

# *The Silver Lining*

*Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.  
He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.  
Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.  
Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,  
and for his wonderful works to the children of men!  
Whoso is wise, and will observe these things,  
even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the Lord.*

*Psalm 107:28-31,43*

*July 2009*



*Sermon by Bro. Chris Kuenzi, Silverton, OR*

## II Samuel 3:17-38 and St. John 11:17-57

Just a couple of thoughts that came to mind as we read here in the Old Testament of the death of Abner. I believe we remember that Abner was the chief captain, the general for Saul. As David even said here, "...a great man fallen this day in Israel?" II Samuel 3:38. David even called him a great one of renown there in the land of Israel. He had led the people to many victories in battle.

But then there was Joab as well, who was David's captain. I believe if we would have read earlier on in the book of Samuel, we know that there was a time when there was a battle between David and his men and Abner and those that followed him. Abner slew Joab's brother. (v. 8-23)

So now we see here where Abner came back to David to offer his services. To offer his allegiance, it would appear, as David was about to become king. Yet Joab carried in his heart a desire for revenge, didn't he? I know that at that time, things were so much different. There was a lot more blood shed. But it just came to my mind, the thought of revenge. How are we in our time, in our day? We hope we don't hold a blood revenge against someone in our life. But just in general, if we feel that someone has done something to us in our life that is a grievance or personal, that is what it was for Joab in a great way, wasn't it? In a very personal and drastic way. Abner had taken the life of his brother.

But how is it for us when maybe we feel like someone has done something that is unfair or grievous to us? And maybe it was. Maybe it was. But how often are we somewhat like Joab here and into our heart comes that desire for vengeance. That desire to see that other person pay a price or recompense that wrong. Though it might not be that we would go and require their life of them, but if we would actually go though, and fulfill that desire in our heart, though it might not reach the

level of murdering them or killing somebody, I wonder how close it is to the same sin in our heart. That desire for vengeance and that desire of wanting to see them pay. That's really what a lot of it was here, wasn't it? That darkness that came into Joab's heart. So may we just be warned.

Sometimes we read the Old Testament and we read the blood and the violence and we think it is so far removed from anything that we understand and know. In a lot of ways it is, thankfully. We can be thankful for that. But I believe, even in stories like this, there are a lot of things that we can take example from.

David is another example we can think of here. I believe if we went back and read, Abner probably caused David a lot of grief in his life up to this point. Chasing him around, as part of Saul's army, trying to catch him. Yet, what did we see in David's heart when Abner came to him to offer his help? It would appear David forgave him (v. 20,21), didn't he? He went out of his way here at the end to be sure that the people knew that it was not his will that Abner was slain. (v. 28-29)

That's really how we should strive to be. We think about all the things that David probably suffered that were partially a result of Abner's actions. That's longsuffering, isn't it? Isn't that what we are called to do as God's children? One of the fruit of the Spirit, that we would be a longsuffering people. That we would be a forgiving people, bear with one another. Even though there's perhaps been someone in our life - wouldn't even have to be a brother or sister, could be someone at work or someone we come in contact with - maybe we just feel like they have really been a thorn to us. But let's be like David. Let's take the high road that he took and be forgiving to them. Be loving to them.

We could think of our perfect example, Jesus Christ. We think of all

the wrongs that Christ suffered at the hands of men. That He so easily could have felt that desire to see

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*"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Tim. 2:15)*

## Light From The Word



Writings based  
on God's Word

July 2009

### Principles of Bible Study

"Bible Study" in our Church is for purposeful spiritual growth through teaching, learning, understanding and application of God's Word. Personal devotions, topical Bible exhortations, focused meetings with specific groups by elders and ministers, small group interactive discussions, and conference exhortations all describe some of the ways that we practice Bible study in our churches.

Before attempting to study the Bible, we need to know what it is and where it comes from. We believe the Bible, God's Word, has been one with Him from the very beginning. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God"* (John 1:1). The Word was given by inspiration of His Holy Spirit. The doctrine and practices of our beloved Church rest upon its fundamental precepts. *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works"* (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

Any form of Bible study should begin by offering sincere prayer, beseeching God to reveal His truth as a *"plain path"* (Psa. 27:11), and then following in humble obedience. Jesus instructs us to *"Search the scriptures"* (John 5:39). This should be done daily in our personal devotions (Acts 17:11) so that we can be mature, godly men and women of understanding (1 Cor. 14:20). Spiritual maturity requires exercising our senses (constant training of our minds and practice) which involves diligent study and application of God's Word, so that we are able to *"discern both good and evil"* (Heb. 5:14) by *"rightly dividing"* (accurately interpreting) the Bible (2 Tim. 2:15). True spiritual knowledge is a desirable trait that comes from reading and studying the inspired Word of God: *"Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ"* (Eph. 3:4). God has promised to give grace to those who approach His Word with a humble, reverent spirit (Is. 66:2; Jam. 4:6). It is the Holy Spirit who *"guides us into all truth"* (John 16:13). Biblical knowledge is an important step in the sequence that leads from faith to fruitfulness: *"...add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance ... if these things*

*be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful..."* (2 Pet. 1:5-8). When we know and understand God's Word we are able, by God's grace, to *"observe to do according to all that is written therein"* (Joshua 1:8) and consequently avoid sinning against God (Psa. 119:9, 11).

God also gives us guidance and warning on the application and study of His divine Word. We have no right to add to or to take anything away from it (Rev. 22:18-19). We are not to wrest (distort the true meaning of) any of its sacred writings *"...they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction"* (2 Pet. 3:16). Gaining knowledge as an end in itself leads to pride (1 Cor. 8:1). Combining love with increased spiritual knowledge leads to a deeper obedience to Christ. *"If ye love me, keep my commandments"* (John 14:15). Wisdom and humility give us the ability to apply knowledge properly. James writes, *"Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom"* (Jam. 3:13). We exhort our brethren to avoid interdenominational Bible studies with those of differing doctrines (Heb. 13:9). For the same reason, there is a need to be careful and discerning when consulting Bible commentaries and other outside resources. The believer should place utmost reliance on the Scriptures themselves.

The purpose of Bible study is to help us walk on the narrow way which leads to life (Matt. 7:14). It should serve to inspire us to godly living, and to be less carnally minded and less conformed to the things of this world (Rom. 8:6; 12:2). It should not be solely to obtain biblical knowledge, but to gather spiritual resources, putting on the *"whole armor of God"* (Eph. 6:13-17) to combat our Enemy. An essential test for all forms of Bible study is to determine if it is strengthening to the overall spiritual welfare of the church. The Corinthian church was zealous and had many ideas on how to praise God and interpret His teachings. Paul cautioned them that all must be done in order (1 Cor. 14:40), and he shared the critically important exhortation: *"Let all things be done unto edifying"* (1 Cor. 14:26). Finally, we must always examine our hearts and determine that we are constrained (driven) by the *"love of Christ"* (2 Cor. 5:14); for unless there is *"charity out of a*

*pure heart"* (1 Tim. 1:5) in all of these endeavors, no matter how much we may know and speak and do, *"without charity it profiteth me nothing"* (1 Cor. 13:1-3).

The Elder Body has developed the following statement of position regarding group Bible studies: "The Apostolic Christian Church supports Bible Studies which are structured in accord with biblical principles, for the purpose of increased understanding and application of God's Word, the edification of participants and the church and are to the glory of God".

The following general guidelines support and amplify this statement of position:

Bible study activity should be under the general oversight of the church (1 Pet. 5:2). Oversight includes responsibility (directly or by delegation) for adherence to relevant biblical principles, provision for faithful leadership, selection of acceptable, sound materials, coordination of scheduling with church functions and maintenance of overall accountability for each activity (1 Tim. 4:6; 2 Tim. 2:2).

An atmosphere should be maintained which edifies the church, and does not condone self-exaltation or strife, introduction of false doctrine, undermining of the church or diminishing of participation in or support for other church functions (Eph. 4:12-15; Phil. 2:3).

Approaches may be used to meet the special needs within the church (friends, singles, married, men, women, etc.) (Jer. 3:15; 1 Pet. 5:2).

The King James Version should be used for English speaking Bible studies, and sound versions for other languages i.e. Japanese, Spanish, etc. (1 Cor. 14:26; 2 Tim. 1:13).

Specific guidelines in accord with this position and the above broad guidelines may be established by each church.

It is the sincere desire and intent of the church leadership to promote sound, edifying Bible study in the Apostolic Christian Church, so that these biblical principles are supported for the strengthening of the Brotherhood and the glory of God.

Our church leadership is committed to utilizing the guidelines to establish good order in our Bible study activities and to responding to sincere requests for Bible study by providing appropriate opportunities.

An editorial committee of elder brothers is preparing articles for this section of the Silver Lining to address some of the special needs of our times.

Suggestions for subjects are welcome and can be sent to:

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## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN Mission Committee

...The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. Matthew 9:37-38

### Small Church Study Committee Update

It is a blessing to share thoughts pertaining to assistance for smaller congregations. There is room for interested brethren in congregations of all sizes to participate in this soul encouraging work. Scriptural-based reasoning as well as historical evidence suggests that when a congregation reaches a critical mass there is often continued, stable growth among the group. Recognizing it is the Lord's work, it appears this provides substantial fellowship and encouraging activities that draw our families and others to a saving faith in Christ and to become members of the body.

To help with fellowship and support, a larger congregation can adopt a small one. Bro. Loren Schrenk of our St. Louis church should be contacted for assistance in this regard. This article is intended to offer thoughts on a mechanism for growing congregations to a sustainable number. May the work be according to the will of our great God and blessed Savior, Jesus Christ.

### Special blessings

Usefulness in the Lord's work provides a sense of fulfillment. Exercising one's faith builds strength and godliness (I Ti 4:7). Brethren who are a part of small congregations feel special blessings in the Lord's work. Frequent public prayers by brothers, numerous opportunities to host gatherings such as singings, and weekly care and maintenance duties are just a sample of things that provide fulfillment and help with spiritual growth. The following is a quote reflective of many thoughts expressed in the Small Church surveys. "We need every

person to make our church function. I think this is a strength of a small church, as it is evident that we need everyone." Others have verified the truth of Psalms 133:1, "*Behold how good and how pleasant it is to dwell together in unity.*"

Living in neighborhoods where our church is relatively unknown gives opportunity to spread the gospel and share the truth of God's word in unique ways. Laboring and worshipping close beside fewer brethren necessitates the nurturing and feeding of one another. For unity to prevail in tight quarters, a church must preserve sound doctrine, and each individual must learn to appreciate God given gifts and talents (1 Co 12) while truly esteeming the other (Ph 2:3). "*And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness*" (Col 3:14). Loving deeds for each other fosters a wonderful spiritual closeness (Ga 6:10). A balanced scriptural based mission is encouraged for all congregations.

### Career opportunities

The Lord enabled many of our congregations to be established and grow because of brethren seeking occupational pursuits in common areas. The greater diversity of occupations has permitted brethren to live in new and less common "Apostolic Christian communities." This has also been the impetus for the establishment of new congregations.

With prayer and counsel from many, the SCSC is continuing to develop an internet-based method of making our brethren aware of job opportunities in church communities. For the present time this will be used to advertise positions available in our smaller congrega-

tions. The site, a part of the Mission Committee website, will not be used to provide a listing of available commercial jobs in the church area as there are other sites already available for this purpose. Rather the web site listing would be limited to positions available in brethren owned or controlled businesses. The postings will be reviewed and kept current.

To enable this work to proceed as planned, an "Opportunity Coordinator" for each congregation will be appointed. The committee believes this coordinator can be used of the Lord to facilitate many other valuable activities within the small congregation. Those working with this endeavor sincerely solicit the prayers and cooperation of the brotherhood as details are developed and decisions made.

### Suggestions for support

Brethren, well established in their occupations, may consider mentoring younger brothers and sisters. Within smaller congregations this is sometimes very helpful since parents and family are located a distance away. Some businesses have been established within congregations with specific goals of providing employment for young members and friends.

Because of this, many of our smaller congregations have grown because young people could find work at home. In other instances these mission minded companies have drawn brethren from larger congregations as well as provided an opportunity to reach out into the small church community.

In all undertakings it is our duty to be diligent; realizing that as God adds his blessing, our labor will not be in vain (Ps 127:1).





APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN  
**World Relief**

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men,  
especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10

## Assistance in Eastern Europe

The European Committee functions under both the World Relief Board and the Mission Committee. Our purpose is to serve our suffering brethren in Eastern Europe, whose roots of faith are the same as ours.

Some years ago, the European Committee, in conjunction with the World Relief Board, Mission Committee, our European brethren, and other interested persons was able to create an independent corporation under Romanian law that has proven to be a Godsend in the world in which all of us find ourselves at this present time. At the same time we all maintain the obligation of good stewardship and accountability to God and to the brotherhood.

