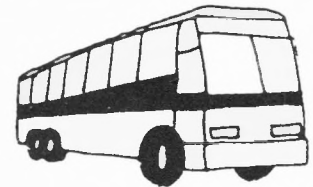
Things went well and the edifice began to take shape . . . until the mirrors arrived. You see, the mirrors came from overseas, and in the process of being shipped were shattered in hundreds of pieces. People were furious. Why had they even planned for the mirrors? The cost for this relatively poor group of people was overwhelming. Some of the congregation felt they hadn't wanted such a thing from the very beginning.

As discussions continued, the church experienced divisions and murmurings . . . until someone suggested they get on their knees and pray again. Then it happened.

Someone went back to the architect . . . who redesigned the front wall. He used every piece of broken mirror and formed a most beautiful mosaic pattern on the front of that church wall! The congregation put a plaque there that read, "Broken to be made beautiful!"

We know that in our spiritual

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.

lives Jesus told us we need to die to ourselves so that we might live . . . that we need to be broken to be made beautiful. In so many ways this is true in our daily lives as well. Our friends who live at the ACHH facilities face disabilities and barriers regularly . . . but oh so very often we see beauty around here. There is beauty in every skill learned . . . every encouraging word . . . every sincere prayer . . . and every deed . . . done in the name of Jesus.

We all, really, are broken to be made beautiful . . . if we let Him remold us the way He wants.

August birthdays at ACHH are: Dan McDonough (2), Eric Ringwald (4), Susie Landis and Peggy Full

(5), Martha Clymer (6), Nancy Eschmann (12), Shirley Pfeifer (23) and Barbara Perkins (30). No birthdays at Oakwood or the CRS.

**GATEWAY WOODS
Apostolic Christian
Children's Home
Rhonda Stoller**

Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world,
Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in His sight
Jesus loves the little children of
the world.


It was a typical day at Gateway

Woods. There were bills to pay, calls to return, and Auction details to finalize. I was walking out of my office when it happened. I stopped, unable to move. Feelings of pain, fear and love were filling my heart as I looked at their faces. I said, "Hello." The little girl looked down at her worn shoes and without looking up whispered "Hi." "My name is Rhonda, what's your name?" I asked. A little louder this time she replied "Barb and these are my two brothers, Adam and Shane." I could tell the three of them were looking me over. I said, "Hi," to the boys and asked if they had come to visit Gateway Woods and learn more about our program. They nodded. I told them I was excited to meet them and asked how they had enjoyed their tour of the grounds. We chatted for a little while. Their case-worker was talking with Tim in his office. The boys started looking at our picture albums and I gave Barb some paper and crayons. Before I went back to my office, I once again affirmed how glad I was to have met them.

I closed my door. I sat for a few minutes at my desk. It has been 2½ years since I started working at the Home; and, my heart is still touched each time new children come into our care. Thoughts were running through my mind too fast to even sort. "Where were their parents? How had Satan destroyed their family? Has anyone told them about Jesus and His love? Who en-

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**1992
CHILDREN'S HOME
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**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 8, 1992**

couraged them and praised their talents? At night, was there anyone to tuck Barb into bed and pray with her? Why at such young ages should children have to worry where they are going to live?"

I knew that only God held the answers. It would have to be my prayer that all would work out according to His plans. A light knock on the door brought me back to reality. "Come in." The door opened and there stood Barb holding a picture she had drawn. "This is for you." I took it. Tears filled my eyes. It was as if God Himself was speaking to me. It was a colorful rainbow in a clouded sky with a bright sun. I told her she had done a good job and it made me feel special. She helped me hang the picture on my door, gave me a hug and left. I stood back and looked at it. I thought of God's words to Noah and the covenant the bow represented "And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth . . . and the floods shall no longer destroy the flesh." Each day when I look upon my homemade rainbow I think of a little girl and I whisper a prayer. And in my heart I believe that God will provide and is taking care of her.

We are thankful for the teens who have moved into our program in the past month. Erica has moved into the East House and Cindy has joined our TLP Program. We seek God's wisdom as we strive to help them.

We rejoice that Sis. Stephany Moser (Champaign, IL) began as the New House Assistant June 17. Stephany will be working with Bro. Bill and Sis. Jan Baumgartner. She is already a great asset to our team.

Sis. Shay Nelson said her final farewell before going back to Illinois. We trust that God will direct her path as she continues to seek His will. We all love you Shay and extend a warm and appreciative thank you for your service.

God has again answered prayers. Sis. Dena Lewis (Chicago, IL) has accepted the Education Coordinator position. We are thank-

ful that Dena has listened to God's voice.

Our volunteers this month have been Bros. Ben Masten (Francisville, IN), Larry Gramm (Chicago, IL), Arlo Kipfer (Bluffton, IN), Joel Beer (Goodfield, IL), Brian Tanner and Matt Ackerman (Morton, IL), Dave Kieser (Bradford, IL), Sis. Marci Metz (Francisville, IN) and Sis. Cindy Martin (Princeville, IL). The young group from Bluffton comes one evening every other week for a recreational time with our teens.

June 26 was our annual Recognition Dinner. The evening was a special time to honor the staff, our board members and Elder Bro. David Bertsch. We said farewell to Bros. Wally Gerst and Bob Hohulin. We have appreciated their labors and service each month for the past few years. May God richly bless you.

Details and plans are underway for the annual sale to be held August 8. We are praising God for the faithful support and donations over the past years. Mark your calendar to attend and remember to pray for us. If you would like more information or to donate items and haven't been contacted by your church representative, please contact the Gateway Woods office.

ARIZONA, PHOENIX Ron and Ev Hoerr

On June 7, we were blessed with a beautiful program of singing by our children who attended Vacation Bible School. The happy looks of joy seen in our youngsters' faces were just as noticeable in our dedicated teachers. Thanks to each one for serving our dear Lord, including our special ministers. They were Bro. Kent Heimer (Taylor, MO), Bro. Tom Luginbuhl (Altadena, CA) and Bro. Dennis Kaufmann (Bloomington, IL). Bro. Loren Schrenk also visited from St. Louis, MO).

On May 24, Bro. Terry Baum and Sis. Janeen Hari exchanged wedding vows in Tucson. We will miss Bro. Terry in the Phoenix church, but God's love is everlasting and will continue to bind us together.

Our graduates were honored at a reception May 31 in the congregational room. Our eighth grade graduates are David Dotterer (Bro. Bill and Sis. Sharon), Mark Dotterer (Bro. John and Sis. Jeanne), Robin Esslinger (Bro. Lee and Sis. Patsy), Erica Johnston (Debbie), Heidi Kokanovich (Bro. John and Sis. Nancy) and Sis. Carmen Langhofer (Bro. Erik and Sis. Cindy). Our high school graduates are: Brian Emch (Bro. Don and Sis. Cathy), Joe Martin (Sis. Josephine), Kolette Niemeyer (Bro. Elsworth and Sis. Lois), Kanokporn Nimitmaung (visiting exchange student with Bro. Chuck and Sis. Marie Kieser) and Kelli Tooley (Jerry and Sis. June). Our college graduates are: Bro. Terry Baum (Bro. Ken and Sis. Jody) and Sis. Nancy Dotterer (Bro. Bill and Sis. Sharon). Congratulations and best wishes! Let God lead you on to the good things in life - instructions in the Bible.

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

Psalms 90:12

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

These verses are to comfort four dear families who have had loved ones enter heaven's gates.

Sympathy is extended to Sis. Verna and Ray Pueschel and Sis. Frances and John Martin. Their sister, Cora Frey, was killed in a car accident May 7 in Roanoke, IL. Also to Bro. Ron and Sis. Marge Lindenbaum on the untimely death of Sis. Marges' dad, Bro. Bill Leman (Roanoke).

Bro. Jim and Sis. Lois Beres' mother, Sis. Judith Beres (Rittman, OH) also died.

All our families were able to fly to their respective funerals.

Sis. Esther Harmon was hospitalized and Floren Klopfenstein is ill.

Sis. Emma Sanders would enjoy a friendly not at 215 S. Power Road, Room 214, Mesa, AZ 85206.

The second week and the week-

end of June 13 - 14 was reunion time for a group of former Fort Sam Army Apostolic Christian brothers, wives and families.

There were seven ministers, including our own, Bro. Bill Dotterer. Visiting ministers were Bro. Bill Brake (Sardis, OH), Bro. Art Ingold (Rittman, OH), Bro. Dave Graf (Akron, OH), Bro. Mark Steiner (Smithville, OH), Bro. Jon Zeller (Morton, IL) and Bro. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington, IL). We surely thank each of you. A fellowship dinner and singing were enjoyed before closing services.

Bro. John Kaufmann has a new granddaughter, Christine Marie, born May 26. Bro. Curt and Sis. Caroline (Tucson) are her parents.

Keep looking up! With Jesus life is worthwhile.

ARIZONA, TUCSON

Lisa Knapp

We are very happy to report the arrival of Christine Alayna Marie Kaufman. She was born to Bro. Curt and Sis. Caroline Kaufman on Memorial Day. Carrie, Catie, Carl and C.J. welcomed home Christine with anxious arms. We are thankful to have such a precious little girl in our church!

May was a blessed month in more ways than one. We were also privileged to witness the marriage of Bro. Terry Baum and Sis. Janeen Hari. We rarely have a wedding and a new baby to report in the same year, much less the same column! May the Lord bless Bro. Terry and Sis. Janeen's marriage as they grow together in the Lord. Parents are Daryl and June Hari and Bro. Ken and Sis. Jody Baum (Morton, IL).

Best wishes to Bro. Jay Fehr (son of our Bro. Gene and Sis. Marge) who was engaged to Sis. Amber Farney (Rockville, CT). May the Lord bless them as they prepare for a July wedding.

Bro. Bill Dotterer (Phoenix) helped out on the pulpit recently when Bro. Curt Kaufman would have had to serve alone. Many thanks to Bro. Bill for his efforts. May God bless you.

Our second Vacation Bible School was held in June and was a

huge success. As with the first year, I'm not sure who enjoyed it the most, the teachers or the students!

CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA

Lisa Steiner

We wish God's blessings for our two graduates. Brian Crockett (Bro. Bob and Sis. Judy) has completed high school and will be attending college this fall. Rebecca Luginbuhl (Bro. Tom and Sis. Heidi) has graduated from junior high and will begin high school in September.

Our prayers go out to Bro. Andy Lehman (Sis. Evelyn) during his illness. May God comfort and heal him. We look forward to having Bro. Andy with us again soon.

Our church building project is coming along nicely. We have seen some vast changes in the past several weeks, as our church has taken shape. We thank the Lord for this opportunity and those involved for their unfailing support.

CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

Marian Petrovic

On June 10, Brittney Anne, a precious gift of love from God, was welcomed into the hearts and home of the Wagenbachs; Bro. Doug, Sis. Lillian, Brent, Brian and Brenda. Grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Marie (Washington, IL) and Bro. Victor and Sis. Anna Jevremov (San Diego).

May God bless this dear family as they raise the children He has entrusted in their care.

Elder Bro. John Klotzle and Sis. Lois (Altadena) worshipped with us this past month. We always enjoy and appreciate their visit and the Word shared with us.

Our prayers are with our dear elder brothers as they once again prepare for their annual meeting. May the Holy Spirit give them guidance as they lovingly shepherd the flocks.

CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE

Michelle Virkler

"Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years

draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them . . . Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

Ecclesiastes 12:1, 13, 14

Bro. R. Lee Bahler, husband of Maxine Webb Bahler, died Sunday, May 31 at Rockville General Hospital. Besides his wife, he leaves four sons and two daughters-in-law, Lloyd Bahler (South Windsor), Bro. Steve and Sis. Lori Bahler (Vernon), Bro. Tom Bahler (South Windsor) and Bro. Philip and Sis. Michelle Bahler (Vernon); a daughter, Sara Bahler (South Windsor); a brother, Bro. Russell Bahler; four sisters, Sis. Doris, Eunice, Marjorie and Marilyn (South Windsor); four grandchildren, Joshua, Bradly, JaNae and Amanda; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to the Apostolic Church Building Fund.

The sudden passing of Bro. Lee was indeed surprising to us all, however, he has won the good fight of faith. Bro. Lee through his ministry always expressed great concern for "preparedness for the day when we could meet our Lord, would we be ready?"

The angels rejoice in heaven as his daughter, Sara, has made a beginning to walk in the Lord. May the Lord be by her side and grant Sis. Maxine courage and strength.

"Lead me, Lord, as Thou best knowest, How before Thee I should live; If but Thou my footstep guidest, Joy and blessings I receive. If in grace with Thee I'm standing, Dangers fade at Thy commanding; Guided by Thy hand alone, Thine and not my will be done." (Zion's Harp #93) There shall be a great void and we pray the Lord will be with Sis. Maxine and her dear family, as well as Bro. Russ and his dear sisters.

"For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together

in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge . . .”

Colossians 2:1-3

Elders who came from far and near were Bros. Gene Pamer (Akron, OH), Alfred Bahler (Wolcott, IN), Art Bahler (Fairbury, IL) and Ed Lanz (Oakville, IA), as well as ministering Bros. Earl Kilgus (Remington, IN), Roy Luginbuhl, retired (Fort Lauderdale, FL), Brian Webb (Fort Lauderdale, FL), Harold Schmidgall (Gridley, IL), Walter Herrmann (Princeville, IL) and Glenn Riggenschach (Smithville, OH).

Just as sorrow comes to many, joy also abounds when we can witness three precious friends as they are baptized, and are able to bury the old man of sin, and arise as a new creature, serving our Lord and Savior: Sis. Sherri Skinner, wife of Everett Skinner (daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Alma Luginbuhl); Bro. David Schneider, son of Wilbur and Sis. Marge Schneider; and Bro. Ken Cray, husband of Sis. Debbie (son-in-law of Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen Luginbuhl). “And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (I Thessalonians 5:23). Elder Bro. Kevin was assisted by Elder Bros. Gene Pamer (Akron, OH) and Ed Aeschleman (Philadelphia, PA).

Curt Matthew was born May 9 to Bro. Rick and Sis. Susan Luginbuhl. Douglas, Kevin and Nathan awaited the arrival of their new baby brother.

Aaron Matthew was born April 28 to Bro. David and Sis. Ellen Galat. Nathan also awaited the arrival of his new baby brother. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Art and Emily; paternal grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Marlene.

The engagement of Bro. Jay Fehr and Sis. Amber Farney has been announced. We wish them God's blessings as they embark on a new life together.

Those not able to assemble with us who have been under the care of a physician or hospitalized are Sis. Sandy Schneider, Todd Schneider and Sis. Emma Herzig. We trust the Lord will restore them to a measure of health to once again be renewed in strength.

The family of Bro. Lee Bahler wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all who traveled great distances to be with them, for the many comforting messages of sympathy and above all, the many prayers that were offered on their behalf during this difficult time. The outpouring of love and concern by the brotherhood has been truly humbling and overwhelming.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
 WASHINGTON
 Henrietta Meyer**

“. . . thou has made summer and winter.”

Psalms 74:17

We rejoice that summer has brought us many visitors. We thank the Lord for providing ministers to teach us. This month our ministers were Bro. Gene Metzger (Lester, IA), Bro. Vic Bauman (Smithville, OH) and Bro. Walt Rager (Toledo, OH). Other visitors this month were from Francesville, LaCrosse and Wolcott, IN, Philadelphia, PA, Chicago, IL, and Smithville, OH.

We welcome Mark Blunier (Roanoke, IL) to our area for the summer.

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 will be in the area, please call Bro. Matthew Aeschleman (301) 863-9624 or Bro. Ed Stoll (703) 494-3955.

**FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE
 Terri Huber**

On May 30-31, we had a blessed

and busy weekend. We heard the testimony and witnessed the baptism of Diane Klopfenstein. We also heard the testimony and welcomed into our fellowship, Bro. Peter and Sis. Claudia Green, as well as Bro. John and Sis. Caroline Hejja. Following the baptism, we had communion and a church supper. Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton, IL) assisted with the ministrations.

After a joyful weekend, our joy was increased yet again to hear that another heart was touched. Sis. Diane's husband, Richard Klopfenstein, is repenting! Praise God for His wonderful grace.

The Sunday school took a canoe trip (one day) again this year. Thanks to those who gave the time to plan it - we need these activities for our youth.

We welcome Bro. Jonathan Sutter back to Fort Lauderdale after spending two or three years in Champaign, IL.

Our elections being completed for this year, the following positions were filled: Bro. Doug Sauder and Sis. Char Graf, Sunday school teachers; Bro. Ed Gerber, usher; Bro. Tom Cholak, sound system; Bro. Brad Troxel, trustee; and Sis. Joyce Troxel, kitchen supervisor.

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

“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

How difficult it can be for us often times to just yield our whole heart to Him and to trust Him fully. But, oh how He blesses us when we do!

We had quite a number of visitors this month for this time of year. We were thankful for each one, including the following ministers: Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI), Bros. Doug Sabo and Jeff Streitmatter III (Sarasota, FL) and Bro. Ronald Heiniger (Bloomington-Normal, IL). We thank the ministers and their families for their labors of love.

Sis. Brenda Stoller (Atlanta, GA) had surgery and was hospitalized for some time. She is a daughter to Bro. Vic and Sis. Dottie Beer and Sis. Dottie was able to spend several weeks helping care for her daughter and grandchildren. Sis. Brenda is at home recovering nicely, and we thank God for answered prayers.

Sis. Kaye Eisenmann traveled north to be with her daughter, Sis. June Schmidgall (husband, Bro. David) to celebrate the graduation of their daughter, Amy, from high school. Sis. Kaye also visited her daughter, Sis. Gail Massner (husband, Bro. Dennis), and family.

FLORIDA, SARASOTA
Suellen Ott - Gala Gerber

Though dark be my way, since He
is my guide,
'Tis mine to obey, 'tis His to
provide;
Though cisterns be broken, and
creatures all fail,
The word He has spoken shall
surely prevail.

Though troubles assail, and
dangers off-sight,
Though friends should all fail and
foes all unite,
Yet one thing secures us,
whatever betide,
The Scriptures assure us the Lord
will provide!

Zion's Harp #87

Isn't it a comfort to know that our God promises to meet our every need?! In Psalms 34:17-19 we are reminded that He heareth the cry of the righteous and delivers them out of all their troubles. Not only does He promise to deliver us but will guide us continually, satisfying our soul in drought and makes our bones strong so that we might be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. (Isaiah 58:11)

Where would we be without our Saviour and His unbroken promises?

