



"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."  
Ephesians 6:4

"Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with a promise;"  
Ephesians 6:2

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# Father's Day

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

*Proverbs 22:6*



## TO RAISE A CHILD

It takes a bit of wisdom  
With an understanding smile,  
A patience that's unending  
And a tender heart worthwhile,  
A faith and hope to treasure  
And a gentleness supreme,  
A touch of rich forbearance  
With a bright and shining dream.

It takes a bit of helping  
And a listener from the start  
Ever kindly – ever loving  
With a warm believing heart,  
A blessedness and trusting  
Giving more than you would ask,  
A home where God is present  
And where doing is no task.

It takes a Dad and Mother  
And cooperation too,  
If a child would live in beauty  
And to everyone be true,  
Goodly deeds and sweet togetherness  
Worthwhile things that parents teach,  
To raise a child in glory  
It takes a bit of each.

*Garnett Ann Schulz*

*"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."*

*Deuteronomy 6:7*

# MISSION – WORLD RELIEF – WORKS PROJECTS

## YOU, TOO, CAN BE A FATHER

Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle, Shioda, Japan

I understand that there are many children in this world, and even adults, who need a father. If this is true, then we never need to feel useless in this world – let's be a father, or a mother as the case may be.

In the book of Esther, 2:7, we read, "Whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter." Some people take the fatherless into their own homes as their own, while others provide the father figure while living separately. "Pure religion . . . is this, To visit the fatherless . . ." (James 1:27) The word "visit" here might include talking with them when you see them in church or when you meet them on the street. There are so many who need a father but we miss some opportunities to be a father to them. By God's grace we must do better.

What prevents all men from being as a father to all whom they meet who are in need of a father? Selfishness, lack of confidence,

one's own problems, etc., are all possible answers. Yet, trying to help others is wonderful therapy and we gain by giving. "Give and it shall be given unto you." (Luke 6:38) This statement by the Lord Jesus Christ is especially true in regard to love and concern.

In trying to be a father to others we may have the opportunity to introduce them to the heavenly Father. The Apostle Paul quotes God as having said, "And I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you . . ." To have God as our Father is very comforting and reassuring. One little girl is said to have prayed, "Dear God, I can't think of anything to ask for but you might want to surprise me." A bit selfish, perhaps, but it shows a warm, personal relationship. Let's all be fathers and develop that kind of a relationship with our family members, our neighbors, with our fellow-believers and with all whom we meet, unto the uttermost part of the world. There is more to

Father's Day than simply showing love, respect and appreciation to fathers.

## HURRICAN ANDREW PROJECT

It has been ten months since the devastating hurricane hit South Florida and there is still much work to be done.

Since our first request for volunteers, we have had 275 respond to the need. We want to encourage more people to come and help for a week or longer, during the summer months and further into the year.

We have the facilities to house and feed the work teams. Those  
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## GOD-GIVEN TALENTS

"For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man accordign to his several ability; and straightway took his journey."

Matthew 25:14-15

Praise God, He has given us talents according to our individual abilities. The responsibility of how we use those talents, however, falls on us. How often do we bury our talents by rationalizing, not recognizing our gifts or resisting, assuming someone else will answer? Shouldn't we rather be like Isaiah, who in his newly cleansed state eagerly said "Here am I; send me." Isaiah 6:7 & 8 The opportunities are available, the call has been sounded, the needs are real, and children's lives depend on your response.

Gateway Woods offers a variety of opportunities to use your God-given talents, and we currently have a staff opening in the following area:

- Houseparent (single sister for the All-Girls House)

Please prayerfully consider using your talents for the Lord. If you have any questions, please contact one of the brothers listed below.

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Writings based  
on God's Word

# Light From The Word

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

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP I

A steward is one who acts as a supervisor or administrator, especially of finances or property for another. "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1 Cor. 4:2).

All that we have is the Lord's. "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psa. 24:1). "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills" (Psa. 50:10). It is only by God's permission and generosity that we have any material possessions. "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth" (Deut. 8:18). He provides for our needs and generously gives many of us far more than we deserve.

Being stewards of what really belongs to God requires that we conduct our affairs in a manner that will be acceptable to God because we are directly accountable to Him. "So then everyone of us shall give an account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12).

A child of God is unwise to look to the world for examples of financial stewardship. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly" (Psalm 1:1). The world measures success by material gain. The Bible has a different formula for success. "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Josh. 1:8).

God's ways are very different from those of man. Rulers described in the Bible were judged as good if they did what was right in the sight of the Lord, not by their economic policy. We are taught to "be content

with such things as ye have" (Heb. 13:5) and to "wait on the Lord" (Psalm 27:14). Such concepts are contrary to the nature of man. "Buy now, pay later" and "instant gratification" are the guidelines of the world.

A child of God must be careful not to confuse "needs" and "wants." The Bible tells us that "godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content" (1 Tim. 6:6-8). From this we learn that our needs are very few, limited to those things which are necessary to sustain life.

Our "wants" can be virtually unlimited if we are not careful. Yet the increase of material goods will not bring satisfaction nor contentment. "He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase" (Ecc. 5:10).

Many pitfalls await those who are poor stewards of God's possessions. Misuse of credit can bring harmful levels of debt. If we borrow from others we are indebted to them and actually become their servant. "The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender" (Prov. 22:7). We can get ourselves so deeply indebted that there seems to be no way out of the problem. Becoming overextended can bring bankruptcy or other types of financial distress. This can bring reproach upon Christ, the individual, the family and the church as "... all that behold it begin to mock him, saying, this man began to build and was not able to finish" (Luke 14:29-30).

We are overextended if we are unable to meet our scheduled payments. Credit cards are a possible source of serious overextension. If we cannot pay credit card expenditures in full each month we are probably overspending. This could result

in mothers of young children working outside the home and deprive children of the security and stability of having their mother available at a time when children are so desperately in need of love and guidance.

The purchase of too many luxuries brings additional pressures on a father to work too many hours, possibly even getting a second job and being so preoccupied with earning money that he neglects his family. This neglect often causes problems as children mature without having the benefit of stable family support, appropriate discipline and abundant parental love. The substitution of "adequate time" with "quality time" frequently falls far short of the needs of our children. It would be far better to provide adequate quality time rather than an abundance of material gifts.

The desire for possessions can easily disturb our spiritual well being. "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Tim. 6:10). Loving money, or the things which can be purchased with money, can bring us to great spiritual sorrow. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Matt. 16:26). The love of money can cause us to lose our peace and contentment. "The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep" (Ecc. 5:12).

Nowhere in the Scriptures do we find special honor bestowed on individuals because they have accumulated great wealth. Rather, it is a humble heart that draws God's attention and special blessing. (The next editorial will continue this discussion of financial stewardship.)

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	MONTH	TO DATE
August 1992 —	3670	3670
September 1992 —	3304	6974
October 1992 —	4238	11,212
November 1992 —	3913	15,125
December 1992 —	4629	19,754
January 1993 —	2419	22,173
February 1993 —	2792	24,965
March 1993 —	3657	28,622
April 1993 —	2649	31,271
May 1993 —	2941	34,212

\*Note — 792 Romanian Bibles and Testaments shipped  
770 Romanian Bibles and Testaments, 2nd shipment  
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NOTE: Sets of Braille Bibles are available to give to the blind and KJV, Old and New Testaments, on cassette tapes for those who can no longer read the large print. Also, pocket testaments with Psalms and Proverbs are available.

### NOTICE

Due to the lack of requests for "Zion's Harp," "Hymns of Zion" and other hymn books, we ask that you not send us these until our surplus is used up. We'll submit a NOTICE when we need more. However, continue to send us your used Bibles which are greatly needed and appreciated.

Thank you,  
Phil and Gloria Grant

that have volunteered expressed that it was a rewarding experience, with good Christian fellowship.

For further information, please contact Bro. Roger Sauder, (305) 584-0947 or Bro. Roy Luginbuhl (305) 472-1738.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUPLES

### HURRICAN ANDREW PROJECT

During the months of June, July, August and September, there are opportunities for married couples to work with a Mennonite couple in the management of the Project Office. This will be during the time of year when the work teams will be fewer in number, as it is off season for most volunteers.

Couples can volunteer for this

## HAITI COORDINATORS

We are seeking a couple or two brothers to help with the Haiti Projects for the season of November 1993 through March 1994.

This work will include helping Bob Stewart on the school roof projects, assisting our teams that are working on construction, water projects, trade school projects, in transporting them and general assistance to make the teams stay in Haiti a pleasant experience.

Room, board, transportation and compensation will be paid.

For information or to apply, please contact Bro. Roger Sauder, Caribbean Board, 6261 S.W. 5th Street, Plantation, FL 33317, phone (305) 584-0947.

*"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."*

St. Matthew 25:40

duty for a month or more at a time. Only one couple at a time will be required. This would be a good opportunity for a couple, whose occupations give summers off, such as teachers, or for those that are retired.

Meals and a private bedroom will be furnished. There would be access to the common areas, such as the living room and kitchen.

The project is close enough to the Fort Lauderdale church for commuting to church services.

Anyone interested in this opportunity to serve should contact, Elder Bro. Edward Aeschleman, (302) 478-7846 or Bro. Arnold Gerst (217) 223-8424.

### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

We had a farewell party for Keith Weyeneth on May 7 as Keith moved to Oakwood Estate May 10. Keith is very excited about his new home, but he calls and comes to visit, occasionally, as he misses the staff and residents here. They had a special birthday party at Oakwood recently for Herb Stieglitz who turned 75 May 11.

Springlike weather was rather late in arriving this year, but now that the weather is warmer, we are enjoying many things, such as bike riding, walking, picnics and sitting outdoors on warm evenings and "visiting" like families did on front

porches in years gone by. Horseback riding occurs twice a week and is appreciated much more in the warm weather, making it a therapeutic and enjoyable time for those participating. Several residents who enjoy gardening are beautifying their back patio planters. They enjoy watching the flowers grow and maintaining them by regularly watering and pruning. In April the gymnastics and track and field teams competed in the regional meets. It was an excellent experience for those who competed. On Father's Day weekend, the gold medal winners will be taking part in the state meet at ISU. Many of the residents who were not able to be with their families for Easter were once again invited to the home of Edith Getz who cooks a delicious meal for them. This is appreciated so much! A large group will be going to the farm of Floran and Twylla Streitmatter to spend time seeing the animals, picking flowers, singing and eating. This is always a special event for all who attend. Plans are also being made for our annual overnight camping trip and Six Flags trip.

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

I was there last August. I didn't feel I was the answer to the opening at Gateway Woods. But, I made myself available to God's will and, here I am.

Is that where you are? "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

We continue to have an opening for a houseparent in the East House. We are waiting for God to send a mature, single sister to fill the vacancy. If God is calling you, "quench not the spirit." (I Thessalonians 5:19)

"... sound an alarm..." (Joel 2:1) At 7:15 a.m., April 30, the fire alarms were sounded in each of the three homes here at Gateway Woods. There were moans and groans from the children, for the inconvenience of the monthly fire drill, at a time when they were trying to make last minute preparations for school. But, the groans soon turned to cheers when they were told that the schools had granted permission for them to be out of school for a Gateway Woods sponsored fun day.

After getting everyone calmed

### HELP! HELP! HELP!

We have a great need of volunteers to help out at the Pre-school this summer. We expect to have a fairly full enrollment and between staff vacations and catch-up time to get ready for the new school year, we will need any help you can give. There is also a need for some painting and repair work. **Anyone** who would be interested in coming to Athens to give of their time and talents, for any length of time, is encouraged to call Sis. Joan Reinhard at 205-233-0591, or write to Route 11, Box 333, Athens, AL 35611, for more information. We greatly appreciate your willingness to be used in the Lord's fields.

### GATEWAY WOODS

*Apostolic Christian Children's Home*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

1993  
CHILDREN'S HOME  
AUCTION AND SALE

SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 7, 1993

### GATEWAY WOODS Apostolic Christian Children's Home Deb Nuenschwander

Have you ever been in the position where there was something that needed to be done so you prayed that God would supply the need? You thought that you were praying for someone else. You felt that you weren't worthy to be the answer to that prayer?

Moses was there. "And Moses said unto God, who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?" (Exodus 3:11)

down, the children and staff were divided into five groups. Each group created two May baskets, with prizes awarded for the most handsome, prettiest and the most original. The May baskets were delivered to some of our local brothers and sisters, who were delighted to have been thought of and to have a surprise visit from the children. Then we all headed to Fort Wayne for two hours of roller skating. After lunch at McDonald's we traveled to Paige's Crossing where all enjoyed the opportunity to show their skills at miniature golf and go-cart racing. Following supper at Pizza Hut, we had a scripture hunt, which involved looking up scripture verses to find the answers to the puzzles. Prizes were given to all. We appreciate the cooperation and good attitudes shown by everyone. That truly did make this a memorable and "fun day."

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love . . ." (Hebrews 6:10). A big thank you, once again, to two of our brothers, Dr. Alan Stoller (Bluffton) and Dr. Eric Zeller (Indianapolis) and to those who assisted them in our semi-annual trip to Bern May 1 for dental care. We are encouraged by their willingness to serve others.

Bro. Mitch Leman, Gateway Woods' Summer Volunteer Coordinator, has had a successful beginning. He was able to utilize the

talents of our first three volunteers, Bros. Arlo Kipfer and Wes Gerber (Bluffton) and Pete Monagle (Chicago, IL) during the week of May 10-16. Also, Sis. Carolyn Gutwein (Francesville), who came the week of May 17-23 to help at the New House. We appreciate their service and look forward to seeing more volunteers throughout the summer months.

"... for God loveth a cheerful giver." (II Corinthians 9:7) The weekend of May 14-15 we had our annual bake sale, garage sale and car wash here at Gateway Woods. Thanks to all who helped make this a success by donating items and baked goods. We were blessed with warm, sunny weather and many cheerful givers. The houses are looking forward to making vacation plans with the money generated from this weekend. Congratulations to Barb H., Jenny G. and Jodi C. for selling the most car wash tickets.

Also on May 14, we had our annual Recognition Dinner. We offered a big thank you to out-going board members, Bros. Eldon Waibel (Forrest, IL), Wally Ramsier (Mansfield, OH) and Tom Stock (Cissna Park, IL). May they be richly blessed for their willingness to serve. In turn, a warm welcome was extended to new board members, Bros. Sam Bachtold (Elgin, IL), Justin Koch (Champaign, IL)

and Ed Graf (Latty, OH). We look forward to seeing them often. Also recognized were Gateway Woods staff members who have given of themselves over the years in service to the Lord and to our children. May God's grace always be sufficient.

Because of the school cancellations this past winter, the last day of school has been extended to June 9. Many of the children are eagerly anticipating summer activities and jobs. Two of our children who have moved to foster homes, Denise S. and Charity H., are looking forward to graduation June 4. Congratulations on a job well done.

We are pleased to report that our Social Services Building is completed. Once again we want to express our gratitude and appreciation to all who have given of their prayers, time, money and efforts to make this project a success. "For we are laborers together with God . . ." (I Corinthians 3:9)

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens." (Ecclesiastes 3:1) There are always changes taking place here at Gateway Woods. Some changes gladden our hearts. We are pleased to have Sis. Shay Nelson (Morton, IL) rejoin our

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

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

Please contact one of the brothers listed below to learn more about qualifications, training, competitive salaries and excellent benefits.

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### GATEWAY WOODS HUMAN SERVICES SCHOLARSHIPS

Gateway Woods - Apostolic Christian Children's Home is offering \$1,000 scholarships to students enrolled in undergraduate or post-graduate work leading to a degree in the human services field. The scholarship is available to any member of the Apostolic Christian Church or friend who attends on a regular basis. A description of the scholarship and an application are available by writing or calling Joanne Gerber or Tim Sauder. Applications need to be returned by August 1, 1993.

Gateway Woods  
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team. Shay was previously assistant in the New House before returning to college. She will be assisting in the East House during the busy summer months. We welcome her return. There still remains an opening for a full-time female houseparent.

Other changes sadden our hearts. Bro. Bill and Sis. Jan Baumgartner, houseparents in the New House, have told us of their intention to leave Gateway Woods later this summer. Join us in praying that God will continue to guide them as they plan for their future.

We also realize that this will create further openings here at Gateway Woods. We petition you to keep the needs of our children, staff and future staff in your prayers. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16) Please see the ad in this issue.

#### ALABAMA, ATHENS

Lisa Huette

"Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." (Exodus 20:12) As Americans, we are reminded on Mother's Day and Father's Day to honor our parents, however, as Christians we are directed to honor our parents at all times. Let's not forget this important command of God.

April and May were busy months in Athens. The Athens congregation celebrated holy communion during the month of April. Assisting Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore with this task were Elder Bros. Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI) and Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH). Also present for the weekend was Elder Bro. Andy Stoller (Smithville, OH).

During the month of April, we also experienced the loss of Sis. Debbie Harden. Even throughout her long illness, Sis. Debbie was an inspiration to us by her never failing presence in church. Our prayers are with her entire family, especially her husband, Roger, and her two daughters, Kay and Renee, as well as Renee's husband, David. May God comfort them in their grief.

Along with each sorrow God will many times provide a special kind of joy. We all experienced that joy, but no more than Bro. Tim and Sis. Joan Reinhard, as they welcomed little Sarah Marlene into their family. Little Sarah is especially lucky in that she has an older sister, Kristin, to help make a place for her in the Reinhard family. Rejoicing with Bro. Tim and Sis. Joan are their parents, Bro. Dan and Sis. Delores Reinhard (Garden Grove, IA) and Bro. Paul and Sis. Rhoda Meister (Peoria, IL).

We'd also like to welcome Sis. Lanae Schrock (Washington, IL) to Athens. Sis. Lanae is spending her summer here in Athens. We look forward to getting to know her better.

We'd like to thank all our visitors for making Athens a part of their vacation plans.

#### ARIZONA, PHOENIX

Ron and Ev Hoerr

It is not what you believe that gives strength, but Whom you believe.

We are indeed grateful for Godly messages brought to us by Bros. Randy Kellenberger (Kansas City, MO), Doug Wagenbach (San Diego, CA), Will Schieler (Milford, IN), Todd Zollinger (Silverton, OR) and Garth Steffen (Portland, OR).

Seems like just yesterday that Bro. Todd Zollinger was the tallest lad in our Sunday school.

A group from San Diego, CA, came for a weekend visit and singing.

"A wise man is strong - knowledge increaseth strength." Proverbs 24:5

Wisdom, learning, knowledge harnessed to honour God is worthwhile.

Our eighth grade graduates are Danny Hodges, Scott Zollinger, Justin Gramm, Jessica Tooley, Amy Roth, Jordan Roth and Angie Klopfenstein.

High school graduates are Seth Maurer, Scott Klopfenstein, Michael Mech and Mark Kokanovich.

College grads are Sis. Debbie Yackley Katich and Sis. Stefanie Tooley.

Parents and spouse of this fine group are: Sis. Jane Granbank Hodges, Bro. Ed and Sis. Shirley Zollinger, Bro. Greg and Sis. Denise Gramm, Jerry and Sis. June Tooley, Bro. Steve and Sis. Jill Roth, Bro. Dan and Sis. Patty Roth and Bro. Dave and Sis. LouAnn Klopfenstein;

Bro. Howard and Sis. Eileen Maurer, Bro. Dave and Sis. LouAnn Klopfenstein, Bro. Jerry and Sis. Cathy Emch and Bro. Jon and Sis. Nancy Kokanovich;

Bro. Brian Katich (spouse), Bro. Al and Sis. Joyce Yackley and Jerry and Sis. June Tooley.

There will be a reception in their honor. Let us hope and pray this group can be among the Christians to turn our nation around from the disaster of forsaking "in God we trust."

Congratulations to Bro. Clarence and Sis. Gerry Beyer on their 45th wedding anniversary. We enjoyed a church pizza supper on their behalf. May God's blessings continue for the years ahead.

How thankful we are Sis. Helen Wuethrich is home now and is getting lots of TLC from Sis. Ruth and Sis. Elva and CNA's. Lord, please keep our dear ones close to Thee.

Your prayers are welcome for our hospital patients and shut-ins. Prayer is powerful! Bro. Earl Sanders, Bro. Jim Ringger, Bro. Herb Knochel, Sr. (hospital), Sis. Ora Schrenck hasn't been out for weeks and Sis. Doris Kokanovich is among our missing. Sis. Irene Emch is recovering from a broken ankle and wrist.

Don't be grouchy - you can't glow if you are!

For now, II Corinthians 13:11.

#### ARIZONA, PRESCOTT

Harvey and Ethel Smith

On May 2, we heard Godly messages from Bro. Todd Zollinger (Silverton, OR) and Bro. Bill Dotterer (Phoenix).

We rejoice when the Lord calls one of our Phoenix Sunday school lads into the ministry. Bro. Todd moved to Silverton as a young single member.

Services are held in cool, green Prescott on the first and third Sun-

days, at 10:15 a.m. and 12:30 M.S.T. at 2063 Thumb Butte Road.

Correspondents are Harvey and Ethel Smith, 602-445-2164.

Bro. Kenny and Sis. Mary Jo Schmidgall are happy grandparents to Kevin Andrew born May 4 to Jay and Robin Schmidgall. Twins, Ryan and Kayla, are helpers ready to go.

### ARIZONA, TUCSON

#### Lisa Knapp

Our annual business meeting was held this month. Elected officers were: Bro. Scott Baum, trustee; Bro. Gene Fehr, usher; Bro. Andy Lehman, sound system; Sis. Marge Fehr, kitchen chairman; Sis. Maria Bauer, grade school teacher; and Sis. Wendy Bauer, preschool teacher. We need to thank outgoing officers for their hours of work and efforts of love: Bro. Steve Bauer, trustee; Bro. Rudy Bertschi, usher; Bro. Steve Bauer, sound system; Sis. Gloria Bauer, kitchen chairman; Sis. Yvonne Lehman, grade school teacher; and Sis. Lisa Knapp, preschool teacher. May the Lord add His blessing.