This corporation, known as Antioch Association, allows everyone to work together in a joint international effort whose purpose is to serve the needy brethren in Europe. At the same time we are able to comply with the legal aspects of not only the laws of the nations in which we work, but also the European Union, which has become a very positive factor in our endeavors. The world has changed a lot since we first began helping in Europe, and God has guided us in keeping pace.

Antioch has many programs in place, and tries to keep our US brethren informed of what goes on. The effort that seems to have reached and helped the most people is our small livestock program.

This idea was suggested by our Romanian brethren, and has been in operation for about five years or so. Antioch furnishes any family who requests participation either three

baby pigs or 100 chicks. All feed is furnished, and all costs are paid by Antioch, and at the time these animals are ready for slaughter, the grower receives two-thirds and Antioch one-third of the results.



Chickens can be grown in small spaces, and furnish both meat and eggs

As one glances backward in time, not only in Europe, but also in our own country, he finds that this type of subsistence farming has been the basis of survival for centuries.

The student of history finds that those who can live off the land do not starve. Our US brethren went through this same thing during the war and depression years, and those who did have never forgotten. The Eastern European brethren have never fully emerged from this sort of situation, thus are fully receptive to this type of program. They rejoice to have this means to hold their lives and families together in a changing world.

For several years Antioch has had somewhere around 300 projects such as this running annually, just in Romania. Having said that, World Relief knows that the same concept can be repeated virtually anywhere people are willing to work in exchange for an opportunity to help themselves. The experiment performed by this program has resulted in the hope that many

brethren, regardless of where they find themselves can benefit from something like this.

At this time, the European Committee feels we have a proven record of credibility in this form of project, and is making an appeal for the support of interested brethren. As with every Antioch endeavor, the goal is to help these dear struggling souls to find a way in which they can help themselves to build for the future of themselves, their families, and the Nazarean faith that has come through so much tribulation.

The small livestock projects, along with all other self-help Antioch programs, are financed by contributions given specifically for these purposes. The small livestock projects in Romania alone require \$45,000 to function each year. For this we depend on contributions specifically designated to meet this need.

Anyone so moved to help would earn the gratitude of many brethren. Our brethren in Eastern Europe, especially in the countries of Romania, Ukraine, Serbia, Croatia, and Slovakia wish to have their appreciation and gratitude conveyed to brethren in the West who support them faithfully and prayerfully. While normal World Relief contributions are vital, we make known this specific need to those so moved and able to help. Any funds that exceed those needed for this project will be used under the management of the European Committee. For further information or to offer support please contact:

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## **APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED**

Tempest Fugit is a Latin expression meaning "time flies". So often one utters "time flies" in daily conversation. So common is the desire to have more time. More time for work; more time for rest; more time to spend with family; more time to spend with friends; more time to spend in prayer and reading... and the list goes on. It's been a blessing to observe and learn from our residents. They take each day as it comes; many with a joy in their heart and a smile on their face. Time is important to them, but viewed differently perhaps. They don't seem to focus on a list of tasks requiring accomplishment for a particular day. It appears that they focus on the moment. They don't seem to consider the past nor fret the future. Again, it's the present where they live. A bike ride spent with a preferred staff member, a trip to the store to pick out their snacks, a trip from their small home over to Timber Ridge for hymn singing, a visit of farm animals to the home, scrap booking with a peer or staff member, grilling outside and eating on the patio, having a book read to them... these are their important moments. One may say this is "simple". I tend to feel it is a point for learning. To find the simple joys of life and to live in the present is a gift the Lord has woven into their very DNA. For us, maybe this is a quest. A journey to find that place where we can say we are living in the present. Living with a joy and a peace only the Father can bestow and we take hold of. Many of our residents have experienced a move recently to a smaller home within the Agency. Even with these very big changes to their daily routine and environment, they have taught us to find the joy and the happiness in the moment. They don't concern themselves regarding whether or not they will have food, drink and clothing; they simply trust that those who care and watch over

them will indeed meet these and other needs. We don't hear them utter things like "time flies" and "boy, I wish I had more time," as so many of us do who feel our time is fleeting. Our residents appear completely and utterly content in their present with full trust that they're taken care of. Am I, are you, trusting our Heavenly Father to do the same? If we are not, then we must ask ourselves why as He has proven Himself faithful each and every time. "And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin." Matthew 6:28

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### **GATEWAY WOODS APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME Charla Zollinger**

"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently."

*1 Peter 1:22*

Life's lessons at Gateway Woods are not only experienced by the children who come to our campus for healing and restoration, but to the Staff as well. I am so thankful for the opportunity the Lord has given us to reach out to others around us and to love each other. The Staff and children at Gateway Woods are able to experience on a daily basis the Lord's commandant that we love each other.

Since I've been at Gateway Woods, I have worked with many traumatized children who come from difficult situations. The Lord is good in His provision of colleagues who are fellow believers. The ability I have to confide in my co-workers, pray with them, and worship and glorify God in our work has strengthened me spiritually and has brought me closer to Christ. Through this blessing I have realized the impor-

tance of showing love and support to others in trying times. An interesting quote that I read recently goes "Fire can warm or consume, water can quench or drown, wind can caress or cut. And so it is with human relationships: we can both create and destroy, nurture and terrorize, traumatize and heal each other." - Bruce Perry

Through God's design of salvation and hope we can experience healing and restoration. I believe that the Lord has commissioned each one of us to reach to our families, friends, co-workers, Brothers and Sisters in Christ and to demonstrate love and kindness in all our actions. All this is a demonstration of love, worship, and beautiful way to glorify Christ and what He has done for us.

#### **NEWS:**

- Please join us for our annual auction on Saturday, August 8. Thanks in advance to all our Brothers and Sisters in Christ who willingly give of their time and resources to help make this event successful. Each of you are making a difference in the lives of children and families in need!

- We are pleased to announce the hiring of Bro. Roger Gasser (Junction, OH) as our new Counselor. Please pray for Bro. Roger as he works with troubled children and families.

- We are very thankful that God continues to provide us with the right Staff. We currently have two open career positions at Gateway Woods. The first is a position for an Alternate Houseparent couple. The second open position is for IL Adoption Manager. Please see the notices in this month's edition of The Silver Lining for more information. We trust that God will continue to provide us with qualified, mature Brothers and Sisters who will be able to serve Him in a ministry that is 'Turning Lives Around'. Perhaps this includes you!

- We are grateful for the arrival of our many summer volunteers. Their attitudes and hearts amaze us as God



uses them to help out with the various projects around our campus. Please fill out a volunteer application online or contact us at 888-443-4283 if you have a desire to spend time this summer making a difference in a child's life at Gateway Woods.

- You are an important advocate to help us spread the word about God's work at Gateway Woods. Please continue to lift us up in prayer, check our website [www.gatewaywoods.org](http://www.gatewaywoods.org) often for updates, and make sure that you're on our mailing list. In an effort to be as efficient as possible we are gathering as many email addresses as we can in order to send out our new e-newsletter. Please send a message to [mail@gatewaywoods.org](mailto:mail@gatewaywoods.org).

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**APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN  
PRESCHOOL  
Athens, AL  
Sarah Hodel**

Summer is in full swing and the kids have been enjoying swim days, sandbox time and more swim days. Things have been pretty slow over the summer as most of our graduates are taking the summer off before they start Kindergarten. We enjoy the break but will be ready to see the school fill up again. There are so many kids out there that need to learn about Jesus. Please join us in praying that God would send us some of those children.

We also ask for your prayers regarding a new teacher. There is still a need for someone to come. If you are interested, please contact Bro. Mike Moore at (256)777-3390 or (256)729-0620. His address is 8653 Beechwood Rd. Athens, AL 35611. His e-mail is [ALM38@aol.com](mailto:ALM38@aol.com). This is a wonderful opportunity to serve. If the Lord is leading you, please don't hesitate to take that opportunity.

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**ARIZONA, PHOENIX  
Heather Hinrichsen**

Bro. John Bradle (Roanoke) and Bro. Brad Eisenmann (Chicago)

shared the Word of God with us this month. God bless them for their service. We also thank Bro. Troy Leye (Bluffton) and Bro. John Bradle (Roanoke) for their willingness to share with us their in-depth study on the Sermon on the Mount, our theme for this year's VBS. Our heartfelt thanks to all the teachers, the students and to those who coordinated the effort. We were all challenged to draw closer to our Lord and Saviour.

We extend our sympathies to Sis. Diane Ebert (Bro. Tom) and family in the passing of her sister, Sis. Ellen Cox (Washington).

Sis. Nancy Baumgartner (Bro. Leon) was hospitalized but is home now and relying on the Lord for His healing hand.

Lauren Meiss (Bro. Jim and Sis. Candy) has been accepted for a summer intern position involved in Cystic Fibrosis research in the San Francisco area. She'd appreciate your prayers this summer.

We say farewell to our Bro. Joel, Sis. Amber and Liam Virkler. They are moving to the Detroit area where Bro. Joel has accepted a medical residency position. Our thoughts and prayers will be with them and we look forward to future visits. We also say goodbye to Morgane Richard, a foreign exchange student who has been living with Dennis and Sis. Jenny Hand. She is returning home to France and we have enjoyed getting to know her and wish her all God's blessings.

"And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord: it shall rejoice in his salvation."

*Psalm 35:9*

Realizing their need for a Savior, Kelsey and Casey Katich have yielded their hearts to Christ in repentance. Their parents are Bro. Brian and Sis. Debbie Katich.

Our annual business meeting was held May 20 and the following positions were filled: Treasurer- Bro. Erik Langhofer, Interior Maintenance -

Bro. Brian Katich, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent - Bro. Todd Baum, Lunch Fund Coordinator - Bro. Marshall Witzig, World Relief Coordinators - Bro. Bill and Sis. Kathy Woodruff, and Ushers - Bro. Greg Wiegand and Bro. Sam Hohulin.

Many of us traveled to Peoria, IL, on June 14 to witness the marriage of Bro. Morgan Langhofer (Bro. Erik and Sis. Cindy) and Sis. Kyra Klopfenstein (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Carol, Peoria). We wish them God's blessings as they establish their new home in West Lafayette, IN, where Bro. Morgan is continuing his medical education.

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**ARIZONA, PRESCOTT  
Denise Steidinger**

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

*Galatians 5:22-23*

Our congregation was blessed with the service of the following ministering brothers this past month: Elder Bro. Jon Kokanovich, Bro. Herbie Knochel, Jr. (Phoenix), Bro. Mike Rieker (Peoria), Bro. Troy Leye (Bluffton), Elder Bro. John Jackson (Bay City), Bro. Brad Eisenmann (Chicago), Bro. Keith Hinrichsen (Phoenix), Bro. James Emch (Phoenix), Elder Bro. Ron Messner (Washington) and Bro. Craig Stickling (Peoria).

Sis. Nicole Wiegand (Gridley) is spending five weeks this summer in our area serving our church family in a number of ways. She is blessing the young families with cooking, cleaning, babysitting, among other things and the older ones with visits and assistance also. The children have become very attached to her. She has been such a blessing to our family for our girls to see a young girl who loves God and has a servant heart.

We had our very first VBS the week of June 22-26 with the theme "the fruit



of the Spirit". It was such a blessed week for the children and the mothers. On Thursday, we visited a nursing home and sang songs and passed out a craft that the children had made during VBS. On Friday evening, Bro. Craig Stickling encouraged us on the topic of parenting, followed by a program by the Sunday school children of the many songs and memory verses that they had learned with Sis. Nicole's direction.

Our congregation also has been going through a study on Galatians 5, "The Fruit of the Spirit", that Elder Bro. Jon and his wife, Sis. Nancy, have prepared. We have met twice this past month and have been very blessed, challenged and encouraged while "provoking one another to love and to good works". We appreciate their willing service, teaching and encouragement to us.

We appreciate your prayers for our congregation!

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## ARIZONA, TUCSON

### Lisa Knapp

We want to thank Elder Bro. Jon Kokanovich (Phoenix) for filling in for our ministers on a recent Sunday. Our three ministers were all out of town and Bro. Jon and his wife, Sis. Nancy, were kind enough to spend the day with our little church. We appreciate their efforts in making that familiar drive and thank Bro. Jon for speaking the truth on our pulpit. I'm told they even provided a few extra singers. Thanks, Bro. Erik and Sis. Cindy! May God richly bless you all.

We have been enjoying unusually cool June weather with highs in the 80's and 90's, overcast days and a little rain sprinkled in. June is typically hot (in Tucson that means 100 degrees or higher) and dry so this is a nice change of pace.

## CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA

### Daniel Luthi

The hot summer weather is upon us here and so is the beginning of the summer travel season. Should your travels bring you west to our beaches or the mountains, we would love to have you assemble with us on Wednesday night or for our Sunday services. Directions and phone numbers can be found in the ministers' directory.

Our congregation has finished the Crown Financial Ministries Bible study materials. Everyone that has participated agree that we have been blessed by going through the study, and appreciate the commitment and participation shown each week from everyone attending.