Our hearts ache with pain as we view the tragic death of Paige Kahler (Morton, IL), our shepherd's

granddaughter. May they find comfort in this time of need.

We appreciate our home brethren: Doug Sabo, Glenn Price, Ron Koehl and Jeff Streitmatter III for willingly standing before us each Wednesday evening and Sundays, allowing the Word and Holy Spirit to have free course!

ILLINOIS, BELVIDERE
Carol Steffen

We have much to be thankful for again this month. Two carloads came from Milford, IN, to put a new roof on our church. Also, a few came from Elgin to help. It is amazing how so many men can be on the roof at one time and work so harmoniously together. We thank each one for their efforts.

Bro. Jim and Sis. Carlene Jepson and family have bought a house in Belvidere. They lived in Cherry Valley, IL, before, so they have moved closer to church. Their new address is: 1218 Julien Street, Belvidere, IL 61008.

As this is the season for graduations, we congratulate Darin Mueller (Bro. Art and Sis. Marlene) upon graduating from high school. We pray God will guide him as he goes on to college.

We would like to thank the Elgin church for inviting us to their Sunday school picnic. We enjoy the fellowship and our children enjoy getting together with their old friends.

Our visiting ministers this month included Bro. Carl Wyss (Washington, IL), Bro. Bill Gudeman (Elgin, IL) and Bro. Greg Rassi (Chicago, IL). We thank them for coming to support us along with our other visitors who came this month.

The dedication for our church in Belvidere is set for July 25 and 26. We look forward to this event and welcome each one.

On June 17, we were privileged to have a singing and a housewarming at the home of Bro. Brian and Sis. Peg Anliker who bought a home in Belvidere in April. We trust God will be an unseen guest in their home at all times.

Anyone who is traveling on vacation is most welcome to worship

with us. Also, if you are traveling through and would like overnight accommodations, please call. We appreciate visitors.

ILLINOIS,
BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL
Debbie Grieco - Tudy Schmied

The Lord called, "Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; . . . (Isaiah 55:1), and our new converts, Bryan Kellenberger (Bro. Jim and Sis. Ann) and Shawn Hari (Bro. Everett and Sis. Bev) answered the call. In Psalm 51 we hear the groanings of a sin-sick heart and a call to the Lord for restoration. How well it parallels a convert's tearful confession and plea for the Lord's forgiveness. "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgression: and my sin is ever before me. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." (Psalms 51:1-3, 10-11, 17) Elder Bro. Bob Grimm and Wes Knapp (Goodfield, IL) guided these dear souls through their testimonies of faith Saturday evening. On Sunday, May 31, our congregation witnessed their baptism and the sealing of the Holy Spirit. Our hearts were filled with joy as we welcomed them into our church family as brother and sister. "O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise." Psalms 51:15.

The children and adults in our congregation started the summer out by dedicating a week of evenings to learning more about our Lord and His Word. Vacation Bible School was held June 8-12 with the theme being "Go Tell It On The Mountain." The children started out the evening by meeting under a tent set up on the church lawn,

singing and learning more about families in other countries and their need to hear the gospel. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. Each night the children eagerly brought donations for their special charity - MEBSH primary schools in Haiti. After a group prayer, the children went to their individual classrooms to work on their lessons and crafts. Meanwhile, the adults received instruction in the sanctuary from a different guest minister nightly. These guest speakers included Bro. Ted Witzig (Morton, IL), Bro. Ken Hoerr (Peoria, IL), Bro. Kent Heimer (Taylor, MO), Bro. Earl Ringger (Gridley, IL) and Bro. Ken Wuethrich (Indianapolis, IN). The time and effort spent by these brothers in preparation and delivery of their message was deeply appreciated. We thank God for their safe passage and ask His blessing upon each one of them and their families.

On June 14 a senior breakfast was held at church to honor our graduating high school students, Rick Young, Jason Albritton, Joe Kieser, Eric Strassheim, Matt Knapp, Beth Harrell, Jeremy Masters, Sis. Shawn Hari, Robin Hodel and Bro. Sam Steffen. We wish them God's blessings as they start this new chapter in their lives and pray they will store God's Word in their hearts and apply it daily to their walk. We pray these graduates can be strong in the Lord and be a "light" to their peers wherever their post high school plans take them.

We're praising the Lord for two new healthy baby girls born into our church family. Hilary Elise was born to Bro. Brent and Sis. Cheryl Nussbaum June 1. She was happily greeted by her sister, Katie, and brother, Brendon. Her grandparents are Bro. Keith and Sis. Nancy Honegger (Bluffton North, IN) and Sis. Tillie Nussbaum (Bloomington, IL). Soon after, on June 15, Lauren Julia arrived to the joy of her parents, Bro. Larry and Sis. Barb Stevig. Her sisters, Erin and Bonnie, are thrilled as are her grandparents, Bro. Keith and Sis. Alice Stevig (Morton, IL)

and Bro. Dale and Sis. Dorothy Walder (Cissna Park, IL).

We missed Sis. Virginia Huette a few weeks in June during an illness that kept her at home. Her smiling presence was missed during this absence from our congregation. Our prayers for her physical healing were answered as we welcomed her back this week.

As Father's Day approaches, we thank the Lord for our earthly fathers and all they've done for us throughout the years, as well as the love they've shown us. For some of us, we never fully realize how much a parent loves a child until we have children of our own. Words can scarce describe the depth of it. And yet our heavenly Father reminded us that since we are imperfect, our love for our children is also imperfect. Think how great our heavenly Father's love is for us in comparison. Praise be to God!

ILLINOIS, BRADFORD

Les and Barb Fehr

On June 14, many of us went to Princeville, IL, to witness the wedding vows of our Bro. John Ehnle (Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna) and Sis. Sara Feucht (Bro. Earl and Sis. Margaret). We wish them God's blessings as they begin their life together and we look forward to having Sara in Bradford.

The high school graduates this year are Sara Ringger (Bro. Bill and Sis. Karen), Brent Kieser (Bro. Verle and Sis. Vonnie), Ben Endress (Bro. Larry and Sis. Becky), Kurt Eberle (Ronnie and Sue), Craig Tanner (Bro. Richard and Sis. Marilyn), Heather Elsasser (Bro. Jordan and Sis. Sharon), Alex Stisser (Randy and Linda), Troy Pyles (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Becky) and Bro. David Kieser (Bro. David and Sis. Shirley).

Those graduating from eighth grade were LaNae Dietz (Bro. Kenny and Sis. Mardell), Julie Ringger (Bro. Bill and Sis. Karen), Crystal Knobloch (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Dianne), Amy Joos (Bro. Robert and Sis. Becky), Chad Pyles (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Becky), Steve Endress (Bro. Larry and Sis. Becky). We wish each of these stu-

dents God's guidance as they begin their next step in life.

Sis. Emma Knobloch (Bro. Clarence and Sis. Lucille Kieser (Bro. Sam) were hospitalized this month. Our prayers go out to them as they recover from their illnesses.

ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN

Margie Heintz

A singing was held for Bro. Dan Schlatter as a "housewarming" for him at his new residence. He has recently moved to an elderly housing facility in Champaign. Many brothers, sisters and friends of our congregation, as well as some residents of the Inman, attended the singing. It was a warm and blessed evening for all.

Recently, a group of junior high students and Sunday school teachers from several churches enjoyed a weekend in Champaign as guests of some of our college students. We thank them all for coming and trust that it was a time of enjoyment and blessing for all who participated.

We are thankful God has provided an opportunity for Sis. Stephany Moser to work in Leo, IN, but we are sorry to see her leave Champaign. She has taken a position as an assistant house-parent at Gateway Woods. We wish her God's blessings and wisdom as she faces new challenges. Her cheerful enthusiasm will be missed here, but it will be welcomed in her new home.

Vacation Bible School was held from June 8 to June 12. The lessons, songs, activities and crafts were focused around the theme "This is my commandment that you love one another, that your joy may be full." The evening sessions were well attended by our local Sunday school students, their friends and some neighborhood children. We pray the truth of God's Word and the power of His love had an impact on all who came.

ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

Kathy Schlatter

I was out mowing recently. Because there had been so little rain and darkness was coming, I had

difficulty seeing the growth in the grass and following the path. But there was a difference – pointing me where to go – when I looked carefully. Similarly, in a time in my life where I feel closed in and I recognize few raindrops of blessing and mercy, may I still be able to discern that the Lord has given spiritual growth and wisdom and may I follow Him prayerfully on the path that I should take.

Welcoming is such a joyous task. Bro. Curt and Sis. Dana (Bucher) Anliker are newly married (May 24). We rejoice that the Lord has brought them together. As they begin their joint Christian household in His service, we would share much joy and peace with them.

Derek Bradley is the newest member of the Stoller household, born May 31. Bro. Brent and Sis. Kay and big brother, Daniel, are thankful for the Lord's gift of life. Derek also has faithful, prayerful grandparents, Bro. Keith and Sis. Pauline Roth (Congerville, IL); and Bro. Joe and Sis. Emily Stoller (Princeville, IL). May we, too, Derek's church family, be faithful and prayerful for him and his family.

Sis. Dena Lewis has just finished her degree in junior high education from Illinois State University. We are thankful for her accomplishment and wish her God-speed as she begins her service as a much-needed Christian in education.

We are grateful the Lord has given physical relief to Bro. Lenard Meyer, LaVirra Lehman and Christina Eckel, who were hospitalized before. We pray for their continued strengthening and ultimate well-being.

My daughter voluntarily got on a plane, and I let her, knowing she would be gone for a month. Her place is empty; the phone calls few and far between. Europe seems so foreign and far away. My heart is sore. And yet, I have it easy. I expect her to have a wonderful experience, a safe trip. Think what God the Father had to endure when Christ voluntarily left Him in heaven. Though Christ's communication in prayer with His Father was constant, He was gone for

thirty-three years among men who would crucify Him. How could God have been so good? "We love him, because he first loved us." I John 4:19

In order to practice my Spanish, a friend is planning to take me into Chicago to las tiendas mexicanas (stores). Some will allow me to bargain; some will have "precios fijos" (fixed prices). Those stores will not allow me to take something valuable unless I am willing to pay the total price. And I will not be willing to pay that price unless I am wholly convinced that an article is worth a great deal. When Christ volunteered to come to earth, He knew ahead of time there was to be no bargaining, that the price He would have to pay for us was one "precio fijo" – His life and shed blood on Calvary – but because our salvation was the most worthy of all, He purchased it for each one of us. How can we turn our backs on what He paid the highest price for?

ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

Cyndee Anderson - Bev Knapp

"Where He leads, I'll follow, Where He leads I'll follow . . . Follow all the way. Follow Jesus every day." As the theme of our Vacation Bible School this year, the words of this song encourage us to "Lean upon the Saviour and thy soul is secure." Gospel Hymns #788. What words of instruction and encouragement! In this world of insecurity, when so many people are looking for something they can rely on, our young people have the privilege of learning of the one person they can trust without fail: Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour!

Visiting ministers who were here to speak to our young people at the evening classes were: Bros. Lenard Meyer (Chicago), Dennis Kaufmann (Bloomington), Ted Witzig (Morton) and Todd Feller (LaCrosse, IN). May each one who helped with this worthwhile work be blessed for their labors. And may each of the students follow this "great example and pattern" we are given in our Lord.

Other visiting ministers this month were our Elder Bro. Art

Bahler (Fairbury) and Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington, IN). We thank them, too, for their labors of love.

This month our hearts go out to our dear Sis. Clara Hofer and her daughter, Diane, as they laid to rest our Bro. Herbert Hofer. He passed away May 24 and is also survived by Sis. Nettie Obergfel (Claytonville) and four brothers. They are Laurence and Earl (Watsseka), Robert (Cissna Park) and Harold (Milford, IN). Also remaining are two aunts, Amanda Gruber (Remington, IN) and Edna Boeringa (Cissna Park). We will often remember Bro. Herbert's appreciation for his salvation and his encouraging words, "It's not hard - it's not hard to repent." May knowing he has attained his heavenly reward be a comfort to his dear family.

Those on our "sick list" this month are Bro. George Gudeman (medical) and Bro. Joel Hofbauer (surgical). We pray they can feel God's nearness in their hour of trial. "List to His loving words, 'Come unto me,' 'Weary heavy laden there is sweet rest for thee . . .'" Let's do our best to "Follow Jesus every day."

ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE Joanne Roth - Myra Steffen

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6

We wish God's guidance and blessings on our new graduates. Graduating from high school are: Sis. Julie Schrock (Bro. Steve and Sis. Gerri), Sis. Amy Banwart (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Arlene), Chris Leman (Bro. Dale and Sis. MaryAnn). College graduates are Sis. Deb Dietrich Roth (Bro. Jim), Becky Ott (Bro. Don and Sis. Carolyn) and Bro. Trent Schrock (Bro. Byron and Sis. Mary).

On June 21 we witnessed the wedding vows of Sis. Larissa Schrock (Bro. Byron and Sis. Mary) and Bro. Jeff Kuykendall (Gary and

Ellie, Morton). We wish them God's blessings and guidance.

We were sorry to have Bro. Todd and Sis. Carol Schrock leave our congregation, and move to Leo, IN. May God be with them; we will miss them.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Carol Schrock (Bro. Allen) at the death of her father, Bro. Art Legel (Roanoke).

Visiting ministers this month include: Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton) and Bros. Charles Sinn (Fort Scott, KS), Wes Knapp (Goodfield), Loren Knapp (Tucson, AZ), Earl Ringger (Gridley), Bruce Hohulin (Goodfield), Dale Zeltwanger (Morris, MN) and Jay Rinkenberger (Goodfield, IL). May God be with them.

As the time for our annual brotherhood conference approaches, let us pray for God's Holy Spirit to guide and direct our elder brothers.

ILLINOIS, ELGIN
Elizabeth Schambach
Betty Bachtold

Believing it is the Lord's will, Bro. Keith Kellenberger and Sis. Ida Metzger (Bro. Ernest and Sis. Ella, Lester, IA), more recently from Gateway Woods (Leo, IN), have announced their engagement. We with them the Lord's blessings.

Saturday evening, June 13, we gathered beseeching the Lord's Spirit and could hear of His work within the heart of Renee Anliker (Bro. Gary and Sis. Edie) who now has become a lamb of Jesus and can embrace that living hope. We thank Elder Bro. Wayne Anliker (Forrest, IL) for assisting Bro. William Gudeman in the absence of Elder Bro. Nathan Steffen, who spent time in the hospital. May God restore health to his body and continue to provide spiritual wisdom in his duties.

Other willing brothers who came to visit and share the Word were Bros. Dan Stoller (Remington, IL), Sidney Kaufmann (Cissna Park, IL), Dean Steffen (Belvidere, IL), Joseph Gerst (Iowa City, IA), Paul Zaugg (West Bend, IA) and Virgil Metzger (Chicago, IL).

Blessings of family fellowship

were enjoyed by all at our annual Sunday school picnic. We trust the Lord will be pleased to further bless our Sunday school as we anticipate Vacation Bible School soon.

Our dear friends, Larry Moore (Beth) and David Rinkenberger (Gloria) have felt the need of repentance and have heeded the loving invitation. "Come, follow me, the Saviour spake," Zion's Harp #57. May their hearts be submissive to a gracious heavenly Father.

Having been blest with good health all her life, our dear Sis. Sarah Kellenberger, 82, widow of the late Bro. Henry, was relieved of her lingering illness June 11 and journeyed on to her heavenly home. Immediate survivors include Bro. Lyle Kellenberger (Sis. DeLores), Sis. Dorothy Kellenberger (the late Bro. Adrian); two grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

The Sarah Kellenberger family wishes to extend its heartfelt thanks to all who so graciously supported us during our loved one's illness and death.

Reminder: Please pay Silver Lining dues (due this month, \$9.00) to your reporters. Your promptness is appreciated.

ILLINOIS, EUREKA
Dori Blunier

"When to the cross we turn our eyes, and rest on Calvary; Oh Lamb of God our sacrifice, we must remember Thee."

Hymns of Zion #301

We were thankful to be so vividly reminded of Jesus' death on the cross as Elder Bro. Don Sauder (Roanoke, IL) and Elder Bro. Ed Lance (Oakville, IA) shared communion service with us. We were reminded of how God stayed Abraham's hand before he offered his son, but no one stopped God's hand as He sacrificed His only Son for our sins.

Other visiting ministers who have taught us this month were Bros. Dennis Rassi (Fairbury), Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville), Dale Frank (Oakville, IA) and Earl Kilgus (Remington, IN) and Elder Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield).

Thankful for the blessings of a new little son, Bro. Tom and Sis. Edie Stoller welcomed home Samuel Jay, who was born June 9. Also at home to share in the joy are Sis. Rachel, Bro. Darrell, Brenda, Paula, Sarah and Kathy.

We would like to express our sympathy to Sis. Doris Rocke (Bro. Norman) in the death of her mother, Sis. Anne Scheitlin (Elgin).

Sis. Eliza E. Leman wishes to thank all her family and friends for the many gifts and cards she received for her birthday. May God bless you all!

We remember in prayer Bro. Elmer Ginzel who has had knee surgery, and Jason Kupferschmid (Bro. Ed and Sis. Donna) who was recently in the hospital.

ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY
Jean Bachtold - Crystal Fehr

We are very thankful for words of wisdom from our visiting brothers, Elder Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS), Bros. Doug Grimm (Sabetha, KS) and Bruce Hohulin (Goodfield).

Our dear Saviour is so willing to share His peace unto the sinner that repents. It was a blessed event June 14 to hear Rick Steidinger (Bro. Tom and Sis. Dianne) tell how mercifully the Lord drew and enabled him to bring forth fruits of repentance. We welcome him as our new brother-in-faith.

We rejoice with the angels in heaven as four dear souls have turned unto the Lord in repentance. Thadd Walter (Bro. Jim and Sis. Juanita), Davida Steidinger (Dave and Deanne) and Sally Moser (Bro. Lloyd and Myrna) and Les Fehr (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kathryn) have found grace to embark upon a life of faith. May they surrender all and build on Jesus Christ the Solid Rock.

On May 24, Ryan and Lori Steidinger became first-time parents of a little girl, Shelby Lynn. Happy grandparents are Bro. Kenny and Sis. Linda Fehr and Bro. Don and Sis. Alice Steidinger.

Kenny and Darlene Zapp have also been blessed with their first child, Cody James, born May 25. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs.

James Garrels and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Alford.

We extend our love and sympathy to William Fehr (Helen), Anna Mae Fehr and Eunice Stork (John) upon the passing of their mother, Anna Fehr June 8. May God's comforting hand be felt.