We have two graduates to congratulate this year. Sis. Janeen Baum graduated from the college of nursing May 15. Bro. Andrew Lehman graduated from high school May 19. Many, many rich blessings are wished upon Bro. Andy and Sis. Janeen as they meet new challenges in the endeavors they are taking. Sis. Janeen will be meeting her challenges as a nurse in Illinois as she and Bro. Terry are moving to Morton, IL. Bro. Terry and Sis. Janeen will both begin new careers in Illinois with the educations they worked so hard for. We will miss them so much and await their visits back to Tucson! God's richest blessings to you both!

We celebrated with Bro. Rudy and Sis. Irene Bertschi as they marked 50 years of married life. We pray the Lord will continue to bless this union in the coming years.

We also held communion this month as Elder Bro. Jon Kokanovich (Phoenix) and Sis. Nancy spent the day with us. We know it's a long trip and we appreciate their

efforts and time. It was a blessed day for all.

### CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA

#### Carol Graf

Bro. Doug Wagenbach (San Diego, CA) was a visiting minister in this last week. Bro. Doug was in Altadena last weekend with his wife, Sis. Lillian, and family.

It was nice to see Bro. Nathan Moser back in church this past Sunday. He had been ill for some weeks.

### CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

#### Marian Petrovic

The Phoenix, AZ, congregation invited our church to fellowship with them April 24 - 25. It was a blessed weekend of singing and worshipping our Saviour and Lord. Our heartfelt thanks to our dear brothers, sisters and friends in Phoenix who so lovingly and graciously took us in and made us feel so welcome.

Bro. Jim Ramseyer (Bay City, MI) was recently in our area and gave a very interesting slide presentation about his trip to Russia. The believers' sincerity and zeal for the Lord and the church is heartwarming and uplifting. May we continue to keep the Russian believers in our prayers.

Also, we thank Bro. Jim for faithfully serving us over the pulpit. May God richly bless you Bro. Jim and come again soon!

Once again we had the blessed privilege to partake of communion and be reminded of God's great love for us. It is truly a humbling experience as we renew in our minds the great price paid on Calvary.

A group of us recently gathered together for our annual spring church cleaning. It's a joy when we can labor together in love and unity.

### CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE

#### Michelle Virkler

"May we in perfect love be found  
When we Thy table, Lord  
surround;

Keep soul and body purified;  
Thy blessings, Lord be multiplied  
Upon this feast;

Lord, lead us then by Thy strong  
hand

As pilgrims through this desert  
land;

We are pursued by many foes;  
Deliver us from all our woes,  
For we are thine."

Zion's Harp #400

We once again had the solemn opportunity to be with our Lord and drink of Thy cup and break bread. For those of us not brought up in the faith, there is such thankfulness to be able to have this opportunity as a brother or sister-in-faith. The Lord does surely provide for us each day.

Elder Bros. Don Sauder and Henry Dotterer assisted our Elder Bro. Kevin with our communion supper. We thank them for their efforts and labor of love.

Also, on Saturday, April 24, we heard the testimonies of Bert Wheeler and Rachel Hoffman. Then on Sunday, we witnessed the baptism. May the Lord always be with them and provide grace and humbleness as they walk with Him.

Our hearts rejoice with our new converts, Linda Lanz and Kevin Grasso.

"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."

Zion's Harp #47

Those in our congregation that have not been able to assemble with us, our heartfelt prayers are with them: Sis. Olga Lanz and Sis. Ella Marti.

Bro. Doug and Sis. Jane Schneider are the parents of Andrew Douglas born January 28. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Everett and Sis. Phyllis Gerber and paternal grandparents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Joyce Schneider.

"Blessed is the man who endures trials, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love him."

James 1:12

Our prayers and thoughts are



with Sis. Gerri O'Brien over the passing of her mother, Bea O'Brien. She is survived by her husband, Gerald; three sons, Edmund and his wife, Barbara, Donald and his wife, Karen, and Thomas and his wife, Nancy, all of Windsor Locks; a brother, Reno; a sister, Teresa; four grandchildren, Jennifer, Kelly, Jessica and Donald.

"At home tis well  
There shall the pilgrim tarry  
When tired and worn by sorrow,  
grief and strife;  
In heav'n when the hard race of  
earthly life  
Is run, the long-borne load no more  
he'll carry."  
Zion's Harp #170

"God's love has been poured into  
our hearts through the Holy Spirit  
which has been given to us."  
Romans 5:5

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**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,  
WASHINGTON  
Henrietta Meyer**

"For, lo, the winter is past, . . .  
The flowers appear on the earth."  
Song of Solomon 2:11, 12

In the spring, the hand of God is seen in the beauty of the bushes and trees starting with the forsythia to the cherry blossoms to the dogwood and azaleas. Spring is one of the prettiest times of the year to visit the DC area. It is before it gets too hot or crowded. Start marking your plans to visit next spring.

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Curt Rassi (Tremont, IL), Bro. Gary Tonner (Bluffton, IN) and Bro. Steve Ringger (Bluffton North, IN). We thank the Lord and these brothers and their wives for all their efforts. Special visitors this month were Bro. Ralph and Sis. Catherine Klopfenstein (Gridley, IL). While they lived in this area, they did so much to nurture our small congregation. Other visitors this month were from Gridley, IL, Rockville, CT, and Peoria, IL.

Services are held the first, third and fourth Sundays of each month at Tyson's Westpark Hotel, located

about one mile west of the Beltway (I-495) on Route 7. Many from the area meet in the hotel dining room for breakfast at 9:00. Services are at 10:30 and 12:30. We often gather on Saturday evenings for fellowship or singing and the other Sundays for a tape, so please let us know if you are in town. 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. Matt Fetter (703) 860-5749.

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

"Miracle" is a word I rely heavily on when teaching my young children about God and His Son. They accept the unexplainable so readily at the tender ages of 4 and 2½. What an example of "child-like faith" they are to me!

The miracle of new birth never ceases to amaze. Bro. Ron and Sis. Liz Jones are delighted with their little miracle. Rebecca is welcomed into the family by Lee, Tristan and Adriana.

On a far different note, our condolences and prayers reach out to Bro. Bill Kuntz, whose father passed away unexpectedly.

The Bible class took a camping trip in the Florida Keys. We are so thankful for the brothers and sisters who are willing to spend time with these impressionable teens.

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

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread."

I Corinthians 16 - 17

We shared communion in April and we so appreciate our dear brothers that came to share the Lord's Supper with us. Elder Bros. Ben Maibach (Sarasota) and

Darrell Klopfenstein (Fort Lauderdale) and their wives, traveled to partake with us.

Communion is such a high point of our year, as it just seems to bring us so much closer to God as we remember the One who gave us the way to come back into God's grace, after we have forsaken the world of sin. We also are drawn much closer to our brothers and sisters as we realize that we are all in the same battle together, that we are one. We know that each one of us will have weak moments at times, and just pray that we will be there, one for another, at all times. No matter how large or small the group, communion strengthens the bond between us and Christ, us and our Father, and us and our brethren.

We thank Bro. Doug Sabo for traveling to minister to us this month.

Ralph Yergler has been ill at home for two weeks, and we hope and pray he will be feeling well enough to gather with us again very soon.

On May 16, God called a dear young man home. Dathan Eisenmann, who has endured much for such a young man of 17, died of cancer, and is now in the loving arms of Jesus. He feels no more pain.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Revelation 21:4

Dathan is in a place of perfection and joy now, but his dear family will need many loving prayers in the days ahead. Dathan leaves behind his parents, David II and Sue; brothers and sister-in-law, Damian and Tina, and David Arthur III, all of Sarasota. He also leaves his grandparents, David Sr. and Kay Eisenmann (North Fort Myers) and Marian Andries (Mediapolis, IA).

The family expressed their gratitude for the prayers and other gifts of love shown them. Let's continue reaching out to them with our

hearts and our prayers as we share in their loss.

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### FLORIDA, SARASOTA

#### Gala Gerber - Lorane Martin

Our mothers - a priceless "gift" from God! So thankful that a day has been set aside to honor our faithful, our faithful God-fearing mothers! We love you mom for being that example we've grown to appreciate!

The Sunday school hosted their annual picnic Saturday, May 8, at Longwood Run Park. It was a day of fellowship for all. We enjoyed meeting and visiting with brethren from the North Fort Myers congregation. We especially thank the Sunday school teachers and students for making this a special day.

Sis. Paulette Feught has moved from Sarasota. We miss her but rejoice and wish her God's blessings as she prepares for her marriage to Bro. Gary Sinn (Latty, OH).

We are thankful for our visiting ministers, Bro. John Bollier (Leo, IN) and Bro. Bill Gudemann (Elgin, IL). May the Lord bless their efforts in helping us walk by God's plan here on earth.

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### ILLINOIS, BELVIDERE

#### Carol Steffen

"Come then to the feast of His New Covenant, members of His church, your faith renew; Thank the Founder of this precious Covenant through the chalice He pours out for you. Here your hands in faithfulness uniting and the fire of brother-love new lighting, let your common prayers rise to His throne. Thank and praise Him who hath made you one!"

"Communion Hymn"  
Zion's Harp #26, vs. 6

Communion was served to us Wednesday night, April 12, by Elder Bro. Nathan Steffen and Bro. Ron Schambach (Elgin, IL). As we remember the Lord's sacrificial death, may we strive to walk closer to God. We thank Bros. Nate and Ron for serving us.

Other visiting ministers this past month have been Bros. Will

Schieler (Milford, IN), Bill Gudeman and Tom Schambach (Elgin, IL). May God richly bless them and their families for bringing forth the truth.

On April 25, no church services were held in Belvidere so we could all attend the wedding of Bro. Mark Wettstein and Sis. Karen Nuest in LaCrosse, IN. We welcome Sis. Karen to our congregation and pray God will bless their marriage. Their parents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Gloria Wettstein (Gridley, IL) and Bro. Elvin and Sis. Janet Nuest (LaCrosse, IN).

Also, our prayers are with Sis. Karen as she recuperates from surgery. We trust God's healing hand will heal her and through this, bring them closer to God.

As this is the season for vacations, we welcome you to worship with us. Small congregations need the encouragement of visitors.

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### ILLINOIS, BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

#### De Anderson - Debbie Grieco

"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."

John 1:12, 13

April 21 was a special evening for our congregation as we welcomed Robert and Laura Kieser as our brother and sister-in-faith.

The first Sunday in May our new Sunday school area was dedicated. We are so thankful God has provided us with a growing number of children and teenagers who will lovingly be taught God's precious Word.

Sis. Carolyn Fischer was a recent surgical patient. We trust God will continue to heal and strengthen her daily.

Congratulations to Bro. Jay and Sis. Dawn Martin on the arrival of their new little daughter, Chelsea Brienne. She was born May 10 and is a sister to Taylor. Grandparents are Sis. Roselyn Martin (Cissna Park) and Ron and Sis. Shirley Krumiede, also of Cissna Park.

We were all saddened to hear of the sudden passing of our Sis. Tudy

Schmied's mother, Sis. Louise Plattner of the Peoria congregation. What a privilege it is to have the precious love and example of a Christian mother.

### THE DASH BETWEEN THE DATES

Memorial Day was over now  
All had left and I was alone.  
I began to read the names and  
dates  
Chiseled there on every stone.  
The dates which showed whether  
it was Mom or Dad  
Or daughter or baby son.  
The dates were different but the  
amount the same  
There were two on every one.  
It was then I noticed something.  
It was but a simple line.  
It was the dash between the dates  
Placed there, it stood for time.  
All at once it dawned on me  
How important that little line.  
The dates placed there belonged  
to God  
But that line is yours and mine.  
It's God who gives this precious  
life  
And God who takes away.  
But that line between He gives to  
us  
To do with what we may.  
We know God's written the first  
date down  
of each and every one  
And we know those hands will  
write again  
For the last date has to come.  
We know He'll write the last date  
down  
And soon we know, for some.  
But upon the line between my  
dates  
I hope He'll write "well-done."  
Lucille Britt

Note of thanks: I wish to thank everyone for their prayers and expressions of love received upon the loss of my mother.

Tudy Schmied

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### ILLINOIS, BRADFORD

#### Les and Barb Fehr

"For this cause shall man leave his father and mother and shall be joined unto his wife and they two shall be one flesh." (Ephesians 5:31)

We rejoice with Sis. Valerie Dietz (Bro. Kenny and Sis. Mardell) and Bro. Todd Steiner (Bro. Joe and Sis. Marcella, Tremont) who recently announced their engagement. May God be their guide as they make their marriage plans and anticipate a life of happiness together.

Note of Thanks: We would like to humbly thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers, gifts, phone calls and visits during Alfred's surgery and recovery. May God bless you all.

Alfred & Verla Hausmann

### ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN

Margie Heintz

Communion service was held here in early May. We were invited to remember Christ on the cross and all that He did for us; to respond to His wonderful love by changing our lives wherever necessary; and to rejoice in His promises and in the coming again of Jesus. It was an evening of great blessings and renewal. We extend our thanks to Elder Bro. Bob Walder (Congerville) who shared in the service with our Elder Bro. Dave Wiegand.

We are thankful that our congregation has been blessed with a new minister. After prayerful consideration, Bro. Brian Waibel (Sis. Wendy) has been placed in the ministry. We know that God will continue to lead and guide him and his wife as together they submit to the new opportunities to serve the Lord that this position provides.

Congratulations and prayers for God's blessings are extended to our three high school graduates, Kara Banwart (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Charlen), Gretchen Hansen (Bro. Keith and Sis. Joan) and Mellisa Mangers (Bro. Denny and Sis. Cheryl). As they look ahead to the unknown future, we encourage them to look back and remember what they have learned about Jesus and to put their lives into the security of His unfailing, unchanging hand.

To the college graduates who have been part of our congregation for the past four years, we want to share our congratulations, our ap-

preciation and our prayers. We appreciate all that you have given to us in love and service and example, and we pray that you will continue to ask for God's presence and purpose in your lives.

But not all of the graduates are leaving. Bro. Darren and Sis. Sue Plattner and Bro. Win and Sis. Amy Stoller have job and school opportunities which will allow them to remain in this area. We are thankful that they will continue to be part of our church family.

Our prayers are offered for Bro. Dan Schlatter who is recovering from hip surgery and for Sis. Wilma Blunier (Bro. Ben) who is recovering from knee surgery. We pray that they can feel God's nearness and strength each day. "Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort . . ." (Psalms 61:3)

We appreciate and thank the recent visitors that we have had, especially the visiting ministers, Bros. Virg Metzger (Chicago), Rick Plattner (Peoria), Steve Sauder (Tremont), Marshall Heinold (Washington), Dale Stoller (Fairbury), Ken Hoerr (Peoria) and Gary Endress (Bradford).

### ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

Kathy Schlatter

At a gathering, a brother asked for another to "open us with prayer." I'm not sure he meant anything unusual by it, but I heard "open us with prayer" and pictured a surgeon with scalpel poised above the heart. In fact, now it seems as likely to be a laser beam. Regardless, prayer is useful for laying open our deformities and dysfunctions, our clogged arteries (" . . . choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life . . ." (Luke 8:14) and sluggish veins (no being " . . . swift my Lord to answer Him . . ."). The Lord is the Master Surgeon, whether He uses His Word as a two-edged knife or a laser light, to remove our fleshly cysts and tumors. May we always be willing to submit, so that we may become purer, holier, more fit for the kingdom. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." (Matthew 5:8)

Holy communion is for the re-

newal of our spirits, the renewal of our bond of love and faith. Friday evening, April 23, was a blessed time of remembrance, another instance of the Spirit's willingness to overflow us with His love.

It was a privilege to have the visit of Elder Bro. Ed Aeschleman and his family. His son, Paul, and Trisha Feeley, were married April 25. They live in Forest Park. Ginger Bozzay (Bro. Tibor and Sis. Pearl) and John Watson were married near San Diego, CA, April 3. We are so thankful for these unions and wish the Lord's love and joy to be a part of their lives together.

We always rejoice when we can add to our fellowship. Sis. Lisa Knobloch is a mechanical engineer for G.E., living in Morrison. (Her father is Bro. Ben, Eureka). We appreciate her presence in our worship and in our family. May the Lord grant her much grace as we commune together.

We recently enjoyed an abundance of fellowship as we took another bus trip, this time to Columbus, OH, May 15-16. Sometimes we don't always get as much sleep as we need to start out. Before a refreshing night's sleep Saturday, at least one of us was trying to fight sleep at our singing. Watching the person, I was reminded of my eight years of conviction before I repented. I was fighting commitment. After every jerk of Christ's conviction in my immortal soul, I seemed to be lulled back into the world's choices. Thankfully, then, as now, I had special "praying angels," people the Lord gave to get me on the right track and now to keep me on. Sis. Sara Adam (Columbus, OH) is one of those special praying people in my life and the lives of numerous Chicago brethren. To her and all of her church family in Columbus, we say a heartfelt "thanks to the Lord," for their love, their hospitality, their steadfastness. Once again, the Lord uplifted us by introducing us to more of His people, ones who may live and work in different jobs and areas, but who are being, as hope to be, His ambassadors in their "assigned" mission fields.

Graduation is an incredible contradiction, an oxymoron unto itself.

Within it, it signals "The End"; but, by its very nature, it points to transition and "beginning again." Ross Meyer (Bro. Lenny and Sis. Charlott) recently graduated from the University of Illinois-Chicago, with a Master's in Social Work. Bro. Miki Bozzay (Bro. Miklos and Sis. Aranka) has his B.S. in Architecture from the University of Illinois-Champaign. Bro. Tyler Reimschisel has his Bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago. Steve Bozzay (Bro. Tibor and Sis. Pearl), Matthew Rassi (Bro. Greg and Sis. Carla) and Aleida Mandujano and Katrina Schlatter (Bro. Jim and Sis. Kathy Schlatter) are our high school graduates. Steve plans to go into pre-med in California, near San Diego. Matthew and Katrina are going to the University of Illinois in engineering and pre-med, respectively. Aleida will be returning to Mexico City to continue her schooling. For all of our graduates we wish smooth transitions, from school to work, or from school to more school. May the Lord bless each one richly with grace along the path, His radiating love to light the way, and joy and peace within.

Bro. Lloyd Hartman worshipped with us at one time, though recently he had attended Fairbury church. Through the grace of the Lord, Bro. Lloyd can now rest at home. We extend our sympathy to his family, including our dear Sis. Esther Hay. Our prayers for the Lord's comfort remain with his loved ones left behind. Sis. Carla Rassi and Sis. Mary Gasser have also lost relatives recently. May the Lord give His balm to them and other family members.

Last evening, Katrina asked where something was. I directed her to a table in the living room where there was some unopened mail. Imagine her surprise (and mine!) when, besides the object she was looking for, she opened an envelope addressed to her, which said, "We are happy to inform you that you are the recipient of our scholarship . . ." Obviously, we had overlooked an important letter. If you are like me, perhaps you sometimes neglect some other important letters - in the New Testament. They are addressed to us,

and they contain much of importance. If we don't open them, we don't know what they have to tell us.

I spent some difficult hours at school just recently. I couldn't find my keys. Not only were they the keys for the school and my rooms, but the coin purse also contained two sets of car keys. I had looked everywhere I could think of - three to ten times! I called my students, afraid there had been a prank - or that there hadn't. They all sounded sincere and didn't even remember seeing the keys. Finally, the next morning as I prepared to "take my medicine" for losing these all-important items, a student helped me look. She looked in some of the same places I had - and finally found them in the back of a drawer. I was absolutely lighter than air for the rest of the day. Nothing else mattered. At the end of the day, I thought to myself, "Now why did that happen?" Maybe it could be an analogy to struggles to find the Lord. In our earthly life, we can find it easy to mislay the keys we have been taught will unlock the riches of eternal life. Sometimes we ask our friends, but they are unaware. But, if we keep searching -- and if we ask for help from the right helper, we will find. ". . . seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33) And our "whole body also is full of light . . ." (Luke 11:34)

". . . Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Revelation 22:20

ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK  
Anna Marie Reutter  
Cyndee Anderson

Dear God, my little boy of three  
Has said his nightly prayer to  
Thee;  
Before his eyes were closed in  
sleep,  
He asked that Thou his soul  
would keep,  
And I, still kneeling at his bed,  
My hand upon his tousled head,  
Do ask, with deep humility,

That Thou, dear Lord, remember  
me.

Make me kind, Lord, a worthy  
Dad,

That I may lead this little lad  
In pathways ever fair and bright,  
That I may keep his steps aright.  
O God, his trust must never be  
Destroyed or even marred by me.  
So, for the simple things he  
prayed

With childish voice so unafraid,  
I trembling, ask the same from  
Thee,

Dear Lord, kind Lord, remember  
me.

Author Unknown

May God grant courage to our fathers that they continue to be the example our children so badly need in this darkening world.

Announcing their engagement this month are Sue Knapp (daughter of Bro. Earl and Sis. Mary, Cissna Park) and Mike Vazis, both of Barrington, IL. They are planning a late August wedding. Our best wishes to this couple.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our Bro. George Gudeman, who is at this time in the hospital in Champaign. Home from the hospital are Sis. Mattie Bauer, who was in for pneumonia, and Sis. Twylla Beer, who had knee surgery and is now worshipping with us again. How thankful we can be that God only asks us to take one day at a time and provides grace for that day to every humble heart.

On Thursday, May 6, we laid to rest our Sis. Laura Hodel, 83, who died suddenly May 3. Surviving her are three daughters, Mrs. Doris Jacob (Cissna Park), Mrs. John (Betty) Lithgow (New Palestine, IN) and Mrs. Leslie (Brenda) Kimmel (Bolingbrook); and one son, Dr. Kenneth Hodel (Peoria). We also extend our sympathy to two sisters and five brothers, including Bro. Harry Young, of our congregation.