Bro. Glenn Hackenjos (Sis. Kay, Eureka, IL) recently passed away at the Eureka home. Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kay used to attend Altadena, and Bro. Glen served for many years as a minister to our congregation. Our thoughts and prayers continue be with his family as they grieve, and make decisions going forward as a result of Bro. Glenn's passing. Though we will miss Bro. Glenn greatly, we are comforted with the knowledge that he is now worshipping at the feet of Jesus in Heaven without any pain or suffering. A funeral and burial service for Bro. Glenn will be held June 22 at our church.

On June 7, we had our annual Sunday School picnic at a local park near our church. The picnic was a blessed time of fellowship for all involved, and the kids seemed to enjoy it a lot as well. Many thanks to our Sunday school teachers for their efforts each week on behalf of our children, and thanks to Bro. Dave and Sis. Janelle Klotzle for their efforts in putting the picnic together. It is always such a joy to see the excitement on the kids' faces when they relate what they have learned each week in Sunday school.

The weekend of June 5, I was privileged to travel to our Minneapolis congregation for a single brothers'

weekend. The weekend was a special time for all involved, with a lot learned and gained from the various speakers and topics presented. What a blessing it is to have godly men who have gone through the challenges and struggles of life before come along side and encourage and exhort us younger brothers coming behind them! Thank you to the Minneapolis church for their love and hospitality, and for putting on such a blessed weekend.

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## KITCHENER, ONTARIO CANADA

### Johanna Fortenbacher

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

*Romans 5:1-2*

With joy we announce John and Liz Kralt awaiting baptism, and anticipating to hear their testimonies of how God has and is working in their lives.

Bro. Vladimir and Sis. Margaret Fortenbacher and Bro. Duane and Sis. Kay Reutter (Rockville, CT) are thankful for another grandchild. Phoebe Rachel was born to Bro. Nathan and Sis. Miriam Reutter from Vermont.

We're happy to have had three visiting ministers this month: Bro. Paul and Sis. Loretta Zimmerman (Forrest, IL), Bro. Warren and Sis. Cindy Schlatter (Junction, OH), and Bro. Gary and Sis. Mary Ann Maibach (Smithville, OH).

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## COLORADO, DENVER

### Ann Gonglach

On May 24, Bro. Joel Leman (Elder Bro. Mike and Sis. Deb) and Sis. Kristi Stoller (Bro. Ed and Sis. Bonnie Stoller) were married in Roanoke, IL. May the Lord bless this young couple as they make their home in



Magdalena, Mexico.

With the end of the school year, our Sunday school classes have been reorganized and we have two new teachers, Sis. Tifani Bahr and Sis. Tara Huber. We congratulated our high school graduates at a picnic; they are Sis. Kaylynne Hohulin (Bro. Doug and Sis. Sharolyn), Jean-Paul Lasnier (Sarah), Erika Schmidt (Bro. Rod and Sis. Cindy) and Tucker Huber (Bro. Eric and Sis. Marcel), who has moved back to Colorado from Texas.

Many participated in our church cleaning and the building is nice and ready for our usual summer visitors. We also have a newly-elected trustee, Bro. Mike Zarkovacki.

Our prayers are with Sis. Lanette Meyer as she recovers from surgery.

We appreciate our visiting ministers, Bro. Justin Moser (Sis. Robin, Altadena, CA), Bro. Justin Koch (Sis. Marcia, Washington, IL) and Bro. Todd Zollinger (Sis. Michele, Silverton, OR).

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### CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE

**Amber Rocke**  
**Laura Virkler**

Earth's trials and temptations  
Make true love manifest,  
To gain for us salvation  
And heaven's joy and rest.  
*Zion's Harp #137*

There is not one of us that are exempt from life's struggles. It is often our challenge not to let them overcome us, and rather bring them to the Lord in prayer. There are many in our congregation here, and across the lands that covet our thoughts and prayers.

Our Sis. Lois Schulz is currently recovering from a fall and spending some time in rehab at a local nursing home. Her husband, Bro. Kenneth, has also been sick and unable to be by her side. May the Lord provide comfort and healing to this couple, and provide strength for their children through this current trial.

We rejoice to announce that Jon Boynton (Kenneth and Sis. Jan) has been engaged to Jennifer Roberts (Jon and Jody). May they seek out God's guidance and direction as they prepare for a life together. Lord willing, a fall wedding is planned.

Bro. Duane and Sis. Kay Reutter are grateful for the arrival of another granddaughter, Phoebe Rachel. Phoebe is the newborn babe of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Miriam Reutter (Vermont). May God bless their family and continue to provide health and strength to both mother and child.

Our congregation, especially the Sunday School children, look forward to a Sunday School Picnic held at a nearby park. It is always a time of blessed fellowship and lots of enjoyment for all who are able to attend. The Sunday following this event, the children will transition into new classrooms, with new teachers. Some new children will come, and some young adults will go. Our prayers are with Heidi Beutel (Bro. Gene and Sis. Lynne), Andre Foote (Bro. Art Jr. and Silvia), Julianne Gottier (Guy and Sis. Beth), Paul Hills (Bro. Scott and Sis. Luanne), Jarod Schneider (Bro. Tim and Sis. Dana), and Sis. Rachel Virkler (Bro. Rudy and Sis. Susan) as they graduate and seek the Lord's direction in their lives.

We also want to express our appreciation and prayers to all of our Sunday school teachers for their time and efforts in nurturing our children with God's Word, and planting that seed of faith that we all desire to grow into fruition. Although I never let on that I enjoyed Sunday school with my peers, I still carry with me special gems that I truly treasure. One of those is the memory of some of us singing the song "The Love of God" as loud as we could without getting into trouble. To this day I know that song very well. When things spiral down around me, and negativity wells up in my soul, I think of that love of God, and know God is with us and will provide for us.

As the Brotherhood Conference rapidly approaches, may our Elders feel our love and prayers.

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### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WASHINGTON

**Henrietta Meyer**

Our caretakers for the first part of June were Bro. James and Sis. Sandra Schneider from Forrest, IL; for the latter portion of the month, Bro. John and Sis. Jane Wiegand and family from Silverton, OR.

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Ron Bollier (Sis. Edie, Indianapolis, IN), Elder Bro. Lynn Stieglitz (Sis. Leonda, Leo, IN), Bro. Brad Gudeman (Sis. Teresa, Bradford, IL), Bro. James Knapp (Sis. Lisa, Congerville, IL) and Bro. Brandon Emch (Sis. Maria, Kansas City, MO). Other visitors this month were from Rockville, CT; Lester, IA; Francesville, IN; Tremont and Forrest, IL. We look forward to having more visitors as summer approaches.

Did any visiting sister happen to pick up the wrong veil when visiting? One of our sisters is missing a veil that has special meaning for her. If you have the veil in question, please contact one of the sisters below to arrange for an exchange.

Directions in the new Ministers' Book are good for those coming from the north or west. For those coming up I-95 from south of DC or from the eastern part of the area, you need to take I-95/495 to Exit 28A (New Hampshire Ave) for approx. 2 miles to Rt. 29 North. Go about 3 miles to Fairland Road and follow the directions in the Ministers' book.

If you are planning to visit Washington, D.C. area for vacation or business, please contact Bro. Joe and Sis. Holly Bohart at [jbohart@gmail.com](mailto:jbohart@gmail.com) or Sis. Henrietta Meyer at (703) 904-8301 for assistance and to let us know how many to expect for Sunday services. If you would like to get together on Saturday evening, please let us know that



as well. We would be happy to have an evening of fellowship and/or singing.

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**FLORIDA  
FORT LAUDERDALE  
Renee Mangold**

We were thankful to have with us two visiting ministers this past month, Bro. Joe Braker (Sis. Shirley, Morton, IL) and Bro. Ron Jones (Portland, OR). We pray that our heavenly Father will bless His servants for giving of themselves for His work.

Congratulations to Mike and Renee Mangold on the birth of their new grandson, Jackson James Reed (Heather and DJ Reed). Our prayer is that God will watch over this new little one and bless him in his life.

The plans are coming along for the renovation of the church. Choosing and agreeing on final colors, finishes and materials is going forward in a loving Christian team effort.

Bro. Ed Gerber (Sis. Vi) suffered a heart attack, but thanks be to God he was amazingly able to come and worship the very same week. Our prayers are with him for continued healing and health.

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**FLORIDA  
NORTH FORT MYERS  
Victor and Dorothy Beer**

Our worship services lately have been making us extremely thankful for all God has done through our Lord Jesus Christ for us.

All our iniquities on Him we laid,  
He nailed them all on the tree  
Jesus the depth of my sin fully paid  
He paid the ransom for me.

Our long awaited for rains have come and with the extra heat, the almost overwhelming fragrance of the orange blossoms has faded, and the usual summer heat is prevailing. How good it is to welcome the summer visitors that still make our worship services so special.

Our Sis. Jeanie Haerr (Bro. Ray) has been ill for a couple of weeks but is recovering well now. Others are on vacation, but there never fails to be a blessing when we gather around the Word.

Recently at the nearby Holocaust Museum at Naples FL, we saw by the many relics and photos how mankind can be so wicked to each other. The memories of such cruelty to each other convicts us to be more like our Lord Jesus and to look out for each other. God's Word is unequalled in leading us to love and serve each other, rather than just living for ourselves. We are thankful for the Word.

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**FLORIDA, SARASOTA  
DiAnne Brown**

Greetings. Recently, one of our children faced a harsh situation and had to make some very tough decisions. Listening to the pros and cons, giving guidance when able and biting our tongues as needed left our edges a little frayed. We want to run to the rescue and make it all better. But true love waits. Our fervent prayers, loving support and the assurance we will be there when needed, are all we can offer. It seems like too little, but it must be enough. This might be how God feels about His children. How many times have I put God in the same situation I now find myself in? Too many, perhaps.

Bro. Schuyler Brown and Sis. Lindsay Brown returned on May 30 from a week in Jamaica at the CCCD Deaf Village. The ACWR group represented over 20 churches and young adults came from California to Florida and many points in between. A genuine deepening of faith and growth in the Lord blessed the entire week and several team members made the decision to follow Jesus and repent! Thank you to all who made this wonderful experience possible.

Sis. Betty (Bro. George) Siladie is recovering from her hip replacement

surgery and has returned home to finish healing. We wish this dear sister a speedy recovery and quick return to worship.

Bro. Glenn (Sis. Sandee) Price was in the hospital and is now in rehab and progressing slowly back to health. We miss them in worship and pray they can feel our love and prayers daily.

With great sadness, we announce that Bro. Todd and Sis. Kelly (Price) Hebert will be moving to Tallahassee, FL, this month. Bro. Todd has taken a new job offering greater growth opportunities. We will miss them and their sweet children, Todd, Jr., Stefanie and Travis. God bless you all in this new venture and bring you back to us often.

Sarasota church sends a special message of love and congratulations to long-time snowbirds, Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Margaret Pfloderer, as they celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary in June. We may be far apart, but you are close to our hearts and we rejoice with you.

We extend a warm welcome to Bro. Don and Sis. Enid Miller. They recently moved back to the Sarasota area year-round and we are glad to have you join us.

Vacation Bible School was held for the first time in Sarasota on June 24-26. Each night began with a shared meal, followed by Bible study for the adult class and Bible lessons and crafts for the students. The theme was "Heaven Bound Express" and we learned about the many wrong ways people try to board the plane and the one true ticket to heaven - through faith in Jesus. Bro. Bill Masters (N. Ft. Myers, FL), Bro. Ron (Sis. Carol) Koehl and Bro. Dale (Sis. Judy) Eisenmann gave leadership to the adult classes. It was a great success and the last night several were already discussing plans for next year. Thanks to all who labored to organize this special summer event.

We petition God for special blessings for visiting minister, Bro. John Wiegand (Sis. Jane, Silverton, OR).



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## GEORGIA, ATLANTA

Our church family has grown in many ways this past month! Four converts gave their testimonies and were baptized the last weekend in May. We rejoice with Bro. Brad and Sis. Stephanie West, Bro. Benjamin Lindberg and Sis. Lydia Lindberg (children of Bro. Richard and Sis. Julie).

Jovial and joyful, we join the angels in heaven over the repentance of Drew Waldbeser (Bro. Tom and Sis. Sue). Our prayers are with him as he begins a new life in the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus!

Bro. Philip and Sis. Lana Steidinger welcomed Avery Young Steidinger into the world on June 13. Proud siblings, Naomi, Chloe, Rudy, and Rocky, love their sweet little brother very much and are ready to teach him everything he will need to learn! Loving grandparents are Bro. Dennis and Sis. Jane Steidinger and Bro. Norman and Sis. Lollie Young (all of Fairbury).

We were grateful to have Elder Bro. Steve Gutwein (Francesville), Bros. Frank Sauder (Roanoke) and Jerry Bauman (Rittman) and their families as our visiting ministers this month. We were thankful to partake of Holy Communion the evening of the baptisms. The weekend was very full of God's goodness and praise. "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." (Psalm 34:3)

*Correction:* Last month we reported that Bro. Mark and Sis. Laura Lindberg (Chicago) welcomed home their first daughter and her name is Zoie Jean. Sorry we spelled it wrong last month.