We want to remember our dear ones who have recently been hospitalized. Our hospital patients have been Sis. Sara Steidinger (Ted), Sis. Nathalia Honegger and Bro. Herb Fehr. May God, who knows the needs of all, restore health as He will.

June 1-5 we held our Vacation Bible School. Those visiting ministers that took part were Bros. Steve Martin (Eureka), Glenn Dill (Tremont) and Wayne Banwart (Champaign). We are grateful to everyone that took part in this worthwhile project.

Thank You: Sis. Dianne and I would like to express our deepest appreciation for all the prayers and gifts that were offered during the time and after the hospital care of our son, Trent. If only words could express, who surely would pen them, how thankful we are for the faith we are blest to be a part of, for the prayers we could feel were prayed, and for the gifts of love that were shared. We pray God will bless, protect and provide for all who have remembered us.

Thank you so much,
Tom, Dianne and family

ILLINOIS, FORREST

Sherri Kelson
Sandra Schneider

Quite a few of our loved ones had to spend time in the hospital this month, including Sis. Aldine Wackerle, Bro. Harold Honegger, Reuben and Marie Roth, Bro. John Kyburz, Sis. Nathalia Honegger, Sis. Louise Honegger and Lindsey Ifft (Bro. Duane and Sis. Mary). We are happy for each one that could return home and pray God will be near each one remaining in the hospital as they await His healing touch.

We are pleased to hear Reuben Roth has made the decision to turn his life over to the Lord in repentance. We wish him God's abun-

dant grace to build a firm foundation.

We appreciate the Word that was brought forth and the fellowship we could enjoy when ministering Bros. Don Manz (Junction, OH), Earl Kilgus and Ed Bahler (Remington, IN) and their families along with others came to spend a Sunday with us.

May 23 was the wedding day of Brian Mueller and Denise Stork. Their parents are Elmer and Darlene Stork (Chatsworth) and Robert and Sis. Elaine Mueller.

Bro. Chad Kupferschmid and Sis. Linda Blunier were joined together as husband and wife June 7. Wayne and Sis. Marjorie Blunier (Roanoke) and Bro. Al and Sis. Wanda Kupferschmid are their parents.

We wish both couples the blessings of the Lord as they take this important step in their lives.

We extend sympathy to Bro. Ivan and Sis. Kathryn Steidinger in the passing of Bro. Ivan's mother, Bertha Steidinger. We also sympathize with William and Helen Fehr in the passing of William's mother, Anna Fehr. May the Lord comfort the hearts of these dear ones and their families as they adjust to this loss.

The Sunday school has such an important influence on our children. We wish God's grace to Sis. Kathy Leman as she takes on the responsibility of teaching the young and tender hearts. May she and all the Sunday school teachers keep in mind what an opportunity it is to teach the children of the wonderful plan of salvation.

Vacation Bible School was held the first week in June. We thank Bros. Jim Vierling (Eureka), Gene Leman (Wolcott, IN), Steve Baner (Gridley), Curt Rassi (Tremont) and Elder Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH) for taking the time to travel to teach our Bible class and Adult Friends class. It takes a sacrifice on their part and we do appreciate this.

We are looking forward to our Sunday school picnic which is scheduled to be held at Forrest Park June 28.

On June 14, our congregation was blessed with a visit from resi-

dents and staff of the Home for the Handicapped (Morton). This is a yearly event which seems to be enjoyed more each year as we all become better acquainted.

June 17 was a very special, solemn evening as we could partake of holy communion together. It surely is a strengthening to our spiritual life and we appreciate and want to thank Elder Bros. Dave Wiegand (Champaign) and Art Bahler (Fairbury) for serving us along with our Elder Bro. Wayne Anliker.

Sis. Alice Lehmann wants to thank everyone for all the prayers, visits, cards, gifts and food while she was in the hospital and since returning home. It was very much appreciated. May God bless each one.

ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD Barb Brim

"The heavens declare the glory of the God; And the firmament sheweth His handiwork."

Hymns of Zion #83

What a bounteous month we've had here in the Goodfield congregation. We can see His handiwork throughout our land and our hearts as spring turns to summer. We truly have been blessed with everything we need to live our lives in joyous anticipation of His return.

Our high school Bible class joined ranks with young adults from all over the country to attend the annual ACYF held at ISU this month. Fellowship like this is so important for our young people, and we appreciate each one who made the effort and participated in this Sunday of worship. You truly followed His commandment and honored your fathers and your mothers, we thank you! Also we need to express our thanks to all the teachers and parents who took time to attend and direct this event. What a positive example you are to our young friends.

Our thoughts and prayers go with Bro. Bill and Sis. Lydia Hohulin on their European trip this month. May God bless the time you

spend across the oceans, and bring you safely back home to us.

Our very dear Bro. Chris Hohulin passed on to his reward this month. What a victory he must be enjoying now, safe in the arms of Jesus. His loss will be mourned, yet we rejoice that his battle here on earth is finally complete. We also mourn the loss of Chas Hart, father of Bro. Bill and Sis. Terry Hart. Losing a father is very painful, yet God gives us strength to accept this as His will and faith to believe there is a better place awaiting us in heaven.

Vacation Bible School was held this month. It presented yet another opportunity to teach our children of His love and to fellowship together with His Word. The theme for this week of study was "Prophecy," and we would like to extend our thanks to the three visiting brothers who gave of themselves so unselfishly to help us better understand the places, times and events that have been written about in the Bible concerning the end times. Thank you, Bro. Mike and Sis. Carol Rieker (Peoria), Bro. Marshall and Sis. Janice Heinold (Washington) and Bro. Kenny and Sis. Sharon Eisenmann (Cissna Park), your discussions were interesting and informative. Along with the dialogue, we had some excellent music groups share their love of the psalms with us. Thanks to the Goodfield Singing Group, the Men's Quartet, and the Brothers-in-Faith, for your special contribution to our summer Bible school sessions.

This month we were blessed to have several visiting ministers with us. We want to thank them all for the generosity of their spirits. Thanks to Elder Bro. Andy and Sis. Maxine Virkler (Bay City, MI), Bro. Harold and Sis. Ethel Schmidgall (Gridley, IL), Bro. Loren Knepp (Tucson, AZ), Elder Bro. Roy and Sis. Dona Grimm (Taylor, MO) and Bro. Todd and Sis. Karen Feller (LaCrosse, IN) for sharing His message with us here in Goodfield.

Thank You: The family of Chris Hohulin would like to express our love and gratitude for all the expressions of sympathy and kindness extended to us since the pass-

ing of our beloved Chris. We are truly grateful for all your support and love.

Thank You: Bill and Terry Hart and their family wish to thank all of you whose deeds of kindness and words of sympathy meant so much to us after Bill's father, Chas Hart, passed away. We are constantly reminded of God's love and grace through your thoughts and prayers.

Card of Thanks: I sincerely want to thank everyone for the many deeds of kindness shown to me while I was in the hospital and since I am at home. The love and concern is simply overwhelming. May God bless each and every one of you.

Phyllis Zobrist

ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY Perry Klopfenstein

Our congregation was blessed during the week of June 8-12 with Vacation Bible School. The theme was "The Message of Salvation." Both children and adults attended classes. The adult section was held in the assembly room each evening with large and eager crowds in attendance. Guest speakers and their topics were Elder Bro. Ray Sinn (Latty, OH), "Repentance and Conversion"; Bro. Doyle Frauhiger (Bluffton North, IN), "Daily Surrender To Christ"; Elder Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH), "Faithful and Holy Living"; Elder Bro. Dave Wiegand (Champaign, IL), "Love One Another"; and Bro. Lynn Stieglitz (Leo, IN), "A Home In Heaven."

It was a very inspirational week. A thirst for God's Word was evident. In no uncertain terms, the requirements for salvation were outlined in accents clear. As mortals, we have planted and watered, and may God give the increase as only he can do it.

Bro. Chester Stortz was baptized recently. In poor health, he resides in the Eureka home. It is a blessing that he can now join his wife and son, and all of us, in that blessed hope that awaits the faithful. We welcome him into the church as a brother-in-faith.

Sis. Cindy Stoller had surgery

on her nose and sinuses Tuesday, June 9. She is recovering nicely.

ILLINOIS, MORTON Phyllis Farney Cheryl Wuthrich

During the month of July our thoughts turn toward our country, and how thankful we are for the freedoms it offers us. We can be especially thankful for the freedom to assemble to worship. Again during the month of June, our congregation was faced with both sorrows and joys. We celebrated the joys of birth and holy matrimony and the sorrows of losing loved ones. But in all cases we were able to assemble together to worship and fellowship and show love and support to one another. How thankful we can be that we have the freedom to come together during these times.

We ask a rich measure of God's guidance to the brothers and sisters who will be assuming their new duties as Sunday school teachers. They are Bros. Bill Daniel and Todd Stoller, and Sisters Wendy Kupferschmid, Esther Stephens and Donna Tanner.

Webb McCartney was called into all eternity. His funeral was held June 12. May God comfort and bless his wife, Madeline; his three sons, David, Matthew and Paul; his daughter, Mary Jo Hurst; his sisters; Mary Geddes and Edna Roth; his grandchildren and other family and friends.

Bro. Jim, Sis. Kathy, Sam and Katie Ritthaler welcome Joseph Dale into their hearts and home. Joseph was born June 13. His grandparents are Sis. Joyce Dominick and Pat and Dale Ritthaler, all of Morton.

At 97 years of age, Sis. Elizabeth Kaufman was called to her eternal rest. Her funeral was held June 15. May our heavenly Father comfort her sisters, Sis. Marie Hauter, Ida Kaufman and her other relatives and friends.

Our community was saddened by a car accident which claimed the life of 16-year-old Paige Kahler. Her funeral was June 16. May God put his arms of comfort around her parents, Roger and Connie; her sister, Stacy; and her brother, Brad;

her grandparents, Sis. Edna Kahler (Morton, IL) and Elder Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene Maibach (Detroit, MI); her aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives and many, many friends.

We were able to share in the joy as Bro. Jeff Kuyendall, son of Gary and Ellie (Morton) and Sis. Larissa Schrock, daughter of Bro. Byron and Sis. Mary (Congerville) were united in holy matrimony. May the three-fold cord remain strong all the days of their lives together.

We wish to thank Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach (Phoenix, AZ) for ministering God's Holy Word to us. Other visitors who were with us for Vacation Bible School were Bros. Jaye Rinkenberger (Goodfield, IL), Steve Baner (Gridley, IL), Steve Sauder (Tremont, IL), Marshall Heinold (Washington, IL) and Earl Ringger (Gridley, IL) who spoke to our high school students.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Lillian Getz wish to thank everyone who remembered them on their 50th anniversary with cards and gifts of love. May God bless all who were so kind.

Bro. Ken Roeschley wishes to thank all who remembered him during his hospitalization and recovery. The cards, gifts and prayers were very, very much appreciated.

ILLINOIS, PEORIA Jim David

The Peoria church held its annual Vacation Bible School June 8-19. The theme of VBS this year was "Pray Without Ceasing" (I Thessalonians 5:17), and a camping format was used to help stimulate the children's interest. Each session opened with the children singing hymns which are often sung around the campfire, and camping stories were told which contained valuable spiritual lessons. Many thanks to all those who gave of their time to help make our Vacation Bible School a great success.

We thank Bro. Merrill Laukhuf (Latty, OH), Bro. Floyd Schmidgall (Morris, MN) and Bro. Elmer Witzig (Gridley, IL) for visiting the Peoria church. Bro. Merrill gave a most interesting talk on the New

Age Movement, in which he warned of the subtle deceptions of this cult. We thank Bro. Merrill for providing us with this much-needed information.

We pray for God's healing of our hospital patients, Bro. Pete Plattner, Sis. Mildred Hoerr, Sis. Rose Staley, Jamie Zimmerman, Bro. George Koehl, Sis. Viola Messner, Sis. Diane Roecke and Sis. Ruth Hartman.

Sis. Mildred Hoerr sends this note of thanks: "A very special thanks for all the prayers, cards and love shown me while in the hospital and since I am home. May God richly bless each one of you."

ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE Martha Jane Siebenthal

I am sorry I missed these ministers last month, Bros. Carl Wyss (Washington, IL), Virgil Metzger (Chicago, IL) and Everett Hari (Bloomington). This month we were blessed with Bros. Walter Steffen (Milford, IN), Bill Waibel (Bay City, MI), Al Langhofer (Wichita, KS), Don Mantz (Junction, OH), Nate Stoller (Bradford), Roy Ehnle (Bradford) and Gary Endress (Bradford). May God bless these dear brothers for sharing God's Word with us.

Bro. Stan and Sis. Margie Schick, Andrew, Kevin and Heidi welcome Katie Rose. Happy grandparents are Bro. Peter and Sis. Mabel Weber (Peoria) and Sis. Helen Schick. Bro. John and Sis. Cheryl Grassi have been blessed with a little girl, Janelle Marie. Little Jason welcomes his new sister as do grandparents, Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Elaine Wagenbach and Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Grassi (Jamestown, NY). May God bless these family circles as they bring these little ones up in the Lord.

On June 7, it was a beautiful day for the handicapped residents to spend their annual outing at the farm home of Bro. Floren and Sis. Twylla Streitmatter and family. May God richly bless them for this deed of love to these special people.

Bro. Marvin Herrmann and Bro. Glenn Braker are our newly-elected

Sunday school teachers. They will replace Bro. Duane Elsasser and Bro. Keith Herrmann. May God bless them for their labor of love teaching our youth and may God grant the wisdom from above to Bro. Marvin and Bro. Glenn for this important duty to teach our youth which will be the future church.

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and shall be joined unto his wife." (Ephesians 5:31). Sis. Sara Feucht (Bro. Earl and Sis. Margaret) and Bro. John Ehnle (Bradford, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna) were united in holy matrimony June 14. May God richly bless this marriage in the Lord and may they always look to Him for their help. We will miss Sis. Sara in our congregation but it will be Bradford's gain.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Sis. Martha Herrmann.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the dear ones who have experienced the infirmities of the flesh. Sis. Julie Dapper and Sis. Alvina Streitmatter have bene on our list this month. Sis. Alvina had the misfortune of breaking a bone.

To all of our graduates, we extend our best wishes and ask God's blessings. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:6) Our eighth grade graduates are Wanda Baer, Jill Herrmann, Joy Herrmann, Kara Martin, Esther Streitmatter, Clint Endress, Byron Joos and Andy Martin. Our high school graduates are Beth Bowdoin, Brad Bowdoin, Marla Martin, Anne Streitmatter, Sis. Jane Knobloch, Sis. Krista Scholl, Jason Bender, Doug Blunier, Ben Herrmann, Joe Martin, Ryan Menold, Luke Rumbold and Troy Wagenbach. Our college graduates are Bro. Darin Blunier (Sis. Keri), Sis. Sara (Feucht) Ehnle (Bro. John) and Sis. Laura (Siebenthal) Baxter (Bro. Jim).

July 4 will soon be here and may we thank God for the many years of freedom and blessings we have enjoyed in our nation, the United States of America. May we pray for our nation and its people that we will always enjoy this freedom and the freedom of worship.

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

Sincere congratulations is extended to several newlywed couples and their families. April 11 was the wedding day for Beth Fischer, daughter of Bro. Wilmer and Sis. Clara, and Don Wilton, son of Mrs. Sue Wilton (New York). Beth and Don will be residing in New York.

Bro. Todd and Sis. Kathy (Luginbuhl) Moser were married May 17. Their parents are Bro. Lyle and Sis. Barb Moser and Bro. Ray and Sis. Carol Luginbuhl.

On June 7, our Sis. Linda Blunier married Bro. Chad Kupferschmid (Forrest). Wayne and Sis. Margorie Bluner and Bro. Alfred and Sis. Wanda Kupferschmid are their parents.

We have quite a few happy grandparents in our congregation, as there were a number of births in recent weeks. On April 5, Sis. Margaret Hodel became grandma to Reuben Dean, the fifth son of Randy and Lucy Koehler. His other grandparents are Dick and Beverly Koehler (Benson).

Don and Sis. Helen Brown and Gene and Shirley Santi are grandparents of Tyler Lee, the second son of Michael and Laurel Santi (Santa Rosa, CA). Tyler was born April 28.

Bro. Jim and Sis. Myra Leman had a new grandson and granddaughter three days apart. Vonn Haydn Leman was born May 11 to Bro. Mike and Sis. Lisa (Wilsonville, OR). Bro. Art and Sis. Betty Metz are his other grandparents. Then on May 14, Gary and Tammi Leman became parents of Clarissa Rose. She is their third child, and John and Sis. Sarah Diggle are the other happy grandparents.

Casey Matthew Weber was born June 6 to Kevin and Heidi Weber (Bartlett, IL). Casey's grandparents are Bro. Wayne and Sis. Linda Steffen (Roanoke) and Clyde and Lucille Weber (Trevor, WI).

A daughter, Emma Ruth, was born June 11 to David and Mary Lee (Faupel) Scherer. Her grandparents are Sis. Ruth Scherer (Roanoke), Bob Scherer (Dalhart, TX) and Charles Faupel (Chicago).

We extend our sympathy to Sis.

Phyllis Sauder in the passing of her father, Bro. Chris Hohulin (Goodfield).

On Wednesday evening, May 27, our closing hymn was #77 in the Hymns of Zion:

MY HEAVENLY MANSION

My heavenly mansion, so bright
and fair,
Home of my Savior, Would I were
there.
The glorious dwelling in Yonder
height,
How truly lovely, arrayed in light.

My glorious mansion beyond the
tomb,
Where Sharon's roses shall ever
bloom;
How sweet and peaceful its
tranquil rest,
There would I enter with all the
blest.

There in my homeland, in Eden
fair,
Sweet flowers are blooming so
precious rare.

Tis in this homeland my Saviour
dwells,
Of all its glories no tongue can
tell.

My heavenly mansion beyond the
sky,
Where they who enter shall never
die;
There would I journey this very
day,
And with my Jesus forever stay.

Little did we know that, at that time, our dear Bro. Bill Leman was passing into eternity following a car accident. Our sympathy and prayers are offered for his surviving family, Sis. Helen; five sons, Bros. Bill, Scott, Dan, Dave and Rob; five daughters, Sisters Sandy, Mary Beth, Ruth Anne, Marjorie and Amy; and his six brothers; two sisters; and 14 grandchildren.

Raymond DeSigne passed away May 28, and our love and sympathy is extended to his surviving family, Larry DeSigne and Bro. Bob and Sis. Cindy DeSigne.