Our last topical Bible presentation for this year was on "Preserving Our Faith" by Bro. Wayne Laubscher. He took us back to the time of the early church, reinforcing the teachings of the apostles and encouraging us to "earnestly contend for the faith which was

once delivered unto the saints." (Jude 3) It is easy to lose sight of what Christ really had in mind when He "delivered" the true faith to faithful apostles and followers of the early church. One of the seven main early-church and Anabaptist teachings that Bro. Wayne shared with us was that the Bible is true and relevant to all generations and that it is the arbitrator (settler) of all questions. There are so many voices (books, devotionals, radio programs, etc.) around us today to try to guide us on our way to heaven, that we need to be extra careful not to accept anything less than God's Word as our arbitrator and guide. The true faith, worthy of being earnestly contended for, comes first through a humble and pure heart, as God told Job ". . . Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding." (Job 28:28) And then through knowledge of the Word as Paul reminded Timothy, ". . . continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of . . . that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." (II Timothy 3:14, 15) We appreciate Bro. Wayne's time and sincerity in this presentation.

Our Bible class traveled to Elgin this month for ACYF, and many here attended our annual Mother-Daughter dinner held May 6 at the fellowship hall. May God's name be always glorified in all we undertake that His true blessing can then rest upon us.

Our sincere thanks to Bro. Ken Schneider (Remington, IN) who brought us the Word on Mother's Day, and to Bro. Loren Knapp (Tucson, AZ) who was with us on a Wednesday night in April.

#### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE Beth Steffen - Sue Wiegand

During the month of June our lives are full of the things summer brings: recent graduations, vacation Bible school, field and garden crops, swimming lessons and Sunday school picnics. In the midst of this busy month, we celebrate

Father's Day - a time to be thankful to our heavenly Father who provides for us our earthly fathers. Approximately ten years ago the following poem was printed in the Silver Lining. I cut it out and saved it until now. It bears reprinting as a meaningful poem for both mothers and fathers.

#### WALK A LITTLE PLAINER, DADDY

"Walk a little plainer, Daddy,"  
Said a little boy so frail.  
"I'm following in your footsteps  
And I don't want to fail.  
Sometimes your steps are very  
plain,  
Sometimes they are hard to see.  
So walk a little plainer, Daddy  
For you are leading me."

"I know that once you walked this  
way  
Many years ago.  
And what you did along the way  
I'd really like to know.  
For sometimes when I'm tempted  
I don't know what to do,  
So walk a little plainer, Daddy  
For I must follow you."

"Someday when I'm grown up  
You are like I want to be  
Then I will have a little boy  
Who will want to follow me.  
And I would want to lead him  
right  
And help him to be true,  
So walk a little plainer, Daddy  
For we must follow you."  
Author Unknown

Congratulations are extended to the following graduates. Eighth grade: Bonny Rinckenberger (Bro. Mike and Sis. Pat), Julie Zimmerman (Bro. Fred and Sis. Maryellen), Marie Knapp (Bro. Rick and Sis. Kathy) and Jared Schieber (Bro. Mike and Sis. Mary);

High school: Brian Wettstein (Bro. Vern and Sis. Judy), David McClure (Bro. Bob and Sis. Sharon), Jodie Schrock (Bro. Steve and Sis. Gerri), Sara Funk (Bro. Virgil and Sis. Shirley), Jennifer Ifft (Bro. Larry and Sis. Shirley, Forrest), Bro. Dale Banwart (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Arlene) and Bro. Jon Knapp (Bro. Rick and Sis. Kathy);

College: Bro. Brad Walder (Elder Bro. Bob and Sis. Gloria), and Bro. Brent Ifft (Bro. Larry and Sis. Shirley, Forrest). Bro. Brent has accepted employment in the Forrest area and plans to reside there with his parents. We trust he and his family will come "home" to Congerville to visit often. We wish each of the above graduates God's direction in future schooling or employment.

Hospitalized this past month was Sara Funk (Bro. Virgil and Sis. Shirley). We're thankful it was a short stay.

Thank You Note: I would like to say many thanks to all the people that sent food to us, cards, flowers, and in any way they could help us during my stroke that I had in Florida and since returning home. I am feeling much better and stronger every day. May God's blessings be on all of you.

Bro. Alvin and Sis. Irene Schrock

#### ILLINOIS, ELGIN Renee Anliker - Debbie Sauder

"In all thy ways acknowledge  
Him, and He shall direct thy paths.  
Proverbs 3:6

As our high school graduates choose their future paths, it is our prayer that they will acknowledge the Lord and follow His direction in this, as well as all decisions in life. Our graduates include: Micah Bachtold (Bro. Sam and Sis. Betty), Chad Heiniger (Bro. Don and Sis. Peg), Matt Schambach (Bro. Tom and Sis. Connie), Stacia Schambach (Bro. Bob and Sis. Jeanne) and April Schifferer (Bro. Tom and Sis. Kathy).

How grateful we are that Andy Tobler (Sis. Madelyn) and Mark Grasser (Bro. Walt and Sis. Mary) have acknowledged the need of a Saviour. May God grant them the needed grace, during this time of repentance, that each of their future paths may be divinely directed.

We are also thankful that Sis. Julie Graf is recuperating from her recent fall. May God continue to strengthen her until she can be restored to a full measure of health. At this time, our prayers are with

Sis. Libbie Fehrman who is hospitalized. We commit her to God for restoration, if that would be His will.

May the Otto Mueller family be comforted in the loss of their loved one. We likewise want to offer our sympathy to Sis. Mary Gasser (Bro. Walt) in the loss of her dear mother, Sis. Martha Fritz (Washington, IL). How privileged we are to have a God who understands and gives us no more than we can bear, with His grace. May all of the family feel our prayers, love and support at this time of parting and in the days ahead.

The exhortations lovingly shared with us by Bros. Ken Dietz (Bradford, IL) and Neil Ramseyer (Bay City, MI) were indeed appreciated. May God bless these brothers for being willing vessels to expound the inspired Word.

As the world sets aside a special day to show love and appreciation to our earthly fathers, may we share our true feelings with them while they are yet with us, by honoring them, walking in obedience and sincerely loving them. These attributes are so vital, not just on Father's Day, but every day, and not just to our earthly fathers, but most importantly to our heavenly Father.

Silver Lining subscription fees (\$9.00) are due in July for the Elgin congregation. We appreciate your help in this matter.

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

Our fathers' God to Thee,  
 Author of liberty,  
 To Thee we sing;  
 Long may our land be bright,  
 With freedom's holy light,  
 Protect us by Thy might,  
 Great God, our King!

Gospel Hymns #738

As we celebrate Father's Day, and the Fourth of July, let us remember our forefathers, our own fathers and grandfathers, who have believed in God and have preserved for us a strong faith and a country with religious freedom.

We were thankful to have an

especially inspiring Wednesday evening service May 19, where we heard the testimony and witnessed the baptism of Naomi Peters (John). May God continue to give her grace as she now walks in His light. She is a sister to Bro. Bill Kempf (Eureka) and Sis. Wilma Blunier (Champaign). It certainly seemed to fit her testimony as we sang the eighth verse of our Zion's Harp hymn #209. "Ah, now it is done! Now I fear not to die. For death hath no terrors when Jesus is nigh. The body from pain and from labor hath rest; The spirit soars up to the home of the blest." We appreciated that Elder Bro. Don Sauder spent the evening with us.

Bro. Tom and Sis. Edie Stoller are thankful for a new little daughter, Jeanette Rose, born May 1. At home to welcome the new baby are Sis. Rachel, Bro. Darrell, Brenda, Paula, Sarah, Kathy and Samuel. Grandparents are Henry and Sis. Wilma Blunier and Bro. Willis Stoller, all of Eureka.

Blessed with many visiting ministers this month, we were reminded that the Word has the answers for all of God's problems. Even as Jesus said, "It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." (Luke 4:4) Our visitors were Bros. Loren Knapp (Tucson, AZ), Carroll Gerber (Bluffton North, IN), Willis Wiegand (Goodfield), Mark Gerber (Bluffton, IN) and Dennis Kaufmann (Bloomington-Normal).

We sympathize with Bro. Vernon Leman in the death of his sister, Sis. Laura Hohulin (Goodfield). We also are thankful for the good recovery of Sis. Helen Knecht after her surgery. She wishes to thank everyone who sent lovely cards, gifts, prayers, flowers, the visits and phone calls during her hospital stay and since returning home. May God bless each one!

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**ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY**  
**Sally Fehr - Thelma Slagel**

More purity give me,  
 More strength to o'ercome;  
 More freedom from earth-stains,  
 More longings for home;

More fit for the kingdom,  
 More used would I be;  
 More blessed and holy,  
 More, Saviour, like thee.

Tabernacle Hymns #307, vs. 3

This song is entitled "My Prayer." The thought came to me recently in the midst of a trial that when we sing this song as a prayer and we request "more longings for home," God answers by bringing trials into our life. What else could make our "longing heart oft yearn for home"? (Hymns of Zion #214) The heavier the burden, the more our longings for heaven, where we will be free from all earthly cares, increase. If there seems to be nothing else to rejoice in, let us rejoice in this thought.

"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

St. Luke 15:10

And we mortals on earth are rejoicing also as the Spirit draws souls among us.

Isaac Huber (Bro. Rich and Sis. Dawn) has made a decision to turn to the Lord in repentance. May God grant him much grace.

Also, May 8 and 9, we heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptisms of Bro. Les and Sis. Sally (Moser) Fehr, Bro. Thadd Walter (Bro. Jim and Sis. Juanita) and Bro. Mark Runyon (Julie). It is wonderful to see that God is still calling and there are still those humble enough to yield to His call.

"One generation passeth away and another generation cometh . . ."

Ecclesiastes 1:4

Three souls have passed from this life into eternity and three new souls have come into the world.

Eric Neil Bahler was born to Bro. Neil and Sis. Tami April 20. His older brother, Mark, and grandparents, Bro. Henry and Sis. Lola Steffen and Elder Bro. Art and Sis. Suzanne Bahler, welcome him.

A little girl, Maria Kristine, was born to Bro. Keith and Sis. Kristine Steidinger May 1. Amber, Kaleb

and Jake and grandparents, Bro. Walter and Sis. Esther Bahler (Remington, IN) and Bro. Maurice and Sis. Alma Steidinger, welcome her.

Blake, Reid and Tess Zehr have a little brother, Thane Evan, born May 6 to Bro. Quinn and Sis. Joan Zehr. Grandparents are Bro. Warren and Sis. Dolores Zehr and Bro. John and Sis. Carol Waldbeser (Cissna Park).

As we rejoice in new life, we sorrow with those who have lost loved ones.

Bro. Lloyd Hartman, 79, passed away May 10. His survivors include one sister, Sis. Esther Hay of our congregation.

Sis. Margaret Zimmerman, 97, passed away April 30. Her sister, Kathryn Nussbaum, survives her.

Our sympathy is also extended to Karen Stoller (Richard) whose mother, Sis. Alice Lehmann, 76 (Forrest), passed away April 26.

May the Lord comfort the families and relatives who remain and give them a longing to see their loved ones again.

Hospital patients this month were Brittany Kafer (Bro. Ben and Sis. Carol), Margaret Kelson, Trevor Stoller (Bro. Randy and Sis. Ronda), Ray Morrow (Hazel), Louise Hibsich, Keith Moser (Nita) and Sis. Darlene Bittner.

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and shall be joined unto his wife . . ."

Ephesians 5:31

Our congregation witnessed the joining of Sis. Janice Edelman (Bro. Levi and Sis. Donna, Forrest) and Bro. Chad Wettstein (Bro. Lyle and Sis. Linda, Gridley) in holy matrimony May 16.

Also, Hope Steffen (Bro. Albert and Sis. Karen) and Randy Perry (Mr. and Mrs. George Perry, Streator) were wed March 20.

The engagement of Sis. Julia Fehr (William and Helen, Forrest) and Bro. Doug Moser (Bro. Lloyd and the late Myrna Moser) was announced to us May 9.

We wish all these couples the continued guidance and presence of the Lord in their new life together.

May means the end of the school year and graduation. Our high school graduates this year are: Bro. Jason Kilgus, Darcy Stoller, Sis. Jennifer Steffen, Sis. Karie Stork, Kim Steidinger, Jill Stoller, Aaron Meiss, Alan Meiss, Darrel Steidinger, David Slagel, Daren Kaisner and Bill Bolen.

We are happy to have Bro. Rick Steidinger (Bro. Tom and Sis. Dianne) back in our congregation. Rick has been living in Sabetha, KS, for some time.

We were abundantly blessed with visiting ministers: Elder Bros. Dave Wiegand (Champaign), Wayne Anliker (Forrest) and Edwin Ringger (Gridley) and Bros. Gary Brown (Forrest), Gene Lehmann (Wolcott, IN), Don Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN), Vernon Wettstein (Congerville) and Bill Hodel (Roanoke). We thank them and God for their labors among us.

Bro. Bill Hodel shared with us a poem that is a good warning for us all:

#### THE NINETY-AND-NINE

'Twas a sheep not a lamb that strayed  
In the parable Jesus told,  
A grown-up sheep that had gone astray  
From the ninety-and-nine in the fold.  
Out on the hillside, out in the cold,  
'Twas a sheep the good Shepherd sought;  
Back to the flock, safe into the fold  
'Twas a sheep the good Shepherd brought.  
And why for the sheep should we earnestly long  
And as earnestly hope and pray?  
Because there is danger if they go wrong,  
They will lead the lambs astray;  
For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,  
Wherever the sheep may stray.  
When the sheep go wrong, it won't be long  
Till the lambs are as wrong as they.

And so with the sheep we earnestly plead

For the sake of the lambs today,  
If the sheep are lost what a terrible cost  
The lambs will have to pay.

Author Unknown

#### ILLINOIS, FORREST Sandra Schneider Marlene Walter

Stephanie Joy Schmidgall was born prematurely April 22 to Bro. John and Sis. Janet. We hope it won't be too long before she can be welcomed home by Trent, Scott and Tami, along with grandparents, Bro. Glenn and Sis. Katherine Fehr (Fairbury) and Bro. Dave and Sis. Alma Jean Schmidgall. May God be near them during this time of waiting.

Bro. David and Sis. Jackie Eisenmann, along with Sydney, welcome Cortney Jean into their family circle. Her grandparents are Mary Lynn Hoffman (Winona, MN), Sam Hoffman (St. Augustine, FL) and Bro. John and Sis. Bev Eisenmann.

Our hearts rejoice with Bro. Larry and Sis. Shirley Ifft as their daughter, Rachel, has made a beginning in repentance. We wish her much grace as she starts her new walk with God.

Bro. Joe Metz, 92, was called to his rest April 23. We sympathize with his children, Bro. Gene, Sis. Carolyn Frank (South Bend, IN), Bonnie Roecker (Dallas, TX) and Sis. LaBeth Dunham (Alto, MI); and his brother, Walter; and sister, Sis. Della Meiss (Fairbury). We appreciate Bro. John Hartman (Fairbury) having the service for "Uncle Joe."

The Lord also called home Sis. Alice Lehmann, relieving her of her suffering. Her children, Karen Stoller (Fairbury), Rhoda Gaines (Champaign), Rosemary Koehl, Art and Ken; and her brothers, Raymond (Congerville), Bro. Harvey and Bro. Elmer have our sympathy.

We also extend sympathy to Ed and Sharon Schrof in the passing of her father, Milton Kinate. May God comfort the hearts of all who have suffered the loss of loved ones.

We thank our visiting ministers, Bros. Wayne Lehman (South Bend,

IN), Fred Knapp and Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville), Jim Hoerr (Peoria), Earl Kilgus (Remington, IN), Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop, MN), Jim Plattner (Princeville) and Ken Eisenmann (Cissna Park). May God bless them for their service.

Melissa Campbell and Jeffery Kaisner are planning a September 4 wedding. Parents of the couple are Ralph Campbell and Ellen Campbell, both of Easley, SC, and Larry and Cynthia Kaisner. We wish them much happiness.

We are thankful that Bro. Jerry Leman is doing well after a short hospital stay. Our prayers are with Bros. Ray Steffen and Ralph Koehl who are in the hospital at this time. May they and their families feel God's nearness as they go through these difficult times.

We wish the best to our high school graduates, Sis. Jenny Adams (Sis. Sharon), Derek Bachtold (Bro. Herb and Sis. Jan), Joyce Bolliger (Bro. John and Sis. Alma), Danny Bradley (Dan and Mary), Lori Brown (Bro. Gary and Sis. Jane), Sis. Lori Dotterer (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Nancy), Amy Honegger (Gary and Mary Lee), Loren Honegger (Bro. Lloyd and Joyce), Ryan Koehl (Barry and Rosemary), Damon and Dana Lanz (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Lavonne), Janelle Lehmann (Art and Jana), Jason Rieger (Richard Rieger and Jackie Lubbers), Sis. Kendra Steffen (Bro. Ken and Sis. Janice) and Sis. Sheila Stoller (Bro. Greg and Sis. Jill). It is our wish for them that they always include God in their future plans.

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

Sis. Irene Traub wishes to sincerely thank all her friends and relatives for their cards and gifts she received for her 80th birthday. May God bless you for your love and kindness. It will always be remembered.

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#### ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY

**Perry A. Klopfenstein**

It was a time to rejoice Wednesday evening, May 19, when Brent Ringger was taken into the fold. Bro. Brent is the son of Bro. Fred

and Sis. Mary Ringger. This was a special time for them as their entire family circle of four sons are all converted. It was wonderful to hear his testimony, and how God worked in his heart. Sitting in on a testimony never grows old, it seems.

Bro. Mark Wettstein was married to Sis. Karen Nuest (LaCrosse, IN) April 25. Her parents are Bro. Elvin and Sis. Janet Nuest. His parents are Bro. David and Sis. Gloria Wettstein.

On May 16, Bro. Chad Wettstein and Sis. Janet Edelman (Fairbury) were also united in holy matrimony. She is the daughter of Bro. Levi and Sis. Donna Edelman (Fairbury). Bro. Lyle and Sis. Linda Wettstein are the parents of Bro. Chad.

The annual Senior Supper for our high school graduates was held May 20 at the Elms Restaurant. The 1993 graduates are: Casey Knobloch, Bro. Joel Gramm, Arlan Miller, Sis. Staci Ringger, Sis. Christine Romersberger, Sis. Jodi Schlipf, Bro. Todd Witzig and Benjie Zeller.

Note of Thanks: "I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped me during my recent injury, and recovery. I am overwhelmed by your love, and may God bless you."

Kay Hock

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#### ILLINOIS, MORTON

**Phyllis Farney  
Cheryl Wuthrich**

Congratulations to the Bible class seniors on their graduation from high school and also to those who are graduating from college. The high school seniors were honored with a senior breakfast May 2. There is much advice that could be given as they enter into this new phase of their lives. But to the converted and unconverted alike, the Word of God in Matthew 6:33 is relevant, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

We wish to thank Bro. Marshall Heinold (Washington, IL) for speaking at our monthly family worship service. His message on Nehemiah helped us to realize the importance

of identifying the work that the Lord has for us to do. And with the Lord's direction, making goals and persevering so that it may be accomplished.

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#### ILLINOIS, PEORIA

**Cara Nussbaum**

As we witness all around us the beauty of spring and the rebirth of many growing things, we rejoice with Bro. Jim and Sis. Nanette David following the birth of their first daughter, Jennifer Rose, born April 12. She joins brothers, Mark, Brian, Jeffrey and James, at home. Grandparents are Wade and Marge Fehr and Nina David.

Notes of Thanks: "We want to thank everyone who remembered us while in the hospital and at home. First of all, the ministers for their visits and prayers for us. Also for the flowers, cards, phone calls, gifts, visits and food, and for the many prayers that were offered up in my behalf. Prayer changes things and everything was deeply appreciated. May God be your Great Rewarder."

Bro. Walter and  
Sis. Elizabeth Merkle

"Thanks to everyone who remembered my birthday with cards."

Bro. Luke Heller

We were saddened following the recent deaths of Sis. Mayme Streitmatter and Sis. Clara Welk, both residents at the home, Sis. Louise Plattner (Bro. Walt) and Bro. Henry Traub (Sis. Anna). We extend our sincere condolences to each member of their families.

Peoria was blessed to have several visiting ministers this month. They were Bro. Ron Joos (Pulaski, IA) and Marvin Dotterer (Forrest, IL). We appreciate these brothers being willing to bring the precious Word to us. We also thank Elder Bro. Ervin Knecht (Eureka, IL) who assisted Bro. Chuck in sharing the conference conclusions.

The first Wednesday of each month is Family Night in Peoria. This month we were privileged to hear Bro. Ted Witzig (Morton). We thank Bro. Ted for his timely and interesting message.



Those hospitalized recently were Bro. Frank Ferrero, Bro. Robert Beyer, Sis. Velma Hancher and Bro. Howard Musselman. We pray that God will restore good health to each one.

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### ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

#### Martha Jane Siebenthal

We rejoice with two dear families who have been blessed with precious bundles from heaven. They are Bro. Daryl and Sis. Julie Wagenbach. Darcie is welcomed home by big brother, Rodney, and sister, Bethany, and thankful grandparents, Bro. Ray and Sis. Betty Wagenbach. Bro. Kurt and Sis. Connie Christ, Beth and Lena welcome home Molly Sue as do grandparents, Bro. Walter and Sis. Doris Christ and Bro. Elwin and Sis. Loretta Rumbold (Bradford). We pray both couples can feel God's guidance as they strive to raise these precious blessings God has entrusted to them.

Our thoughts and prayers turn to those recently hospitalized. Sisters Arlene Scholl (Bro. Bob) and Helen Baer both had surgery. May they feel God's healing powers for a complete recovery.

Bro. John Stahl, age 76, was called out of this life May 13 after having heart surgery. His family includes his dear wife, Sis. Edith; one daughter, Sis. Joyce and Bro. Dale Blunier; grandchildren, Bro. Darin and Sis. Keri, Sis. Janel, Douglas, David and Dustin; and one great-grandchild, Cody. We trust that God will comfort them and fill the vacant place with His love and mercy. Our prayers and sincere sympathy is with this dear family.