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## ILLINOIS, BELVIDERE

**Jenn Johnson  
Doreen Moser**

"Except the Lord build the house,

they labour in vain that build it..."

*Psalm 127:1*

The Bible Class and several chaperones spent the week of June 13th in Magdalena, Mexico at the Casa Vida y Esperanza. While there, the group worked on the walls for the new group home that is being built for the boys at the orphanage. It was an amazing experience that really helps us to keep life in perspective. God is so great and deserves honor and glory in ALL things.

Jill Anliker (Bro. Brian and Sis. Peg) and Kayla Braun (Karl and Mitzi) have both expressed their desire to turn their hearts to God in repentance. Our hearts are overflowing, and we pray the Lord will grant them much grace in each day.

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## ILLINOIS BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

**Jacki Masters  
Alissa Kieser**

As summer sets in here in the Midwest, we are reminded of the wonderful and creative God we serve, who has given us the seasons to enjoy. This was especially brought to our attention as our VBS focused on creation and ultimately, the Creator. It was a blessing to have several visiting ministers during this week: Bro. Marvin Steffen (N. Ft. Myers), Bro. Fred Witzig (Indianapolis, IN) and Bro. Ted Witzig Jr. (Morton) were with us, along with our own Bro. Dennis Kaufmann and Bro. Matt Kaufmann. We thank you for your time and service.

Following our VBS week, our Bible Class students served on a Mission's Trip to Sunset Gap, TN. Along with doing a little manual labor, they were able to put on a special VBS week for the children in the area. After hearing just a few stories, it is apparent that all on the team received a rich blessing. We are thankful that all returned home safely and pray that God would continue to work in the hearts of our

high school students.

It was a pleasure to have Elder Bro. Tom Stock and his wife, Sis. Karol (Cissna Park), with us for baptisms this month. It was wonderful to witness the testimonies and baptisms of Sis. Dorothy Tewell and Bro. Mark Dietsch.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Bev Virgil are excited to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany, to Denver Nord. Denver's parents are Gayle Nord and David Nord, both of Bloomington.

Finally, with the end of a school year, we wish God's blessings on this year's graduates. Graduating from a college or university: Sis. Martney Stickling (engaged to Bro. Eric Huber), Shannon Koehl (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Tami), Bro. Tim Schmidgall (Sis. Emily) with a Master's Degree.

Graduating from high school: Melissa Kieser (Bro. Paul and Sis. Karen), Spencer Knapp (Bro. Kevin and Sis. Dixie), Karmi Koehl (Bro. Dale and Sis. Lili), Shelby Koehl (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Tami), Addi Maurer (Steve and Sis. Donna), Bro. Dustin Rabe (Bro. Derek and Sis. Julie), Kelsey Sauder (Bro. Steve and Sis. Margie), Isaac Steidinger (Bro. James and Sis. Marlene).

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## ILLINOIS, BRADFORD Philip and Donna Nenadov

Our annual Sunday school election was held this past month. Incoming teachers are Bro. Troy Pyles (Sis. Heather) who is replacing Bro. Barry Dietz, and Sis. Lana Stoller who is replacing Sis. Barb Klumpp (Bro. David). May God bless each one who has an active role teaching our children.

Bro. Scott Schambach (Sis. Hope, Columbus) was our visiting minister this month. May the Lord continue to bring forth His Word in Truth and in Spirit.

Baby Isaiah was born to Andrea Endress, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Renee.



We can be very thankful that we serve a very Everlasting God who is the same in a world that seems to change as often as the wind.

God be with you 'til we meet again.

## ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

### Rachel Meyer

We had many reasons to rejoice in the past month. Kristie Linkimer came in repentance and we trust the Lord will work mightily in her heart.

We were happy to greet Sis. Christine Eckel as our Sister-in-Faith. She was baptized by sprinkling; many were in awe who had never witnessed sprinkling before. We are so thankful the Lord heard the prayers of her parents and never ceased calling even in her aged years. We rejoice with our dear sister and the Angels!

We are also happy to welcome converts Jay and Mallory Nicholas who originate from Bluffton North. We trust the Lord will give them much grace and peace.

How thankful we were to "work for the Lord" at a weekend World Relief workshop. Much was accomplished and we pray those in need will feel our love.

We were thankful Elder Bro. Wayne Banwart found time to visit yet one more time and share his ministry with us before we bid farewell to his daughter and her family. Bro. Doug and Sis. Krista Stoller and little Ashlyn have been directed to Dallas, TX, where Doug will continue his pursuit to become a cardiologist. May the Lord bless them in their new surroundings and use them as a mighty witness for Him.

We also bid farewell to Sis. Marge Young and hope to meet her again on Heaven's shores. She has suffered much in the past years and we are thankful she can be free of pain forever. She leaves two sons, Jerry and Alan, and many grandchildren who will miss her very much. Her husband, Bro. Ray, went on before in the 1990's

and she joined him in the Cissna Park, IL, cemetery.

We are looking forward to a busy week at the end of June as we participate in Vacation Bible School. May all receive a blessing!

## ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN

### Jackie Eisenmann

Saturday, May 16, we had a special blessing of enjoying a church potluck supper together and afterwards Gloryland Quartet (Bluffton, IN) sang for our congregation. We want to thank these four young men who gave of themselves to share their God-given talents. Prior to our meal, they spent several hours singing at a couple of area nursing homes, including one where a dear Sister lives. May God bless them for their willingness!

"The Least, The Lost, and The Lonely" was the theme for this year's vacation Bible school. The week of June 8-11, our students learned about the heart God has for the least, the lost and the lonely. We were also encouraged to have a heart for these as well. It was a busy week full of blessings for all involved.

Our prayers have been with Bro. Paul and Sis. Susan Plattner and their family as they experienced the loss of Susan's mother, Sis. Eldora Hoerr (Peoria, IL). May God provide His comfort to their family.

We were blessed this month by Bro. Gary Endress (Bradford, IL) on Sunday, June 7. We thank Bro. Gary for being willing to preach God's Word to our church. May God be his rich rewarder.

## ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

### Vickie Maul Janie Waldbeser

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord..."

*Psalm 127:3*

We have several new grandchildren to report this month. Bro. Dennis and Sis. Sharon Walder are thankful for Kenton Lyle, born to Bro. Jess and Sis. Kelsey Walder (Silverton, OR), and also Bro. Fred and Sis. Joann Maul welcome little MaKenzie Ann, born to Bro. Lee and Sis. Alicia Fehr (West Bend, IA).

Our thoughts and prayers have been with those who have lost loved ones. Sis. Margaret Young of Chicago, formerly of Cissna Park, passed away. Henry "Hank" (Jeanice) young of Lake Mary, FL, passed away suddenly following a motorcycle accident. He was the brother of Bro. Melvin (Sis. Marilyn) Young of our congregation. May God comfort those in sorrow and give them peace.

On June 2, we had the privilege to host a busload of residents from Fairview Haven in Fairbury to a picnic at the park in Cissna. It was a beautiful sunny day, and it was enjoyed by both the young and old.

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body: and be ye thankful."

*Colossians 3:15*

We rejoice with Amber Kaeb (Bro. Todd and Sis. Val) who has found peace with God and man. We pray for her as she looks forward to baptism in the near future.

We just finished with our week of Vacation Bible School. It is always a blessing to share more about Jesus with the young, tender hearts. Our theme song this year was "Jesus Paid It All" (Tabernacle Hymns #263). "Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow." We pray they can keep the words to this song in their hearts forever. We are grateful to the following ministers who gave of their time to come and speak to our Bible Class and young group: Bro. Mark Schmidgall (Sis. Lisa, Eureka) spoke on "What



does truly converted mean?"; Bro. John Lehman (Sis. Ruth Ann, Wolcott) spoke on "Respect for Authority"; and Bro. Nathan Wieland (Sis. Suzanne, Goodfield) spoke on "Building strong families". May God bless their efforts and each one who took the time to attend.

Other visiting ministers this month were Bro. Dale Zeltwanger (Sis. Rachel, Morris, MN) and Bro. Les Kaeb (Sis. Christine, Francesville, IN). We pray God's blessing on them as they continue to sound the warnings and bring forth the precious Word of God to our hearts.

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### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE Holly Zobrist

This past month, we had two new births in Congerville. Bro. Brent and Sis. Sheila Ifft brought home Larissa. Larissa Rose is welcomed home by her brothers and sisters, Joseph, Darren, Stephen, Nathan, Jacob, Marcy, and Sharla. Grandparents are Bro. Greg and Sis. Jill Stoller (Forrest) and Bro. Larry and Sis. Shirley Ifft (Forrest). Also, first-time parents, Bro. Andy and Sis. Erin Ott, welcomed home Sierra Grace. Sierra's grandparents are Bro. Glen and Sis. Mardell Ott and Bro. Ben and Sis. Kathy Zimmerman.

We also celebrated the spiritual birth of two new souls. Our dear friends, Amanda McClure (Bro. Jeff and Sis. Marilyn) and Molly Hartman (Bro. Bob and Sis. Lisa), made that special covenant with God in the waters of baptism. We were thankful that Elder Bro. Tom Hoffmann (Sis. Kathy, Roanoke) could be with us that weekend.

This new being now arises,  
Having died with Christ before;  
What in Adam's fall had perished  
Christ the Saviour did restore.  
Dearest child, we bid thee welcome  
In our blessed brotherhood;  
From the wild tree thou art grafted  
On this holy tree and root.

### Zion's Harp #34

Our thoughts are with Sis. Mardell Ott (Bro. Glen) in the passing of her mom, Sis. Minnie Grusy. May she feel God's nearness during this time.

June 7 was the wedding day of Bro. Ross Blunier (Bro. Ted and Sis. Donna, Eureka) and Sis. Whitney Anderson (Bro. Jon and Sis. Cyndee). We wish them God's richest blessings in this new step of life. We were thankful that ministering Bros. Craig Martin (Sis. Terri, Princeville), Mark Schmidgall (Sis. Lisa, Eureka), Steve Martin (Sis. Vicki, Eureka), Beirne Messner (Sis. Joyce, Morris), and Elder Bro. Ervin Knecht (Sis. Sandy, Eureka) could be with us that weekend. Other visiting ministers this past month include Bro. Marvin Leman (Sis. Jane, Bradford), Bro. Gary Anliker (Sis. Edith, Elgin, IL), Bro. Ron Isch (Sis. Jane, Lamont-Gridley), and Bro. Dan Koch (Sis. Julie, Tremont).

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### ILLINOIS, ELGIN Amy Gasser Miriam Gasser

It was encouraging to receive a visit from Bro. Dale and Sis. Christine Frank (Oakville, IA), who are witnesses of God's faithfulness during adversity. We thank Bro. Dale for edifying our congregation through his ministry.

Bro. Ron announced that four of our converts have found peace, though a date has not yet been determined for their testimonies and baptisms. May the Spirit always find a welcome home in the hearts of Jill Kellenberger (Bro. Ken and Sis. Vicki), Greg Schambach (Bro. Les and Sis. Alison), and Alex and Heather Steffen (Bro. Gary and Sis. Lois).

Sisters Renee Schambach and Amanda Weiss have been selected to replace Sisters Sue Braun and Kay Kellenberger as Sunday School teachers. Bro. Greg Kellenberger has fulfilled his term but will not be replaced,

as a result of smaller class sizes. Thanks to our outgoing teachers for their efforts and years of service.

On June 10, Bro. Chad and Sis. Heather Heiniger became the happy, first-time parents of little Analiese Marie. Her grandparents are Bro. Todd and Sis. Pam Stoller (Latty, OH) and Bro. Don and Sis. Peg Heiniger.

We are grateful that God has provided healing and help for Sis. Kathy Stefan, who was able to assemble with us again—in spite of some lingering weakness caused by her stroke. Her cheerful presence was missed!

Our sympathy and prayers have been with Bro. Morris and Sis. Pat Young and their family since we heard of the accidental death of his brother, Hank. He died May 31 in Orlando, FL, and is survived by his wife, three children, four grandchildren, and ten brothers and sisters.

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### ILLINOIS, EUREKA Dee Baer Jodi Blunier

We have witnessed weddings this month of Bro. Ross Blunier (Bro. Ted and Sis. Donna) to Sis. Whitney Anderson (Bro. Jon and Sis. Cyndee, Congerville); and Bro. Jonathan Stoller (Bro. Jim and Sis. Janet) to Sis. Jena Fehr (Bro. Dan and Sis. Diane). "What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

The angels in heaven rejoice, and so do we, as three brothers were added to the fold. Bro. Arlen Edelman (Bro. Keith and Sis. Nadine), Bro. Jonathan Leman (Bro. Chris and Sis. Marlene), and Bro. Matt Sinn (Bro. Charles and Sis. Karen) were baptized. Elder Bro. Marvin Dotterer (Forrest) came to assist Bro. Ervin and Bro. Steve with this work.