We also want to remember Sisters Emma and Elsie Zimmerman in the passing of their sister, Julia

Zimmerman, May 30.

May God grant comfort to all these dear families in their sorrow.

The first two weeks of June were busy for parents and students involved in Bible School. Though it was a busy time, it was very inspiring and blessed, and hopefully many seeds were planted in tender hearts that will one day bring forth fruit pleasing to God.

We appreciate our visiting ministers this past month: Elder Bro. Wayne Anliker and Bro. Gary Brown (Forrest) and Bros. Earl Ringger (Gridley) and Art Bauer (Princeville).

There are so many who suffer pain, affliction and illnesses, and our love and prayers go out to each one. We especially think of our loved ones who recently spent time in the hospital: Bro. Dick Bowald, Sisters Mary Hoffman, Emma Scherer and Charlene Moser.

ILLINOIS, TREMONT**Carolyn Bolliger
Marsha Koch**

Our sympathy goes to Bro. Landon Rowell in the passing of his grandmother, Sis. Louise Rowell (Oakville, IA). May God be his comfort in this time of loss.

Sis. Betty Schweigert (Bro. Leslie) was our hospital patient this month. We are thankful she is doing so well.

We were privileged to hear the testimony and witness the baptism of Nelson Koch (Sis. Nancy and the late Bro. Jim). We wish him God's strength and grace as he starts his new walk of life.

Sis. Andrea Kaufmann (Bro. Dale and Sis. Jane) and Bro. Todd Harris (Bro. Mike and Sis. Linda, Roanoke) have announced their engagement. We wish them God's blessings as they plan their marriage.

Dear Loved Ones,

We can't begin to express our appreciation for all the kind deeds, encouraging words and prayers we've received during these past months. The Lord has just been so faithful to us! He has blessed us with a loving church family to help us during this difficult time in our

lives. And although we are uncertain what the future holds for us, we are confident that the Lord will continue to provide for us. Your great outpouring of love and support has helped uplift us so much! God bless each one of you.

His name be praised,
Bro. Don and Sis. Sandy Kaiser

ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

Sue Ruppert

Denise Romersberger

Vacation Bible School begins June 15 and runs for one week. Our prayers go out to the teachers that they may seek God's guidance and wisdom in teaching our youth. The Bible class attended Roanoke church along with Eureka and Morton this past week. All felt it was a real blessing and good fellowship for our youth.

May 24 was a special day in our church as we witnessed the wedding of Sis. Dana Bucher (daughter of Bro. Steve and Sis. Vicki (Aschliman) Bucher, to Bro. Curt Anliker, son of Bro. Ron and Sis. Vicki (Bucher) Anliker. We wish them God's blessings for a joyous married life.

June 21 is the 50th anniversary of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Esther (Metzger) Banwart. A reception is planned in their honor. God has been a strong influence in their lives and we truly appreciate this example to all of us. Congratulations!

Our monthly hymn sing was blessed with the singing by Peoria choir. What a joyous blessed way to spend an evening.

Bro. Ed and Sis. Louise (Huette) Teubel wish to thank all who remembered them with prayers, gifts of money and food, while Ed was hospitalized. So many people showed they cared. May God bless all of you richly.

We were blessed with numerous visiting ministers who let God direct them in speaking the Living Word. We thank Bro. Nile Bucher (Bluffton North, IN), Bro. Earl Ringger (Gridley, IL), Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville, IN), Bro. Garry Bucher (Valparaiso, IN), Bro. Randy Kellenberger (Kansas City, MO), Bro. Virgil Metzger

(Chicago, IL) and Bro. Mike Ricker (Peoria, IL).

Bro. Bill and Sis. Joan (Hoerr) Schick were blessed with the arrival of a daughter, Katie May. Her brothers are very proud of her.

INDIANA, BLUFFTON

Jill Frauhiger - Mary Isch

We were happy to welcome a new baby into our church this month. Bro. Mike and Sis. Deb Snider were the happy parents of a baby boy. John Thomas was welcomed home by his big brother, Vincent.

We also rejoiced to witness the marriage of Sis. Brenda Isch (Bro. Stan and Sis. Genny) and Bro. Tom Bertsch (Bro. Walter and Sis. Lillian) June 7. Looking forward to an October wedding are Sis. Natalie Kipfer (Bro. Ken and Sis. Judy) and Bro. Nick Gerber (Bro. Neil and Sis. Karen). Their engagement was announced June 7. We wish both of these couples God's richest blessings as they start their lives together.

Sis. Frances Dubach, Bro. Russell Steffen (Sis. Alice) and Bro. Lewis Gerber were all hospitalized this month. We hope that they will soon be back in good health.

We were saddened at the passing of our Sis. Ida Gerber June 5. We pray that her family will be comforted during this time of loss. Bro. Denny Klopfenstein (Sis. Carol) and his family also have our sympathy with the passing away of his grandmother, Sis. Emma Klopfenstein (Latty, OH).

Pam Agler, daughter of Bro. Alan and Sis. Sheryl Ringger, recently left for Germany with her son, James, to be reunited with her husband, Jim, who is stationed in the Army there. Our prayers are with them as they travel so far from us.

We were blessed to have Bro. Lynn Stieglitz (Leo) and his family with us June 21, Father's Day, to share the Word with us. We thank them for coming and being with us as we thanked God for our fathers. Our fathers do so much for us and we are truly grateful for their presence in our lives.

INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH

Terri Mueller - Lora Kieser

Our congregation appreciated visits from Bro. Wayne Laubscher (Cissna Park, IL) and Elder Bro. Ray Sinn (Latty, OH) and their willingness to bring us God's inspired Word.

We rejoice with the angels in heaven over three more souls that have surrendered in repentance. They are Bethany Maller (Bro. Ed and Sis. Rhonda), Rachel Rauch (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Kathy) and Ryan Mounsey (Bro. Rod and Sis. Rosemary). May God bless each of you.

Believing God has led them to each other, Sis. Natalie Kipfer (Bro. Ken and Sis. Judy) and Bro. Nick Gerber (Bro. Neal and Sis. Karen) have made their engagement known. May they feel God's presence as they plan for this important step in life.

Bro. Wally and Sis. Marilyn Leman are delighted to welcome a new grandson, Adam Lee, born May 15, to Bro. Jeff and Sis. Val Leman (Bluffton). Brothers, J.D., Shawn and Bradley were pretty excited too!

Prayers have been offered for Bro. Lewis Gerber who spent some time in the hospital. We hope for a quick recovery and will remember him in our prayers.

As our 1992 graduating class took the front seats Sunday morning, we heard a message that was not only good for them to hear, but also for each and every one of us in the pews behind them. We were encouraged to "keep our focus on the big picture" not to become so wrapped up in the things of the world, but to remember the simple truth, that Christ died for us and will one day return to earth to claim those who are His own. How exciting! So, remember the "big picture."

INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE

Jacki Huber

On Sunday, May 24, our Bro. Curt Anliker (Bro. Ron and Sis. Vicky) was united in marriage to Sis. Dana Bucher (Bro. Steve and Sis. Vicky) in the Washington, IL, church. We wish them God's pres-

ence as they reside in the Chicago, IL, area.

Nine of our Sunday school students were given Bibles at our annual graduation program on a recent Wednesday evening, and we will miss them as they have graduated from high school and will be going in different directions. We pray they all will seek and follow the Lord's ways throughout their lives. Those who received Bibles were Tracie Anliker (Bro. Wendell and Sis. Karel), Ben Cook (Bro. Bob and Sis. Debbie), Aaron Gutwein (Bro. Mike and Melody), Brock Gutwein (Sis. Donna), Jeremy Gutwein (Gordon and Judy), Sis. Nicole Gutwein (Bro. Harvey and Sis. Ellen), Stephanie Gutwein (Bro. Rod and Sis. Donna), Tara Putt (Norm and Sis. Mary) and Travis Wuethrich (Bro. Brad and Sis. Nancy).

Three precious souls gave their testimonies of faith and were baptized the weekend of June 6 and 7. Amanda Gutwein (daughter of Bro. Harvey Gutwein, Sr.), Coleen Wuethrich (wife of Scott) and Nicole Gutwein (Bro. Harvey and Sis. Ellen), became sisters-in-the-Lord, and we welcome them into God's family. Elder Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield, IL) was here to assist our Elder Bro. Wendell. It was a blessed weekend and we thank everyone who helped to make it that way.

We rejoice with Sis. Tracey Putt (Norm and Sis. Mary) and Bro. Matt Gudeman (Elder Bro. Wendell and Sis. Maracella), as they were united in marriage Sunday, June 14. We wish them the Lord's nearness in their lives together. Visiting ministers on that day were Elder Bro. Don Sauder (Roanoke, IL), Bros. Nelson Beer (Milford, IN), Steve Ringger (Bluffton North, IN) and Neal Widmer (Wolcott, IN). We appreciate them being with us.

Hospital patients this month have been Sisters Sharon Neihouser, Maxine Novotny, Lois Leman and Vicky Anliker, Bro. Bob Clauss and Courtney Wuethrich (Bro. David and Sis. Mim Wuethrich). We pray the Lord will be with each of them.

Note to Francesville subscribers: July is collection month for the

Silver Lining. Subscriptions are \$9.00 a year. Please make your checks payable to The Silver Lining and drop in the box provided at the church. Thank you!

INDIANA, LACROSSE

Barb Troxel

"Woe into them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter."

Isaiah 5:20

This verse was elaborated on for our Vacation Bible School. Bro. Dennis Rassi (Fairbury, IL) talked about calling evil good and good evil Monday, June 8. On Wednesday, June 10, Bro. Richard Plattner (Peoria, IL) spoke on the deception the devil uses in turning darkness into light. Then Bro. Bob Beebe (South Bend, IN) spoke Friday, June 12, about the bitter for sweet and being able to survive as a Christian in our wicked world. The students then told us what they had learned in their classes at a program held at our Sunday school picnic Sunday, June 14. It truly was a week filled with many spiritual blessings.

We want to give a special thanks to our Sunday school teachers who will be completing their terms - Bros. Gene and Glen Heinold and Sis. Jo Frank. Bros. Roger Levy and Steve Stoller and Sis. Anna Marie Stoller will start four-year terms when the new Sunday school year starts in September. May they all be blessed for their willingness to serve in this important work for the Lord.

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife . . ."

Genesis 2:24

David Norberg and Michele Gudeman were united in marriage May 30. Bob and Sis. Diana Gudeman and Judy and Daniel Stalbaum (Demotte, IN) are their parents. May the Lord bless this young couple as they walk life's pathway together.

We want to congratulate Sis.

Karen Nuest on her graduation from high school. Her parents are Bro. Elvin and Sis. Jan Nuest. May the Lord continue to bless her as she pursues a career.

We are thankful to report that those who had surgery this past month are doing well. May the Lord continue to grand His healing grace to Paul Heiniger, Lydia Heiniger and Duane Gudeman (Bro. Don and Sis. Mary).

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Our retired Elder Bro. Ed Frank has felt that the Lord is leading him to also retire from the ministry. We want to thank him for his many years of service to the church.

INDIANA, LEO

Doug Kellenberger

A lot has happened around here. We just finished two very excellent weeks of VBS. It was one of the best ever. We were treated to a wonderful singing program at our fellowship hall. Our attendance grew 33% this year. I've never seen the children more enthused.

We had one new birth: Phillip Lee to Bro. Paul and Sis. Leanne Fischer.

Bro. Jerry Fessenden and Sis. Rachel Gehring were wedded in the Lord June 14. Rachel is the daughter of Sis. Judy Gehring. Jerry is the son of Billie Jean Donovan (Valparaiso, IN). Elder Bro. Ed Ringger (Gridley, IL) and our Elder Bro. David Bertsch shared in the wedding ceremony. Bro. Wayne Lehman (South Bend) conducted the morning worship service. Jerry had been living with and appreciating the wonderful care of Bro. Brace and Sis. Brenda Wieland. They are a happy couple.

For an encouragement: Don't be depressed with your weaknesses. Let God turn them into an opportunity for Him. It has to be that way so He can have all the glory.

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

It is with joy and thanksgiving that I can sit and write this morning. We have just had a blessed week of Bible school, and the waters have been troubled in our congregation. We continue to pray that many more will come and taste and see this so great a salvation.

"Preparing for that Heavenly Future" was our Bible school theme. The brothers who were willing to be used by the Lord and came and spoke to us were: Elder Bros. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville) and John Stoller (Leo) and Bros. John Reinhard (Bluffton) and Andy Moser (Valparaiso). God really filled them with His Spirit and they exhorted to us with power from on high. A fitting farewell each evening was singing together "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be."

A recent Sunday evening we gathered with our Sunday school children to hear them sing and praise God. It was the time for promotion to new classes with new teachers. On this evening, our freshman students were given a Bible; the sophomores, Hymns of Zion; juniors, the Zion's Harp; and the seniors, the Gospel Hymns. I don't know if all of these students fully appreciate these books now, but when our unconverted daughter left home for college, she wanted her books.

There is rejoicing in the hearts of Bro. Phillip and Sis. Millie Beer as their daughter, Teresa, gave birth to her first child, Andrew Austin, May 29. An added blessing to this was that Sis. Millie, after being very sick for some time, was able to go help care for Andrew. We praise and thank God for this. Bro. Bob Bowerman (Sis. Sue) is thankful God sustained him through two hospitalizations for a painful kidney stone.

Sis. Sandy Beer (Bro. Lee) will be confined to her home for a few weeks. Bro. Lee had a hand injury that may need surgery. They have the ongoing care of their son with hemophilia. They keep smiling and trusting in the Almighty knowing He will not let more come over us than we can bear. They do need the prayers of those they love.

We once again are enjoying the many visitors who are in our area in the summer and take the time to worship with us. May God bless them.

A reminder to Milford readers, the Silver Lining dues will be collected in August.

God has allowed our dear Bro. Noah Clauss to reach the age of ninety years. He and his wife, June, had a dinner for twenty-five relatives. Two sisters were able to attend. We are so thankful Bro. Noah is in good health and able to drive wherever he wants to go and to be able to be in church every Sunday.

INDIANA, REMINGTON**Amelia Schini**

We have enjoyed many blessings this month.

On Wednesday evening, May 27, our own minister, Bro. Earl Kilgus, conducted our topical Bible study. His topic was "Set your affection on things above."

On Sunday, May 31, three of our four ministers had plans to be away, which left Bro. Dan Stoller to occupy the pulpit alone. Bro. Vernon Schwab (Wolcott) came for the forenoon and ministered to us.

On Sunday, June 6, Bros. Larry Wenninger (Latty, OH) and John Hartman (Fairbury, IL) were with us.

The week of June 8 to 12 we had Vacation Bible School. It surely is a wonderful occasion and revives us all.

The theme was "For Love is of God" - I John 4:7. The sub-topics and speakers for each night were: Monday - "Personal Love", Bro. Steve Baner (Gridley, IL); Tuesday - "Family Love", Bro. Greg Rassi (Chicago, IL); Wednesday - "Church Love", Bro. Steve Gutwein (Francesville, IN); Thursday - "Compassionate Love", Bro. Wayne Laubscher (Cissna Park, IL); Friday - "God's Love", Bro. Wes Knapp (Goodfield, IL). The entire week was a blessed one.

Sunday, June 14, we were favored by a visit from Bro. Marshall Heinold (Washington, IL).

We thank all of these brothers and their wives for their love and visits. Surely it is a sacrifice to

give of your time and let yourself be used of God. We appreciated everyone of you and may God always encourage and bless you.

Sunday, May 31, was the date Colby Jason chose to make his appearance and join his loving parents, Bro. Bruce and Sis. Jody Waibel, and his brother, Mark. Grandparents are Bro. Keith and Sis. Doris Getz (Francesville) and Bro. Harold and Sis. Arleta Waibel from here.

Today, June 16, many of the residents from Parkview Haven (Francesville), along with their escorts, came to our fellowship hall. Some of our sisters served them a tasty luncheon. Afterwards they were entertained by young and old, with songs and readings. It is always such a joy to have them as they enjoy the outing so much.

Thought for the day: It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed. (Theodore Roosevelt)

INDIANA, SOUTH BEND**Renee Mangold**

This is an exciting and busy time of year for those who are graduating and their families. We hope and pray that God's hand would be upon our graduating students: Mark Beebe (Bro. Bob and Sis. Sue), Micah Frank (Bro. Tom and Sis. Carolyn) and Bill Langhofer (Bro. Marty and Sis. LaVilla); as they venture forth into their future.

We were grateful to have two weekends this month when we had visiting ministers with us. Bro. Ken Hoerr (Peoria, IL) and Bro. Ted Witzig (Morton, IL) and then Bro. Al Langhofer (Wichita, KS) and Bro. Pat Zaugg (West Bend, IA). We trust the Lord will bless His servants for their selfless efforts.

Accepting the position for Sunday school teacher at the high school level is Bro. Tom Frank and at the nursery level is Sis. LaVilla Langhofer. Many of us in the South Bend congregation are called upon to serve in more than one capacity due to are small membership. We're thankful to all those who take a part.

We enjoyed fellowshiping with

our Milford brethren during their adult Vacation Bible School and would like to extend an invitation to all for our adult VBS scheduled for June 23 and June 25.

Our children have completed their week of VBS and a Sunday school picnic. It was a wonderful time for the children, as always, and we thank those whose efforts made it possible.

INDIANA, VALPARAISO

Marie Heinold - Cindy Susdorf

Don't stop praying, but have more trust;

Don't stop praying, for pray we must.

Faith will banish a mount of care;
Don't stop praying, God answers prayer.

We are so grateful for folks who came to visit with us, among them this month were ministering brethren Tom Troxel, Curt Frank, Neal Widmer and our Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann.

Also we rejoiced with our loved ones as two became one. Krisie Kimerer and Brian Poehlein and Sis. Janeen Hari and Bro. Terry Baum.

We congratulate our 1992 graduates from high school, Kimberly Frieden, and from college, Jim Bucher and Melinda Heinold.

Abraham Lincoln, on the Bible: All the good from the Saviour of the world is communicated through this Book. All the things desirable to man are contained in it.

INDIANA, WOLCOTT

Lynell Blume - Lorna Knapp

Lee and Michelle Huff welcomed Heidi Michelle into their hearts and home May 21. Big sister, Brandi, is happy for a playmate. Grandparents are Bro. Mike and Sis. Glenna Minniar.

We always appreciate visiting ministers who share God's Word with us. May God bless Bro. Rick Plattner (Peoria, IL) and Bro. Wayne Lehman (South Bend, IN) for their efforts in serving us.