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

#### Thank You Notes:

We are indebted to many of our loved ones for your kind expressions of sympathy, your prayers and memorials at the passing of our brother, Dave Menold. God's blessings to each of you.

Leonard Menold, Nettie Feucht, Mary Farney, Martha Stoller and Emily Stoller

Our sincere thanks to everyone for the phone calls, gifts, visits, the lovely cards and all who brought food or helped in any way while I was in the hospital and since returning home. May God bless you all.

With love,  
Virginia and Harry King

### A FATHER'S PRAYER

O Father, grant that I may be  
A worthy father to this wee and  
trusting child Thou gavest me.  
I know my footsteps he will trace;  
And as I strive to run my race,  
He'll strive to follow - keep my  
pace.

Oh, grant that as he follows me  
That I may ever faithful be  
To lead him in Thy way, to Thee.

Paul E. Leightner

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### ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

#### Annie Leman - Cathy Hohulin

As we swing into the summer season and our lives become busy with outdoor activities and travels, may we each one solicit God's nearness and protection and enjoy the beauty of His creation.

Bro. Chad Getz and Sis. Crystal Fischer look forward to a July wedding, as they announced their engagement April 25. Their parents are Bro. Merlyn and Sis. Jan Getz, and Bro. Jerry and Sis. Marge Fischer, all of Roanoke.

March 6 was the wedding day of Lesley Rechkemmer and Matt Blackford. Their parents are Norm and Jan Rechkemmer (Roanoke) and Vern and Sally Blackford (Congerville). Lesley and Matt reside in Normal.

The wedding of our Sis. Robin Zimmerman and Bro. Tim Kaufmann (Cissna Park) took place May 16. Their parents are Bro. Rick and Sis. Raylene Zimmerman and Bro. Larry and Sis. Jean Kaufmann.

A long and happy marriage is an inspiration to all married couples. A celebration was held to honor the 55th wedding anniversary of Bro. Harold and Sis. Emma Blunier May 8. We wish them many more joyful years together.

Bro. Curtis and Sis. Edna

Sauder recently added a great-grandson and grandson to their family. Reagan Bradley was born February 17 to Shawn and Michelle Mason (Washington). His grandparents are Russ and Connie Mason (Peoria) and Les and Cyndee Sauder (Roanoke) and Pam Sornson (London Mills). Then on April 24, Bruce and Rita Sauder welcomed their third child, Logan Curtis. Nicole and Travis are his sister and brother, and his other grandparent is Roy Springer (Roanoke).

Edward Hodel, Jr. also adds two new grandchildren. April 20 was the birth date of William (Will) Max Chan Hodel. Welcoming him home are his brother, Andrew, and parents, Howard and Patty Hodel. On Mother's Day, May 9, Darcie Michele Wagenbach was born to Julie and Daryl Wagenbach. His siblings are Rodney and Bethany, and Bro. Ray and Sis. Betty Wagenbach (Toulon) are his paternal grandparents.

We were saddened at the death of Bro. Roy Kaiser March 15. Originally from the Morton congregation, he had made his home in Roanoke for the past several years.

We were thankful to have as recent visiting ministers, Bros. Art Bauer (Princeville), Loren Schrenk (St. Louis, MO), Kenneth Weerts (Cissna Park) and Dennis Kaufmann (Bloomington).

Sisters Margaret Hodel (Willis) and Helen Zimmerman (Rich) have been hospitalized. May we remember them and many others who suffer various afflictions in our prayers.

Note of Thanks: I wish to express my sincere thanks to everyone who remembered me with prayers, gifts, cards and visits while I was in the hospital and since returning home. May God bless you all.

Love, Sis. Carol Schwab

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### ILLINOIS, TREMONT

#### Carolyn Bolliger - Marsha Koch

We are thankful for our visiting ministers this month - Bro. Dale Moore (Elgin, IA), Bro. William Gerst (Alto, MI), Bro. Jay Rinkenberger (Goodfield) and Bro.

Rick Plattner (Peoria). We appreciate the special efforts made on the behalf of these brothers and their families.

Another special thank you to Bro. Marshall Heinold (Washington) for presenting a topical lesson on "Handling Your Finances With Biblical Principles." We found it a very interesting and informative evening.

Several in our congregation have lost loved ones. We extend our sympathy to Bro. Jerry and Sis. Carolyn Prather and their family on the loss of Sis. Carolyn's mother, Dorothy Noble (Larned, KS).

We extend sympathy also to Larry and Sis. Sandy Lane and their family on the death of Sis. Sandy's mother, Sis. Louise Plattner (Peoria).

We wish to remember also Bro. Charles and Sis. Miriam Sauder and their family in the loss of Sis. Miriam's mother, Sis. Martha Fritz (Washington).

We have had several of our people in the hospital this month. Sis. Rose Knapp has had leg surgery and is still recuperating in the hospital. Sis. Doris Staker (Bro. Weldon) also spent a few days in the hospital. Little Niki Garman (Steve and Sis. Sara) had the misfortune of breaking her leg. Also in for surgery was little Nicole Wagenbach (Jonathan and Rebekah). We are sorry to hear that Sis. Royaldine Hodel (Bro. Bob) is back in the hospital. Sis. Royaldine had a fall and her hip was broken. We pray for the Lord's healing for Sis. Royaldine.

Bro. Harlan and Sis. Carolyn Bolliger are excited about a new little grandson born in Indianapolis, IN, to their daughter and son-in-law, Sam and Sandy Bedwell. Little Joseph Patrick was born May 5.

We recently had a special weekend when two new sisters were added to the fold. On Saturday, May 8, we gathered to hear the testimonies of June Steiner (Bro. Joe and Sis. Marcella) and Camille Sauder (Bro. Richard and Sis. Evelyn). On Sunday, we witnessed their baptism and welcomed our new sisters-in-faith.

We rejoice with Bro. Todd Steiner (Bro. Joe and Sis. Marcella) and Sis. Valerie Dietz (Bro. Ken and Sis. Mardell, Bradford) as their engagement was announced. We wish God's blessings on this young couple as they make plans to begin a new life together.

It is the time of year when many of our young people are graduating from school. We offer our congratulations and best wishes to them all. Our high school graduates are: Steven Beutel (Bro. Fred and Sis. Jeannette), John Dill (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Marilyn), Marie Koch (Bro. Elmon and Sis. Janice), Jennifer Knobloch (Kelvin and Marion), Ashley Lane (Larry and Sis. Sandy), Sarah Meister (Bro. Mike and Sis. Dorothy), John Rassi (Bro. Curt and Sis. Kathy), Brenda Rocke (Bro. Nelson and Sis. Kathy), Doug Sauder (Bro. Steve and Sis. Mary), Kurt Wagenbach (Si, Jr. and Sis. LaVonne) and Brent Wartick (Richard and Mary).

Our eighth grade graduates are: Diana Beutel (Bro. Fred and Sis. Jeannette), Julie Hofsess (Bro. Darel and Sis. Mary Alyce), Sarah Koch (Bro. Ken and Sis. Amy), Greg Post (Bro. Gary and Sis. Kathy), Philip Rassi (Bro. Curt and Sis. Kathy), Janet Rocke (Bro. Nelson and Sis. Kathy) Scott Sauder (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Mary), Tim Wagenbach (Si, Jr. and Sis. LaVonne) and Aaron Zuercher (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Kathy).

## ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

Sue Ruppert

Denise Romersberger

Life is full of ups and downs. Many of our brothers and sisters are dealing with heavy burdens. Even we ourselves often feel helpless with our own problems. We, as Christians, have the Word of God to turn to. God tells us to remove the beam in our own eye before trying to remove the mote in our brother's eye. All too often we hear gossip about our brothers and sisters. At this time we need to stop the chain of gossip and with confidentiality quietly pray for our loved one. We need to build up, not tear down. Satan loves to dig his claws into the suffering making life miserable. But

Jesus at Calvary paid the price for all of our sins and overcame Satan. Praise God.

This month we were very blessed to have our Elder Bro. Don Sauder (Roanoke, IL) and Elder Bro. Chuck Hemmer (Peoria, IL). Also Bro. Randy Kellenberger (Kansas City, MO). These brothers lended to the Spirit and fed us with the Word of God.

May 8 was the day of our annual Mother-Daughter Brunch. It was a special day for all. The food, fellowship and entertainment provided a blessed day.

Bro. Duane Kilgas taught our Bible study. He had much to share on suffering and what it teaches you. It was enjoyed by all. We all pray that we can learn the lessons Bro. Duane has, without tragedy. However, the Lord teaches each of us in His special plan.

We were very blessed as we heard the testimonies of six souls. Each in his own way shared how the Lord worked in their heart. The appreciation each had for our God and our church was uplifting. May God bless each one and may the peace they all feel stay with them forever. Those baptized were Bro. Curt and Sis. Beth (Streitmatter) Feucht, Bro. Mark and Sis. Marty (Bienemann) Teubel, Sis. Jane Orr and Sis. Barb (Teubel) Slagel.

May 16 was a special day for the Bible class. The annual Bible class breakfast was held at Bro. Carl and Sis. Lydiann Wyss'. Each member received books used by our church. The morning was enjoyed by all.

It is once again graduation time. Graduating from college are Bro. Chris Bucher and Sis. Dana Anliker, both children of Bro. Steve and Sis. Vicki (Aschliman) Bucher; from high school - Jessica Schick, Bro. Phil Fritz, Bro. Phil Kellenberger and Crystal Elsasser. Congratulations to all!

We have had some illnesses in our church. We pray each feels better. Hospitalized were Sis. Clara (Schubert) Speck and Sis. Stacy (Ulbrecht) Ledford.

It is with deep sympathy that we see our Sis. Martha (Aberle) Fritz leave us to return to the Lord.

She was a special sister who always had a song in her head to praise God. Even when she could barely hear the Word preached, she had a prayer on her heart for all her loved ones. We extend our sympathy to the family. Sis. Martha will be missed by all.

### INDIANA, BLUFFTON

#### Jaci Gerber - Jill Fiechter

We rejoice along with the angels over our new converts. They are Tony Gerber (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Ann), Kent Gillilom (Bro. Kenny and Sis. Marie) and B. J. Frauhiger (Bro. Chuck and Sis. Marie). We wish them God's guidance as they begin their new walk of life.

April 25 was the wedding date of Sis. Mary Jo Reinhard (Sis. Sara Steffen) and Bro. Jeff Neuen-schwander (Bro. Bill and Sis. Mildred). We wish them God's blessings and many happy years together.

We rejoice to hear of the engagement of Bro. Alan Gerber (Bro. Don and Sis. Mary) to Sis. Joli Vidakovics (Bro. Dezso and Sis. Jolan, Ersekcsanad, Hungary).

On April 19, Bro. Lonnie and Sis. Vicki Grube became first-time parents when Lindsey Marie was born. Lindsey came into this world two months early and will be in the hospital until she grows a little bigger.

Bro. Jerry and Sis. Ann Gerber are the happy grandparents of Evan Pierre. Evan was born April 23 to Bro. Marty and Sis. Angie Niehouser (Francesville, IN).

Bro. Derryl and Sis. Peggy Aschliman welcomed Shelby Elaine into their lives May 17. Shelby joins Elizabeth, Tiffany and Taylor. Grandparents are Bro. Lester and Sis. Rosemary Gerber and Bro. Millard and Sis. Alice Aschliman.

Bro. Melvin and Sis. Doris Feichter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 2. May God's blessings continue in their lives.

"God never makes a mistake. He calls His loved ones home, just like we gather a bouquet of flowers. We gather all kinds to make a beautiful bouquet of flowers, so does the Lord call His loved ones

home." Our congregation was saddened by the sudden passing away of Sis. Alice Gerber May 4. She is greatly missed by many, including her husband, Bro. Gaius, and sons, Bro. Harry T., Bro. Larry and Bro. Duane Gerber.

On May 21, another tragic accident occurred, claiming the live of Andy Gilliom. Andy is the son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Marcene, and the brother of Sis. Marci Reinhard (Bro. Shawn) and Molli Gilliom. Our hearts and prayers go out to these loved ones who are hurting. We share their grief and wish them the Comforter's presence.

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." (Philippians 4:6) We pray for all those who have spent time in the hospital this past month. They are Sis. Barbara Pfister (Bro. Tom), Sis. Sharon Stoller (Bro. Larry), Herb Baumgartner, Bro. Walter Speheger (Sis. Mary) and Troy Fiechter (Bro. Lynn and Sis. Ronda).

We extend prayers and best wishes to Bro. Linc and Sis. Katrina Rinkenberger as they relocate from our congregation to Milford, IN. They will be missed and we hope they return often to visit.

On May 16, we had the privilege to witness the baptisms of two dear souls. They were Holly Frauhiger (Bro. Chuck and Sis. Marie) and Brent Kaehr (Bro. Lyle and Sis. Connie).

We would like to extend appreciation to the visiting ministers who came to share the Word with us this month. They were Bro. Al Langhofer (Wichita, KS), Bro. Steve Frauhiger (Bluffton North), Bro. Doyle Frauhiger (Bluffton North) and Elder Bro. Phil Stettner (Bluffton North).

### INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH

#### Terri Mueller - Lora Kieser

We are always thankful for the dear brothers who bring forth God's Word unto us. Our visiting ministers were Elder Bro. Joseph Stoller (Princeville, IL) and Bro. Eric Givens (Princeville, IL). May God richly reward them for their efforts.

Our faith was strengthened and

we were reminded of the suffering and sacrifice that Jesus endured for us as we partook of holy communion April 24.

"Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."

Philippians 2:2

We rejoice with Jarrod Gerber (Bro. Lenny and Sis. Nancy) as he comes to the Lord in repentance. We pray that God will supply him with an added measure of grace and strength in the coming days.

We share in the sorrow of the loss of Sis. Alice Gerber, and we extend our sympathy to her husband, Bro. Gaius, and her children, Bro. Harry Gerber (Sis. Lois), Bro. Larry Gerber (Sis. Pauline) and Bro. Duane Gerber (Sis. Betsy). May God be their Comforter in the days ahead.

Our hearts go out to the family of Sis. Josephine Meyer who passed away May 11. She is survived by a daughter, Sis. Delores Heyerly (Bro. Pete); and two sons, Bro. Vernon Meyer (Sis. Carol) and Bro. John Meyer (Sis. Carolyn).

Then let the hopes of joys to come  
Dispel our cares and chase our  
fears;  
If God be ours, we're traveling  
home,  
Though passing through a vale of  
tears.

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### INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE

#### Bev Huber

On April 23, a precious little boy, Evan Pierre, arrived to bless the home of Bro. Marty and Sis. Angie Neihouser. Grandparents are Bro. Perry and Sis. Sally Neihouser and Bro. Jerry and Sis. Ann Gerber (Bluffton, IN).

We extend our prayers and sympathy to Sis. Donna Gutwein and her family in the passing of her mother, Jean Minkert.

We're thankful Sis. Louise Onken and Benjamin Streitmatter, son of Mike and Cheri, are doing better after spending time in the hospital.

May 15 was a special day for

Brad Gutwein and Jennifer Brubaker as they were united in marriage. We wish the God's richest blessings. Their parents are Bro. Eldon and Sis. Mary Lee Gutwein and Alan and Peggy Brubaker (Kokomo, IN).

On the evening of May 16, we gathered together for our annual graduation program to honor our senior class. Those receiving Bibles were: Mike Gudeman (Bob and Diane), Greta Gutwein (Bro. Fred and Sis. Madeleine), Theresa Houston (Diana), Sis. Shannon Huber (Bro. Chris and Sis. Sharon), Jerod Leman (Bro. Larry and Sis. Pam), Jenean Votg (Bro. Don and Sis. Pam), Sis. Erica Ward (Bro. Roger and Sis. Sandi) and Jamie Washburn (James and Deb Washburn).

Bro. Harold Gramm (Morris, MN) recently visited us to share God's Word with us and we appreciate his labors of love.

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#### INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS Miriam Gudeman

"The just man walketh in his integrity; his children are blessed after him."

Proverbs 20:7

"He is not perfect. He would be the first to admit it. Nor is he infallible, much to his own dismay. Nor altogether fair . . . nor always right. But there's one thing he is and always will be - the only one you'll ever have - he is your dad! And quite frankly, there's only one thing he needs on Father's Day, plain and simple, he needs to hear you say four words: "Dad, I love you!"

C. Swindol  
(Seasons of Life)

On May 6, God blessed Bro. Ron and Sis. Edie Bollier with a precious bundle of joy, Seth Michael. Sarah, Emily, Anna and Daniel were all excited to have a new little brother. Happy grandparents are Bro. Jack and Sis. Velma Bollier (Leo) and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marjorie Witzig (Gridley, IL). May God continue to richly bless their lives.

The weekend of May 15 and 16, we had the joy of listening to the

testimonies of a dear couple, Greg and Lisa Stieglitz, who came to know the Lord together. It was such a blessing to witness their baptisms and to greet them as brother and sister-in-the-Lord! Many loved ones had gathered for this special occasion. Bro. Greg's parents are Bro. Oliver and Sis. EmmaJean (Leo) and Sis. Lisa's parents are Lee and Mariana Hege, also from Leo. We were so glad to have so many come and share with them. A special word of appreciation to our visiting ministers who were present for this blessed weekend. They were Elder Bros. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) and Wendell Gudeman (Francesville) and Bros. Lynn Stieglitz and Bro. John Stoller (Leo) and Bro. Randy Gasser (Detroit, MI). May the Lord encourage and guide Bro. Greg and Sis. Lisa as they begin a new and wonderful life together in the Lord!

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#### INDIANA, LACROSSE Judy Gudeman

". . . Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." (St. Matthew 18:3) Our dear friend, Tim Troxel (Bro. Ed and Sis. Carol) has started his repentance. May many others join his example! "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." (St. Luke 15:10)

Another friend has just joined our congregation! Kaleigh Brooke Schneider (Bro. Calvin and Sis. Jeannie) entered the world May 8. Her older siblings are Lindsey and Reid. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Gene and Sis. Norma Nuest, while paternal grandparents are Bro. Ken and Sis. Loretta Schneider (Remington, IN).

April 24 was the wedding of our friend, Donald Ailes (John and Carol, LaCrosse) to Jim Garrett of Marcus Hook, PA. Sis. Karen Nuest (Bro. Elvin and Sis. Janet) was married April 25 to Bro. Mark Wettstein (Bro. Dave and Sis. Gloria, Gridley) and they are residing in Belvidere, IL. We are especially thankful that Sis. Karen is recovering well from her recent hospitalization. Thanks also to our

visiting ministers: Bro. Fredrick Knapp (Congerville, IL), Bro. Dean Steffen (Belvidere, IL), Bro. Steve Baner (Gridley, IL) and Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley, IL).

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#### INDIANA, LEO Judy Gehring

The spring banquet was held at the fellowship center May 2. The theme was "Seeds of Kindness Grow and Grow." Several ladies told us how people enriched their lives.

Bro. and Sis. Jack Bollier were blessed with a new grandson, Seth Michel. His parents are Bro. Ron and Sis. Edie Bollier (Indianapolis).

Several of us travelled to Indianapolis Saturday evening for Greg and Lisa Stieglitz's testimonies on how the Lord worked in their hearts. Greg felt the call of the Lord at thirteen, went through high school and college, married, and then Greg and Lisa repented and became converted. It was mentioned how very important prayer is. Lisa mentioned how we need to redirect our lives.

Bro. Alfred Bahler and Bro. Wendell Gudeman were with us for the weekend at Indianapolis. Bro. Alfred talked about accountability and Bro. Wendell emphasized Christ is the light and we are the glow. Then Sunday morning we sang Zion's Harp #33 where those same words are mentioned.

Bro. Marvin Stieglitz (Greg's uncle) and Bro. Randy Gasser (Greg's brother-in-law) were the visiting ministers.

On Sunday afternoon, Lisa's family shared the afternoon with us, along with Greg's family, Bro. Oliver and Sis. Emma Jean, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Afternoon service was the faith chapter, Hebrews 11 and it was mentioned it will be worth it all when we see Jesus.

Elder Bro. David Bertsch traveled with a work team of brothers from Leo, Tremont and Washington, IL, Detroit, MI and Philadelphia, PA, congregations. The project was building the roof structure on a school building, where 400 children will attend school. They visited the rest home, Asile

Dorcas, and sang for the residents. There is surely a need for housing for the older ladies. They also visited Hospital Lumiere and found many needs there. It was surely a time of blessing as they traveled and worked together. Bro. Mike Klopfenstein continued on with a work team to Jamaica.

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### INDIANA, MILFORD

**Judy Longcor  
Marguerite Hoerr**

Rose Haab, daughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Martha, and Lowell Bender (New Paris) were united in marriage April 23. We ask God to richly bless their new home and their love for each other.

Bro. Nelson Beer and Sis. Marguerite Hoerr had experiences in common this past month, in that each was treated in the emergency room of the local hospital, and could then be released, following the help they received. Sis. Marguerite submitted to outpatient surgery the following week, and is fully recovered. Bro. Noah Clauss submitted to surgery, also. He's recovering at his home. Medical expertise is another of God's blessings. When help is needed, one is so grateful for it.

A joint reception is planned at our fellowship hall for our high school graduates this year. Finishing their twelve years of high school, and looking forward to the future are: Sis. Trischa Wuthrich (Bro. Stan and Sis. Linda), Sis. Jennie Beer (Bro. Dan and Sis. Debbie), Jeremy Price (Bro. Phil and Sis. Jane), Rod Steffen (Bro. Dick and Sis. Gwen) and Sis. Michelle Schieler (husband, Bro. Clark, and parents, Bro. John and Sis. Pam Lehman). Graduation time brings strong emotions to my heart, each year, for it was on graduation night, 49 years ago, that I gave my heart to the Lord. All of these young people have put first things first, and made that decision prior to graduation. We rejoice with Jeremy and Rod, who recently made known to us their decision to live for the Lord.

The Milford congregation extends sincere sympathy to Sis. Millie Beer (Bro. Phil) who recently lost a loved member of her family.