Bro. Ted Schieler (Sis. Peg) felt the sympathy of the brethren as his father, Bro. Bob Schieler (Goodfield), was laid to rest. Likewise, Sis. Kay Hackenjós experienced the sad parting of her dear husband, Bro. Glenn Hackenjós. Sur-



living children are Judith (Donald) Cremer of AR, Dale (Laurie) of OR, Jane (Ronald) Eckerman of CA, and Joyce (Jeffery) Foster of CA. Bro. Glen and Sis. Kay moved here in 2006 from Altadena, CA, where he served in the ministry for many years. Bro. Frank Sauder (Roanoke), Bro. Greg Lehman (Wolcott), and Bro. Fred Witzig (Indianapolis) assisted with his services.

Hospitalized this month was Bro. Curt Rocke (Sis. Beth). Bro. Gene Zobrist (Sis. Caroll) has struggled with health problems and we remember Sis. Carolyn Hoerr (Bro. Mark) as she continues to appreciate our prayers.

Other visiting ministers who labored in our behalf include Bro. Steve Sauder (Tremont), Bro. Bill Masters (North Ft. Myers), Bro. Rod Bajema (Lester), Bro. Curt Rassi (Tremont), Bro. Greg Rassi (Chicago), Bro. Ed Knecht (Silverton), Bro. John Wiegand (Silverton), Bro. Dave Hartter (Sabetha), Bro. Tony Manz (Junction), and Bro. Jeff Grimm (Goodfield).

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### ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

**Elizabeth Fehr  
Anna Schmidgall**

We are always so thankful for new converts. This month Arlene Walter and Melvin Zimmerman began their repentance. It is encouraging to see God work in the hearts of both older and younger friends. Our prayers continue for all of our converts.

We welcome two new brothers and two new sisters in Christ to our church family. They are Bro. Brad Kafer (Bro. Ben and Sis. Carol), Bro. Justin Kilgus (Bro. Paul and Sis. Carmen), Sis. Sarah Fehr (Bro. Randall and Sis. Janis), and Sis. Laura Zehr (Bro. Nelson and Sis. Amy). Elder Bros. Bruce Endress (Bradford) and Marvin Dotterer (Forrest) shared in the work with Bro. Rick. May God shower our new brothers and sisters with grace and peace.

Bro. Brad Kafer is spending the summer in Magdalena, MX, working

at the orphanage. We lift him up in prayer as he contributes to this important work.

We rejoice with Bro. Mike Feuchtenberger (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Karen, Morris, MN) and Sis. Jennifer Kaisner (Bro. Don and Sis. Leona) as they became one in the Lord on June 14. We will miss Sis. Jennifer as the new couple move to Morris, MN, and hope to see her often.

Bro. Kevin and Sis. Kati Meiss welcome a new baby to their family, Clayton Lee. His siblings are Darla, Twyla, and Eli. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Jerry and Sis. Donna Kaisner and Bro. Carlos and Sis. Jane Meiss.

We appreciate our visiting ministers who came to share God's Word with us. This month they were Bros. Dennis Rassi (Sis. Diane, Austin, TX), Dan Moser (Sis. Anne, Elgin, IL), Darren Plattner (Sis. Sue, Champaign), Brian Waibel (Sis. Wendy, Champaign), Gary Brown (Sis. Jane, Forrest), Al Schambach (Sis. Sarah, Remington, IN), and Elder Bro. Ben Walder (Sis. Juanita, Congerville).

Our prayers go out on behalf of families who lost loved ones recently. Pauline Lawrence, who resided at Fairview Haven, leaves behind two children, Lonnie Lawrence and Dixie Corder, as well as three grandsons. Sis. Ruth Meyer, who also lived at Fairview Haven, passed away a few days later. Her family includes Sis. Roberta Meyer from our congregation, Ralph (Melanie) Meyer of Greer, SC; a son-in-law, Bro. Alfred (Sis. Carolyn) Banwart of Lamar, MO; six grandchildren, and a brother, Bro. Elmer (Sis. Marjorie) Witzig of Gridley.

Sis. Nancy (Bro. Lloyd) Bachtold's brother, Gary Honegger of Fairbury, passed away. Bro. Norman (Sis. Lollie) Young lost his brother, Hank Young. And Sis. Becky (Bro. Carl) Kieser is mourning the loss of her father, Bro. Lee (Sis. Janet) Kuenzi of Silverton, OR.

Sis. Linda (Bro. Ken) Fehr spent

some time in the hospital recently. We are thankful she is feeling better.

#### *Note of Thanks:*

I want to thank all our loved ones who sent cards, brought in food, and visited. I truly appreciated the prayers and concerns during the time of my recovery from knee surgery. I am so thankful for our church family. May the Lord bless each and every one of you.

*Love,*

*Sis. Sharon Kelson (Bro. Bud)*

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### ILLINOIS, FORREST

**Jill Wenger  
Lisa Aberle**

We extend our prayerful support to our Bro. Arlen Leman (Sis. Denise) who has been called into the ministry in our congregation. While this will represent a change for him and his young family, we are thankful for his willingness to be a servant and preach the truth.

Sis. Linda Anliker (Bro. Bob) has been selected to teach our young children in Sunday School. Sis. Linda will replace Sis. Jean Knapp (Bro. Harlan) and we thank Sis. Jean for the years she spent in Sunday School.

Sis. Mildred Zimmerman (Bro. Glen) and Bro. Wayne Honegger (Sis. Eleanor) lost their brother, Gary Honegger of Forrest, IL, on June 1. Our sympathy is with them. We also extend sympathy to Bro. Leroy Koehl (Sis. Janita), Sis. Velda Huetten, Sis. Bernice Cox and Maurice Koehl (Carol) in the loss of their sister, Sis. Eldora Hoerr (Peoria, IL). In addition, our thoughts and prayers are with Tom Hamilton (Sis. Earlene) at the passing of his brother, James Oliver Hamilton (Tremont, IL).

June 6 was the wedding day for Jared Stork and Jenna Honegger. Their parents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Dawn Stork and Bro. Lloyd and Joyce Honegger. Our prayers are with this young couple as they start their new



life together.

Another couple who will, Lord willing, begin a new life together is Bro. David Zimmerman who was recently engaged to Sis. Janella Gerst of Oakville, IA. Their parents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Loretta Zimmerman and Bro. Charles and Sis. Charlene (Oakville, IA).

While the Forrest congregation has been blessed with many converts in the past months, each one is precious. Another precious soul seeking the Lord is Shannon Stork (Bro. Reuben and Sis. Devra). We are thankful for each one.

We are also thankful that over the weekend of May 30-31, we welcomed five new sisters and one new brother into the fold. They are Sisters Ashley Steidinger and Abby Steidinger (Bro. Roger and Sis. Sheila), Jodi Wenger (Bro. Rich and Sis. Jill), Brooke Kilgus (Bro. Kevin and Sis. Denise) and Kay Lemman (Bro. Phil and Charlotte) and Bro. Gary Lemman (Bro. Phil and Charlotte). We also appreciated the help of Elder Bros. Ron Schambach (Elgin, IL), Ben Walder (Congerville, IL) and Rick Plattner (Fairbury, IL) for that wonderful weekend.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Paul Kilgus (Fairbury, IL), Bro. Mark Zimmerman (Eureka, IL), and Bro. Mark Schmidgall (Eureka, IL). We also appreciate the Brothers who came for Vacation Bible School. They were Bro. Al Schambach (Remington, IN), our retired Elder Bro. Wayne Anliker, Bro. Dale Banwart (Congerville, IL) and Bro. Dave Steffen (Elgin, IL).

Bro. Adam and Sis. Rachel Zimmerman added another son to their family. Reagan Jake was also welcomed by older brothers, Nolan and Tristan. Reagan's grandparents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Sherri Kelson and Bro. Rod and Sis. Micki Zimmerman. Bro. Mike and Sis. Marsha Lanz welcomed their fourth child into this world. Siblings, Marissa, Mikayla and Micah, are delighted with their new sister, Mariah Beth. Her grandparents are Bro. Marvin and Sis.

Mary Bachtold and Bro. Elmer and Sis. LaVonne Lanz.

Bro. Lester Zimmerman (Sis. Louise) was hospitalized and is now at Fairview Haven for a time of recovery. Also, Sis. LaVonne Lanz (Bro. Elmer) was again hospitalized.

*Note of Thanks:*

A special thank you to my beloved church family for the prayers, cards, gifts, food and many acts of kindness when I had my surgery. It all helped for a speedy recovery. May God bless each of you.

*Sis. Alma Bolliger*

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## ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

**Rita Bauman  
Donna Wyss**

The first week of June we had Vacation Bible School. We thank all the teachers for lending of themselves. We are very grateful for Bros. Greg Lehman (Sis. Marybeth, Wolcott, IN), Craig Stickling (Sis. Jackie, Peoria, IL) and Brad Metz (Sis. Karen, Bloomington, IL) for sharing with our Bible Class and congregation.

We were blessed with two precious baby boys this month. A son was born to Bro. Bob and Sis. Ashley Schieler on June 4 and they named him Bradon Robert. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Brian and Sis. Teresa Schieler and Bro. Keith and Sis. Nadine Edelman (Eureka, IL).

MaryBeth, Anna, and Alex Wiegand are excited to have a new baby brother in their home. Marcus Nathan was born on June 19 to Bro. Nathan and Sis. Laura. Rejoicing with them are his grandparents, Bro. Roy and Sis. Jan Wiegand and Bro. Dennis and Sis. Beth Mott (Morton, IL).

Mark Wirtz married Sarah Fabiano on June 6. Their parents are Bro. Mike and Sis. Lila Wirtz and Dave and Judy Fabiano from Rockford, IL. May God bless your home.

Our Bible Class, parents and teachers, had the privilege to go to the Ja-

maica Deaf Village on June 6-13. Our Sis. Erin Davis serves down there and they were able to spend some time with her. We are very thankful they had a safe and blessed week.

Sis. Fran Klopfenstein (Wolcott, IN) passed away on June 15. We rejoice that she repented and was then baptized two days before she went Home. Our prayers and sympathies go out to her sister, Alice Nohl, brother, Cecil Nohl, and sisters-in-law, Sis. Pearl Nohl and Sis. Wilma Knapp.

We thank our counseling Elder Bro. Earl Ringger (Sis. Dixie, Gridley, IL) for being with us on June 28. Also, many thanks to Bro. Curt Rassi (Sis. Kathy, Tremont, IL) for the many encouraging and comforting words at Bro. Bob Schieler's funeral.

June 28 was our last day of Sunday School, until September. We had our annual Sunday School picnic and singing followed by a presentation given by our Bible class on their Jamaica trip. Many thanks go to each teacher and the superintendent for all your time and effort this past year on behalf of our children and grandchildren.

We appreciate Sis. Amber Grimm (Bro. Mike) for her past service in writing the Silver Lining.

May each one of you feel the blessings of the Lord.

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## ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY Perry A. Klopfenstein

In our worship service, which is centered on Word and Spirit, we can glean many gems to take home with us. As we listen to the reading of Scriptures, and then absorb a Spirit-led meditation, we are able to gain spiritually. Further adding to our enrichment are the beautiful hymns from the Zion's Harp, and the sincere, heartfelt prayers, both from the pulpit and from the audience brothers.

One Sunday, I took note of a word used by a minister. The word was "jealous". The context was that God is a jealous God (Exodus 20:5). It took me



to a sense of self-examination, to note any potential earthly things I was clinging to too much that might provoke God's jealousy. I was thankful for the preacher using that word.

We have several loved ones who struggle with health issues. Bro. Jerry Christensen had surgery for a hip replacement, and will require more surgery later this month. Bro. Bill Romersberger had knee surgery. Bro. Barry Ehresman continues to receive treatment for cancer. May God grant healing according to His will. Surely He hears our prayers in their behalf.

Bro. Josh Stoller was announced to be married to Sis. Julie Kaeb (Tremont), and a September 13 wedding is planned. His parents are Bro. Roger and Sis. Mary Stoller, and she is the daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Barb Kaeb (Tremont). We surely wish them God's continued direction.

Nick Stoller of Chicago is engaged to marry Jill Gronewold, also of Chicago. He is the son of ministering Bro. Byron and Sis. Carol Stoller. Her father was David Gronewold (deceased), formerly of Springfield, IL; and parents now are Joe and Karen O'Beirne, Springfield. They have set September 19 as their wedding date.

Nathan Romersberger will marry Leslie Masters of Bloomington. He is the son of Bro. Larry and Sis. Ardean Stoller. Her parents are ministering Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary Masters (North Ft. Myers, FL).

We are sorry to report the moving away of Bro. Matt and Sis. Jennifer Feucht and children. He was named Administrator of Apostolic Christian Skylines Home in Peoria, and has moved to Roanoke. We thank God for their presence here the past few years, and offer our sincere best wishes in their new duties.