"Set Your Affection on Things Above" was the topic of our Bible

study conducted May 27 by Bro. Earl Kilgus. We were given much food for thought and were reminded that to be spiritually minded is life and to be carnally minded is death.

Our Vacation Bible School was held with the Remington Sunday school at Remington the week of June 8-12. Many efforts were put forth so the students could learn more about Jesus. The Bible class and congregation benefitted by the scriptural messages of the visiting ministers. We pray that our children will keep these biblical teachings in their hearts so that these teachings will someday bear fruit in their lives.

IOWA, ELGIN Gloria Frieden

Liberty - what a precious gift. Many battles have been fought and lives lost for the sake of liberty which was the seed by which this great nation was planted 216 years ago. But there is another liberty that is even more precious. It is the glorious liberty of the children of God which was purchased by the blood of our Lord and Saviour. We are a blessed people when both these liberties can be ours. Let us be thankful.

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

"For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another."

Galatians 5:1, 13

"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

Our thanks to Elder Bro. Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO) for assisting our Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer with this holy sacrament. May we now continue on with renewed zeal unto great faithfulness.

Sis. Milly Butikofer (Bro. Paul) had the misfortune of twisting her ankle and obtaining a fracture.

As this is the vacation season of the year, we welcome any coming this way to stop and worship with us in the "Little Switzerland of Iowa."

IOWA, IOWA CITY

Janette Schulz

Greetings to all! We enjoyed several visitors this month, including ministering Bro. Ron Schambach (Elgin, IL). We also appreciated our Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer (Elgin, IA) and Elder Bro. Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO) serving us communion. May the unity and closeness of the Holy Spirit that we felt linger in our hearts. We thank those who travelled with the elders to partake of communion with us, including ministering Bro. Dale Moore.

We welcome a more long-term visitor, Bro. Jake Martin (Morton, IL), who is attending classes in the area for the next few weeks. We look forward to his assembling with us during this time.

Children and adults alike enjoyed the Sunday school picnic accompanying the end of the term. We pray those that volunteer to teach during the summer break and those that will assume these duties in September will feel God's direction in this important work.

We are thankful for the safe arrival of our newest "family" member. Maria Lynn is welcomed home by Andy, Jayne, Mendi, Adam and Greg Sauder. We look forward to seeing her and wish the entire family God's blessings.

IOWA, LESTER

Sue Warner - Cindy Leuthold

We wish to extend a sincere thank you to our recent visiting ministers. Serving us has been Bro. Ben Wysong (Sabatha, KS), Bro. Carl Wyss (Washington, IL) and Bro. Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski, IA).

June 7 was the wedding day chosen by Bro. Troy Knoblock and Sis. Donna Koehl at Morris, MN. We welcome Sis. Donna to our congregation and wish them God's richest blessings. Other couples who recently have exchanged vows of matrimony are Jill Gerber (Bro.

Bob and Sis. Nancy) and Alan Gerke, John Metzger (Bro. Don and Sis. Mary Jane) and Peggy Ellsworth, and Derick Flier and Kimberly Feucht (Bro. Ron and Sandy). May God dwell in the hearts and homes of these dear ones.

Three students names were deleted from our list of high school graduates. We extend best wishes to Jami Metzger (Charles and Linda), Jason Metzger (Bro. Art and Sis. Kristy) and Aaron Metzger (Bro. Gary and Sis. Beth). Also congratulations go to Marla Meyer (Earl and Barb) who graduated from Mankato State.

Baby Jeff Alan was born to Bro. Donn and Sis. Joyce Moser June 10. He joins three brothers and one sister, along with grandparents, Bro. Jake and Sis. Donna Metzger and Bro. Si and Sis. Edith Knobloch.

Loved ones who recently experienced surgery were Bro. Tim DeHaan and Sis. Emma Feucht. We are thankful God's healing strength allows them to be among us again.

On June 15, we laid to rest our dear friend, James Cunningham, who has resided in the nursing home since suffering a stroke nearly five years ago. From our congregation he leaves to mourn his daughter, Sis. Donna Metzger (Bro. Jake) and two grandchildren, Bro. Donn Moser and Sis. Beth Metzger (Bro. Gary). We extend sympathy to our loved ones.

Also with much regret we bid farewell to the family of Bro. Rolyce and Sis. Lori Schietlin who will be leaving our congregation to take up residence in the Remington, IN, area. We will miss them and pray for God's guidance as they move from the area.

IOWA, OAKVILLE
Debbie Wagenbach
Melody Steiner

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them

also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

I Thessalonians 4:13-14

As hard as it was to lay our dear Sis. Louise Rowell to rest, we know she felt the Saviour's merciful arms. After suffering these past few weeks, she is now free from her earthly struggles. Her husband, Bro. Floyd, has our deepest sympathy and prayers as we know he feels a great loss. Also her children, Bro. John Rowell (Burlington), Sis. Barbara Moser (Morton, IL), Linda Gerst (Mediapolis, IA) and Phyllis Walk (Rockwell, TX), will have their precious memories of her to carry them through. May the Lord be near each one.

We want to extend our congratulations to all of our graduates this year. They are Chad Kuntz, Ben Schmidgall, Regan Lanz, Matt Wagenbach, Shayla Marti, Josh Gerst, Monica Johnson, Kelly Logan, Tricia Tapp, Melanie Wilderson and Angie Massner. May they each ever seek the Lord's strength and guidance as they plan for their future.

A baby boy was born this month to Bro. Troy and Sis. Joni Massner. They have named him Trevor Collins. His grandparents are Bro. Virgil and Sis. Barbara Massner and Elder Bro. Ed and Sis. Joan Lanz. Bro. Ron and Sis. Timna Lanz have recently welcomed little Alexandria into their hearts and home. Her grandparents are Elder Bro. Ed and Sis. Joan Lanz and Bro. Richard and Sis. Dorothy Taeger (Burlington). Little Chase Woodward was recently born to Bro. Larry and Sis. Bev Moser. Helping to welcome him home are big brothers, Lane and Grant; also his grandparents, Bro. Rod and Sis. Naomi Moser (Taylor, MO) and Bro. Marvin and Sis. Verna Woodward (Burlington). We just pray these dear families will ever seek the Lord's strength and guidance as they strive to raise the little blessings the Lord has entrusted to their care.

We recently held our Sunday school election. Our new teachers for next year are Bros. Colin Wagenbach, Jerry Wagenbach, Jr.,

Tom Steiner and Sisters Janet Lanz and Charlene Gerst. Each one has our prayers as they teach the precious plan of salvation to our children. The teachers whose terms have ended are Bros. Larry Moser, Galen Metzger, Jack Larson and Sis. Heidi Wagenbach. Thanks to them for their time and effort to teach the children the past few years.

Our visiting ministers this month were Bros. Doug Grimm (Sabetha, KS), Gary Bucher (Valparaiso, IN) and Ron Pallito (Akron, OH). We thank each one for allowing themselves to be used in sharing the Word with us.

I want to thank everyone who sent cards, gifts, flowers, visited me and extended good wishes, it made it a very happy 96th birthday. God bless you all.

Sis. Hattie Schrock

IOWA, WEST BEND

Mary Gerber - Lela Banwart

We enjoyed a blessed weekend when many visited our congregation Memorial Day. Bro. Trent Meiss (Iowa City) was among our visitors. As he ministered to us, he mentioned the mountains that come before us and how we pray oftentimes for them to be removed. The Lord does not always remove those mountains, but He will provide a way over or around them if they cannot be removed.

Elder Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH), Bros. Marchall Heinold and Dale Frank shared the Word of the Lord with us the weekend of June 6 and 7. Three dear souls gave a testimony of their faith and what the Lord has done for them. We welcome Sis. Wendy Mogler (Bro. Art and Sis. Eula) and Dawn and Frank Schmidt (Bro. Ivan and Sis. Evelyn) into the blessed fellowship and wish them God's grace for each day.

Bro. Dwaine Schmidt (Sis. Lucille), Bro. Noah Gerber (Sis. Emma) and Becky Bormann (Ralph and Melanie) have all had surgery this past month. Bro. Noah remains in the hospital at this writing and awaits treatments upon recovery from the surgery. Sis. Esther Banwart (Bro. Walter) was hospi-

talized also. We pray God's healing hand will allow all of them to soon be in our midst again.

Congratulations go to Marcia Traub (Joan and the late Fred Traub Jr.) and Doug Eidahl of Pierre, SD, (Eldon and Carolyn Eidahl, Roslyn, SD) on their engagement. A September wedding is being planned, and we wish them God's care and blessings.

David and Missy Zaugg are the parents of their first child, Colton David. Congratulations to them and grandparents, Bro. Martin and Sis. Doris Zaugg and Don and Jane Banwart. Also, Joan Traub has a new granddaughter, Michelle Margaret, born to Michael and Dawn Traub (Helenville, WI). May God bless the parents and grandparents who have been entrusted with these precious newcomers into their lives.

We want to express sympathy to Bro. Fred and Sis. Hulda Wirtz, Bro. Edwin and Lucille Wirtz, Lydia Edwards, and Bro. Verner and Sis. Betty Wirtz and their families on the death of a dear sister, Lena Montag (Paul, Hutchins, IA). Sympathy also is extended to Bro. Jerry and Sis. Judy Schmidt and family on the death of their brother-in-law, Roger Haag (Laura, Council Bluffs, IA), who will surely be missed. May God comfort each one of them in their loss.

Recently, we held our annual Sunday school election to fill expired terms. New teachers are Bro. Manuel Gerber (Sis. Mary), who will be taking Bro. Gary Schneider's (Sis. Sue) place in 9th and 10th grades. Bro. Jim Fehr (Sis. Sharon) was chosen to take Leland Metzger's (Sis. Kathy) place in 11th and 12th grades. Sis. Sue Schneider (Bro. Gary) was selected to teach 4th grade to replace Sis. Sharon Fehr (Bro. Jim). Sis. Karen Kellenberger (Bro. Rick) will take Sis. Sandy Banwart's place, since her husband, Bro. Kevin Banwart was called into the ministry. Also, because of this change, Bro. Jim Wirtz (Sis. Joan) was chosen as our new secretary-treasurer to take Bro. Kevin's place.

May God richly bless the brothers and sisters whose terms are expiring for their labors of love in

teaching our youth. For those beginning new terms, we pray the Lord will impart Godly wisdom, guidance, and grace to carry out their responsibilities in the Sunday school. We need to remember that all of us have a responsibility to be an example to our children and young people. Again, we wish God's grace and courage to Bro. Kevin and Sis. Sandy as Bro. Kevin begins the Lord's work in the ministry.

JAPAN, SHIODA

Willis R. Ehle

Our reporter, Sis. Terri Gramm (Gridley, IL) has returned to the States as of June 11 and now we have a dearth of reporters. The shortage is so great that I'm writing this month.

This morning I was visiting with one of our several converts, a mother with two children, and she said that she still has a lot of sin. I asked how she arrived at such a conclusion when I consider her to be a saint who has endured much persecution. She replied that all the sin of her relatives and ancestors are upon her. I objected strongly to such an analysis and told her that the Apostle Paul addressed the believers in Corinth as saints. I told her that that kind of a weight is too heavy for her and she agreed that it is pretty heavy.

We now have visitors in Japan, Sis. Vicki Ramseyer and Sis. May Bell Wackerle (Bay City, MI). They are the guests of Sis. Eiko Nozawa who has spent some time in Bay City in the past.

As we closed the kindergarten, the parents of past graduates went all out to show appreciation for our efforts to help their children. We were given two dog wood trees for our church yard and were also invited, Sis. Terri included, to an appreciation dinner in a nice hotel. May God add His blessings to the efforts of the past 26 years in the kindergarten. Thanks to the church in America for all the support over the years.

Give Your Old and New Address
To Your Reporter

JAPAN, TOKYO

Andrew and Jana Klaus

So often our lives contain a mixture of welcomes and farewells. How wonderful heaven will be – a constant state of "welcome!" May 24 was Sis. Terri Gramm's last Sunday in Tokyo church. All of us continually looked forward to her once-a-month visits to worship with us, and she'll be missed! A heartfelt thanks to Terri for her godly spirit and servant heart. Our prayers are with her as she re-adjusts to Illinois. On the welcoming side, we're extremely excited to welcome Bro. Shannon Stahl (Chicago, IL) to Japan. He has an internship with a company in the Osaka area through the months of June and July. Even though Osaka is quite a trip from Tokyo, Bro. Shannon was able to worship with us a couple of times. We always appreciate a visiting brother to help out with Bible study!

Recently, the thought has come up a few times in our afternoon Bible study – Are we too concerned about how ourself, our house, our food etc looks to others? Can we just enjoy each other, heart-to-heart, not worrying about whether we wore the right outfit, dusted the piano, or if we served tea at the right time? In Luke 10:41-42, Jesus told Martha, "Thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part." Let's strive to keep our focus on what Jesus wants.

KANSAS, BERN

Diane Kaeb - Donna Edelman

When at last these bitter trials are ended,
And I finish this my earthly race,
There within the land of joys unblended,
Dare I hope it? – I shall see Thy face!

Purified in heart, enraptured,
Saviour,
With my song I'll praise Thy Name most blest,
That Thou, all earth's anguish past forever,

Hast bestowed on me Thine
endless rest!

Zion's Harp #182

These words were a comfort to our dear Sis. Lola Luthi in her last days upon this earth. Sis. Lola passed away May 30 after her battle with cancer. Our loving sympathy to her daughter, Laurie Wilson, and her husband, Lee, and granddaughter, Whitney; a brother, Harlan Wittmer; and four sisters, Evelyn Robinson, Eldora Isch, JoAnn Luthi of Lamont, KS, and Betty Emigh (Henderson, NV).

On May 30, it was our joy and privilege to be served holy communion. May we carry with us the renewed feeling of love for our Lord and for each other. We thank Elder Bros. Art Nohl, (Morris, MN) and Sam Huber (Sabetha) in assisting our Elder Bro. John Lehman and for ministering to us on the following Sunday.

The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Sunday School classes, along with their teachers, enjoyed the weekend of June 6 and 7 at Sabetha. Our thanks to our hosts for their time and love extended to our children.

We welcome Bro. Darren Fehr (West Bend, IA) is assembling with us during his summer employment here.

Congratulations and God's blessings to David Edelman (Bro. Nathan and Sis. Marlene) on graduating from Vo-Tech School at Manhattan, KS.

Hospitalized this month was Bro. Joseph Rokey, Jr. (Sis. Lila) for a pacemaker. May he feel God's nearness.

Our Sunday evening song services are held every other Sunday alternating with Sabetha starting after Easter. Wednesday evening services are then discontinued until Thanksgiving.

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

KANSAS, FORT SCOTT

Janelle Sinn - Tammy Sinn

Our Vacation Bible School was held the week of June 8-12. The children, as well as the adults of

our congregation, enjoyed the lessons that were shared each evening. The theme for the adult class was "Association and Separation." May we strive to live a separated godly life as instructed in the Word. It is also our wish that the teachings the children heard will remain in their hearts that someday it will bring forth good fruit pleasing to God.

I did a favor yesterday,
A kindly little deed . . .
And then I called to all the world
To stop and look and heed.
They stopped and looked and
flattered me
In words I could not trust,
And when the world had gone away
My good deed turned to dust.

A very tiny courtesy
I found to do today;
'Twas quickly done, with none to
see,
And then I ran away . . .
But someone must have witnessed
it,
For truly I declare —
As I sped back the stony path
Roses were blooming there.
Apples of Gold, p. 11

KANSAS, GRIDLEY

Vola Young - Judy Kraft

This month we have been blessed with the fellowship of friends and several visiting ministers, due to various occasions. Visiting elders for presenting the elder conference conclusions and serving holy communion were Bros. Daniel Koch, Edward Lanz and Eugene Marti. Other visiting ministers were Bros. Glen Funk, Mike Lehman, Wayne Miller and Charles Marti.

Remember: Gridley Silver Lining Collection (\$9.00) due in August.

KANSAS, KIOWA

Darcy Kisling - Janice Bahr

Seeds of goodness we are sowing
In the hearts of man today.
Bless it, Lord, that it may prosper,
And bear fruit for harvest day.

Hasten gladly to the labor.
Consecrate to God your heart.
Say this day unto your Saviour,
"Lord, I'll gladly do my part."
Hymns of Zion #46, vs. 1

As the wheat here in Kansas is harvested, the harvest of souls comes to mind. May we all do our part as laborers and not be found idle. Let us be thankful for the loving care of our heavenly Father who gives us all that we have need of and more.

Our hospital patients this month were Sis. Edna Reed, Sis. Alice Tanner, Sis. Mildred Farney and Matt Schupbach. The Lord heard our prayers and they are all home now.

KANSAS, LAMONT

Jane Isch

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death 'til He come." We were thankful to share in holy communion as we were reminded of our Lord's suffering and death. We appreciated having Elder Bros. Gene Marti (Kansas City, MO), Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville, IA) and Bro. Dan Cook (Tremont, IL) with us for this special occasion and also for the reading of the memorandum. Other visiting ministers who served us this month were Bro. Jon Schmidgall (Oakville, IA) and Bro. Alpha Strahm (Bern). May God bless each one.

May God comfort the hearts of our dear ones that have recently lost loved ones. We share our sympathy to Sis. Lorean Anliker in the passing of her father, Roland Bayne; to Bro. Floyd Isch in the loss of his brother, Irvin Isch; and to Joann Luthi in the death of her sister, Sis. Lola Luthi (Bern).

Our hospital patients this month have been Bertha Huber with a broken hip, Jennifer Isch (Bro. Ron and Sis. Jane) for surgery, and Brandon Emch (Bro. Bill and Sis. Susan) for a snake bite. Nathan Knoblock (Bro. Tom and Sis. Jeri) also suffered a broken arm. May God's healing hand be upon them.

KANSAS, SABETHA
Mary Kay Wenger
Sharon Strahm

As we have been blessed with showers of rain to replenish our dry earth and make it more fruitful, so have we received "showers of blessings" to make us more fruitful spiritually. Bro. Ed Fritz (Washington, IL) came to speak when our Junior Bible Class hosted the Kansas churches. He read from Daniel, chapter 1, and encouraged them to "Dare to be a Daniel, Dare to stand alone! Dare to have a purpose firm! Dare to make it know!" Gospel Hymns #652. We appreciated Bro. Glen Funk (Wichita) being with us that day also and teaching us from God's Word. Elder Bro. John Lehman (Bern) and his family also spent a Sunday with us. God bless each of you.