Her brother, Glen (Morton, IL) suffered an aneurysm as he was working in his backyard, and never regained consciousness. He was well-known in our Milford community, as he visited here many times. We ask God to bless and comfort Sis. Millie and all the members of his family.

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### INDIANA, REMINGTON

**Amelia Schini**

"For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart . . ."

I Samuel 16:7

The above is one of my favorite verses. We were richly reminded of this May 16 when Bro. Willard Schieler and Sis. Sue (Milford, IN) were here. He warned us that it is very important that we are careful about making judgments. It was a real joy to have Bro. Willard visit us. He grew up here and is the son of Bro. Harold and the late Sis. Marie.

Loren Wilson (Sis. Velma) had a stay in the hospital again. It was good to see him back in church again the last two Sundays.

Our fellowship breakfast at Rensselaer Thursday morning, April 30, was special as we observed Bro. Herbert Schieler's (Sis. Mary Jo) 80th birthday. Unknown to him, we had invited some from Francesville, too. When we brought in the cake, we learned it was Bro. Morris Eshleman's 72nd birthday that day, so we had two birthdays to observe. There were readings, as well as a scripture reading, all dedicated to the two brothers. A delightful time was had.

We are very happy to tell you that we have two young converts, Dan Getz (son of Ron and Sis. Jean Getz) and Heather Steffen (daughter of Bro. Roger and Sis. Vicki). Dan and Heather have both just finished their first year at Purdue University. We pray that while the waters are troubled, many of their friends will make this wonderful decision.

In last month's news, I failed to report that our Sis. Eliza Getz, who

lives at Parkview in Francesville, had surgery. My sincere apology, Sis. Eliza. She has asked me to say "thank you" to the many who remembered her with cards and gifts at that time.

Young Braden Clark felt ill Saturday morning two weeks ago. A visit to the doctor brought about an emergency appendectomy. He is the seven-year-old son of Bro. Ron and Sis. Brenda Clark. We are thankful to say he had a super good recovery.

Sis. Lois Bahler (Bro. Edwin) had surgery this past week. She experienced some problems but is doing well as of this writing.

We are praying for Bro. Edwin Bahler, who is scheduled for surgery June 2. We know it can be frightening to undergo surgery, but we also know God has promised never to forsake His own. May we, as a church, hold him up even as Aaron upheld Moses.

It was a joy to sing a welcome hymn for Bro. Fred and Sis. Libby Wahl, who had moved here from Elgin, IL, with their three children. Sis. Libby is the daughter of Bro. Edwin and Sis. Lois Bahler.

Graduation is just around the corner. We have only one to graduate this year, that being our dear friend Jason Getz (son of Bro. Eldon and Sis. Charlene). We surely wish him God's blessings and success in his future plans.

Something to think about: The straight and narrow path has no traffic problems.

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### INDIANA, VALPARAISO

**Ken and Cindy Susdorf**

There is beauty all around when there's love at home.

There is joy in every sound when there's love at home.

Peace and plenty here abide smiling sweet on every side.

Time doth softly sweetly glide when there's love at home.

Hymns of Zion #64

We honored our mothers recently at our Mother-Daughter Banquet held May 7. We were reminded how quickly the years with our children are swallowed up and

we see them growing before our eyes and having families of their own.

Our congregation rejoices with Bro. Andy and Sis. Diane Moser and their children, Bro. Brandon, Brady, Drew and Tina, as they have adopted Patsy Cline. Bro. Merle and Sis. Leona Bucher and Bro. Rod and Sis. Naomi are grandparents.

We thank Bro. Bob Myers, Jr. (Bluffton, IN) for leading us in a Bible study on marriage. He brought out many good teachings from courtship to our sunset years. Something for everyone single or married. Our attitudes play a very important part in our lives. We also thank the LaCrosse congregation for coming and sharing the evening with us.

This month we once again were privileged to have the reading of the memorandum. Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL) and our own dear Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL) presented this to us with much love, giving us increased understanding on how we can all strive to serve our Lord better and better. Thank all of you ministering brethren for your labors.

By the time we receive this edition of the Silver Lining, Sis. Summer Thomas (Bro. Mike and Sis. Claudia) will have graduated from high school. The Lord watch over and bless you as you go along life's journey.

Sisters Carol Bucher and Cindy Susdorf wish to thank all who participated in our Parkview Haven luncheon. We could not have done it without you.

As school is out now and many will be traveling the roads this summer, please remember our doors are always open for you to come and fellowship with us anytime. God bless until next month.

#### INDIANA, WOLCOTT

Lorna Knapp - Lynell Blume

We appreciated the visits of Elder Bros. John Klotzle (Altadena, CA) and Wendell Gudeman (Francesville) recently. May God bless them richly.

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb

is His reward." (Psalm 127:3) We rejoice with Bro. Greg and Sis. Mary Beth Lehman as they welcome little David Gregory into their hearts and home. Kimberly and Maria are eager helpers, and grandparents are Elder Bro. John and Sis. Lois Klotzle (Altadena, CA) and Bro. Gene and Sis. Verna Lehman.

As Father's Day approaches, let us remember to voice our thanks and appreciation for all our fathers, earthly and heavenly, have done for us. They will surely be pleased if we diminish our petitions and double our praise all year.

#### IOWA, BURLINGTON Carolyn Wulf - Jana Messner

"And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

"Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

Luke 22:19-20

We were thankful for Elder Bros. Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS) and Ed Lanz as they brought forth the communion service. The Lord truly inspired our dear brothers to bring forth the true Word of God. Bro. Sam spoke about how wretched a sinner we all were and that it was only by the shed blood of Jesus Christ and the mercies of God, we could have this hope of salvation. Many times we fall so short of what God has called us to do, but may it never discourage us to the point that we fail to recognize the power of God. He will give us the needed grace every day anew if we earnestly seek Him in prayer and pray for grace, faith and wisdom each time we kneel in prayer. Our prayer for each dear soul is that we all can be counted worthy to enter into the heavenly mansions above.

We want to offer our sympathy and prayers to Sis. Esther Wagler's family as she has been called to her reward at age 82. We pray God will comfort them as we know a dear mother and grandmother will be missed from the family circle. Sis.

Esther had five children: Bill Wagler, Dana Wiess, Paul Wagler (all of Burlington) and Karen McCullough (Ankeny). Sis. Esther was preceded in death by her husband, Ben; and daughter, Mrs. Phyllis White (Burlington).

Many dear friends have graduated from high school and we want to congratulate each one. They are Darin Massner (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Gail), Marty Taeger (Bro. Richard and Sis. Dorothy), Sis. Ivy Buster (Bro. John and Sis. Ingrid) and Monica Eisenmann (Bro. Paul and Sis. Elaine). May they look to God for direction as they make future plans.

Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go;  
Anywhere He leads me in this world below;  
Anywhere without Him dearest joys would fade;  
Anywhere with Jesus I am not afraid.  
Anywhere, Anywhere! Fear I can not know;  
Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go.

Hymns of Zion #179, vs. 1

#### IOWA, ELGIN Gloria Frieden

To break Thy bread we now have gathered,  
In covenant to drink Thy wine;  
As brethren we unite together  
That unto death we might be Thine.  
This promise we, with heart and will;  
Give grace our promise to fulfill.  
Zion's Harp #25

Again we were reminded of the price our Savior paid for our salvation, as we partook of the wine which simulates His blood that was shed and the bread, His body, that was broken for us. May we have thankful hearts as we continue on anew to serve our Lord more faithfully.

Our thanks to Elder Bro. Dennis Werner (Lester) for assisting our Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer with this holy sacrament.

Bro. Bert and Sis. Beullah

Butikofer are thankful for a new granddaughter, Sarah Marie, who was born May 12. Happy parents are Steve and Melanie Streicher, and big brother, Brandon, welcome her into their home and hearts.

### IOWA, GARDEN GROVE

Laura Funk - Dawn Moser

"And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation." (Acts 17:26) How thankful we are that the Lord has appointed it time for Bro. Dan, Sis. Dolores and Jeff Reinhard to live in Garden Grove, IA. We pray the Lord will be with them as they make their home here. And may we be a blessing to them.

The junior Bible class traveled to Lamar, MO, the weekend of April 17. It was a blessed weekend and enjoyed by all. A special thank you to Lamar for hosting this weekend.

Again this month, as in every month, we have enjoyed the blessings of many visitors and ministers. We want to thank each and every one for coming and being with us and serving us. Visiting ministers include Bros. Jon Schmidgall (Oakville, IA), Galen Rocke (Bern, KS), Earl Ringger (Gridley, IL), Doug Schock (Pulaski, IA), Wes Moser (Lester, IA), Gerald Sutter (Taylor, MO), Glen Funk (Wichita, KS), Ron Allenbach (Kiowa, KS), Ben Wysong (Sabetha, KS) and Elder Bros. Ed Lanz (Oakville, IA) and Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS).

On April 14, Bro. Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski, IA) was with us to remind us of the importance of holy communion and to take inventory of our lives and to prepare ourselves for the partaking of communion. We want to thank Bro. Russell and Sis. Karoline for being with us. Since Pulaski, IA, is our closest church, the ministers get called upon frequently to serve us. May the Lord bless them.

We want to thank the Kansas choir for coming to be with us the weekend of May 1. We enjoyed their programs Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. They also sang at two nursing homes in Leon, IA,

Saturday afternoon. Many thanks to teach one who came to be with us.

We were privileged to partake of holy communion May 16. We wish to extend our thanks to Elder Bros. Sam Huber and Ed Lanz. They also read the memorandum giving us much "food for thought."

### A FATHER'S PRAYER

Dear God, my little boy of three  
Has said his nightly prayer to

Thee;

Before his eyes were closed in  
sleep

He asked that Thou his soul  
would keep;

And I, still kneeling at his bed,  
My hand upon his tousled head,  
Do ask with deep humility,  
That thou, dear Lord, remember  
me.

Make me, kind Lord, a worthy  
dad.

That I may lead this little lad  
In pathways ever fair and bright,  
That I may keep his steps aright.  
O God, his trust must never be  
Destroyed or even marred by me.  
So for the simple things he prayed  
With childish voice so unafraid,  
I, trembling, ask the same from  
Thee;

Dear Lord, kind Lord, remember  
me.

Author Unknown

### IOWA, IOWA CITY

Janette Shulz

Greetings to all! We've had a busy and blessed month. Elder Bros. Paul Butikofer (Elgin, IA) and Ervin Knecht (Eureka, IL) shared with us the conference conclusions. Two weeks later, Elder Bros. Paul Butikofer and Dennis Warner (Lester, IA) served us holy communion. We thank these brothers and their wives for their efforts in serving us, and hope we take full advantage of the spiritual benefits these occasions can bring. Also serving us in the ministry this month was Bro. Dale Frank (Oakville, IA). May God bless all who travel to gather with us.

We bid farewell to Sis. Nancy Belsley, who had graduated from the University of Iowa with a Mas-

ters in Library Science. May God be with her as she returns to Oakville, IA.

We are planning the fourth Iowa City Reunion July 10 and 11. Anyone who would like to attend and has no received information may call Bro. Bruce Frank (319) 848-4528 for details.

We were recently exhorted to not let ourselves be so busy with ourselves that we don't see or take time to help others in need. May this be our goal as we enter the busy summer season.

### IOWA, LESTER

Cindy Leuthold - Sue Warner

The first weekend in May we heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptisms of Paul Metzger, Kristi Kellenberger (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Shirley) and Mary Knobloch (Bro. Bill and Sis. Eleanor). We rejoice with them and pray we can all walk closely together as brothers and sisters-in-the-Lord. We're grateful to Elder Bro. Art Nohl for willingly assisting in this important work.

Thank you to all of our servants for their labours. We enjoyed our visiting ministers Bro. Tom Leman (Denver, CO) and Bro. Doug Grimm (Sabetha, KS). We pray that God will bless them.

Bro. Myron and Sis. Beth Knobloch were blessed with a little son, Clark Lee, born May 1. Laura and Brett are the happy siblings. Grandparents are Bro. Ezra and Sis. Marie Knobloch, and Bro. Howard and Sis. Lollie Mogler.

On May 15, Bro. Tim and Sis. Beth Feuchtenberger and Jonathan and Brenton lovingly welcomed little Megan Beth into their family circle. Bro. Wally and Sis. Diane Feuchtenberger (Morris, MN) and Bro. Bill and Sis. Eleanor Knobloch are the grandparents.

Bro. Ted Gerber was a hospital patient this month. Surgical patients were Sis. Marie Knobloch and Bro. Jerome Hartter. We pray that God will be their refuge and strength.

Congratulations and best wishes to Todd Martin (Ed and Judy) and Monte Gerber (Bro. Bill and Sis.

Erma) as they graduate from college.

On May 22, Tricia Knoblock (Bro. Roger and Sis. Janet) and John Blomgren exchanged wedding vows. We wish them God's blessings as they establish their new home.

We're glad to have Sis. Brenda Knobloch back into our midst after having lived nine years in Oregon. She is a welcome addition to our congregation.

Thank You: The family of Martin Knoblock wishes to express our sincere thanks for the many expressions of love and sympathy extended to us during the sudden passing of my precious husband, our father and grandfather. It is so comforting to know so many of you were praying for us and God's will to be done. May God's blessings abide with you all.

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**IOWA, OAKVILLE**  
**Debbie Wagenbach**  
**Melody Steiner**

Ryan, Christy, Lanae, Aaron, Travis and Nathan Frank are excited about the new little sister God has sent to them. Bro. Curt and Sis. Kathy Frank have named their little daughter, Jenny Lynn. Also rejoicing are her grandparents, Elder Bro. Ed and Sis. Joan Lanz and Bro. Ernie and Sis. Bernice Frank. We just pray the Lord will bless this family as they grow and learn in His love.

May we never forget the price our dear Lord paid for each of us. We thank Elder Bro. Ed Schwartz (Bluffton) for assisting Elder Bro. Ed Lanz in serving communion to our congregation. We also want to thank him for ministering to us and allowing the Spirit to direct him. Also we want to thank the other ministers who've been with us this month, including Bros. Joe Gerst (Iowa City), Jim Vierling (Eureka, IL) and Marvin Leman (Bradford, IL).

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**IOWA, WEST BEND**

**Lela Banwart - Mary Gerber**

We are always grateful for visiting ministers. We thank Elder Bros. Charles Sinn (Fort Scott, KS)

and Dennis Warner (Lester), Bros. Dean Messner (Winthrop, MN) and Alpha Strahm (Bern) for bringing us the message of salvation recently.

We welcome four dear souls as our new brothers and sisters-in-the-Lord. Bro. Jordan Grimm (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Rose), Bro. David and Sis. Melissa Zaugg (Bro. Martin and Sis. Doris Zaugg and Don and Jane Banwart) and Sis. Ann Fehr (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Judy) have found the peace of God and given a testimony of their faith. May it give us new courage and zeal as we see those still seeking the Lord in these evil days.

We extend sympathy to Bro. Larry and Sis. Teresa Bruellman and family on the death of Sis. Teresa's Grandma Frazee. May God comfort their hearts.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with our hospital patients. Surgical patients were Amanda and Callie Gerber (Dave and Diane). Also Bro. Wayne Grimm (Sis. Rose) underwent surgery on his hand following an injury. Others hospitalized were: Donald Zaugg, Bro. Noah Gerber (Sis. Emma), Bro. Earnie Schmidt (Sis. Ida) and Bro. Mike Tapavica (Donna). Sis. Katherine Fisher is recuperating from an injury suffered in a fall. May God comfort, bless and heal each one.

"When comes to the weary a blessed release

When upward we pass to His kingdom of peace.

When free from the woes that on earth we must bear,

We'll say "good-night" here, but good-morning up there."

Gospel Hymns #771

Our dear Sis. Anna Schmidt, 90, slipped quietly away May 7. After serving the Lord for 76 years, she has gained the victory. We extend sympathy to her sons, Bro. Ivan (Sis. Evelyn) and Bro. Jerry (Sis. Judy, West Bend); and daughters, Sis. Mabel (Bro. John Zeltwanger) and Sis. Crystol (Bro. Rueben Luthi) of Morris, MN; and 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and her brother, Paul Mogler (Rittman, OH). Also sympathy to brother and sister-in-laws, Sis.

Tillie Mogler, Bro. Earnie Schmidt (Sis. Ida), Sis. Christine Schmidt and Sis. Lydia Wilson (all of our congregation). May God go with each one of this dear family in the days ahead as the memories of Sis. Anna remain. We appreciate so much the willing service of dear visiting brothers who helped our local ministers conduct the funeral. Those present were: Bros. Elmer Schmidt and Leroy Messner (Winthrop, MN), Harold Gramm and Floyd Schmidgall (Morris, MN) and Don Miller (Minneapolis, MN).

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**JAPAN, SHIODA**  
**Willis and Lois Ehnle**

There's a big empty space in our churches in Japan since Bro. Frank Sauder, his wife, Sis. Kathy, and their three boys, returned to the States April 15. They are now living in Roanoke, IL, as we grope around searching for ways to fill the empty space.

The other day I was talking with a Japanese gentleman who is probably in his sixties. He seemed to know a lot about Christianity so I asked him if he was a Christian. He replied that if you become a Christian you can't do anything bad. Therefore, if he becomes a Christian, it will probably be just before he dies. Why would anyone want to do something bad? It must be because there is a certain amount of carnal pleasure in doing something bad. However, there is a heavy price to pay for that kind of pleasure. The happiest people are those who live clean and pure lives.

This gentleman wanted to know why Lois and I have stayed in Japan so long. I told him that it was because we love the Japanese people and want to tell them that through Jesus Christ, they can have clean hearts.

Our dear friend, Mrs. Ishikawa, has been stricken with a back ailment that prevents her from straightening up. She has been trying the hot springs, massage, etc. We are praying for her and ask you to join.

On Mother's Day, we visited the local hospital and gave a card and a small gift to each of 58 mothers.



It gets us into the hospital to visit the patients. One patient was one of our former kindergarten mothers and another mother kindly wanted to give her widow's mite, a small offering to our church to show appreciation.

At our Wednesday evening Bible studies, we have been considering the many prayers recorded in the Bible. Last night we read Ezra's prayer. Ezra, like Daniel, really took the blame for his people's sin. May we all live holy lives so the need to apply church discipline will no longer be needed.

A baby boy, Shinichiro, was born to Hidetoshi and Yukiko Kimura March 15. On a week day, they brought the baby to our church where I had a prayer for the baby. In Japan, it is customary to take babies to a shrine where a prayer is offered for the baby's health and development. For this occasion, the grandparents provide a frilly, lacy dress for the baby.

The mother, formerly Yukiko Moriya, continues to show much interest in serving God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sis. Eiko Nozawa has returned to Japan after spending several months in the Bay City area. One way she is using her abundant talent is teaching Sunday school and we are thankful.

#### KANSAS, BERN

**Donna Edelman - Diane Kaeb**

On April 17 and 18, our sixth grade through eighth grade Sunday school students traveled to Lamar, MO, for a time of fellowship with the other Kansas youths. Thanks to the Lamar congregation for all they did to make a very blessed weekend for all.

A precious baby boy was born April 20 to Greg and Sis. Carol Renyer. They have named him Garrett Andrew. Clinton, Gabriel, Geoffry and Gessica are excited to have a little brother. Also rejoicing are grandparents, Bro. Joe and Sis. Lila Rokey and Mr. and Mrs. George Renyer.

We want to send out a special prayer for our dear Sis. Mildred Strahm as she is taking treatments.

We also pray that the Lord's healing hand may be over Kara Hartter (Bro. Neil and Sis. Evelyn) as her broken ankle heals. "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped . . ." (Psalm 28:7)

We appreciated Bro. Jeff and Sis. Heidi Bahler (Wolcott, IN) coming to show us the slides on Ukraine. Seeing the struggles the brethren are experiencing makes us take a sobering look at our lives.

We rejoice with Ryan Hartter (Bro. Neil and Sis. Evelyn) as he could answer the call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. May God strengthen and encourage him.

Anew, Lord we are bound to Thee  
Through Thy blest sacrament,  
which we  
Partook, that joined heart and  
hand:  
To Zion's realm and holy land  
We journey on.

Zion's Harp #200, vs. 5

On May 1, we gathered together to partake of holy communion. We thank Elder Bros. Joe Braker (Morton, IL), Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI), Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH), Andy Stoller (Smithville, OH) and Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS) for assisting our Elder Bro. John Lehman in serving and feeding us again on Sunday. We also thank Bro. Kent Heimer (Taylor, MO) for visiting us and being used in God's service.

May 4 and 5 was the annual church cleaning. It is always a blessed time together with our church family, whatever the reason.

We were reminded once again this spring of God's power and strength as we view the destruction of several tornados that went through our area. Our hearts go out to Bro. Wayne and Sis. Linda Edelman, Bro. Joe Marti and the others that had losses.

"Honour thy father and mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

Exodus 20:12

How we love and appreciate our father's, who have cared, loved and

taught us the way of salvation from our youth. Happy Father's Day.

As the school year comes to a close, we wish our graduating seniors God's richest blessings as they venture into the world. Our high school graduates are: Carmen Baumgartner (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Nancy), Bro. Alan Edelman (Bro. Fred and Sis. Jeann), Michael Edelman (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Linda), Jananne Hartter (Bro. Neil and Sis. Evelyn), Gail Hartter (Bro. Steve and Sis. Lois), Kristen Lehman (Bro. John and Sis. Connie), Holly Menold (Bro. Joe and Sis. Kathy Rokey), Bro. Myron Menold (Bro. James and Sis. Lou), Trent Rokey (Bro. Morris and Sis. Arlinda), Jason Strahm (Clayton and Miriam), Becky Strahm (Bro. Wilfred and Sis. Verona) and our two foreign exchange students, Nuria Perez O'zores (Spain) and Mai Inoue (Japan). Our college graduates include Staci Hartter (Bro. Steve and Sis. Lois) and Sis. Sue Rokey (Bro. Mike).

Note: July is the month for collection of Silver Lining dues for the Bern congregation.