Sis. Linda Krug has moved from her Gridley address and now resides at 408 W. Chestnut Street, Lexington, IL. She continues to worship with us.

As time unfolds, new things come

into our presence. In this case, our local Gridley church has established a website. It allows access to live sermons and past services. It also contains the church calendar, and other information. It has been developed by Bro. Bernie Ferneau. The website is: <http://www.gridleyacchurch.org>

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### **ILLINOIS, MORTON** **Annette Tanner** **Julie Bahr**

Morton's Adult and Children's Bible School was held June 8-12. We of all ages gleaned an enormous amount of spiritual food. The titled theme was "Why Do We Believe?" using scripture verse Hebrews 11:6 as a basis for the subtopics. We want to thank our visiting ministers who so faithfully and diligently lent of themselves to serve.

Those who visited Morton were Elder Bro. Tom Hoffman (Sis. Kathy), Bro. Tim Hohulin (Sis. Cathy), Bro. Wayne Leman (Sis. Julie) and Bro. John Bradle (Sis. Jill), all of Roanoke; Bro. Duane Rocke (Sis. Bonnie, Minneapolis), Bro. Ron Kipfer (Sis. Linda, Bluffton), Bro. Matt Steffen (Sis. Deanna, Princeville), Bro. Fred Witzig (Sis. Nancy, Indianapolis), Bro. Dennis Kaufmann (Sis. Bonnie, Bloomington) and Bro. Trent Meiss (Sis. Lucy, Eureka).

On June 6, Bro. Joe Gerber (Sis. Heidi) from Loving Shepherd Ministries gave a stirring presentation on the many orphaned children from around our world. Our hearts ached for the HUGE number of little ones who have no one or no where to call their own. The scriptures are clear as to how we are to look after those who are orphans, widows, aliens, and those in prisons. May God give us grace and love in our hearts for them also.

A farewell dinner was held for our Morton couple, Bro. Kevin and Sis. Erica Kipfer, who are leaving for the mission field in Ethiopia. Their particular ministry will be with young "exploited girls". Our prayerful and

financial support goes with them, as this is one more precious need to add to our prayer lists.

On May 31, we witnessed the marriage of Sis. Morgan Kaiser and Bro. Travis Leman. Sis. Morgan is the daughter of Bro. Allen and Sis. Brenda Kaiser. Bro. Travis is the son of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Julie Leman (Roanoke).

We are rejoicing with Bro. Doug and Sis. Dawn Baer who have shared what the Lord has done in their lives. On June 12, we welcomed them into the fold of Christ.

Congratulations to grandparents, Bro. Doug and Sis. Carol Getz. On May 3, baby girl Merian Carmen was born to Casey and Katie Getz, along with big brother, Henry.

On May 27, Goldie Russell passed away. Goldie is survived by three sons. We express our love and sympathy to Steve, Michael (Tina), and David (Sonia) Russell.

Our prayers are also for Sis. Doris Bauman (Bro. Eldon) who lost her brother, Ralph Fort, on June 12.

Our love and sympathy goes out to the family of Sis. Aldeine Witzig who went to her Heavenly reward on June 19. Surviving is her son, Elder Bro. Ted Witzig Sr. (Sis. Cindy), and daughters, Sis. Jane Zimmerman (Bro. Doug) and Sis. Krista Ploussard (Bro. Dave); also a sister, Sis. Matilda Kaiser; and a sister-in-law, Sis. Ellen Koehl.

Our appreciation and thanks goes to Bro. Mark Wuthrich (Sis. Cheryl) for his 18 years of service as World Relief Treasurer. Bro. Scott (Sis. Janelle) Sauder has willingly taken this position.

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### **ILLINOIS, PEORIA** **Pam Fritzenmeier**

Three families welcomed precious babies this past month. May 2 is the birthday of Harper Lily, born to Bro. Chris and Sis. Amanda Esterling. Grandparents include Bro. Tim and Sis. Jeanne Esterling (Morris, MN)



and Roland and Kathy Fritts from Bluffton. Aubrey Leigh was born May 4 to Bro. Rodney and Sis. Kristen Menold. She is welcomed home by her big sister, Ava, and grandparents, Bro. Tim and Sis. Joan Reinhard (Haiti) and Bro. James and Sis. Louise Menold (Bern, KS). Bro. Ken and Sis. Darlene Hoerr are great-grandparents to little Cohen Rodney, born May 27. His parents are Darren and Erin (Zimmerman) Christian.

Three weddings this month have established three new households serving the Lord. May 24 was the wedding day for Sis. Tina Coburn (Bob and Sis. Michelle) and Bro. Jozsef Davidovics (Irma). They were married on the 50th wedding anniversary day of Sis. Tina's grandparents, Bro. Harry and Sis. Loretta Eisenmann. Sis. Julia Stickling (Chris and Sis. Marsha) and Bro. Shane Suttor of Taylor (Bro. Jim and Sis. Kris, Taylor) were united in holy marriage on June 7. Elder Bro. Kent (Sis. Jan) Heimer and Bro. Kim (Sis. Vonette) Suttor, both from Taylor, were our visiting ministers. On June 14, Sis. Kyra Klopfenstein (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Carol) married Bro. Morgan Langhofer of West Lafayette (Bro. Eric and Sis. Cynthia, Phoenix). Ministering Bros. Gary Maibach (Sis. Mary Ann, Smithville), Herb Knochel (Sis. Laurie, Phoenix), Paul Gasser (Sis. Joyce, Akron), Brian Huber (Sis. Jacki, Francesville), and Clark Stoller (Sis. Cindy, Gridley) shared this special day with us.

Elder Bro. Paul Messner (Sis. Janet, Winthrop, MN) brought us the Word on Sunday, May 31. Bro. Neil Widmer (Sis. Kristine, West Lafayette) ministered to us on our monthly family night. We just completed our week of Vacation Bible School, June 8-12. The theme for 3 year olds - 7th grade was "God Is With you Wherever You Go!" Joshua 1:9. The theme for the Bible class and young group was "The World - How To Be In It, But Not Be Of It",

with Rom. 12:2. Bros. Dave Zehr (Sis. Vicki, Gridley), Frank Sauder (Sis. Kathy, Roanoke), Randy Mogler (Sis. Evie, Washington), Darrin Metz (Sis. Rita, Gridley), and Randy Gasser (Sis. Sue, Detroit, MI) each spoke a night on a topic related to this theme. We appreciate all our visiting ministers' labors on our behalf.

Bro. David Sceggel (Bro. Mark and Sis. Judy) was home from Magdalena for one week. During this time, his engagement to Sis. Stephanie Regier (Bro. Dana and Sis. Martha Kay, Princeville) was announced June 7.

Three converts, Tate Hohulin (Bro. Mark and Sis. Jan), Jason Grassi (Bro. John and Sis. Cheryl), and Josh Graham (Bro. Bruce and Sis. Pam, Princeville) have expressed peace and await testimonies and baptism June 27-28.

Several from our congregation have left this earthly life this past month. Bro. Tom Hoerr Sr. passed away May 24. He leaves his dear wife, Sis. Jeanette; children, Tom II, Mike (Lisa), Lisa (Douglas) Hoerr-Grandstaff, and Theodore; and his sister, Sis. Carol Scholl. Sis. Emily Tanner and Sis. Clara Yackley's sister, Sis. Minnie Grusy passed away. Sis. Clara Veatch passed away May 31. Sis. Eldora (Bro. Wilbur) Hoerr passed from this life into eternity June 4. She leaves behind her dear husband and children, Sis. Kathy (Bro. Dave) Obergfel and Bro. Todd (Sis. Sallie) Hoerr. Please pray for these families.

Recovering at home are Sis. Nancy (Bro. Howard) Herman who had ankle surgery and Sis. Mazie Thomas healing from a spine fracture.

Loving Shepherd ministries presented a walk-through exhibit on poverty, highlighting their work among the needy, including placing orphans in loving Christian families. We thank Sis. Regan Reimschisel, Bluffton, for presenting this lesson that brings to life the great need of many in this world.

It is good to see Bro. Tim and Sis. Joan Reinhard and family who are home from Haiti for a time. Please continue to pray for the work in Haiti and in Mexico, where Bros. David Sceggel and Jonathan Aupperle serve.

## ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

**Linda Joos  
Connie Christ**

Our visiting ministers this past month have been Bro. Brad Eisenmann (Chicago, IL), Elder Bro. Ted Steffen (Alto, MI), Bro. Ken Schneider (Remington, IN), and Bro. Steve Baner (Gridley, IL). The week of Vacation Bible School, Bro. Brad Metz (Bloomington, IL) and Bro. Jeff Thames (Washington, IL) gave of themselves in behalf of our Bible Class students. May God bless each one for his willingness to proclaim God's Word to us.

Hospital patients have been Bro. Sonny Elsasser, Sis. Doreen Elsasser, and Sis. Teresa Martin. Good health is such a blessing, and we keep these loved ones in our prayers.

Larry Woertz, stepson of Harry King (late Sis. Virginia), passed from this life May 26. He was 69 years old. May God comfort Harry and his family.

The engagement of Sis. Stephanie Regier (Bro. Dana and Sis. Martha Kay) and Bro. David Sceggel (Bro. Mark and Sis. Judy, Peoria, IL) was recently announced. May God bless this young couple as they take this important step of faith.

Bro. B. J. Graham (Indianapolis, IN), son of Bro. Dick and Sis. Jeanette Graham, and Sis. Suzanne Zeller, daughter of Sis. Ginny (late Bro. Erik) Zeller (Indianapolis, IN), were married May 31 in Indianapolis, IN. May God bless this couple as they establish a Christian home together.

Cleveland Carl Hoerr was born May 28 to Bro. Ryan and Sis. Joy Hoerr. Tecca, Kip, Denver, and Montana are happy brothers and sisters to welcome



their new little brother. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Mary Ann Herrmann and Bro. Carl and Sis. Debbie Hoerr (Peoria, IL).

Bro. Rod and Sis. Cathy Stahl are grateful parents to little Kenzie Michelle, born June 9. Rejoicing and thanking God for a new little sister are Kelsie, Kendall, Kristi, Kaylie, Kourtney, Kami, and Kassie. Loving grandparents are Jan Hoehn and Bro. Lyle and Sis. Betty Stahl.

Daisha Leigh has blessed the home of Bro. Kirk and Sis. Keri Plattner (Jamaica) who arrived June 15. Andrew and Truitt are loving big brothers, and thankful grandparents are Elder Bro. Jim and Sis. Marlene Plattner and Bro. Bill and Sis. Patsy Kaeb (Roanoke, IL).

## ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

**Jamie Hodel**  
**Judy Sauder**

Ecclesiastes 4:12: "...and a threefold cord is not quickly broken." Our congregation has once again witnessed a number of marriages being established in the Lord. On May 24, Sis. Kristi Stoller (Bro. Ed and Sis. Boni) was united in marriage to Bro. Joel Leman of Magdalena (Elder Bro. Mike and Sis. Deb, Denver). Guest ministers for the day were Bro. Tom Leman (Denver), Bro. Seth Gerber (Magdalena), Bro. Mark Gerber (Bluffton) and Elder Bro. Mike Leman (Denver) who presided at the wedding. On May 31, Bro. Travis Leman (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Julie) married Sis. Morgan Kaiser (Bro. Allen and Sis. Brenda) in Morton. Then on June 7, Sis. Amber Rocke (Sis. Sue) became the bride of Bro. Brian Vercler (Bro. Tim and Sis. Sonia) of Gridley. Bro. Byron Stoller (Gridley) and Bro. Ted Hirstein (Morton) were our visiting ministers for the day. Also, Steve Ott (Bro. Bob and Sis. Marilyn) is engaged to Brittany Bachman (Steve and Coleen) of Roanoke. We are so thankful for these dear couples and pray for

God's blessing upon them as they begin married life.

We said farewell to Bro. Dustin, Sis. Mandy, Liberty and Caden Hodel on May 24. They plan to move to Leo to serve at Gateway Woods. Then on June 14, we bade farewell to Bro. Brent and Sis. Staci Rocke who plan to relocate to Texas for further medical training. We will miss both of these families but pray for God's blessings upon them in their new homes.

On May 27, Bro. Darren Plattner (Champaign) presented our monthly topical Bible Study with the subject "Prejudice". Acts 10:34: "...Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:" We thank Bro. Darren for his convicting and timely message.

Matthew 5:4: "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." Our congregation has again had reason to mourn as we laid a dear brother to rest. Bro. Ben Fehr went to be with the Lord on May 25. Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Sis. Helen; daughters, Sis. Chris (Bro. Bob) Hartter (Roanoke), Cassie (Al) Rocke of Thornton, CO, Sis. Connie (Bro. Mark) Rocke (Goodfield), Cam (Tim) Leary of Bloomington; sons, Ben (Sis. Kathy), Jeff (Eva), Bro. Jon (Sis. Jill), Bro. Nate (Sis. Chris) and Matt Fehr, all of Roanoke. A brother, Bro. Bill Fehr (Roanoke), and three sisters, Sis. Lois DesCarpentrie (Roanoke) and Sis. Doris Guingrich and Sis. Bena Mae Rocke (Eureka), also survive. A daughter, Carrie, preceded Bro. Ben in death. Bro. Jedd Rocke (Goodfield) conducted the funeral services for his grandfather. Bro. Jedd was one of Bro. Ben and Sis. Helen's 33 grandchildren.