Loved ones spending time in the hospital for various reasons have been: Sis. Marie Plattner (Bro. John), Sis. Lucille Kellenberger, Sis. Mary Mauer, Bro. John Meyer, Don Strahm and Sis. Helen Strahm. Our prayerful concern was with little Molly Edelman (Bro. Rod and Sis. Joleen) after she had a serious fall. We are thankful for God's healing mercies on some and pray for those still suffering afflictions. May His will be done.

Several of our congregation have moved to our Apostolic Christian Home. They are Sis. Pearl Banwart, Bro. George Lambert, Bro. John Meyer, Sis. Lydia Meyer and Sis. Esthew Meyer. Sis. Marie Plattner (Bro. John) is a temporary resident. May God be with them in this change in their lives.

We rejoice with Rick Steidinger (Bro. Tom and Sis. Dianne) and welcome him as our brother-in-faith. He is living and working here, but returned "home" to Fairbury, IL, to give his testimony and for baptism. Some from our congregation were able to travel and share the weekend with him.

The annual potluck supper for our Sunday school students and their families was held June 5. We sang several songs and enjoyed the meal and evening together.

Our dear Priscilla Kellenberger passed away May 25. She had been hospitalized since surgery a few

weeks earlier. Parting always brings sorrow and we miss her, but we also have to rejoice as the Lord was merciful to her. She found grace to repent in her last days and was also spared lengthy suffering. We extend sympathy to her sister-in-law, Sis. Lucille Kellenberger and her family.

Thanks especially for prayers, cards and gifts from many friends during Priscilla Kellenberger's surgery and last days. God bless you all.

Lucille Kellenberger

KANSAS, WICHITA
Emma Miller

Victor Wullschleger and Sherri Lane were married June 20 in Vineland, NJ. Victor is the youngest son of Sis. Gussie and the late Bro. Arthur Wullschleger. Sis. Gussie and several others of the family from our area were able to share the happy day with Victor and Sheri. May God bless this newly established family unit.

The first part of June has been extremely wet in our area after an unusually mild winter and dry spring. As a general rule, Kansas has four true seasons - a combination that we find invigorating. We would invite anyone looking for a change in location to consider Wichita where there are diversified job opportunities in manufacturing and business. We can also promise you a welcome place in the fellowship of our small congregation. We ask you to pray for our survival and growth.

We have finished a series of Bible study lessons on the book of Philippians. We are admonished by Paul to "Rejoice in the Lord always; Again I will say rejoice!" Philippians 4:4. We know it was not pleasant circumstances that caused Paul to rejoice since his letter to the Philippians was written during his imprisonment. His joy came from his faith that God was working in him and through him. May it ever be so with us.

August is Silver Lining collection month for the Wichita congregation. Please pay your \$9.00 subscription to me in person or by mail at my El Dorado address.

KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON
Glendoris Huber

Much like the Americans have celebrated their national Declaration of Independence since July 4, 1776, the Israelites and their spiritual leader, Samuel, celebrated God's deliverance from the Philistines. They set up a memorial stone as a marker and called it "Ebenazer", which meant "hither to hath the Lord helped us." (I Samuel 7:12) For twenty years, Israel cried to God for deliverance. Samuel prayed and God answered their call for help. (I Samuel 7:9).

God assures us in His Word that He is always with His own. When He is with His children they have nothing to fear. He will always provide their needs. "And the Lord, He it is that doth go before thee; He will be with thee, He will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed." (Deuteronomy 31:8) ". . . for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Hebrews 13:5) What a firm foundation we have laid for our faith in His Word.

Sis. Tina Leman (Roanoke, IL) has finished student teaching at the Kentucky School for the Deaf. She had returned home. We will miss her testimony and encouragement to fellowship with our congregation. May the Lord continue to guide and direct her in His will and way.

Stacey Fritz (Bro. Harold and Sis. Sherry) has completed her first year in college at the University of Kentucky. We appreciated having Stacey worship with us. She has gone to live with her parents in Minneapolis, MN for the summer. We will miss her, but look forward to her return in the fall.

We really appreciated the following ministers who shared God's Word with us: Bros. Ron Steiner (Rittman, OH), Mark Ramsier (Sardis, OH), Jim Ramseyer (Bay City, MI), Will Schieler (Milford, IN) and Fredrick Knapp (Congerville, IL). We pray the Lord will richly bless them for begin willing servants for His kingdom. Our congregation was also blessed with other visitors from Rittman, Sardis, Toledo and Akron, OH; Princeville, Bradford, Congerville and Roanoke,

IL; Bay City, MI; and Milford and Francesville, IN. We thank them for coming and fellowshiping with us. We always enjoy having visitors.

MICHIGAN, ALTO

Denise Oesch - Michelle Oesch

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6

Our congratulations go to these young men and women on their graduation from high school. David Stouffer (Dave and Bonnie), Phillip Schrenk (Bro. Duane and Sis. Cathie), Paul Steffen (Bro. Tim and Monica), Karen Zaagman (Ed and Sis. Joyleen) and Melanie Kaeb (Bro. Curt and Sis. Luanne). We congratulate Nathan Steffen (Elder Bro. Aaron and Sis. Lorett) on his graduation from college! It is our prayer that each will look to the Lord for guidance and direction as they make their decisions for the future and may he richly bless their lives.

Graduation time brings back memories for many of us as we think of our own days in school and many times of the friends that left an impact on our lives no matter how small. I'll never forget one particular friend of mine. She was a year ahead of me in school but we had become good friends. We shared a job in the library and had opportunity to talk of things that were important to us as high school kids. But what was different about her compared to many others was that she was a Christian and what was important to her was her relationship with the Lord! During times when it was quiet in the library she would open the Bible and share scripture that had helped her and I remember thinking, "How does she know right where to open her Bible and find verses like that?" Because at that time the Bible was not a book that I had spent my time looking at, but it had planted a seed in my heart and I know the Lord was working even then to

bring me closer to Him and I'll always be grateful to her for sharing her love for the Lord with me and who knows how many others? You see we never know who might be watching our lives and may they always be able to see Him in us!

There are times in a man's life when, regardless of the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees in prayer.

Victor Hugo

We gave tribute to our fathers recently on Father's Day and this little saying seemed appropriate because they surely work hard to raise and support their families, and need the daily strength that comes from the Lord in prayer. Not only that, but they daily lift their children up in prayer and we are thankful for our praying fathers!

We have much to rejoice about as are the angels in heaven at the turning of two souls to repentance! Melanie Kaeb (Bro. Curt and Sis. Luanne) and Darlene Goodwin (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Elouise) have chosen to walk the narrow path. We pray for the Lord's care and blessings as they begin their walk in Him and may others follow their example as they see the yearning they have to better know our Lord savior Jesus Christ.

We are looking forward to the addition of another family in Alto. Bro. Howard and Sis. Kristin Plattner and their children, Brett, Aaron and Holly, will be making their home near Alto and we are anxious to meet them all. Bro. Howard has found a job in a hospital and has been worshiping with us. His family hopes to join him soon and we pray that they will feel at home in Alto and that their adjustment to their new home will go smooth. We know that they will be missed in Kansas, but we're sure thankful to have them in Alto!

Hospital patients this month were Bro. Curt Kaeb and Bro. Noah Blough will soon be going in for more surgery. We pray that the Lord's healing hand will be upon them and that they will recover from their afflictions.

Just a couple of thoughts to share:

I have held many things in my hands, I have lost them all, but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

Martin Luther

"Giving is a joy: We should think, what can I share, not what can I spare."

Author Unknown

MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

Emily Rechsteiner

This is a busy time of the year getting the gardens planted; certainly looking forward to eating fresh vegetables again.

"Contentment is not the fulfillment of what you want, but the realization of what you already have."

This month has been filled with activities with so many graduates. Our high school graduates this year are: Sis. Peggy Waibel (Bro. Bill and Sis. Carol), Bonnie Wieland (Bro. Rod and Sis. Evelyn), Jennifer Schlatter (Sis. Sharon), Sis. Jodi Schamback (Bro. Lee and Sis. Carolyn), Lisa Knochel (Jack and Debbie), Matt Wieland (Brian and Char), Marcie Meylan (Bro. Eugene and Sis. Carol), Kaly Adrzejewski (Norman and Sis. Linda), Wade Meylan (Gary and Marilyn) and Mike Howell. This is a very happy occasion for them and as they continue on and go to college, may God be their guide, bless them and watch over them.

"If God is captain of our fate, our boat may rock but it will never sink." (Jessie Brown)

We again have had hospital patients, George Pashak (Kay), Helen Knochel (Fred), Sis. Martha Rezmer, and Clara Mudge. May God grant them better health again.

"For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord . . ."

Jeremiah 30:17

We also sympathize with Char and Brian Wieland due to the loss

of her father, Donald Knisley. May pleasant memories be a comfort to her.

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

I Peter 5:7

Sunday is Father's Day. May we all appreciate our fathers and make their lives enjoyable and much more should we appreciate our heavenly Father.

MICHIGAN, DETROIT

Marlene Reinhard
Holly Barton

Three young people in our congregation have closed a chapter in their lives and are ready to begin a new one. We extend congratulations to Sis. Jane Kaisner (Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Mary), Ryan Maibach (Ben, III and Barb) and John Reardon (Bro. John and Sis. Linda) on their graduation from high school. May the Lord guide their decisions that each of them will follow His will for their lives.

We also share in the joy of Julie Martin and Steve Dawson, who were united in marriage June 6. Their parents are Bro. Kaywin and Sis. Karen Martin and Alan and Susie Dawson (Plymouth, MI). We pray that their joy and commitment to each other will continue to grow and that their union will be blessed by the Lord.

An enjoyable benefit dinner and program was held for Woodhaven May 31. We wish to thank all those who participated: the choir for the uplifting sing service, those who helped in preparing the delicious meal, and all who came to support this endeavor. May the Lord bless you all.

Deep sorrow has touched our congregation this month. Sis. Helen Popp passed away May 23 after a lengthy illness. Though we will miss her cheerfulness and steadfastness, we are grateful that her earthly suffering is over and she can claim her eternal reward. Her family includes her husband, Bro. George; a daughter, Sis. Bonnie; a son, Richard; four grandchildren; a sister, Katherine; and four broth-

ers, David, Mike, Raymond and Ernest Maletich.

Our congregation was shaken by the death of Paige Kahler (Roger and Connie, Morton, IL), young granddaughter of Elder Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene Maibach. We know that the Lord shares the family's grief and loss and we pray that He will impart His peace and healing in the days and months ahead. We share our deepest sympathy to Paige's immediate family and also to her many relatives in our congregation: Elder Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene and the families of Kay and Tom Moilanen, Ben, III and Barb Maibach, Sis. Bev and Bro. Mark Bahr, Sis. Sheryl Maibach and Bro. Doug and Carole Maibach, as well as Alan and Trease Maibach (Sarasota, FL) and Sis. Cindy and Bro. Tom Hitz (Atlanta, GA).

We enjoyed having ministering Bro. Curt and Sis. Sue Heimer (Alto, MI) at Woodhaven this month. Our next Tuesday evening service will be hosted by Bay City, MI, at 7:00 p.m., August 4.

MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS Delores Sauder

We are always thankful for the visitors who worship with us. The ministering brothers that were among them were Elder Bro. Art Nohl (Morris), Bro. Randy Kellenberger (Kansas City, MO) and Bro. James Ramseyer (Bay City, MI). May God richly bless them for their efforts.

Brad Luthi has graduated from the U of M and has found employment in Watertown, SD. We wish him God's blessings.

The Bible class enjoyed the weekend of June 13 and 14 at the youth fellowship gathering hosted by the Winthrop congregation. All their labors of love were greatly appreciated.

MINNESOTA, MORRIS

Maxine Sauder - Debra Joos

Two homes were blessed with babies in the past month. Little Corey Ray arrived May 21 to bless the home of Ray and Tracy Nohl. Jessica and Taylor and grandparents, Bro. N. E. and Sis. Shirley

Nohl welcome Corey into their hearts too. Happy to have another little girl are Bro. Guy and Sis. Lynette Koehl. Esther Lynn was born June 3. Her excited sister and brothers are Hannah, Paul, Michael and John. Grandparents are Bro. Eddie and Sis. Lois Koehl and Wilbert and Ruth Spohr.

June 7 was the wedding day of Sis. Donna Koehl and Bro. Troy Knoblock (Lester, IA). Sis. Donna's parents are Bro. Harv and Sis. Wilda Koehl and Bro. Troy's are Bro. Roger and Sis. Jan (Lester, IA). We rejoice with them and wish them God's blessings as they establish a new Christian home.

We were thankful for our visiting ministers this month and trust that God will bless them for sharing His Word with us. They are Bro. Roger Aberle (Sabetha, KS), Bro. Loren Knapp (Tuscon, AZ) and Bro. Greg Gramm (Phoenix, AZ).

Our prayers are always with those who have to spend time in the hospital. Sis. Kathy Nohl and Lori Schmidgall (Bro. Neil and Sis. Linda) have recently been hospital patients.

Duane Wulf and Ann Gundersen were united in marriage June 13 in Lake Park, IA. Duane's parents are Bro. Leonard and Sis. Vi Wulf. We wish Duane and Ann God's richest blessings for a long and happy married life.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Eunice Koehl and her family in the death of her son-in-law, Jim Banwart (West Bend, IA). May God comfort these dear ones as only He can.

MINNESOTA, WINTHROP Nancy Messner - Kim Messner

We pray for the dear souls that are under the care of a physician, and for those who have undergone surgery were Sis. Florence Messner and Bro. Roy Howk (Sis. Rose Alice). May God bring renewed health and strength to each.

We had our annual church cleaning. May God truly bless those who helped for their deeds of kindness. This is a reminder for us to take time to look into our own spiritual house to be sure it is cleaned at all times.

Our annual voting took place in May. Sunday school teachers elected to share God's teaching are Sis. Carol Ann Messner as teacher, Sis. Joleen Messner and Bro. Paul Messner as substitute teachers, and Bro. Marlyn Messner was chosen as superintendent. Sis. Nancy Messner was elected Silver Lining correspondent. May the Lord be near to guide them as they fulfill their duties.

Bro. Verl and Sis. Jamie Schmidt's home was blessed with a precious baby boy. Quintin Jacob arrived June 4 and was welcomed home by big brother, Nick, and sister, Lindsay. Gene and Sis. Ella Mae Schmidt are the happy grandparents.

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

As a congregation, we offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of Sis. Sarah Kellenberger (Elgin, IL) who was called to her heavenly home.

Winthrop hosted the Youth Fellowship Weekend (Minneapolis, MN; Lester, IA; West Bend, IA; and Elgin, IA, Bible school classes). The theme was "Jesus Is Coming Again; Don't Miss It For The World". "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, love of the Father is not in him." I John 2:15. Many teachings were brought forth and we were grateful so many could come and be a part. A special thanks to our visiting ministers Elder Bro. Leo Moser (Lester, IA), Bro. Dennis Rassi (Fairbury, IL), Bro. Gary Brown (Forest, IL) and Bro. Duane Metzger (West Bend, IA). We were reminded, "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God." Revelation 3:2. May God bless these brothers for sharing the true word of life.

As the annual brotherhood conference is approaching, may we stop a moment and offer a special prayer for our dear elder brothers guidance as they meet and council together, and for their safe travel upon the highway. "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit

yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Hebrews 13:17.

Lisa Kent (Sis. Carol Ann Messner) graduated with her Doctorate Degree in Pharmacy. May God guide her in her working career.

Thank You: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Isaiah 40:31. We want to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, flowers, cards, love, concern and phone calls during Raymond's recent surgeries. May God bless you.

Bro. Raymond and
Sis. Bernadine Messner

MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY Lanette Meyer

Summer vacation is here and with it have come several people who have found temporary employment in the Kansas City area. Sis. Jodi Isch (Lamont) is doing a nursing internship at St. Luke's Hospital. Barry Metzger (Gridley, KS) is working at an accounting firm for the summer. It's nice to have a few extras to attend church services and take part in other fellowship activities.

We enjoyed a weekend of fellowship and singing with many from the Chicago, IL, church who came to visit Memorial Day weekend. Thanks to Bro. Greg Rassi for ministering the Word of God to us. We also had the opportunity to listen to the music ministry of the Joyful Life June 13 and 14. We appreciate the willingness of Bro. Steve Baner (Gridley, IL) and Bro. Max Reimschisel (Wichita, KS) to be with us and minister to us from the pulpit as well.

A recent survey done at a denominational theology university revealed that only 29% of the people who were confirmed in that church from 1950 to 1960 remained active in that denomination. Those surveyed reportedly felt that churches have little to offer them because they do not stand out from the surrounding culture. Many of them felt they were capable of making their own religious and moral

choices. The researchers who conducted the survey concluded that the previous generation of churchgoers had failed to provide compelling reasons for church attendance by adopting an open attitude toward criticism of the Bible and individual freedom of choice. It was also noted that many in this generation have never been affected by the hardships such as world wars and poverty which motivated people in earlier generations to seek the "comfort of traditional religion." In this lengthy analysis of why churches are losing members, the theologians suggested that churches woo members by "meeting the non-dogmatic demands of modern culture" but failed to mention the need for repentance and choosing God's commandments as the moral choice for our lifestyle.

MISSOURI, LAMAR Martin Hohulin Janel Kellenberger

During our recent couples inviting couples weekend, we were blessed with the ministries of Bros. Gene Metzger (Lester, IA), Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski, IA), and Darrell Stoller (Bern, KS). It was a special blessing to have these visiting ministers as well as the other brethren who were our guests.

Additional visiting ministers for the month were Elder Bro. Eugene Marti (Kansas City) and Bro. Clarence (Silverton, OR).

Walter Cordill, age 88, passed from this life June 8. His parents were a pioneer family in the Lamar Church, Walter often contributed poems for the Silver Lining. He faithfully attended our service since he retired to the Lamar area. A brother, Bro. Willie Cordill (Oakville, IA) and a sister, Sister Alma Cordill (Eureka, IL), survive.

It was Lamar's turn to send ministers to Regina Canada for service. Elder Bro. Lawrence Luthi and Bro. Rex Frieden answered the call. While enroute, they learned of the passing of Bro. George Nesbitt (Regina). Bro. Lawrence assisted Elder Bro. Arthur Nohl in the funeral services.

Helen Waldbuesser, age 40, passed from life into eternity June

19. She was known and loved by our entire congregation. She was a generous person who helped many people in time of need. She will be sorely missed in our community. Two brothers, John and Ted, and a sister, Laura, survive.