#### KANSAS, FORT SCOTT

**Janelle Sinn - Tammy Sinn**

Our college graduate this year is Michelle Smith (Joyce Sinn). High school graduates include Justin Banwart (Bro. Don and Sis. Aleta), Sis. Janelle Sinn (Bro. John and Sis. Carol) and Sis. Tammy Sinn (Elder Bro. Charles and Sis. Karen). May they each seek the Lord's guidance as they close this chapter of their lives.

"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

#### KANSAS, GRIDLEY

**Doug and Judy Kraft**

"And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave, to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given

thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many."

Mark 14:22-24

On May 15, we gathered with the Lamont congregation to partake of holy communion.

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**KANSAS,  
KANSAS STATE UNIV.  
Brad Strahm**

As another school year winds down, we are all busily preparing for final examinations and are looking forward to the summer which lies ahead. Those who will be graduating this spring are Sheri Braker, Jodi Reimschisel and Brad Strahm.

We are thankful for all those who have come to worship with us, especially ministering Bros. Darrel Stoller (Bern, KS), Galen Rokey (Bern, KS), Bill Emch (Lamont, KS), Al Langhofer (Wichita, KS) and Glenn Funk (Wichita, KS) and Elder Bros. Jay Luthi (Lamont, KS) and Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS). May God bless each of you for sharing your time with us.

Our annual spring picnic, which was recently held at the Manhattan City Park, was attended by many supportive parent, relatives and friends. We appreciate your show of love and support to us here at K-State.

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

**MORE THAN A COPY**

Jesus within me  
wants me to be  
more than a copy  
of someone I see;  
but a loving example,  
pure within,  
and outwardly reflecting  
the image of Him!

Alice Hansche Mortenson

I'm sure we've all heard the statement made, "If that person is a Christian, I don't want any part of church." That always makes me sad, because no human being is ca-

pable of pleasing everyone, and only one precious Lord Jesus Christ was perfect (and He was crucified). If only we would keep our eyes on Jesus and concentrate on living as close to His example as possible. We would have much less time to see the faults of those around us, and much more time to pray and praise and be content! Let's be more than a copy, let's be the real thing in Christ.

Harvest is just around the corner in our area, and the season never fails to leave me in awe at the way God has given us the miracle of life in growing things. That such a tiny seed can make a giant oak or grass or flowers or wheat that we harvest for food. Praise God for His wonderful ways!

Our hospital patient this month was Sis. Myrtle Rathgeber. We pray that the Lord will be a help to her in her illness.

Our choir was invited to Garden Grove this month for a lovely weekend of Christian fellowship and singing. We truly appreciated the love and hospitality we were shown and pray that the Lord will richly bless their congregation.

For the support we receive when we hold services at the home or at Sunday worship or Bible study and singing, may God bless you all.

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**KANSAS, LAMONT  
Jane Isch**

May 1 and 2 was a blessed weekend when Jennifer Isch (Bro. Ron and Sis. Jane) gave her testimony and was baptized. Elder Bro. Gene Marti (Kansas City, MO) and Elder Bro. Charles Sinn (Fort Scott) were with us for this special occasion.

We were blessed to have Bro. Al Langhoyer (Wichita) come and spend a Sunday with us. Also on May 15, Elder Bro. Gene Marti (Kansas City, MO) was in our midst again to assist our elder in serving holy communion. Many precious teachings were conveyed and we thank each one and their dear wives and pray God will truly bless them as they labor in His service.

Graduation is here once again as we extend our best wishes to our three graduates. Justin Isch (Bro.

Ron and Sis. Jane) is graduating from eighth grade. Kristan Burnham (Bro. Max) is our high school graduate, and Sis. Jody Isch (Bro. Ron and Sis. Jane) is graduating from nursing. May God bless and direct their lives.

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

"Precious memories, how they linger." (Gospel Hymns #408a) On April 17-18, our junior Bible class traveled to Lamar, MO. Also on the same weekend the Sabetha-Bern single group were host to single members from various churches. They were privileged to hear Bro. Kent Heimer (Taylor, MO) speak on the topic, "Loyalty to the Apostolic Christian faith." The single group thanks Bro. Kent and his wife, Sis. Jan, for lending their time in His service.

"As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

Galatians 6:10

We bid farewell to Bro. Rick Steidinger who felt God's direction to move home to a job in the Fairbury, IL, area. May God continue to bless him and be with him each step he takes. We are thankful he was able to surrender his life to God during his time here. We will miss his ready smile. Our loss is Fairbury's gain.

The Sabetha-Bern congregations were granted the opportunity to view slides from the Ukraine at the fellowship center. How insignificant are some of our concerns when put in the proper perspective.

Don Strahm spent some time in the hospital this month. We are thankful he is home again. Bro. Willard Bahr (Sis. Eloise) has been hospitalized for medical reasons.

Elder Bro. Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI), Elder Bro. Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH), Bros. Alpha Strahm, Jr. and Harvey Grimm (Bern, KS) and Bro. Richard Aberle (Altadena, CA) were our visiting ministers this

month. We thank each one and ask God to bless them.

We were given an exhortation on preparing for holy communion which is planned in June.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there by any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Psalm 139:23-24

We rejoice with Lafe Bailey (Debra), Brenda Grimm (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Ruby), Christy Grimm (Bro. Douglas and Sis. Jeryl) and Jenny Plattner (Bro. Donald and Sis. Ada). They were announced as standing at peace with God and man. Lafe plans to give his testimony Wednesday evening, May 26. Brenda, Kristy and Jenny's testimonies are planned for June 19.

We were saddened to hear Sis. Martha Fritz (Washington, IL) passed away. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to her sister, Sis. Alma Aberle, and other relatives.

We congratulate our graduates and ask God to watch over them. Tamra Emert, daughter of Bro. Jay and Sis. Marilyn Kellenberger, and her husband, Jeff Emert, are college graduates. Sis. Colleen Hartter (Bro. Roger and Sis. Elene) and Troy Strahm (Bro. Carl and Sis. Sharon) are junior college graduates. High school graduates are Sis. Jeanne Aberle (Bro. John and Sis. Cornelia), Bro. Brian Plattner (Bro. Don and Sis. Ada), Trent Strahm (Bro. Carl and Sis. Sharon), Sis. Carla Hartter (Bro. Roger and Sis. Elene), Bro. Klinton Beyer (Bro. Martin and Sis. Karen) and Wayne Grimm (Bro. Rodney and Sis. Arlene).

"The pathway of life is before you,  
And you must decide on the way;  
With Jesus to guide you and make  
you strong,  
O make your decision today!"

Lawrence F. Taylor

#### KANSAS, WICHITA

Emma Miller

Our graduates are Sis. Jodi Reimschisel, daughter of Bro. Max

and Sis. Judy, receiving a B.A. in Spanish and Life Sciences from Kansas State University. She plans to enter the University of Kansas Medical School this fall.

Daniel Garcia from Caracas, Venezuela, has been living with Bro. Max and Sis. Judy as he completed his senior year at Rose Hill High School. We all have enjoyed visiting with him and he has expressed appreciation for his experience here with a loving Christian family.

Our annual dinner honoring our mothers and daughters was May 8. The theme was "Memories," and it was inspiring to hear of the faith, courage and love and the resourcefulness our mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers lived out in both the hard times and the good times.

Singers from the Kiowa, Fort Scott and Wichita congregations spent a joyous weekend with the Garden Grove, IA, church May 1 and 2 - good training and happy memories for our children especially.

Bro. George Greiner spent a week in the hospital. He is home now and able to come to church and resume part of his activities at home. We are thankful.

#### KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON Wayne and Becky Snodgrass

"Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding."

Proverbs 4:1

Greetings from Lexington! You know our Father in heaven gave us many verses in the Bible about obeying, following and doing His will. It is a duty of fathers to help our children to understand the meaning of this when they are young. If they are trained to obey and disciplined to follow authority it is infinitely easier for them to become accustomed to following their heavenly Father's will and commandments when they get older. Even as God chaseth us, so must we chasten our children. I see so much of what is wrong with the world today, starting with chil-

dren who have not been taught to obey and follow authority. Then it is harder for them to let the Lord come into their lives and let His will direct their every move. But that is what must be done to inherit eternal life. It is many times hard to correct a child, but remember Proverbs 22:15 says, "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him," and Proverbs 29:15, "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame," and Proverbs 29:17, "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul." These are but a few of the many verses we can draw comfort from when we must correct our children. This is a burden we cannot treat lightly, that our souls may rest in knowing all of us as fathers have done what we could to help our children walk the straight and narrow way, which leads to heaven. May we pray for each father, that they may be the example and leave a clear set of footprints for our children to follow.

We want to thank all the brethren who have come to worship with us and encouraged us by their examples of faith and love toward us. God richly bless each of you! We also have a special thank you to our ministering Bros. Lenny Meyer (Chicago, IL), Tom Shambach (Elgin, IL) and Elder Bro. Bob Walder (Congerville, IL).

This year we are going to, Lord willing, try having our own Vacation Bible School. We are but a few and would appreciate any support if anyone would care to join us July 15 - 18. Please contact our ministering Bro. Lester Huber at 606-745-2541 or any of us down here.

#### MICHIGAN, ALTO Jane Grawburg

#### GOD'S GARDEN

When the wise God planted His garden,  
Scattering the seeds from above,  
The choicest seed in His packet  
Was the flower of Mother-love.

Carefully watched o'er and  
tended,  
Nurtured by sunshine and  
shower,  
Ever growing sturdy and stronger  
It blooms – a beautiful flower.

A flower so sweet and entrancing,  
Dazzling and shining and white,  
A love that guards us and guides  
us  
Through live – our beacon light.

A love that steadies our footsteps,  
That stretches a helpful hand,  
That comforts our sorrows and  
heartaches,  
That always will understand.  
Mother-love, God's gift to His  
children,  
With heavenly fragrance fraught;  
The brightest flower in God's  
garden,  
His truest forget-me-not.

Myrtle Fisher Seaverns

Special thanks to all our moth-  
ers for the encouragement and  
kindnesses they offer and the  
never-ending love they share with  
us. May God bless each one.

We want to share our love and  
prayers with Bro. Dale and Sis.  
Labeth Dunham in the passing of  
Sis. Labeth's father, Bro. Joe Metz  
(Forrest, IL). May you and the rest  
of the family find God very near in  
the days and months ahead.

Sis. Mary Wingeier, Alto's old-  
est mother-of-faith, was granted  
her wish and departed this life at  
age 95. She leaves behind a sister-  
in-law, Kathleen Wingeier, and a  
niece, Joan Monsma (Roger). Elder  
Bros. Ben Maibach (Sis. Lorene,  
Detroit) and Andy Virkler (Sis.  
Maxine, Bay City) shared the day  
with us. We sincerely thank them  
for their labors of love.

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

St. Matthew 5:4

Other ministers visiting us this  
month are Bro. Duane Reutter  
(Rockville, CT) who joined us for  
mid-week services and Bro. Tom  
Schrenk (Sis. Joan, Athens, AL)  
who joined us Mother's Day.

Sis. Loretta Steffen (Bro. Aaron)  
is recuperating from an accident.

We are so thankful for her and that  
she is able to worship with us.

We welcome Bro. Dave and Sis.  
Bertha Wingeier, the last of our  
Snowbirds to return home for the  
summer months. It's good to have  
them with us again.

Congratulations, best wishes,  
and a prayer for God's blessings for  
our high school graduates: Sis.  
Karla Gerst (Bro. Bill and Sis.  
Judy), Heidi Kaeb (Bro. Curt and  
Sis. Luanne), Jenny Oesch (Bro.  
Fred and Sis. Donna) and Nick  
Blough (Bro. Jim and Sis. Julie).

#### MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

Marlene Mosher

On May 16, Sis. Peggy Waibel  
and Bro. John Jackson were united  
in holy matrimony. Parents of the  
couple are Bro. Bill and Sis. Carol  
Waibel and Bro. Richard and Sis.  
Yolanda Jackson (all of Bay City).  
We wish this new union the Lord's  
grace and blessings. Even though  
the new couple will be moving out  
of state because of Bro. John's work,  
we will miss them. We love them  
and hope they will return often.

On May 16, Bro. Curt and Sis.  
Sue Heimer and their family from  
the Alto, MI, congregation were  
with us. We were blessed to listen  
to the loving teachings of our dear  
Lord and Savior through His ser-  
vant, Bro. Curt.

Sis. Clara (Wieland) Mudge has  
been in the hospital for surgery and  
exploration. Whatever our Lord and  
Savior has in store will be well done  
for what He does is perfect. We just  
covet His grace to accept whatever  
is His will.

#### MICHIGAN, DETROIT

Marelene Reinhard

Holly Barton

"And He said unto them, With  
desire I have desired to eat this  
passover with you before I suffer."  
(Luke 22:15) In Genesis 22:8,  
Abraham told Isaac that God would  
provide a lamb for their burnt of-  
fering, but it was a ram that was  
offered in place of Isaac that day.  
God did not provide the Lamb until  
many years later, when Jesus died  
on the cross for each one of us. He  
became our Passover Lamb and the

final sacrifice. On April 24 we gath-  
ered together to "remember the  
Lord's death" by sharing commun-  
ion. May the sobering yet glorious  
fact of Jesus' death and resurrec-  
tion fill us with thankfulness and  
joy each day!

We have another reason to re-  
joice this month as God has called  
Brian Barton (Kathy, son of Bro.  
Jim and Sis. Vi Barton) and Ethel  
(Krizan) Rambeau unto repentance.  
We are so thankful that, whether  
God calls us many times or few,  
His mercy and grace are abundant.  
We wish for our new converts a  
special closeness to the Lord.

Our choir enjoyed a special  
weekend in Philadelphia, PA, May  
1 and 2. Many were able to do some  
sightseeing in the city while we  
were there. We thank the Philadel-  
phia brethren for their hospitality  
and the fellowship we enjoyed!

We wish to extend sympathy to  
Sis. Judy Aberle on the death of  
her aunt, Sis. Martha Fritz (Wash-  
ington, IL). Our thoughts are also  
with Bro. Jim and Sis. Vi Barton as  
Sis. Vi's brother, Julius Koprince,  
recently passed away. May God  
comfort and provide.

Sis. Anna Magyar spent some  
time in the hospital this month.  
We are glad that she has been able  
to return to Woodhaven.

We have two recent college  
graduates who surely must be  
happy and thankful! Sis. Kelly  
Ramseyer (Bro. Mark) has gradu-  
ated from Madonna College with a  
degree in general dietetics. Bro.  
Nate Wieland (Sis. Suzanne) re-  
ceived his bachelor's degree in en-  
gineering from the University of  
Michigan. We are glad that Bro.  
Nate has accepted employment in  
the Detroit area and that he and  
Sis. Suzanne will be staying on with  
us!

Bro. Curt Heimer (Alto, MI) and  
Elder Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction,  
OH) both visited Detroit recently.  
We are always appreciative of min-  
istering brothers who lend them-  
selves!

Our next monthly service at  
Woodhaven is scheduled for Tues-  
day, July 6, at 7:00 p.m. We are  
looking forward to having a minis-  
tering brother from Toledo, OH,  
with us for the evening.

Fathers fulfill many functions in our families. Have you ever stopped to consider what your own father doesn't, or didn't, do? Many of us take it for granted that our fathers didn't mistreat us, cause us to go hungry, leave us without shelter, or just plain leave us. Thank the Lord for Godly fathers who take their roles seriously because they love the Lord and their families. Jesus said in Matthew 7:11, "If ye then . . . know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?" May we also remember to thank the heavenly Father who loves and cares for us even more than our earthly fathers.

I heard a striking comment at my uncle's funeral, which took place in a different church. He had died suddenly and unexpectedly, and the pastor was trying to impress upon us that we don't know what the future holds for any of us. He said, "If you really want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans for 1994." Although it received a few chuckles, that statement really shows the futility of trying to achieve and plan anything without including the Lord. May we never try to tell the Lord what we're going to do!

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

We bid farewell to Bro. Tim Lawson as he moves to Phoenix to join his parents, Bro. Ken and Sis. Sharon. We wish him God's blessing in his new endeavor.

Sis. Bernadine Miller (Bro. Don) has experienced God's healing power following surgery.

A Father's Day thought: As we often ask advice of our earthly father, likewise we should ask guidance from our heavenly Father.

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**MINNESOTA, MORRIS**

**Debra Joos - Maxine Sauder**

"Ring the bells of heaven there is joy today?" (Gospel Hymns #622) Surely the bells of heaven are ringing as we rejoice that two souls have sought the Lord in repentance. Our prayers of thanksgiving and

continued guidance are with Janet Feuchtenberger (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Karen) and Kevin Koehl (Bro. Harvey and Sis. Wilda) as they put their trust in Jesus.

We welcome Bro. Carter Feuchtenberger (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Karen) into God's family as we witnessed his testimony and baptism. Elder Bro. Lawrence Luthi (Lamar, MO) shared the special weekend with us and assisted our Elder Bro. Art Nohl in serving holy communion. We are thankful that Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Sandra were willing to travel the miles to be with us.

Other worshipping with us and ministering the Word were Elder Bro. Leo Moser and Bro. Gene Metzger (Lester, IA). We are thankful to all who preach the Word.

Several families have been blessed with babies to nurture and love. Amanda Rose was born to Bro. Doug and Sis. Dawn Moser. Bros. Brandon and Preston are sure to be willing helpers for her care. Grandparents are Bro. Alpha and Sis. Pearl Moser and Bro. David and Sis. Ilene Nohl. Randy and Lori Fehr, along with big brother, Tyler, welcome Tara Lee into their family. Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Diane Fehr are the grandparents. Illissa Rose was born to Bro. Arnold and Sis. Sharon Koehl. Welcoming her with open arms are Annette, Brenda, Connie, Dawn, Emily, Fonda, Gwen and Harlen. Also with love to share are grandparents, Sis. Eunice Koehl and Virgil and Mildred Sauder.

"Casting all your cares upon him, for he careth for you." (II Peter 5:7) Our prayers are with Sis. Emma Feuchtenberger and Ruby Luthi as they have had need to be hospitalized. Laying their physical concerns at His feet, may they be strengthened to know He feels their pain and that He cares.

There are others feeling pain and loss after experiencing the death of someone they loved. Our sympathy is extended to: Sis. Mabel Zeltwanger (Bro. John) and Sis. Chrystal Luthi (Bro. Reuben) in the death of their mother, Sis. Anna Schmidt; Sis. Virginia Schmidgall (Bro. Don) in the death of her mother; and Sis. June Schmidgall

(Bro. David) in the death of her nephew. May all find comfort under the shadow of His wings and in His promises.

My son . . . "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) As our seniors stand at the edge of one era of their lives and the threshold of the next, may they each trust in the Lord and allow Him to choose the road they should take. Those graduating from high school are: Damon Dogotch (Bro. Tom and Sis. Colleen), Sis. Kathy Feuchtenberger (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Karen), Thomas Koehl (Bro. Karl and Sis. Marilyn), Randy Luthi (Bro. Aldean and Sis. Charlotte), Ryan Messner (Bro. Sid and Sis. Cheryl), Doug Nohl (Bro. Larry and Sis. Bonnie), Jody Nohl (Bro. David and Sis. Ilene), Jeremy Schmidgall (Bro. Keith and Sis. Lois), Loren Schmidgall (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Ruby), Trevor Schmidgall (Bro. Mike and Sis. Diane), Mike Wulf (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Judy) and Micah Zeltwanger (Bro. Dale and Sis. Rachel).

Special note of thanks: We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to everyone from far and near who sent letters, gifts, lovely cards, and messages of comfort in the loss of our beloved father and grandfather. God richly bless you,

Families of  
William Zeltwanger

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**MINNESOTA, WINTHROP**

**Kim Messner - Joleen Messner**

"Greeting!" Our annual voting took place in May. Sunday school teachers elected to share God's teachings are Bro. Todd Moser as teacher, Sis. Joleen Messner and Bro. Paul Messner as substitute teachers, and Bro. Marilyn Messner was chosen as superintendent. Sis. Joleen Messner was elected Silver Lining correspondent. May the Lord be near to guide them as they fulfill their duties.

As Father's Day approaches, may God bless our earthly fathers for the examples they have set and the love they have shown through-

out the years. Some of us may have fathers that have passed on into eternity, but we can cherish the precious memories left behind.

Our medical patients this month were: Sis. Bernadine Messner (Bro. Raymond) and Sis. Geri Messner (Bro. Marvin). We pray that the Lord will provide His healing hand.

As summer nears, graduation fast approaches and we would like to take this time to recognize our graduates. They are Jodi Messner (Sis. Carol Ann), Mitchell Lauwagie (Howard and Charlene) and Angie Messner (Gary).

### TWO PATHS

Two paths lay before me,  
Once long ago,  
When summers were long,  
And I didn't yet know  
The meaning of heartache,  
Or recognize pain,  
And I took it for granted  
That youth would remain.

Two paths lay before me,  
And each of them led  
To what I could only  
Imagine, ahead.  
Though I wanted to wander  
Down both, for a big,  
Life just shook her head,  
And would have none of it.

For one path alone  
Is given each man,  
And we must journey down it,  
The best that we can.  
And whether we win,  
Or whether we lose,  
Largely depends on  
. . . The path that we choose.  
Grace E. Easley

We pray that our graduates will look to God to direct their pathways.

As people plan their vacations, we would like to take this time to welcome visitors to our area.

### MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY

Joan Fehr - Jamie Marti

On May 1, many of us gathered for our first Mother-Daughter Banquet. A special thank you to all those who came from a distance.

Saturday, May 8, was our spring work day at church. "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." (II Corinthians 7:1)

We are thankful to have our dear Sis. Janice Lehman assembling with us again after her recent surgery and short hospital stay.

Congratulations to Bro. Brad Strahm and Sis. Sheri Braker on completing their college education at Kansas State University. We will miss Bro. Brad and Sis. Michelle as he has taken employment in Sabetha but hope they will continue to visit us often.

"Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding." (Proverbs 4:1) Let us be thankful and appreciative for our fathers.

### MISSOURI, LAMAR

Martin Hohulin  
Carolyn Banwart

Little Matthew James Luthi was sent to bless and to brighten the home of Bro. Troy and Sis. Vannessa Luthi. He was warmly welcomed by his sisters, Marenda and Jennifer, and a brother, Jorden. Since Matthew came into this world May 8, he has spent time in three hospitals. At this writing he is gaining normal health. Grandparents are Bro. Ray and Sis. Marilyn Luthi, and Howard and Mary Zartman (Branson, MO).

Bro. Dale Marti spent time in the hospital for surgery and is recovering at home. High school graduates in our area are Leon and Teresa Luthi, JoAnne Marti and Brandi Barton. We well remember when most of these precious young people were carried into the assembly in their mother's arms. Now they take their place in society, in the work place or in higher education. We wish them well and the blessings of God.

Lori Stefan chose May 8 as her wedding day to Brad Stansell. Parents are William Stefan Jr. and Sis. Barbara Stefan and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stansell (Lamar). There was

a period of eleven years in the Lamar church where no babies were born. Lori Stefan was the first precious baby to break this long, dry spell. We have watched her to grow to young womanhood. May God bless Lori and Brad as they walk the path of life together.

It was a rare blessing for the Lamar congregation to have retired Elder Bros. Sam Anliker and LeRoy Huber in our worship services the same Sunday. As these dear brothers offered fervent and sincere prayers, our thoughts were led back to the former years when they stood in our pulpit and pleaded for our faithfulness.

### MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS

Betsy Schrenk

The following ministers visited the St. Louis church this past month: Bro. Virg Metzger (Chicago, IL), Elder Bros. Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO) and Edwin Ringger (Gridley, IL) and Bro. Ken Schneider (Remington, IN).

We partook of holy communion May 1, and also held our annual business meeting and heard the memorandum the same weekend. We especially appreciate having our church building for these special events.

Nathan Schrenk is graduating from high school this spring. He plans to attend the University of Illinois in the fall. We wish him God's guidance and grace as he takes this big step in life.

If you are looking for employment, we would encourage you to prayerfully consider move to St. Louis. There are many nice aspects to living in this area. And sincere, supportive brothers, sisters and friends are so very appreciated and welcomed by our little group! We have several singles, several young couples, several middle-aged couples, some college students, and children ranging in age from high school down to infants. Many visitors worship with us throughout the year, making each Sunday a day not only of worship, but of blessed fellowship. We will aid you if you feel lead to pursue a career in St. Louise, just call us.

### MISSOURI, TAYLOR Tami Grimm

Bro. Ben and Sis. Elsie Knapp and Bro. James, Sis. Lisa and Jessie Knapp have moved here from our Congerville, IL, congregation. We welcome them all to our area!

Sis. Sally Haerr (Bro. Norman) underwent surgery and was hospitalized for a few days. It is good to have her back in church with us gain.

Our hearts go out to Dean and Gaye Redd in the loss of his father Charles Redd. Sometimes we find ourselves at a loss for words of comfort, so we ask God to give His comfort where we fail.

"In days of youth seek ye the Lord, His love and truth with one accord, Go offer Him thy youthful days and walk within the Saviour's ways." (From "Youth" by Henry Beer) Our congregation is rejoicing with Bro. Eric and Sis. Penny Knochel and their son, Benji, as he has turned his heart "towards home" in repentance. We pray he will feel an extra measure of God's nearness as he is subjected to the pressures of high school.

Our college graduates this year are Shannon Haerr (Marci) and Missy Stratton (Bro. Mike and Sis. Cheryl). We will miss having Missy around as she is moving to Springfield, MO. We pray they both will feel God's guiding hand in their future.

### NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY Franz Soni

"We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company."

Psalm 55:14

We thank Bro. Dan Stoller (Rockville, CT) for bringing us God's Word May 9. May God richly reward Bro. Dan and his wife, Sis. Diane, for making the effort to be with us.

We are holding church services once a month. We encourage all who are in the area to check if services are being held. We welcome your fellowship. Services are held at the Days Inn Hotel, Ambassador Room, 2570 Tonnelle Ave., (Route

179), North Bergen, NJ. For more information, please call Elder Bro. Edward Aeschleman (301) 478-7846 or Bro. Franz Soni (201) 835-3577.

### NEW YORK, CROGHAN-NAUMBURG Alice Virkler

Sis. Augusta Einbeck has reached a milestone in her life as she has lived on this earth for 100 years. An open house was held at her home May 8 for family and friends and, on May 8, several gathered at her home for a singing. She was born in Naumburg May 10, 1893, daughter of Henry and Anna Einbeck. God has given her sufficient strength and health to be able to live in her own home and to attend church every Sunday. Her smile and kind words are an example to each of us and our prayer for her is that she will continue to enjoy good health in the days granted to her in this lifetime. Sis. Augusta would like to express her thankfulness to each and every one from near and far who has remembered her on this special occasions.

On May 15 and 16, Elder Bros. Ed Aeschleman (Philadelphia, PA) and Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH) were with us to carry out God's work. On Saturday evening, we gathered for a covered dish meal and then gathered to hear the deliberations of the brotherhood conference read and spoken upon. As we were again reminded of our duties and obligations to God in this lifetime, may each of us strive to follow the footsteps of our Savior and the kind guidance and instruction given by our faithful elder brothers.

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.

"Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup."

I Corinthians 11:26-28

On Sunday, the brothers in-

structed us on the proper steps to take in preparing ourselves to partake of the Lord's Supper. We wish to thank them for their love and concern for us once again.

We extend congratulations to our college graduates. They are Matthew Herzig (Bro. Ron and Sis. Eleanor), Aaron Hirschey (Bruce and Gayle), Lisa Hirschey (Ron and Elizabeth) and Noel Virkler (Bro. Ted and Sis. Mae). We wish them God's guidance and blessing as they now begin another new phase of life.

Gertie Herzig (Bro. Ted) has been having pain in her back following a fall at the post office April 23 when we had about six inches of wet snow on the ground. Also, Sis. Rita Petzoldt (Don) had surgery on her arm. We are glad they are both feeling better and can be with us again.

### OHIO, AKRON Joyce Gasser

The National Day of Prayer in May brought about various counties observing Deuteronomy 31:11 of the reading of the Scripture. This command was observed in various eras in the Bible. In Nehemiah 8, Ezra stood on a platform of wood before the street that was before the water gate and read in the Book of the Law from morning until midday. The International Bible Reading Association observed the Scripture and sponsored a 5-day reading on the steps of the county courthouses. In contrast to some other headlines, the newspaper reported the observances and quoted a motto displayed: "Live It. Tell It. Pray It. Read It. Walk It. Serve It. Memorize It. Just Do It."

For Mother's Day, our young people served the Sunday noon lunch. They did an excellent job and we appreciated their good work.

Congratulations to Jodi Grawunder as she received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Akron University. Her parents are Bro. and Sis. Fred Grawunder.

Sis. Mary Baumgartner, 92, passed away. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bro. Ned, and is survived by a son and his

family, Bro. Richard and Sis. Evelyn, their daughter, Cheryl, and sons, Richard, Larry, Jeff and Greg, and two grandchildren.

Sis. Juliet Graf is in the hospital and our prayers are with her.

We were blessed to partake of communion with Elder Bro. Ray Sinn assisting our Elder Bro. Gene Pamer.

We appreciated visiting ministers, Bro. Earl Beery and Bro. Gary Maibach.

### OHIO, COLUMBUS

Julie Grimm

The past month we have felt many "showers of blessings" here in Columbus. We thank Bros. Mark Gerber (Bluffton, IN), Mark Masters (Mansfield, OH), Vic Bauman (Smithville, OH) and Gary Maibach (Smithville, OH) for their labors in the ministry and appreciate the many visitors who have worshipped with us.

The highlight of our month was having the annual Chicago bus trip visit our congregation May 15-16. A blessed weekend of worship, singing and fellowship was enjoyed with 38 brethren and friends from Chicago. We surely do cherish the tie of Christian love and friendship we can share together. Traveling with the groups were ministering Bros. Lenny Meyer and Virgil Metzger.

A warm welcome is extended to Bro. Ben and Sis. Michelle Wieland and their daughters, Lauren and Emily. They have recently moved to the Cincinnati area from Champaign, IL. May the Lord bless and provide for them as they establish a new home.

We thank our Sunday school students and young members for their efforts in serving a lovely Mother's Day lunch.

Congratulations are extended to Sis. Diane Sauder (Bro. Bill and Sis. Becky) as she graduates from high school. She will be attending Mansfield General Hospital School of Nursing in the fall. We wish her God's richest blessings and guidance in her future endeavors.

We are sorry to report Sis. Sara Adam has suffered with a broken wrist. May she continue to feel God's strength and healing power.

### OHIO, JUNCTION

Sandra Manz

"Now it is accomplished!  
With heart and with mind  
To Thee, my dear Savior,  
I am resigned!  
I'll ever be faithful  
in life and in death,  
Abiding in Jesus  
unto my last breath."

Zion's Harp #209

We wish our new Sis. Charlene Schlatter (Elder Bro. Bill and Sis. Emily) spiritual growth and much grace to remain faithful to the covenant she has erected with her Lord. Elder Bro. Wayne Anliker (Forrest, IL) was here to assist Charlene's father as they encouraged her to express her testimony of faith, and then carried out baptism and the sealing of the Holy Spirit. We thank Bro. Ken Indermuhle (Sardis, OH) for his part in the ministry of the gospel during this special weekend.

Note: We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all the brethren and friends across the land for the many, many prayers, cards, gifts of love, and concern shown us during the recent surgery. May God bless each one. Humbly,

Bro. Gus and  
Sis. Dorothy Dietrich

### OHIO, LATTY

Lane Stoller - Kathy Sinn

Ever so quickly another school year is drawing to a close. We have several high school seniors in our congregation. They include Dawn Stoller (Bro. Ray and Sis. Carol), Larisa Wenninger (Bro. Larry and Sis. Joyce), Adam Schlatter (Gus and Sis. LeAnn), Chad Keysor (Bro. George and Sis. Sharon), Lori Laukhuf (Bro. Rod and Sis. Ede), Brad Grant (Bro. Phil and Sis. Gloria), Angie Stoller (Bro. Jim and Sis. Tam) and Holly Laukhuf (Dave and Nancy). May these young folks allow God to direct their future plans. "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." (Matthew 6:33)

Bob Price (Aldean) had surgery during the past month. Steve Plummer was also hospitalized dur-

ing the past month. May God grant His healing hand.

We viewed the evidence of God's safekeeping in the life of Bro. Mark Stoller (Sis. Shirley). He had a very serious accident involving a train. We pray for the healing of his body and the sustaining of his spirit. May we hold up his family in prayer, also.

May God grant a comforting spirit to the family of Sheila Sinn (Bob) during the passing of her grandfather, James Franklin II.

We gathered for the annual cleaning of our church building. May we be ever thankful for the fine buildings which have served as our place of worship.

We were blessed with many visitors during the past month. We thank them for visiting us and invite them to come again to worship with us.

### OHIO, MANSFIELD

Linda Morrison

"For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death." (Psalm 48:14) Bro. Joe Sabo quietly died after an extended illness. Our love and prayers support his dear widow, Sis. LaVersa, who has stood faithfully by Bro. Joe during sickness and health. Our sympathy is also extended to Bro. Jim and Sis. Clara Zimmer in the death of Bro. Jim's mother. May God give each one courage and grace at this time of loss.

We would like to thank the youth group for their labor of love on Mother's Day when they provided lunch and willingly served it. Thank you! "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." (Exodus 20:12)

A breakfast was held to encourage our high school graduates as they go forth into a new phase of their life; all of whom plan to go on to college this fall. "For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow." (Ecclesiastes 1:18) Those graduating are Tammy Baltic (Bro. Pete and Sis. Karen), Chad Keever (Bro. Claire and Sis. Bev), Sam Sauder (Elder Bro. Ken and Sis.



Sue) and Clark Gerber (Wayne). "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

We thank Bro. Don Manz (Junction) for spending a Sunday with us. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." (II Timothy 4:2) May God bless Bro. Don and his family for his faithful service.

We are encouraged and so very thankful that our faithful friend, Frank Bertka, has yet found grace unto repentance. ". . . joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth." (Luke 15:7) Surely God heard the prayers of a faithful mother who left her faith and her church as a legacy for her beloved son. We have a responsibility to pray for our loved ones. "The effectual prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16)

June is Silver Lining subscription collection for Mansfield. \$9.00 is due.

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**OHIO, RITTMAN**  
Marsha Hartzler  
Charlene Winkler

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

Ephesians 5:1-2

What a blessing the weekend of May 15 and 16 was as we heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptisms of Bro. Tim Geissman and Bro. Ken (Ken and Sis. Lillian) and Sis. Carol Rupp (Elder Bro. Henry and Sis. Martha Dotterer). We rejoice with our new brothers and sister. We appreciate our visiting elders, Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH) and Bro. Andy Stoller (Smithville, OH) for assisting Elder Bro. Henry Dotterer with this important work.

Our loved ones that have been in the hospital recently are Bro. Ralph Christian (Sis. Mildred), Sis. Dawn Dotterer (Bro. Richard), Bro.

Dale Stoller (Sis. Jeannette), Bro. Lawrence Stoller (Sis. Mary) and Sis. Donna Young (Bill). May they feel our prayers and support.

May our graduates feel the Lord's blessings as they make plans for their future. May they call upon Him for guidance in all things. Our high school graduates are Matthew Baltic (Bro. Dan and Sis. Betty), Gerri Duncan (Greg and Sis. Peggy Tieche), Carol Gasser (Bro. Albert and Sis. Lucille), Sis. Gail Gasser (Bro. Virgil and Sis. Lois), Kurt Gasser (Bro. Dan and Sis. Diane), Lynn Hartzler (Bro. Dean and Sis. Janet), Tonia Hartzler (Bro. Dick and Sis. Karen), Tony Indermuhle (Bro. Dwaine and Sis. Joan), Eric Maibach (Jeff and Elsie), Scott Maibach (Roger and Cindy), Bryan Pelfrey (Sis. Vicki), Debra Ramsier (Bro. Steve and Sis. Karen), Ryan Steiner (Bro. Dave and Sis. Carole), Rick Steiner (Bro. Ron and Sis. Ruth) and Bradley Young (Rex and Carol).

Sis. Esther Saylor was called to her eternal home May 17. She was a very good Christian example, a very loving and forgiving person, which we all should take notice of and apply to our lives. She had lived most of her life in the Girard area before moving to Rittman in 1981. She was the last child living of Bro. George Abraham and Sis. Mary Emch. She will surely be missed by her children, Bro. Bill (Sis. Norma), Bob, Doris Jean Reed and Anna Mae White; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

On April 19, Cody James, arrived to first-time parents, James and Rebecca Gasser. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Scott and the late Bro. Robert and Sis. Elda Gasser.

Andy and Marne Woyat, along with their daughter, Drew, welcome Kylie Marlaina, April 29. Loving grandparents are Ron and Jeanette Woyat and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Ritchey.

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**OHIO, SARDIS**  
Renee Miller

Volunteers from the Ohio congregations met for a second time to continue the restoration of the New Martinsville, WV, church. A good

day's work was once again completed. The doors and windows were all replaced and the siding was replaced on approximately half of the building. The remainder of the siding is scheduled to be replaced by the end of May.

Two of our high school students have graduated this year. They are Ben Zollinger (Bro. Gary and Sis. Terry) and Sis. Laura Brake (Bro. Bill and Sis. Mim). We wish them guidance and direction from God as they continue down the path of life.

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**OHIO, SMITHVILLE**

**Gwen Stoller - Kim Stoller**

Recently, Bro. Charles and Sis. Delphine Neiman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. May God continue to bless their lives with grace and wisdom to serve Him.

On April 24, Kellie Riggenbach and Peter Smith began their life together. Kellie's parents are Bro. Art and Lynne Riggenbach. May God be with them each stop of the way.

The Lord has sent two tiny bundles to homes in our congregation. On May 1, Spencer Jeffrey joined the family of Bro. Jeff and Sis. Deb Gasser, Brooke and Taylor, Grandparents are Bro. Leroy and Sis. Juanita Koehl.

Julie Ann joined the family of Bro. John and Sis. Janice Rufener May 5. Her sisters and brothers are Jenny, Jared, Jacob, Joy and Josie. Grandparents are Bro. Gorden and Sis. Emily Greenbank and Bro. Chet and Sis. Roma Rufener.

Our visiting ministers this month were Bros. Ken Schneider (Remington, IN), Ron Steiner (Rittman) and Mark Ramsier (Sardis).

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to high school graduates Deb Hartzler (Bro. Ken and Sis. Jane), Kim Luginbuhl (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Rose), Faith Maibach (Bro. Bruce and Sis. Lois), Deana Marty (Bro. Dean and Sis. Martha), Jaime Riggenbach (Bro. Don and Sis. Gail), Lindon Rufener (Bro. Joe and Sis. Lilas), Marcia Steiner (Bro. Mark and Sis. Sue)

and exchange student, Rebecca Prassler.

We are thankful for God's healing on those who were in the hospital; Nan Steidle and Jaime Riggenbach (Bro. Don and Sis. Gail). Also our prayers are with Sis. Kathy Dotterer (Bro. Wendal) who is in the hospital at this writing.

### OHIO, TOLEDO

#### Joy Beard - Edie Fetter

On April 5, Andy and Tracy Fetter welcomed little Garrett Andrew into their family. Big sister, Alexandra, will be glad for a new playmate. Happy grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Betty Fetter.

Looking forward to graduation this month are Ryan Sancraint (Dave and Sis. Connie) and Matt Beard (Bro. Dave and Sis. Geralyn). May God bless them as they endeavor to begin a new chapter in their lives.

Also, after four years of college, Sis. Mary Beery (Bro. Everett and Sis. Carol, Rittman) is looking forward to graduation from the University of Toledo. Sis. Mary will be graduating with a degree in nursing. May the Lord richly bless her in the future.

### OREGON, PORTLAND

#### Elizabeth Klopfenstein

"Take time to be holy,  
The world rushes on;  
Spend much time in secret  
With Jesus alone -  
By looking to Jesus,  
Like Him thou shalt be;  
Thy friends in thy conduct  
His likeness shall see."

Hymns of Zion #112

The need to "take time to be holy" was brought out in a recent sermon. It seems especially crucial during this busy time of the year when our schedules become filled with gardening, attending weddings and graduations, and studying for final exams, that we remember to talk often with the Lord and find time to study His Word.

Saturday, May 15, was the wedding date of Ken and Camie Knecht.

Camie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Plummer, and Ken is the son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Judie Knecht, and the grandson of Bro. Paul and Sis. Ann Rumbold. Bro. Paul was in the hospital with pneumonia the week before the wedding, but in answer to our prayers, was given the strength to attend Ken and Camie's wedding the day after he went home!

Russell and Sis. Roma Rumbold (Princeville, IL), their son, Bro. Rus, and Tom Knecht (Eureka, IL) came out for the wedding, and we enjoyed having them with us the following Sunday.

We also are thankful for our other out-of-state visitors this past month, including Sis. Phyllis Farney (Morton), Sis. Marjean Leman and Sis. Linda Joos (Princeville, IL) and Joyce Rocke (Eureka, IL).

Our dear sister, Golda Ditch (Medford, OR) was able to be with us May 9. We were glad to see her again since Medford is many miles away, and we don't get to be with her very often.

Our visiting ministers this past month were Bros. Todd Zollinger, Art Metz and Don Sinn, all from Silverton. We thank them for coming and ministering God's Word.

I am planning to move home to Gridley, IL, June 11, so this will be my last Silver Lining report. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Portland congregation for their love and kindness in the past two years. You have all been very special to me, and I have many fond memories of our time together. May the Lord richly bless each one of you. I look forward to the day we will meet again, if not here, then in heaven!

### OREGON, SILVERTON

#### Becky Gudeman - Peggy Schulz

We extend our greetings to each one. Our fathers are remembered so lovingly and fondly at this time of year. May God bless each one with wisdom and strength.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Verna Bolliger (Elmer) as she is slowly recovering from a terrible car accident. She has been in intensive care for awhile now, but

seems to be showing some progress. Bill Hari (Sis. Verla) has also been hospitalized recently. We wish God's healing mercies on both of these dear ones, that they may soon return home.

May brought the weddings of Ken Knecht (Bro. Ed and Sis. Judie, Portland) to Camie Plummer (Mr. and Mrs. Randall Plummer) and of Lori Virkler (Bro. Perry and Sis. Carol, Morris, MN) to Nick Stadel (Norman and Mary Anne). Prayers and blessings are offered to the newly united couples. May you find blessings in your union!

Visitors this month included Bro. Bob Miller (Sis. Pearl, Portland). Thank you for sharing the good Word with us once again.

Springtime brings graduation, and graduation brings happy individuals! Our high school graduates include: Sis. Becky Dietrich (Bro. Jim and Sis. Joan), Dan Hari (Phil and Pat), Chad Walter (Bro. Chuck and Sis. Karen), Sara Kuenzi (Bro. Myron and Sis. Diane), Marilyn Kuenzi (Bro. Nick and Sis. Mary), Amy Snook (Vance and Sis. Liz) and Mary Metz (Bro. Art and Sis. Betty). We wish them all the best as they pursue life after high school. Our eighth grade graduates include: Tyler Kuenzi (Bro. Terry and Sis. Ann), Alex Bolliger (Bro. Ben and Sis. Carolyn), Tyrene Kuenzi (Bro. Bob and Sis. Linda), Martha Kuenzi (Bro. Nick and Sis. Mary) and Aaron Kuenzi (Jim and Barb). Congratulations to each one!

### PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA

#### Franz Soni

"Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away."

Mark 13:31

Our annual spring cleaning of the church and grounds was done April 17. A thorough job was done by those participating.