Kayla Steffen of El Paso passed away May 28. She is survived by her parents, David and Sandra Steffen; sisters, Ashley and Jodi, and brother Logan. Her grandparents, Dan and Mary Jane Steffen and Rose Ulrich, also survive.

Sis. Salome Schumacher (Eureka) went home to be with the Lord on May

21. She was a stepmother to Bro. Jerry (Sis. Jane) Schumacher. We extend our love and deepest sympathy to these dear families and pray for God's peace and comfort upon them.

Psalm 128: 6: "Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children," Bro. Bill and Sis. Jeanne Leman became grandparents again when Mercedes Jeanne was born to Bro. Luke and Sis. Natalie Baker (Washington, IL) on May 30. Other thankful grandparents are Joe and Sis. Karen Baker (Washington, IL).

Kiley Rose was born to Bro. Mark and Sis. Kathy Knapp (Gridley) on May 28. Her older brothers are Jeremiah and Joah and her grandparents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Mary Bradle.

Abel Jordan arrived on June 9 to bless the home of Bro. Robey and Sis. Angie Shuck. Bro. Brad and Sis. Patty Hodel and Les and Dianne Shuck of Palmyra, MO, are his grandparents.

Then on June 11, Bro. Tony and Sis. Katie Mueller were blessed with the arrival of Tess Olivia. Her older brother, Jordan, and grandparents, Bro. Steve and Sis. Joyce Hodel and Bro. Jim and Sis. Jan Mueller, also welcome her home.

We pray for God's blessings upon these dear families as they raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Bro. Jaye Rinkenberger (Goodfield) served us in the ministry on May 31. Our Vacation Bible School was held June 1-5. Bro. Mark Zimmerman (Eureka) spoke about "The Call of God" on Monday. Bro. Jedd Rocke (Goodfield) talked about "The Storms of Life (Jonah)" on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Bro. Randy Mogler (Washington) discussed "Jesus' Dying Words to Us". Bro. Clark Stoller (Gridley) brought the message of "God's Perfect Plan for Your Life" to our congregation on Thursday, and on Friday Bro. Matt Steffen (Princeville) ministered to us about "Maintaining Healthy Relationships".



We thank all of our visiting ministers for graciously sharing God's Word with us and ask that God would bless each one.

We heartily welcome Bro. Matt and Sis. Jennifer Feucht and their children, Joshua, Charity and Javin, back to our congregation. They have moved to Roanoke from Gridley due to a change in employment. We pray God will bless them in their new home.

Psalm 5:8: "Lead me, O Lord in thy righteousness..." Kirk Knapp (Bro. Norm and Sis. Kathy) has turned to the Lord in repentance. We are so thankful for the Lord's redeeming work in the hearts of men and ask that God would bless Kirk in his walk of faith.

Jon Braker (Bro. Kevin and Sis. Janice) and Jason Rassi (Amanda) are both serving in Afghanistan. We continue to bring them before God's throne in prayer that He would grant them protection and safety.

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**ILLINOIS, TREMONT**  
**Teresa Rowell**  
**Janice Sauder**

Blessed holy is the hour  
When we, Jesus, think of Thee,  
And Thy word in godly power  
Hear and in our hearts receive.  
So we pray to Thee imploring,  
Open now our understanding!  
May we hear as Mary heard,  
Sacred teachings of Thy word.

*Zion's Harp #218*

We were privileged to have Bro. Dale Banwart (Sis. Missy, Congerville) with us for a Sunday. We are thankful for his willingness to preach the Word to us.

Baptized into Thy name most holy,  
O Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place though weak and lowly  
Among Thy seed Thy chosen host.  
Immersed with Christ I'm dead to sin;  
Thy Spirit now shall live within.

*Zion's Harp #41*

Two dear souls were added to the flock recently. Sis. Callie Harper (niece of Bro. Mark and Sis. Colleen Moser) and Sis. Brittney Koch (Bro. Earl and Sis. Marsha) gave their testimonies and were baptized. We welcome them now as our dear Sisters in Faith.

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

*Zion's Harp #236*

Bro. Gary and Sis. Kathy Wagenbach welcome their first boy, Todd Gary. Anna and Betsy are excited to have a new sibling. Bro. Ron and Sis. Liz Wagenbach and Bro. Phil and Sis. Diane Koch are Todd's grandparents. Bro. Bob and Sis. Rosie Frank are his great-grandparents. Maria June was born to Bro. Dale and Sis. Meg Koch. Her excited grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. June Koch and Bro. Dewayne and Sis. Larae Dill (Minneapolis, MN). Great-grandparents are Bro. Dave Sr. and Sis. Francie Koch and Bro. Bob and Sis. Barb Wagenbach.

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

We wish Daniel Menold (Bro. Ron and Sis. Lynnette) and Jessica Spinder God's richest blessings as they plan for their wedding day.

I wish to die in my Lord Jesus,  
In peace and with great joy consoled.  
And though His wounds I shall inherit  
The robe of white He will unfold.  
In Jesus I will trust alway;  
In Him I live and pass away,  
In Him I live and pass away.

It was with great sadness that we

said our last farewell to our Sis. Evelyn Sauder. She was such a light to all of us when it came to being a servant. She was always volunteering, doing for others and always had a beautiful smile on her face. We have missed that smile for a while now as she suffered from a debilitating illness. She is now free of her earthly body and perfectly whole. We extend our sincere sympathy to her dear husband, Bro. Rich Sauder, and daughters, Sis. Camille and Kim (Brad) Grant, as well as her many family members.

*Note of Thanks:*

The family of Sis. Evelyn Sauder wishes to express our heartfelt thanks for the many prayers, cards, and deeds of kindness throughout the illness and passing of our loved one. We are greatly humbled by the outpourings of love shown to our family. May God bless you all.

*Bro. Rich Sauder*

*Sis. Camille Sauder*

*Brad and Kim Grant and family*

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**ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON**  
**Elizabeth Heinold**  
**Linda Folkerts**

We were thankful to have Bro. Ed Sauder (Sis. Bonnie, Roanoke) come share a Bible Study with us this month.

We continue to pray for those in our church with health concerns. We lift up in prayer Sis. Dolly Schick, Sis. Vickie Hodel and Bro. Ron Kellenberger.

What a victory was won as our Sis. Ellen Cox finished her earthly race, faithful until the end. Our love and sympathy are with Bro. John, Bro. Joel and Sis. Marcy, Sis. Jenna and Misha. May they feel our love and support.

We rejoice with Bro. Dave and Sis. Tara Prather as they welcome Lena Kay into their family. We are thankful she is home now after a brief stay in the hospital. Big brother Derek welcomes her home! Grandparents of Lena are Joe and Sis. Karen Baker and Bro. Bob



and Sis. Marlene Prather. We are also excited to welcome little Mercedes Jeanne as she was born to Bro. Luke and Sis. Natalie Baker. Grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Jeanne Leman (Roanoke) and Joe and Sis. Karen Baker. God's blessings on these families as they grow.

We were happy to hear the engagement of Bro. Caleb Pfaffmann to Sis. Heidi Wulf, both from Morris, MN. Parents of the couple are Bro. Stan and Sis. Pam Wulf (Morris, MN) and Bro. Robert and Sis. Lily Pfaffmann.

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### INDIANA, BLUFFTON Grace Gerber Stefanie Kipfer

It is interesting that I happen to be writing the Bluffton Silver Lining article this month, when at this very time, I am so very far away from Bluffton. To be precise, I am now in the nation of Haiti, and yet, fellowship of the Apostolic Christian Church never seems that far away. "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." (John 17:21). This verse has never been so true to me. Physically, I am a long way away from my hometown; yet, I have the awesome privilege to report the goings-on in my home church to every other Apostolic church all over the world—even from Haiti! Truly, we have a blessed brotherhood.

In the unity of our brotherhood, we therefore have the opportunity to lift up one another in our hurts and struggles. Jodi Costello (daughter of Bro. Luther and Sis. Sharon Gerber) was recently diagnosed with cancer and would appreciate our intercession on her behalf. Sis. Jeni Schwartz, wife of our Elder Bro. Ed Schwartz, underwent eye surgery, and we pray for her continued recovery. Our Bro. Justin Steffen (Bro. Duane and Sis. Karen) was involved in a saw accident, lost his middle finger, and injured other fin-

gers. We lift up him and his family as he copes with this new situation. Our prayers also extend to Sis. Janice Sutter (Bro. Robert) who underwent surgery. Wava Fiechter (Richard, sister-in-law of Nova Kipfer) recently fell and shattered her pelvis, and we will certainly make mention of her in our prayers. "For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you..." (Colossians 1:9)

Yet, in the midst of hurting and suffering, God is faithful to provide us with joy and blessings! We are so happy to mention two new converts! Kristen Bedwell (Bro. Bruce and Sis. Nancy) began her walk with the Lord, and we rejoice with her as do the angels in heaven! God has also blessed us with Matthew Gerber (Bro. Gene and Sis. Becky) who also began his repentance. Praise and glory to God!

Not only is there new life in Christ but whole new people, too! The Lord has brought many little ones into the world this last month! Barry and Myra Beer are the parents of a son, Trey Wesley, who came on June 5. His grandparents are Bro. Stan and Sis. Ginny Isch. Little Addison Rose Frauhiger became the daughter of Bro. Jeremy and Sis. Sally on June 12. Her grandparents are Bro. Steve and Sis. Irene Frauhiger and Bro. Alan and Sis. Sheryl. On May 29, Bro. Blare and Sis. Janel Gerber became the parents of a son, Reid Michael. The happy grandparents are Bro. Rex and the late Sis. Lavon Gerber and Bro. Doug and Sis. Jill Fiechter. Bro. John and Sis. Pam Reinhard became the grandparents of Bria Lynne Reinhard on June 11, daughter of Bro. Mark and Sis. Angie. Andy and Michelle Hackenjoes are the parents of a son, Kaleb James. Bro. Carl and Sis. Evie Hackenjoes are the grandparents. Last, but certainly not least, is Lizzie Madison Steffen, daughter of Phillip and Jamie, granddaughter of Bro. Craig and Sis. Jean Steffen.

The Lord has been very faithful this month, just as every other month, and

we thank Him for His love and unifying Spirit!

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### INDIANA BLUFFTON NORTH Jessie Longenberger Sherry Pfister

"Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the LORD draweth nigh."

*James 5:8*

With much enthusiasm, many Sunday school students are coming together for the two weeks of Vacation Bible School on June 8-19. This year's theme is "The King is Coming". The children will learn new songs, listen to stories from the Bible, develop new friendships, do a good deed, make a craft, and memorize Bible verses. The last day of Bible School will be an evening program to glorify God. Thanks for all who help, are willing to show the children His love, and tell them about His return.

On June 7, our congregation rejoiced at the wedding ceremony of Sis. Mandy Schladenhauffen (Bro. Gary and Sis. Nancy) and Bro. Ryan Schwartz (Bro. Scott and Sis. Patti) from Bluffton. We are praising God for their faithful examples as they follow His leading. Bro. Everett Hari (Sis. Beverly, Bloomington) and Bro. Mark Gerber (Sis. Barb, Bluffton) visited and shared in the services for this happy occasion.

On June 14, we also had the opportunity to witness the joining of Bro. Preston Kaehr (Bro. Doug and Sis. Tami) and Sis. Wendy Neuenchwander (Bro. Dee and Sis. Laura, Bluffton) in marriage. Again we had an opportunity to view two young people following their Savior for which we are thankful.

Bro. Brett and Sis. Cindy Shorb have a new grandson, Braxton David, born on May 14. Braxton's parents are Jeff and Heather Goodwin. Sis. Connie



Bertsch welcomed her first grandchild. Sophia Nicole was born on June 1 to Troy and Cody Bertsch of Zionsville. Bro. Jeremy and Sis. Sally Frauhiger have a new daughter, Addison Rose, born on June 12. Grandparents from Bluffton North are Bro. Steve and Sis. Irene Frauhiger.

We are also thankful Bro. Gary Tonner (Sis. Diane, Bluffton) assisted in our Sunday services on May 24. May the Lord bless him for his labors.

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**INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE**  
**Jacki Huber**  
**Mildred Clauss**

“I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.”

*Psalm 34:1*

As I finished the first draft of “The Silver Lining” and was getting ready to attach it to an email to send, the electricity flickered off and my computer shut down. The electricity came back on immediately, but everything I had typed was lost, so, during a busy day, I will start again! I had originally quoted Psalm 34:4 “O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together”, but as I read it (the second time) to make sure I was quoting correctly, my eyes fell on the first verse in that Psalm, “I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.” It spoke to my heart, because when little irritations happen, is His praise continually in my mouth? It was a little humorous, but I decided to use the first verse instead, if for no other reason than to remind myself to not only “magnify the Lord”, but to let His praise continually be in my mouth, no matter what! He is worthy.