While many church communities, in the corn-soybean belt are in dire need of moisture, we here in the Lamar area have had an abundance of rainfall during May and June. Planting and harvesting have been delayed. The cool wet weather brought an invasion of army worms.

Once more we are reminded that God is in control of the elements.

MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS
Betsy Schrenk

The Bible — What does it say? What does it mean? How can I apply it? The following ministering brothers visited our St. Louis church to help us answer these three questions: Bro. Gerald Sutter (Taylor) and Elder Bros. Ed Frank (LaCrosse, IN) and Phil Stettner (Bluffton North, IN). We thank each of these dear brothers, their wives and those accompanying them for making the trip, for the message brought forth, and for the Christian fellowship we so enjoyed.

We welcome a new student to our area and congregation. Scott Stoller, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Karen (Gridley, IL), is beginning his study of aviation at Parks College. We wish him God's blessings in his endeavors.

Bro. Phil read Colossians 1. He pointed out that verses 9 through 17 make one complete sentence. Everything from God's creation to His plan of salvation is covered in these verses composing one of the longest sentences in the Bible. The Bible — What does it say? What does it mean? How can I apply it?

MISSOURI, TAYLOR
Ruthie Hoerr

School is out and you would think there would be time to enjoy freedom from schedules. No so! This past month of June has been busier than any school month. We really have to keep on our toes to have

time to spend for the Lord. Just this week we are finishing our Vacation Bible School. It is really uplifting to see the eager and happy faces, and to view the representations of the things they have learned. Maybe it is an exhausting week to accomplish all one wants to get done, but certainly well worth the effort when you see how well the children respond to learning their lessons and Bible verses. "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee."

Bro. Loren Knapp (Tucson, AZ) was our only visiting minister this past month. We really appreciated his ministry of God's Word and his willingness to share with us. May God bless him and bless him and Bro. Bob Haas who brought him to us.

Hospital patients this month were Bob Heimer (Paula Whiston) who had back surgery; and Dave Foote (Sis. Marijane Miller). We can support them in prayer and may God provide His healing touch.

Elder Bro. Roy and Sis. Dona Grimm and rejoicing with the birth of their grandson to Bro. Bill and Sis. Rene Endress (Bradford, IL). God's sweetest miracles are babies and He will provide that abundant grace to bring them up in the Lord if we ask Him.

We, at Taylor, welcome two students who are spending the summer here working. They are Craig Jackson (Phoenix, AZ), son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Pam Jackson; and Bro. Clint Beyer, son of Bro. Martin and Sis. Karen Beyer (Sabetha, KS).

Many from a distance were here to enjoy the annual father and son campout. It you didn't have a father or a son, you could adopt one. Many reported a special blessing sharing food, fun, experiences, and the love of God.

NEW YORK,
CROGHAN-NAUMBURG
Alice Virkler

On Saturday evening, May 30, we gathered in God's house to hear the testimony of Roy Sturtze. What a blessing it was for each of us to hear his words that he could yet turn to God in repentance while God gave him health and strength.

We were glad to greet him as a brother-in-Christ after his baptism on Sunday and we pray that he will be given strength to serve God faithfully even in a higher age. We are glad that God is still calling workers in His vineyard — some of a young age and some of an older age.

We were reminded of the great sacrifice our Lord made when He suffered and died for our sins as we gathered together June 14 to partake of holy communion. Elder Bro. Robert Beyer and Bro. Duane Farney carried out these duties. Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI) had planned to be with us for this occasion but plans were changed because of the serious accident involving his granddaughter. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bro. Ben and his family at this time. May God strengthen each of them in the days ahead.

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.

As we were able to partake of this holy feast together, may we continue to journey on joined together in heart.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with our loved ones who have been hospitalized this month. Sis. Lucille Beyer (Bro. Robert) has been able to return home and we pray that she will continue to gain strength and assemble with us again soon. Bro. Raymond Stockberger was able to be with us again after being hospitalized with pneumonia. Sis. Celia Virkler is still unable to be with us on Sundays. We ask God's hand of healing to be with each of our loved ones suffering pain and affliction.

Our congratulations and best wishes to our high school graduates this month. As they go on to another step in their lives, may they look to God for guidance and direction. The graduates are Louis Beck (Louis and Janet), Terry Farney (Bro. Duane and Sis. Karen), Mark Herzig (Bro. Ron and

Sis. Eleanor) and Dana Virkler (Ken and Marlene).

Silver Lining subscriptions are due in August. Payments may be made to the reporter.

OHIO, AKRON

Joyce Gasser

"The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd." Ecclesiastes 12:11. Goads are the nails fastened at the end of the stick which the plowman used to correct the oxen. If they go straight down the furrow, they are not touched, but if they go astray, they are pricked with the goad so they get back in path. God's Words are as goads, they prick us to get us in His will. The Lord spoke to Saul on the Damascus road: "... it is hard for thee to kick against pricks." Acts 9:5. The Greek word translated pricks also means goads. Saul's name was changed to Paul and he got in the will of God and traveled and was used of God for many churches. The words of the wise, which are God's Words, are fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sis. Jennifer Schamback and Bro. Dan Hartzler (Rittman) are engaged to be married. Parents are Bro. John and Sis. Joyce Schamback and Bro. Merle and Sis. Bonnie Hartzler. We believe the Lord brought them together and will be their help as they plan for their marriage.

Sis. Edna VonGunten, age 93, went to be with the Lord. She is survived by nieces and nephews she raised: Sis. Carol Widmer (Harold), Sis. Marjorie Collins (Hank), Don Kaufman; sisters, Ann Craig, Esther Morris; brother, James VonGunten; brother-in-law, Bob Kaufman; and other nieces and nephews; great-nieces and nephews.

We appreciated visiting ministers: Bro. Fred Domka (Mansfield); Bro. John Grimm (Columbus); Bro. Ken Schneider (Remington, IN); Bro. Earl Beery (Rittman); Bro. Al Langhofer (Wichita, KS).

Bro. Ernest Graf said: I wish to

thank all the dear brethren for their prayers, cards, and gifts during my recent hospital stay.

Sis. Juliet Graf said she thanks all for their prayers, cards, and gifts while in the hospital and recovering.

OHIO, COLUMBUS

Julie Grimm

Visiting ministers this past month included Bros. Ron Steiner (Rittman, OH), Sam Schlatter (Junction, OH), Fred Domka (Mansfield, OH), Ben Manz (Junction, OH), and Elder Bro. Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH). We are thankful for the beautiful God-inspired messages brought forth by these willing servants.

OHIO, JUNCTION

Sandra Manz

Can't we feel a special spirit in the air the first time we assemble at church after we hear that someone is repenting? Wendell and Elizabeth Spangler (Bro. Jim and Sis. Carolyn) and Charlene Schlatter (Elder Bro. Bill and Sis. Emily) have been given grace to seek their soul's salvation. Wendell and Elizabeth started repenting the day after they graduated from high school; and their friend Charlene, a few days later. May the Lord work a true conversion in their hearts and grant them peace.

Little six-week-old Aaron has come to bless the home of foster parent Sis. Verginia Manz. Although we may not mention every child that passes through her front door, we are thankful that the Lord has blessed certain people with a talent for so unselfishly giving of themselves to better some child's life.

We thank Bro. John Steiner (Oakville, IA) for ministering to our congregation midweek as he was passing through our area.

OHIO, MANSFIELD

Linda Morrison

Vacation Bible School was held June 8 to June 12 and was a blessing for old and young alike. The following brothers conducted the

adult class: Bro. Randy Gasser (Detroit, MI), Christian Stewardship; Bro. Merle Hartzler (Rittman), Spiritual Offerings; Bro. Steve Ringger (Bluffton North, IN), Filled with the Spirit; Bro. Ben Manz (Junction), Fruits of the Spirit and Works of the Flesh; Elder Bro. Loren Stoller (Latty), Quality of Life. We appreciate the efforts put forth by these brothers on our behalf. We also thank the children and their parents for their cooperation and commitment to the weeks activities. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

Elder Bro. Ken and Sis. Sue Sauder have moved into their new home. Their address and phone number is: 3022 Crimson Road, Mansfield, Ohio 44903 and phone number: (419) 589-5899.

Bro. Douglas Boliantz (Connie) was added to our fold when Elder Bro. Henry Dotterer (Rittman) assisted Elder Bro. Ken in his proving. "The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation." (Psalm 118:14).

We are thankful Sis. Sarah Rice and Bro. Richard (Sis. Mabel) Banks are again able to assemble with us after hospitalization. Bro. Ora Sauder and Elmer (Bud) Sauder are both home recovering from their hospital stays. "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth..." (Psalm 28:7)

Ecclesiastes 3 is the favorite chapter of Sis. Nellie Groh, lovingly known as Auntie Bun to her many nieces and nephews. Sis. Nellie, 89, and our oldest widow, was baptized May 1, 1922, with Sis. Mildred Schlatter (Leo, IN). They have stayed in touch and exchanged cards on their spiritual birthday for the past 70 years. "Strive aright when God in mercy His compassion turns to you, That your soul so long o'er burdened, Freed from sin might live anew." This song came as an umbrella of comfort and strength at the time of her husband's death 39 years ago. Although her mother was already dead, when she knelt in prayer with grief she felt she couldn't bear, her

mother's arm was around her shoulders and she assured Sis. Nellie that she could indeed go on in the strength of the Lord. "It (life) would never have gone without the help of the Lord" was Sis. Nellie's closing comment. Last week she caned a chair because the caning had been damaged and it needed to be done! It took her three days Sis. Nellie bemoaned, "I use to do a chair in a 1/2 a day."

OHIO, RITTMAN
Lois Maibach
Charlene Winkler

Those who have been ill and in the hospital from our congregation are Bro. Melvin Beery (Sis. Elizabeth), Sis. Pearl Breece (William), Sis. Jan Hartzler (Bro. Dean) and Bro. Nelson Ramsier (Sis. Aldine).

We extend sympathy to Twila Robinson as her husband, Joe, passed away June 6. Also surviving are children, Richard and Michael Robinson and Teri Trent.

Robert Zollinger (Bro. Rudy and Sis. Brenda) and Traci Bowman (Mr. and Mrs. Richard, Jacksonville, FL) were married May 30.

On June 13, John Deuber (Mr. and Mrs. Fred) and Kim Hanzie (Larry and Janet) were united in marriage.

Bro. Marvin Zollinger (Bro. John and Sis. Marge, Smithville, OH) and Sis. Pam Christian (Bro. Ron and Sis. Joann) promised their lives to each other on their June 14 wedding day. Visiting us for this occasion was minister Bro. Kenneth Indermuhle (Sardis, OH). We wish many blessings from God to each newly married couple.

As led by God, Bro. Dan Hartzler (Bro. Merle and Sis. Bonnie) and Sis. Jennifer Schamback (Bro. John and Sis. Joyce, Akron, OH) are planning for their September 13 wedding as their engagement was announced May 31.

Christopher Hilty (Sam and Judy) and Sarah Gingery (Mr. and Mrs. George) have announced their plans to be married August 22.

Dan Fugate (Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd) and Amy Young (Rex and Carol) are engaged to be married

and are planning their wedding for July 18.

Sis. Marie Bauman welcomes another grandson, David William, born May 19 to the family of Chris and Sis. Peggy Camp (Atlanta, GA) and children, Brian and Kelly.

Excitement has filled the home of Bro. Tom and Sis. Diane Hartzler as a son, Trenton Elmer, was born June 17. Trenton's brothers and sister are Trudie, Tyson, Tobin and his grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Marian Hartzler and Bro. Russel and Sis. Melvene Stoller (Latty, OH).

OHIO, SARDIS
Renee Miller

We had a record number of high school graduates this year. They are Carla Indermuhle (Bro. Ken and Sis. Linda), Carol Indermuhle (Bro. Bob and Sis. Karen), Steve Miller (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Doris), Laurie Wiggins (Jerry and Carolyn) and Sis. Bridget Zollinger (Bro. Gary and Sis. Terry). We are thankful for all five of them.

We heard at our graduation breakfast honoring this year's graduates that they need to continue building on the foundations that have been laid by their parents. It was a blessed reminder to all of us that be centering our lives around Jesus Christ, we need not fear, but look forward to the future.

Michelle Wiggins (Jerry and Carolyn) and Michael Hamilton were united in marriage June 5 in Wichita, KS. We pray that God will be their guide as they walk the path of life together.

OHIO, SMITHVILLE
Stephanie Luginbuhl
Kim Stoller

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

"As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

"Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall

not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate."

Psalm 127:3-5

This past month the Lord has blessed four dear couples with children. Sarah Mae was born May 26 to Bro. Ed and Sis. Verla Stoller. Elizabeth, Holly, and Craig are delighted to have another sister. Grandparents are Bro. Donald and Sis. Luzelda Stoller and Sis. Lucille Blough (Rittman, OH).

Bro. Lee and Sis. Melinda Refener welcome the arrival of their son, Emmanuel Joseph. Emmanuel's playmates are Mary, Jordan and Lani. Happy grandparents are Bro. Joseph and Sis. Lilas Rufener and Bro. Lowell and Sis. Karla Bahler (Wolcott, IN).

Mitchell Maibach is pleased to have Ian William as a brother. Ian's parents are Bro. Steve and Sis. Dawn. His grandparents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Mabel Maibach and Sis. Charlotte Luginbuhl (Rockville, CT).

June 15 was an exciting day as Bro. Myron and Sis. Darlene Weber became first-time parents to a beautiful girl, Liz Rochelle. Sis. Marjorie Weber (Rittman, OH) and Bro. Darrel and Sis. Janet Indermuhle are her grandparents.

We appreciated Bro. Steve Martin (Eureka, IL) proclaiming God's Word unto us. May the Lord richly reward Bro. Steve for his faithful service.

O GOD OF WISDOM

These souls betrothed before Thee stand;

Thy blessing we implore;

United Thou them in heart and hand

And guide them evermore.

Hymns of Zion #286 vs. 2

This is our prayer for Bro. Marvin and Sis. Pam Zollinger as they were united in holy matrimony June 14 in Rittman, OH. Their parents are Bro. John and Sis. Marge Zollinger and Bro. Ron and Sis. Joann Christian.

OHIO, TOLEDO
Josephine Rehklau
Edie Fetter

Holy communion was instituted by our Lord Jesus just prior to his crucifixion when he was assembled with his disciples. Partaking of this holy sacrament binds us anew to our Lord that, joined in heart and hand, we can journey on to Zion's realm. This service was conducted by our Elder Bro. William Schlatter (Junction) and Bro. Walter Rager.

We were blessed to have as our visiting ministers Bros. Mark Ramsier (Sardis) and Pete Baltic (Mansfield). Again the kind plea was extended to all people here and everywhere to take advantage of God's plan of salvation. How many days will we still have on Earth? May God's blessing be with them and their families.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Sis. Emma Klopfenstein (Latty), and especially to Sis. Frances Laidig. Sis. Emma spent the last years of life with her daughter, Sis. Frances, and has now gone to her eternal rest in Jesus, no more to suffer the pain and illness of this world.

This is graduation time when students have finished a milestone in life and are looking forward to that which seems best for their future. We extend our congratulations to our high school graduates: Sis. Joy Beard, daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Dee, and Nathan Beard, son of Bro. David and Sis. Geralyn. May God's guiding hand be with them. "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." Isaiah 30:21.

OREGON, PORTLAND
Pearl Miller

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

I John 5:12

As you are driving toward Mt. St. Helens, viewing the majestic beauty of the lush forest land, our God's handiwork, then while as-

ending the mountains area, we reach the devastated area, a tremendous contrast, barren with millions of fallen stripped trees. What an awesome sight to behold! In a spiritual sense, we can compare this to life and death. May we ever be found of those who have chosen life in Christ, Who is the Resurrection and the Life.

SHALL I MISS IT?

What will you give in exchange for your soul?

What will it profit you sinner, To gain the whole world and then lose your own soul?

Shall I miss it - be lost forever?

What will you give in exchange for your soul?

Think of its value, poor sinner; Oh, can you afford to miss heaven's bright goal,

Nor share its sweet joys, no, never?

What will you give in exchange for your soul?

Profit and loss are considered; If you wreck on the shoal where the dark billows roll,

Your hope and your joys are bartered.

What will you give in exchange for your soul?

Oh, do not stifle conviction; How can you thus trifle? oh, come and be whole,

And Jesus will give you remission.

Chorus:

Shall I miss it, — be lost forever?

Shall I miss it, be lost forever?

Then, oh, what will you give in exchange for your soul?

Shall I miss it, — be lost forever?

We are thankful for the visitors this summer, ministering brethren, Bro. Walt and Sis. Dorothy Steffen (Milford, IN), Bro. Jim and Sis. Jean Rinkenberger (Bluffton, IN) and our loved ones, Bro. Perry and Sis. Carol Klopfenstein and family (Gridley, IL).

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**PENNSYLVANIA,
PHILADELPHIA**
Franz Soni

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another;"

Romans 12:10

Our annual church spring cleaning was held May 16, much work was accomplished. The weekend of May 23-24 we hosted a young group. Elder Bro. Edward Aeschleman mentioned seeing license plates from seven states on the cars. We are thankful to have brethren who make the effort to come sing, fellowship and worship with us.

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

John 3:5

On May 30, we heard the testimony of Gabriel and Rebeca Clough (John and Sis. Kathy). The next day we witnessed their baptism. We are thankful that our Father in heaven is still holding the door of grace open, may many others enter before the door is closed. We wish our new brother and sister-in-faith God's blessings as they begin their walk of life in him. We thank Elder Bro. Kevin Ryan (Rockville, CT) for assisting Elder Bro. Edward Aeschleman. We also thank Bro. Carroll Gerber (Bluffton, IN) for sharing God's Word with us.

We extend congratulations to our high school graduate, Kimberley Lanz (Bro. Edwin and Sis. Marilyn). May her future prosper and be filled with a hope in God. We also wish the best of luck to Kevin Clough (John and Sis. Kathy) our eighth grade graduate in his high school years.

We welcome Bro. Craig Schaeffer who has relocated to this area from Indianapolis. We look forward to having Bro. Craig worshipping with us. We also will be having Bro. David Sis. Carolyn Roberts and their son, David Jr., worshipping with us this summer. The Roberts are from Bluffton, IN.