April 25 was the wedding day in Chicago, IL, of Paul Aeschleman and Patricia Feeley. Parents of this couple are Elder Bro. Edward and Sis. Nancy Aeschleman and Tom and Jackie Feeley (Chicago, IL). We

wish this special couple God's blessings as they begin life as husband and wife.

There are friendships that we cherish  
In our daily walk of life  
Friends with whom we meet and labor  
In our earthly toil and strife.  
Friends among the aged and youthful,  
Friends that live from us apart  
Friends of higher rank and station  
Find a place within my heart.

Hymns of Zion #91

The weekend of May 1 and 2 was special in that we had a large group from Detroit, MI, come worship and fellowship with us. After a church supper Saturday, the Detroit choir sang for us and our Lord. It is so encouraging when we can share times like this. We thank them for being with us.

We have three students graduating from school this month. Valerie Gasser (Bro. David and Sis. Gail) has completed her major at the Philadelphia School of Science and Pharmacy and will be seeking employment as a pharmacist. Sarah Aeschleman (Bro. Edward and Sis. Nancy) and Bro. Gabriel Clough (John and Sis. Kathy) have both graduated from high school. We wish all our graduates God's blessings as they plan their future.

We thank Bro. Randy Gasser (Detroit, MI) for sharing God's Word with us.

We welcome all who are in the area to worship with us. Services are Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. If you need more information, please call Elder Bro. Edward Aeschleman at (301) 478-7846.

### TENNESSEE, NASHVILLE Gwen Leuthold

"My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died  
Land of the pilgrim's pride,  
From ev'ry mountain side,  
Let freedom ring."

Gospel Hymns #738

Next month, on July 4, we will once again celebrate the day when our country declared its independence from Britain. Over the years, astounding numbers of men and women have fought and endured untold hardships to win and preserve the precious freedoms that we enjoy today. On this day, let us reflect on these freedoms. Let us not take them for granted, but thank God each and every day and ask Him to continue to bless us with these privileges.

"Our fathers' God, to Thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright,  
With freedom's holy light,  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God our King!"

Gospel Hymns #738

On May 2, we were privileged to hear Bro. Ron Schambach minister to us from the Elgin, IL, congregation. His wife, Sis. Nancy, and their daughter accompanied him as did Bro. Tim and Sis. Marcia Kellenberger and their children. We enjoyed the Christian fellowship with all of you and thank you for your efforts in coming. May God bless you and your families!

Again, we encourage anyone traveling in the Nashville area to visit us. Contact Bro. Don and Faye Sauder (615) 373-8928, Bro. Don and Enid Miller (615) 384-1081 or Sis. Gwen Leuthold (615) 352-3940. The countryside in Nashville is especially beautiful at this time of year.

### TEXAS, HOUSTON Sandy Darlington

Once again we thank God for providing a faithful servant to come and be our minister. In April, God sent Bro. Jon Schmidgall and his wife, Sis. Julie (Oakville, IA). First, we were fed spiritual food from the Word of God, and then we went to a local restaurant for more food and visiting. We had a hot, humid day to enjoy. We pray for a special blessing to all of the ministers and their families who travel here and serve the Lord.

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) 542-0762 or Jerry and Sis. Sandy Darlington at (409) 297-8301 for more information.

### TEXAS, ZAPATA Viola Perdelwitz

Dallas Plattner, son of Bro. Leland and Sis. Mary, graduated May 15, from Texas A & M University at College Station, TX. Dallas will be employed by Halliburton in Laredo, TX, as a petroleum engineer. We congratulate him and are happy he will be attending church in Zapata.

All of our winter residents have returned home. We are now few in number. We are so thankful we can still feel God's love.

## RIDE THE BUS



Central Illinois bus trip to the Gateway Woods - Apostolic Christian Children's Home Auction and Sale on August 7.

Noah and Evie Herrmann are chartering a bus from Central Illinois for the Children's Home Auction and Sale Saturday, August 7.

The bus will leave Peoria Apostolic Christian fellowship hall Friday, August 6, 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 7, leaving the Children's Home at 4:00 p.m. The first thirty-eight 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.

## SILVER THREADS

### IF A FATHER HAD BUT ONE WISH . . .

If I were asked by unseen voice to name the one quality I would like to pass down to my son . . . If I were told that of all things which the sons of men inherit, mine would be entitled to one . . . I would say "Help him, O Lord, to take whatever life brings." For this, more than any quality in life, is the one which counts and by which men are finally counted.

Help him to stand up under stress and storm and the long cover of night, secure in his faith and firm in his resolve. Help him to hold his head and to keep it high when the storm winds blow and the lightning strikes. And help him, above all, to take criticism with the same eagerness with which we turn to praise and adoration.

Help him to aspire to heights while his feet are on the ground where common men walk . . . and teach him to climb again after the falls which must come to all who seek to climb. Help him to suffer betrayal and disappointment, regret and remorse . . . but teach him to know that these are as much a part of life as its sunshine and its soft summer rain.

And having taught him this, teach him to stand humbly with his head bowed in the presence of anyone who has not been thus endowed, and teach him at such a time to say, "There, except for the grace of God, go I."

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### LOVE

"God is love."

I John 4:8

Love is not a payment . . . it is a gift.

Love has not a due date . . . it is eternal.

Love is not law . . . it is grace.

Love is not calculated . . . it is spontaneous.

Love is not a bookkeeper . . . it is a spendthrift.

Love is not measurable . . . it is infinite.

Love forgets slights . . . it remembers favors.

Love is not a casual feeling . . . it is a deliberate choice.

Love does not scatter . . . it gathers.

Love judges by the heart as well as the head.

Love expands under the heat of pressure.

Love makes excuses for others, and takes responsibility for itself.

Love never gives up.

Love builds a wall of protectiveness around the weak.

Love asks not what can you do for me? But what can I do for you?

Love sees beyond today, but cannot remember yesterday.

Love loses faults . . . but love collects virtues.

Love is the railing on a treacherous stairway, the light in a dark room.

Love listens but does not talk.

Love is kindness set to music.

Love is the best medicine for the sick world.

Love is the seal that marks an obedient Christian.

(Copied)

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."  
I John 4:7, 8

### REDEEMED!

I have a wonderful Savior, He is my Lord and my King.

He came to earth as Messiah, Salvation's Message did Bring;

He died on Calvary's mountain, His blood a Ransom for Me,

He rose triumphant to Victory, and lives Eternally!

I once was living in darkness, no Hope because of my Sin,

Condemned because of transgression, and lost with no way to Win;

Then Jesus, moved with compassion, cried out, "Please come unto Me!"

With Grace, I answered His Call that day, 'twas then He set me Free!

Redeemed, I am Redeemed! My Soul the Lord has Redeemed! He paid the price with His sacrifice, Praise God, I now am Redeemed!

Redeemed, I am Redeemed! From sin I'm pardoned, Redeemed! Salvation free has been given me, Praise God, I am Redeemed!

My Friend, consider this Savior, Who died for You and for Me, He calls with kind Invitation, for You, from sin to be Free; So come and taste of His Goodness, His Love and Peace now Receive, Lift up Your voice and with Joy proclaim, "O Lord, yes I Believe!"

Dear Friend, the Lord is returning, Someday the trumpet will sound,

The Rapture will be accomplished, for Those, in whom Faith is Found;

Around the Father in Heaven, We'll gather there with Our King,

With Joy and sweet Adoration will the Heav'nly Choir Sing!

Redeemed, I am Redeemed! My Soul, the Lord has Redeemed! I'm saved by Grace in My Lord's Embrace, Praise God, I now am Redeemed!

Redeemed, I am Redeemed! From sin, I'm pardoned, Redeemed! Salvation free has been given me, Praise God I am Redeemed!

Bro. Rodney Stoller

### GOD HEALS SORROW TODAY

Sorrow and Suffering Can Be Healed

"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are per-

plexed, but not in despair. Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

II Corinthians 4:8, 9, 17

#### Sorrow or Suffering Cannot Separate Us From God

"For I am persuaded, that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38, 39

#### Sorrow and Suffering Can Create Integrity

"... we glory in tribulations... knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience hope: And hope maketh not ashamed: because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

Romans 5:3-5

#### Sorrow and Suffering Can Strengthen the Human Life

"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."

I Peter 5:10

#### Sorrow and Suffering Is Never Empty

"Have ye suffered so many things in vain? If it be yet in vain."

Galatians 3:4

#### Sorrow and Suffering Brings Acceptance With God

"For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God."

I Peter 2:20

#### Sorrow and Suffering Bring Happiness

"But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye; and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled."

I Peter 3:14

#### Sorrow and Suffering Turns Into Joy

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice; and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy."

John 16:20

#### Suffering Turned Into Reigning With Him

"If we suffer, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us."

II Timothy 2:12

#### Suffering Prepares Us For A Home In Heaven

"And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."

Romans 8:17

#### Sorrowing Will Turn Into Rejoicing

"Ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you."

John 16:22

#### Godly Sorrow Brings Salvation

"For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of."

II Corinthians 7:10

#### Christ Had Suffering Before Resurrection

"Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day."

Luke 24:46

#### God Turns Sorrow Into Victories

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away."

Revelation 21:4

### THY NAME IN PSALMS

Joy... "Let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee."

Psalm 5:11

Excellent... "O Lord... how excellent is thy name in all the earth!"

Psalm 8:9

Trustworthy... "They that know thy name will put their trust in thee."

Psalm 9:10

Forgiveness... "For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity."

Psalm 25:11

Guidance... "... for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me."

Psalm 31:3

Salvation... "Save me... by thy name, and judge me by thy strength."

Psalm 54:1

Heritage... "Thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name."

Psalm 61:5

Unity... "Unite my heart to fear thy name."

Psalm 86:11

Glory... "O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory."

Psalm 115:1

Forever... "Thy name, O Lord, endureth for ever."

Psalm 135:13

#### Sermon...

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But there is a prerequisite. We just do not automatically receive the gift of God and slide into heaven with ease. There are requirements. We must confess our sins. We must be born again out of water and of the Spirit, the Bible tells us, (John 3:5) lest we become and remain in our carnal state. We have no hope in that state.

We should come to the Light. Jesus is the Light. "I am the way, the truth, and the life." (John 14:6) "I am the light of the world." (John 8:12 and John 9:5)

Those who hate Him will not approach Him because He is Light and it would expose their deeds.

That's why men love darkness rather than light because they are living in sin and they do not want to expose their evil deeds. But when a sinner finds the truth, feels the conviction in his heart and becomes honest with himself, he is like the Prodigal son when he came to himself. He said, "I am tired and weary and I cannot suffice myself on the vain husks of this world anymore."

Back in my father's house, there is bread aplenty . . . even the servants have plenty. I'll go back. I'll go back to my father." (Luke 15:17-19)

When you come to yourself and you realize that you are lost and tired and sick of what the world has to offer and that it has brought you no comfort and no peace. When you can finally come to yourself, that takes the grace of God to realize that. Because Satan is blinding your eyes and as every year goes by, I believe, those scales become thicker and thicker. Talk to any soul who is up in years that is not converted, and he will say, "It seems to get harder and harder and harder to even feel the conviction."

A brother, who was not raised in our faith, told me one time that he became exposed to it and saw the light but he didn't feel the terrible conviction of sin. Even though he knew he was living in sin, he didn't feel the pain. He didn't feel that feeling that says, "I was instrumental in the crucifixion of Christ. My sins made me guilty as I stood among those who said, 'Crucify Him! Crucify Him! Away with Him!'" He couldn't feel that.

So he prayed that he could feel that conviction; and the Lord let him feel it. Then he saw himself at last and he became converted and was sorry.

There are many doctrines in this world today. We are exposed to them. "Prove ye every spirit." Be aware of the evil doctrines for they are deceitful. There is a doctrine that teaches that you don't have to be sorry for your sins. You don't have to confess them to man. Christ paid it all. Just believe that Christ paid it all and just trust Him. You don't have to change your life. You don't have to separate yourself from the pleasures of the world and the lust of the flesh. Christ paid it all. Just believe. That is all you have to do, is just believe.

You don't have to read very far in this Book and you will find that that is a lie, because even the devils believe and tremble because they know their end is coming. (James 2:19) So believing is not enough, dear ones. We must do something. We must yield our heart unto God.

To find our way to heaven, they can put it in three steps. The Lord said, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Mark 8:34)

See? We have to do something. We can't just receive the gift; we have to be willing to do something. Oh, we can't pay the price . . . the Lord paid the price! He gave all He could give. He gave everything to pay for the price of that sin debt that was on your shoulder and mine.

We could do nothing to merit that. There is no service that we can render unto God . . . no talent we could offer. There is nothing that we could ever do to merit the Lord saying, "You are an exception. You are living a good-enough life. You will receive. You don't have to go through the process of conversion. You are good enough." Oh, no! All our own righteousness is as filthy rags! (Isaiah 64:6) We are nothing . . . nothing!

I once heard of a young lady that as she grew up through her youth, it was discovered by her parents that she had a gift. Her parents encouraged her to develop it and as she grew older, she sensed it herself and she took years of training.

On the way to her classroom, down the street, she saw a few folks from the Salvation Army standing in the corner and they were singing, "Oh, to be Nothing, Nothing! Only to lie at His feet!" (You know that song.) She made light of it and went on her way and became a success in the world.

Later she wrote an autobiography, a story about her own life. In the story she said she remembers in her youth when she went past the street corner and those folks were singing, "Oh, to be Nothing!" and she felt sorry for them. She couldn't imagine how a person could want to be nothing. Then she said, "Now, at last, I am something." That is being deceived.

"For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself." (Galatians 6:3) See? "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." (James 4:6) That's the key!

If we can just humble ourselves before the Lord. If we can just get down on our knees and say, "Lord, I know I am nothing. I have nothing to offer Thee. Nothing." Then the Spirit can pour that anointing oil on us and we can become filled with the grace of God.

Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:13) Christ can take away my sins. He can wash me up and clean me up so that I am like a newborn baby . . . all clean and pure. Only the blood of Christ can do that.

That is life's greatest miracle . . . to be born again!

Oh, how the angels in heaven rejoice over one sinner that repents. How we rejoice when we see our children become converted! Oh, the pain when we pray at night for those who are growing older and older and older who come to church and worship with us, who seem to love the church and enjoy hearing the Word and watch Sunday after Sunday slip away hardly realizing the dangerous way to live . . . hardly realizing the danger of putting off and neglecting the call of God.

We don't know, loved ones, if there will be someone standing here next Sunday. We don't have that promise. We have the promise today that the door is yet open. Oh, "Sinner come home," the Bible says. We can go back to the Old Testament and look it up in the Prophet Isaiah. Under the inspiration, the Prophet Isaiah looked upon Israel who was in bondage and under the law and in sin. He felt sorry for them and said, "Come now, let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

Though you be a violent sinner, God can set you free. God can make your sins as white as snow and as white as wool. We can become the lambs of God. We can become the sons and the daughters of God. We read it here: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Romans 8:14) Has this ever truly occurred to your heart . . . to think that we can become the sons of God? But here

is what it says: "For ye have not received the Spirit of adoption!" (Romans 8:15) We have become adopted! Brethren, we have become children of God through the spirit of adoption. He has adopted us!

Christ was the seed and through that seed, like the children of Abraham, through the seed of Abraham, which was Christ. Not all of Israel, not as seeds of many, but as seeds of one, the Bible tells us. Through Christ Who was that seed. He was the heir. He became the heir and then we are adopted into that same Spirit and we become joint-heirs with Christ.

Right here it tells us, "If children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ . . ." Then it says something else too! It says, ". . . if so be that we suffer with him . . ." (Romans 8:17) You see, it's going to be some obstacles to cover. There is going to be a race that we must enter, the Bible tells us.

Paul, I believe, put it something like this: the athlete, the farmer and the soldier.

A good athlete has to first enter the race and then he must abide by the rules or else he will be disqualified. Because when we strive for the masteries, unless we do it lawfully, we will fail.

A good soldier knows that he must put away his civilian thoughts and leave his civilian life and enter into the forces. To be a good soldier to obey his master, he has to get his mind off of the things he left behind at home. Then he can be a good servant and a good soldier. That's what makes a good soldier.

A good farmer knows that he must be diligent. He must find good seed. He must have good weed control, if he wants to be prosperous and succeed. Of course, he needs the blessings of God. For without that, none of us would have anything. We all need His blessings.

It doesn't matter what our occupation is in life, as long as it is a good and clean and honest occupation and it doesn't hinder us from serving our Lord. You may be a school teacher, a farmer or a doctor, you have an opportunity to be a light and an example to others.

I think especially of young folks in the schools of learning, or in the

office, or those that have jobs, you are the children of God. The world is observing you.

Do you know how the world can tell that you are a child of God? By your love for the brethren.

When the world sees how you love one another, that's how they can tell. That is their identity. We have to be careful and prayerful, lest we lose our identity.

Sometimes we think, "Well, we don't want to dwell too much on the outward because we know those things come and go." Yet, the way we appear in this world does make a difference. "Abstain from all appearance of evil." (I Thessalonians 5:22) If I would walk down the street with a Harley Davidson motorcycle hat and a black jacket on and I would look like a motorcycle gang member, it would destroy the Spirit and you would have no confidence in me or the ministry.

You see we are all ministers. Not everyone of us is called to preach the Word, but we are all ministers. We are of the royal priesthood. Ye are a chosen vessel and you are part of the royal priesthood, if you've been adopted into Christ, that is. (I Peter 2:9)

If you do not have the Holy Spirit (we read it right here) then you are not one of Christ's and you are on the outside and your name is not in the Book of Life. (Romans 8:9)

Remember, you can do something about it today. You can say, "Lord, I give Thee my heart. That's all I have to offer . . . my heart. My poor and sinful heart. Oh, bless me. Thou hast blest others, Thou hast saved others, save me too. Preserve a place in heaven for me too." You can do that. Don't wait for next Sunday. It may not come. Tomorrow might not come for any of us. That's the chance you take when you deny His call.

I meet people in the world and we get into a conversation and they say, "I just got back from a trip to Las Vegas and we sure had a good time. We went to the gambling casinos and on and on." When we walk away from that person, I think, "It sure is a foolish way to spend a vacation. What a vain thing."

But something else bothers me a lot more. That is when I think of poor sinners who know the truth and they know what they should do; and yet they gamble with their souls. That is worse. That's a lot riskier than gambling with a few dollars.

Why gamble with your soul? The stakes are too high. Look what can be lost. The day you take your last breath, you will lose your opportunity to become a child of God. Just remember that.

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." (Romans 8:26, 27) Here is one of the most beautiful Scriptures, to me at least.

I remember being stationed in England in the Air Force twenty-some years ago, and I was lonely. I was unconverted. I was a sinner, living in sin. My job was to gas up airplanes and I drove a big truck out on the airport and sometimes I would spend an hour or so just all by myself sitting in that old truck and thinking about home. I was lonesome.

For some reason one day, I had taken along a little New Testament that they gave to each one who enlisted in the Air Force. I had that with me and I just opened it up and thought, "This is about all I can do is turn to the Lord."

Then I read this: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28) I thought, "Oh, my, God does everything for our good." I guess I didn't know that, and it warmed my heart. I treasure that little verse to this very day.

All things work together for good to them that know and love Him. That is why we do not have to live in fear and in bondage anymore because all things that God does is for our good.

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Romans 8:1-17

Oh, we could read on and on, and just feel the Spirit touching our hearts . . . telling us of the power of Christ and the blessing of being under grace instead of the law.

Oh, we should thank God every day for that because in Christ we can become liberated from the power of death.

We don't have to follow the letter because the letter killeth, I says in the Bible. (II Corinthians 3:6) But the Spirit giveth life.

The Spirit of the Lord is the Spirit of Liberty. Liberty to go out and do as we please? Of course not! Liberty to be free from being a slave of sin and darkness.

Therefore there is no more condemnation upon us if we walk after the Spirit (Romans 8:1) We have a choice, do we not? We're going to be walking through this life. We can't escape that. We are going to serve one or the other of two masters. "Two ways are there for thee, O man!"

One way is to serve the flesh and be a slave of the devil and be one of his. And enslave us, he will do. Oh, how he loves to look upon the human race and capture each soul as he comes out of the state of innocency, grows up into manhood and becomes accountable for what he does. Oh, the devil looks with

glee as he sees the young man grow into sin and bow down before him and allow him to be his master.

But in this very book and in the Spirit of God, there is a way to escape that condemnation. We can, by the grace of God, be overcomers. You know you read about it in Revelation, "Who shall be able to stand (before the Lord)?" (Revelation 6:17) All the letters to the churches that were written said, "Him that overcometh, he is the one who will win the crown."

We can say, "Well, I am a Christian." Anyone can say, "I'm a Christian." But only the overcomers are going to win a crown. But we have to be acquitted. We have to be set free from the curse that is laid upon us through the law, and that is the curse of sin. That is because when we come into manhood, we become carnal and we go like a sheep astray from the fold and from our Shepherd. We become sinful and separated from God.

Then we do not have any hope anymore in our own lives. There is no place in heaven for the carnal minded.

But we are overcomers, are we not? We should praise God that God has revealed that to us.

Those of you who are here today who are living in sin and are yet carnal minded and have not been

born again, maybe you think you don't have anything to thank God for. Oh, but you do! Thank God that there is yet a way of escape from the wrath to come.

"Thinkest thou that thou canst go through this life and enjoy thyself, live for thyself and think for thyself as though Christ never died and as though He never lived, and then stand in Judgment Day before the great and almighty God without a covering for your sins and expect to find your name in the Book of Life?" You will discover that you have been deceived. Then you will hear in the background the mocking of Satan as he takes you away. That is the dilemma that is upon you today.

But, oh, praise God! You can thank Him! You should thank Him! Today, through His Son, Jesus, there is a way . . . the way of the cross. The world doesn't care for that cross. To them it's all a mockery. They make shame of that old rugged cross.

But it was the blood that was shed on that old rugged cross by Jesus Christ, your Lord. He is your Lord and your Saviour if you will just believe it. He spilled His blood for you . . . laid down His life for you, that you would not have to perish.

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