TENNESSEE, NASHVILLE Don Sauder

We are always so thankful that our God and loving Saviour Jesus Christ continues to love and care for us. We are also thankful and praise our Lord that we have ministers and elders that are so willing to give of themselves in traveling many miles to feed and uplift us with God's Holy Word. June services were conducted by our dear Bro. Carroll Gerber (Bluffton North, IN). We want to thank Bro. Carroll and his wife, Sis. Louise and may God bless you on this life but much more in all eternity. Please come again.

Services are normally the first Sunday of the month stating at 10:00 a.m. However, we do from time to time have a special service, so if you are in the area or plan to be, give us a call or drop us a card. Our address and phone no is in the 1992 Minister Book. May the grace and love of the Holy Father be with you all.

TEXAS, DALLAS/HOUSTON Sandy Darlington

What a special joy there is for us here in Texas to gather in a home or motel room to sing praises, offer prayers and humbly worship our wonderful God. We did this June 14, when we met in the new residence of Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty Zeltwanger. They are renting a 1800's authentic home in the town of Round Top. If the Lord wills, they will be building their home there soon.

Bro. Leland Plattner and his wife, Sis. Mary, were in the area to visit their son, Dallas, who lives in College Station. Bro. Leland led our third Bible Study from Feeding on the Word. The topic was The Bible. Joining them were Brian and Terri Kaisner, Brad Cook (Francesville, IN) and Jerry and Sis. Sandy Darlington and their children.

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. As we sometimes gather to-

gether on Sundays when there are no scheduled services, we encourage anyone passing through the Houston-San Antonio-Austin area to contact us.

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

TEXAS, ZAPATA Viola Perdelwitz

When at last our sighs are counted,
Every barrier is surmounted,
And the curtain rends in twain,
Who is able then to measure
What a peace, and joy, and
treasure
In that kingdom we shall gain.
Zion's Harp #245, vs. 2

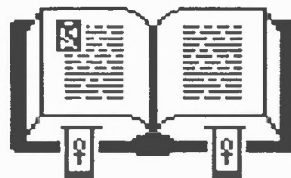
Again we have lost a loved one. Sis. Lola Luthi has spent many winters in Zapata, TX. This past winter she stayed at her home at Bern, KS, because of poor health. We were saddened by the news of her death. We will miss her. She was always willing to give a helping hand. Her daughter, Laura, son-in-law, Lee, and granddaughter, Whitney, have our deepest sympathy.

We are still having more rain than usual. We are harvesting our figs this month. Also we are getting Rio Grande peaches.

SILVER THREADS

THE BIBLE IS THE LIVING WORD OF GOD!

It truly has
the message,
the information,
the advice,
the wisdom
that we need so sorely today.



WISDOM

Take time to think.
It is the source of power.
Take time to play.
It is the secret of perpetual youth.
Take time to read.
It is the fountain of wisdom.
Take time to pray.
It is the greatest power on earth.
Take time to love and be loved.
It is a God-given privilege.
Take time to be friendly.
It is the road to happiness.
Take time to be merry.
It is the music of the soul.
Take time to give.
It is too short a day to be selfish.
Take time to work.
It is the price of success.



I SAID A PRAYER FOR YOU TODAY

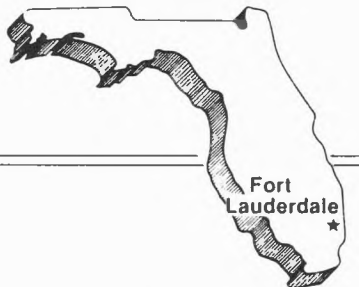
I said a prayer for you today
And know God must have
heard . . .
I felt the answer in my heart
Although he spoke not a word!
I didn't ask for wealth or fame
I knew you wouldn't mind . . .
I asked Him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind!
I asked that He'd be near you
At the start of each new day
To grant you health and
blessings
And friends to share your way!
I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small . . .
But it was for His loving care
I prayed the most of all!

Marching To Zion

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

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

750 Northwest 46th Avenue
Plantation, Florida



Services on Florida's east coast were held as early as 1950 when Elder John Bahler (Rockville, CT) conducted a worship meeting in West Palm Beach.

As more and more brethren came to Florida to spend the winter months, it was decided to hold worship services in the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood area. Church was held in the homes of George Bolliger, Andrew Betz, Walter Pfister, Godfrey Schlatter and Ben Maibach, Sr. George Bolliger (Forrest, IL) was the first member of the Apostolic Christian Church to live in the Fort Lauderdale area.

Godfrey Schlatter and the Ben Maibachs, Sr., later began spending winters in Sarasota and were instrumental in helping to establish a church in that area. Thus, these three people played a significant role in organizing two churches in Florida.

At the outset, members in the area rented a building from the Fort Lauderdale Women's Club to use for worship services in the winter. The first minister was Godfrey Schlatter. Matt Wackerle (Bay City, MI) served as a teacher. In the absence of a preacher or teacher, the group listened to a taped sermon.

By 1958, several families were

living in the Fort Lauderdale area. In February of that year, the first organizational meeting of the church was held to put the church structure on a more formal and regular basis. Those who attended were George Bolliger, Ray Wieland, Robert Huber, Carl Bachtold, Ken Troxel, Edward Gerber, Victor Stoller, Matt Wackerle, Joe Meyer, Sam Wieland, Will Erkert, Harry Sutter and several friends of the truth.

Matt Wackerle was selected as the first resident minister. Joy Meyer became the first Sunday school teacher. Elders Joe A. Getz (Morton, IL) and John Bahler were here to oversee this meeting. The former was given the duties of elder at Fort Lauderdale.

The first baptism at Fort Lauderdale occurred in February, 1957. The church had no baptismal facility, so Elsie Bolliger, wife of George Bolliger, was baptized in the Atlantic Ocean. Elder Joe A. Getz donned hip boots to perform this impressive ceremony which was reminiscent of Bible times.

In the fall of 1961, first minister Matt Wackerle passed away af-

ter serving only three years.

In the summer of 1962, land was purchased at 750 Northwest 46th Avenue in Plantation, FL, located on the west edge of the Fort Lauderdale metropolitan area. A new church, costing, \$85,000, was built on this site. It was dedicated in February, 1964, with Elder Sam Aeschliman (Bluffton, IN) conducting the services.

Elder Dave Mangold (Roanoke, IL) spent several winters in Florida due to declining health. He assisted Elder Joe A. Getz. At the demise of these two elders, John Bahler became the church's shepherd. In the fall of 1977, Bahler relinquished these duties to Ben C. Maibach, Jr. (Detroit, MI) and Joe Braker (Morton, IL).

In 1979, a new \$120,000 fellowship hall was built close to the church.

By 1981 the Fort Lauderdale congregation claimed more than forty "permanent" members. In the winter months the number swells to a much larger total. Huge crowds attend Sunday services during this time of the year. A sense of brotherly love and unity prevails at these meetings.

In 1981, Elder Joe Braker assumed the role of shepherd, assisted by Elder Ben C. Maibach, Jr.

CHRIST IN THE BELIEVERS

Key Verses in Philippians

Chapter 1, vs. 21 – LIFE

"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Chapter 2, vs. 5 – PATTERN

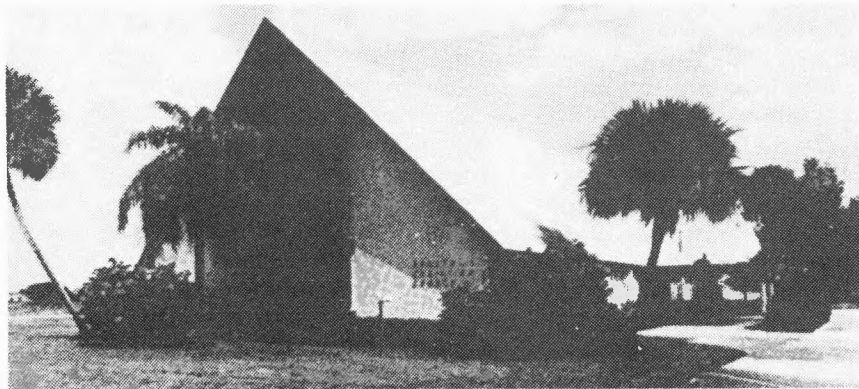
"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

Chapter 3, vs. 10 – OBJECT

"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death."

Chapter 4, vs. 13 – STRENGTH

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."



TRUE HEROISM

Let others write of battles fought,
Of bloody, ghastly fields,
Where honor greets the man who
wins,
And death the man who yields;
But I will write of him who fights
And vanquishes his sins,
Who struggles on through weary
years
Against himself, and wins.

He is a hero stanch and brave
Who fights an unseen foe,
And puts at last beneath his feet
His passions base and low;
Who stands erect in manhood's
might,
Undaunted, undismayed, —
The bravest man who drew a sword
In foray or in raid.

It calls for something more than
brawn
Or muscle to o'ercome
An enemy who marcheth not
With banner, plume, or
drum, —
A foe forever lurking nigh,
With silent, stealthy tread;
Forever near your board by day,
At night beside your bed.

All honor, then, to that brave heart,
Though poor or rich he be,
Who struggles with his baser
part, —
Who conquers and is free!
He may not wear a hero's crown,
Or fill a hero's grave;
But truth will place his name
among
The bravest of the brave.
Author Unknown

ONLY ONE NAME

In His Name There Is Salvation . . . Acts 4:12
"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

In His Name There Is Forgiveness . . . Acts 13:38
"Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins."

In His Name There Is Peace . . . John 14:27

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

In His Name, There Is Sonship . . . John 1:12

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

In His Name, There Is Eternal Life . . . I John 5:13

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

In His Name, There Is Strength . . . Acts 3:16

"And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all."

DYING TO SELF

When you are forgotten, or neglected, or purposely set at naught, and you don't sting and hurt with the insult or the oversight, but your heart is happy, being counted worthy to suffer for Christ, **THAT IS DYING TO SELF.**

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you refuse to let anger rise in your heart, or even defend yourself, but take it all in patient, loving silence, **THAT IS DYING TO SELF.**

When you are content with any food, and offering, and raiment, and climate, and society, and solitude, and interruption by the will of God, **THAT IS DYING TO SELF.**

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation, or to record your own good works or itch after commendation, when you can truly love to be unknown, **THAT IS DYING TO SELF.**

When you can see your brother prosper and have his needs met,

and can honestly rejoice with him in spirit and feel no envy nor question God, while your own needs are far greater and in desperate circumstances, **THAT IS DYING TO SELF.**

When you receive correction and reproof from one of less stature than yourself, and can humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly, finding no rebellion or resentment rising up within your heart, **THAT IS DYING TO SELF.**

Are you dead yet? In these last days, the Spirit would bring us to the Cross; "That I may know Him being made conformable to His death."

Sermon . . .

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we, because we were not able of ourselves to do the things which the law required of us. It was a task for us to do those things which the law required.

Thus it was for these people, even as the Lord came to plead with them that they would receive Him. They would not. It was not our desire to receive Him either, was it? We had within our own heart our own intentions, our own desire, and the things we wished to accomplish.

Yet when He spoke unto us, when He shed upon us His light, then could we see ourselves, though we were without. Then was revealed unto us our state and our standing before Him. We had nothing to stand before Him, did we? We were as those children in the garden. When their eyes were opened, they wished to cover themselves and to hide themselves.

Dear ones, we have the opportunity in this day to come in under the light of this Word that as this Word would speak to us, we might make known our deeds in this day and time before it is forever too late. May we come and examine ourselves that we might see ourselves as we are known.

When we thought of our own intentions and our own desires, they soon became of little value, did they not? Even though it seemed right unto us, yet we knew that the pathway wherein walked,

the end thereof was destruction. There lay within us no hope. No peace filled our heart. The burden of this flesh laid upon us because we could not, of ourselves, attain any righteousness before God.

Even like this Pharisee who stood and prayed thus with himself, he appeared to himself and to the others about him who measured themselves by themselves. He appeared good, did he not? To most people, he was an impressive man, wasn't he? But he could attain that he was able to do all these things. Dear ones, no doubt it was a task for him, as it was for us.

Yet, there was provided a way that we could be loosed from the law. There was provided a Good Shepherd who gave His life for His sheep. He laid down His life, that He might give it unto us.

Now, through Him, we do find that no longer is there a burden upon us. As we come to Him, the Good Shepherd, through the giving of His life upon that old rugged cross and through the shedding of His blood, has given unto us a hope.

He has provided for us a way whereby the things which were once a burden, a task and a weight upon us, through Him, for He has made the offering and the atonement, that there is no more a weight upon us. There is no longer sorrow in our heart. There is peace and happiness!

The things which we were once not able to do, through Him and by His grace, now can we obtain. The things wherein we had no pleasure, they are pleasure unto us now.

We stood without the sheepfold and we looked within . . . and we wondered. There it appeared to us and we could see the love of God, but we could not comprehend the height nor the breadth thereof, could we? We could not comprehend the love of God.

Once the love of God was placed within this purified and cleansed heart, then it could be revealed to us a most excellent way! Indeed, the Lord had placed our feet upon a higher plane! We no longer wished to go back to those things which were of little value.

We do not justify ourselves, do

we? That pure love that is within our heart we show unto all that are about us. We esteem each other higher than ourselves. We do not state as the Pharisee, "I thank thee, that I am not as other men . . ." Luke 18:11.

But we, through our obedience, show our thankfulness to our heavenly Father that He has shown us this Way. He hath delivered us. When we were once the servant of sin, we were a servant because we committed it. We were bound to it . . . some of us by a chain and maybe others by a thread. But because we were bound to it, we could not loose ourselves from it, could we? We were indeed the servants. We were pushed and shoved along life's pathway.

Here the Lord has provided for us a most excellent way, whereby we can follow Him.

In the pathway we walk, we follow His footsteps, don't we? There is no need to see the years or months ahead of us. Day by day, we follow the footsteps of our Lord and Saviour before us, one at a time, moment by moment.

Thus has He promised us the grace sufficient that we might overcome. Then we can do for Him those things which please Him.

We know that the Lord could see within the hearts of these men, and see the self-righteousness of the Pharisee. Yet because this publican humbled himself, there was he justified. He stated here, ". . . for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Luke 18:14.

So, dear ones, it is not by all the outward show, but it is unto him who enters into his closet and there upon his knees, in earnestness, cries unto the God of Heaven and earth, realizing that he is a sinner, and says, "God be merciful unto me!" It is unto him that is justified! Not unto him who stands upon the street corner and in the marketplace who justifieth himself and exalteth himself. It is unto him who humbleth Himself, who is willing to cast himself upon the Rock and be broken!

"God resisteth the proud, but

giveth grace unto the humble."

James 4:6

He spake here, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein." Luke 18:16-17.

Dear ones, cannot that speak clear unto us, we who had children and are rearing them? They look unto us for the example. They look unto us for the direction. They are submissive. They please us when they are obedient.

He finally came to his senses and he thought of his father's servants who had more than enough, and said, "I perish with hunger!" Luke 15:17. We do not read anywhere where he wanted to take part or he wanted a certain thing made out or an ideal situation made for his own convenience, but he was willing to forsake all of that just to become a servant.

There he hit the bottom. He found himself in a wretched place. He life was of little value. He desired to become a servant. Yet, dear ones, that is what the world is to us, isn't it?

All the things that we see and behold with these mortal eyes shall pass away. They really are not ours. So, why would we trust in them? Why would we look unto them? Because they shall pass away. Would it not be easier to give up everything and lay it all aside?

Then we may follow Him, and take up our cross to follow our Lord and Saviour and bear gladly because of the promises that He has in store for those who believe and who are willing to endure.

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

Mark 8:36

What shall we gain, dear ones? For us the Word in written that we might know the goodness of God. So may we have an ear to hear and may we heed His tender invitation while there is day before the night should come.

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SERMON BY BRO. JAY LUTHI OF LAMONT, KS

It Is Essential To Have Faith In God
Luke 18:1-30

As we together have read here, the Lord spake in parables unto them. Here is the parable of the unjust judge and the widow that came unto him. We think of how the Lord came unto those who were in need of a physician, who needed healing, those who were ill, and who looked unto Him.

We think of the words that He spoke here, and even the words that we have read and of the other words contained in this scripture, they are of little value except we have mixed within these words the faith within our heart to believe that these words are true.

Indeed, our Lord came and spake these things, but these words were preserved for no reason, but for our goodness. God's love toward us and towards man is in this Word as we read even between these lines. Does it not speak into our hearts of God's goodness towards man that He would call us from our erring way and we would seek Him?

He spake here in this parable of this unjust judge, that he knew what was right, yet he did not respect and did not fear God. More than that, he did not have the love of God in his heart because he did not fear Him. Yet he was willing to avenge this widow lest she weary him. It was not because he had any love towards her, but lest he be wearied.

Dear ones, we can think of our Father in heaven, where we at one

time were far from Him, now through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, we are brought near unto Him that we can address Him as our Father.

He will provide for us as we pray unto Him in sincerity. He will provide for us our needs. Do we have the faith to believe that He will provide? We do not wish to cry unto Him for our wants, do we? We look unto Him that Thy will might be done and not our own.

Do we have that true faith as we think of Abraham, the Father of faith who believed God? It was accounted unto Him for righteousness. (See Genesis 15:6). We see here that even as the Pharisee who thus prayed with himself, that the Lord was not too impressed, was He? (See Luke 18:11-14). Here a Pharisee justified himself in his righteous ways. There was little laid upon it.

We think of the temple and how it was adorned . . . how beautiful it was! The Lord did not have a whole lot to say about it, did He? There would not be one stone upon another.

Yet the righteousness by which one can receive from our heavenly Father - is one that is given to us because we have the faith to believe in Him. We cannot please Him except we have the faith.

It is likened unto Abraham, who took his son on that journey. The son even asked him, "Where is the offering?" (See Genesis 22:7). How

could we, as a father or a mother, answer our children in this day that same question, except to say that the Lord will provide the offering?

We know and we remember the story as he laid his son upon that altar and the angel stayed his hand. There was provided in the thicket a ram that was caught to be the offering. We know that Abraham had the faith to believe that God would provide, if even to raise up his own son again.

We see here a Pharisee, who justified himself. He maybe had it all written out, all the good he had done to justify himself before God. But it made no impression.

We, who are called for a purpose, are called to have the faith within our heart. It is impossible that we can please Him except that we have that faith, except we look unto Him and believe that He is the rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

We cannot have the works except we have the faith, which must go along with it. Also, when we as His children are saved, by grace, through faith, thereby can we bring forth the fruit that we indeed do believe that we have our trust in Him . . . the fruit of righteousness.

We know that each one of us at one time stood under the weight of the law which was upon us and judged us and kept us bound. We had no hope within that law, did

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