On a recent Sunday, we were blessed to have Elder Bro. Ron Messner (Sis. Pam, Washington, IL) here with us to share God’s Word. That evening at our Fellowship Center, Bro. Ron shared information

about the Apostolic Christian Home for the Handicapped in Morton, IL, where he serves as Administrator. We appreciate so much the time they took to share with us.

Three of our loved ones have had surgery this past month, and our prayers are with them. We pray that Sisters Minerva Wuethrich, Dianne Vogt and Eileen Boehning will continue to recover, and feel the Lord’s strength and nearness with each new day.

We wish to extend our loving sympathy to our dear Sis. Doris Getz in the death of her son-in-law, Joseph Kozeluh, of Oswego, IL, as well as to Jill (Getz) Kozeluh, Joseph’s wife, and to the extended family.

As I write this, we are enjoying a blessed week of Vacation Bible School. It is always a special week, and lots of preparation is involved. Preparation is done in many ways by many people—first by praying and preparing our own hearts to receive what God would desire for us to learn, and also by preparing lessons and crafts for the younger children, and by parents and grandparents preparing the children to come each evening.

We also appreciate the prayers and preparation of the brothers who have taken time to share with the adults (high school age and older) during this week of Bible School. We wish to extend our thanks to Elder Bro. Lynn Stieglitz (Sis. Leonda, Leo, IN), retired Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle (Sis. Lois, formerly of Shioda, Japan, now residing in Peoria, IL), Bros. Fred Funk (Sis. Diane, Morton, IL) and Herb Knochel (Sis. Laurie, Phoenix, AZ) for coming and sharing by the power of God’s Spirit.

On Friday evening, thanks goes to our ministering Bro. Les Kaeb who will give a summary of the week, followed by a program where the children share some of the many truths they learn throughout the week.

We are thankful to God for the op-

portunity to worship and praise Him freely.

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**INDIANA**  
**INDIANAPOLIS**  
**Gail Bradford**  
**Sandy Lichtle**

On May 24, we honored our two high school graduates, Sis. Katy Zeller (the late Bro. Eric and Sis. Ginny) and Stacey Lichtle (Bro. John and Sis. Sandy), at a senior breakfast. It was a special occasion as family and friends shared memories about the graduates. Both of these young ladies will be attending IUPUI in the fall. We also want to congratulate our college graduates. Bro. Michael Zeller (the late Bro. Eric and Sis. Ginny) received his Bachelor’s Degree in History and is working in Virginia. Bro. Adam Merkle (Sis. Jill) and Bro. Joel Zeller (Sis. Tricia) both received their MBA Degrees. Bro. Aaron Zeller (Sis. Julie) completed his residency in Family Practice and is employed in Plymouth, IN. We pray that God’s grace, peace, and wisdom will be with our graduates as they begin a new chapter in life.

May 29 was a special day for Bro. Bert and Sis. Karen Aeschliman as they were blessed with a grandson, Grant Michael Farrar. Grant’s parents are Michael and Shannon Farrar of League City, TX.

We rejoice with Bro. Ben Graham (Bro. Dick and Sis. Jeanette, Princeville, IL) and Sis. Suzanne Zeller (the late Bro. Eric and Sis. Ginny) as they were united as one in the Lord on May 31. We wish them God’s richest blessings as they serve the Lord together and make their home in Indianapolis.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to the visiting ministers who were with us for the wedding day. They include: Elder Bro. Jim Plattner (Sis. Marlene, Princeville, IL), Elder Bro. Wayne Banwart (Sis. Charlen, Champaign, IL), Elder Bro. Steve Ringger (Sis. Myra, Bluffton North, IN), Bro.



Steve Stieglitz (Sis. Jane, Leo, IN), and Bro. Jon Zeller (Sis. Christine, Morton, IL).

Additionally, we want to thank Bro. Curt Rassi (Sis. Kathy, Tremont, IL) and Bro. John Rassi (Sis. Heather, Tremont, IL) for sharing the Word with us this month.

Our Vacation Bible School was held the week of June 8-12. The theme this year was "courage" based on Psalm 27:1, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" What a wonderful promise to know that we can be courageous by trusting in the Lord and relying on Him for our strength.

Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with Bro. Bill and Sis. Gail Bradford as their daughter, Jane Czerwinski, of South Bend, IN, went to be with the Lord on June 15. Our thoughts and prayers are also with Jane's husband, Tom, and their young son, Guinness. May God's abundant grace and peace bring them comfort in the days ahead.

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**INDIANA, LACROSSE**  
**Bethany Johnson**  
**Julie Rocke**

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

*Psalm 119:105*

This was the theme for our 2009 Vacation Bible School. The younger children enjoyed learning more about select Bible stories and making crafts pertaining to light and lamps. We were thankful for the visiting ministers who came to do topical presentations for the high school students and adults. Bro. Ron Palitto (Sis. Lynell, Akron, OH) spoke on Time and Technology. While he spoke mostly with the Bible Class, there were many good reminders to each of us in the congregation as well. Bro. Rich Gramm (Sis. Samantha, South Bend, IN) visited us

with a talk on "Spiritual Mission". We ended the week with Bro. Clark Stoller (Sis. Cindy, Gridley, IL) who spoke on "My Life's Direction". We thank each of these brothers for the time they spent preparing to minister to our group as well as their time and effort for traveling and speaking. May God richly bless each of them.

The Sunday following Vacation Bible School, we enjoyed a beautiful afternoon and evening at a local park for our annual Sunday School picnic. Fellowship, food and fun with the children were present in abundance. Thank you to those who put forth the effort to make this year's picnic a success, and thank you to each who came to participate.

God's blessings to our high school graduates who are Jackson Troxel (Bro. Tom and Sis. LuAnn) and Michael Barbar (Bill and Crystal Cambern). We pray that they will seek God's help in determining their life's direction.

Elder Bro. Ted Steffen was with us for the weekend and we thoroughly appreciate his service on our behalf. A strong message was spoken regarding "Choose you this day. I put before you blessing and cursing" and how often we think of our friends when that verse comes to mind, but how it pertains to each of us, every day.

This month, we also said farewell to Bro. Rudy and Sis. Rosario Troxel and their little son, Nathan. We were so glad to have them "home" for several months and enjoyed our time with them so much. We are sad to see them go, but rejoice that they are following God's direction as they return to Mexico to do His work there.

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**INDIANA, LEO**  
**Elizabeth Schrenk**  
**Abigail Schrenk**

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

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*

This month, there have been many different "seasons" opening and closing in our congregation. Through each of these situations, God has been faithful and we praise Him because he is worthy!

We want to welcome Bro. Dustin and Sis. Mandy Hodel (Roanoke) and their children to Leo. They have come to work as houseparents at Gateway Woods and we look forward to fellowshiping with them.

Bro. Todd Stoller felt God's call to move to Magdalena to be a school teacher. He has been teaching at Gateway Woods for the past three years. We pray that God would use him to bless others in Magdalena as he has been a blessing here in Leo.

On June 20, Amanda Pfister and James Holbrook were united in marriage. Their parents, Bro. Dan and Sis. Karen Pfister and Joseph and Carmen Holbrook, praise God for His provision. We pray that God will bless their marriage and that together, they will bring glory and honor to Him.

On June 15, Bro. Kirk and Sis. Keri Plattner (full time missionaries in Jamaica) were blessed to add a little girl to their family. Daisha was unexpectedly born in Jamaica four weeks prior to her due date. Daisha started experiencing breathing trouble and got pneumonia. Although the situation seemed to be out of control, God worked everything out. Arrangements were made to fly them back to the states and Keri and Daisha are now doing better. We want to ask for prayers on their behalf.

We missed several graduates in last month's entry. Jason Stratton, a young man who has lived with Bro. John and Sis. Patsy Stoller, has completed High School. Victor Boyer has also finished High School. His foster parents, Bill and Sis. Jan Baumgartner, helped to make this milestone a memorable event. We



want to wish these two young men God's guidance as they start their own path in life.

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## INDIANA, MILFORD

**Carol Hurd  
Pam Beer**

The week of June 8 was a blessing to our Milford congregation as this was our Bible School week. The theme for the week was "Jesus Paid It All" and the following ministering brothers came and spoke to us: Bro. Todd Stoller (Latty, OH) spoke on Debts, Bro. Les Kaeb (Francesville, IN) spoke on Liabilities, Bro. Mark Wettstein (La-Crosse, IN) spoke on Assets and Bro. Mark Gerber (Bluffton, IN) spoke on Paid In Full. We appreciate them each one for taking time out of their lives to study their topics, drive to Milford and teach to us. We were also blessed with singing groups from Francesville, La-Crosse and Bluffton, a special thank you to each one who came and sang to us. Having small children who look forward to and enjoy Bible School, a special thank you goes to all the teachers and craft helpers who made this a special week for the children.

We also want to thank Bro. Tom Schambach (Elgin, IL) who came and ministered to us. May God bless him for making Milford a church to visit and fellowship with.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Anne Troup became grandparents again to little Grace Nicole who was born to their daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Brad Brown. Older sister Claire is excited to have a little sibling. May God bless them with wisdom as they raise their precious daughters.

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## INDIANA, REMINGTON

**Jenni Honegger  
Marcella Tyler**

Our church family has been praying diligently for little Kade Nieman and his daddy, Bro. Dana (Sis. Lea), as they recover from a serious trac-

tor/semi accident. God blessed this family as He answered countless prayers offered up on their behalf, and with each update we received from the call list, the news got better and better. As of this writing, Kade has come home from the hospital to finish his recuperation. Our small congregation can truly bear witness that miracles can and do still happen! We are so blessed that we can go to God in prayer with the certainty that He is in control over all situations and with the assurance that He will provide comfort and strength no matter what the outcome. Both the physical and the emotional scars of that terrible day will be with Kade and Bro. Dana and Sis. Lea for a long time to come, and we covet your prayers for the entire Nieman family.

We also covet your prayers for Sis. Arlene Kilgus (Bro. Earl) as she has been experiencing some health concerns and has gone through some recent surgeries. May God grant them wisdom and courage to face the days ahead. It is also good to see Megan Reyes back in church after having back surgery.

Bro. Luke Bahler (Bro. Tim and Sis. Lynette) recently moved to Latty, OH, for further schooling. We pray that Bro. Luke will find meaningful wisdom in his studies and look forward to him visiting back home often. Another change for the Bahler family is the wonderful news of an engagement between our Bro. Dave Bahler (Bro. Tim and Sis. Lynette) and Sis. Laura Virkler (Bro. Andy and Sis. Becky) of West Bend, IA. Bro. Dave and Sis. Laura plan a July 5 wedding and will make their home in West Bend, where Bro. Dave has been working the past couple of years. We wish this young couple a long lifetime together in which to love and serve both each other and their Saviour.

We have been blessed with several visiting ministers this past month. Bro. Fred Domka (Sis. Connie, Mansfield, OH), Bro. Tony Manz (Sis.

Denise, Junction, OH), and Bro. Doyle Frauhofer (Sis. Jane, Bluffton North, IN) have all opened God's Word with us, and we are grateful for their efforts. We also recently completed our week of VBS with the Wolcott congregation. Bro. Glen Braker (Sis. Audrey, Princeville, IL), Bro. Paul Kilgus (Sis. Carmen, Fairbury, IL), Elder Bro. Wayne Banwart (Sis. Charlen, Champaign, IL), Bro. Clark Stoller (Sis. Cindy, Gridley, IL), and Bro. Wayne Wiegand (Sis. Rosemary, Goodfield, IL) all talked with us on the topic of Honoring God in Our Lives. From our head (our thoughts and ears and words) to our heart to our feet, our main purpose is to bring honor and glory to our Heavenly Father. I really enjoy spending this blessed time with the brothers and sisters and children and friends from Wolcott every year – it really is a wonderful opportunity for us to strengthen our mutual bonds of love and fellowship between our two church families.

As we look ahead to Father's Day, I am reminded of the following poem that our dear Bro. Edwin Bahler often hands out on a little white card with the silhouette of a child printed on it. How true it is that we must follow our Heavenly Father in this same manner. May we each be careful and prayerful as so many are watching us.

### *A Careful Man*

A careful man I must be  
A little fellow follows me.  
I do not dare to go astray  
For fear he'd go the selfsame way.  
Whatever he sees me do he tries  
Not one thing escapes his eyes.  
Like me he says he's going to be  
This li'l chap that follows me.  
I must remember as I go  
Thru summer sun and winter woe,  
I'm molding for the years to be  
That little chap that follows me.

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## INDIANA, SOUTH BEND

**Joshua Martinez  
Rachel Langhofer**

On Saturday, May 23, we gathered to hear a presentation on the S.E.E.D's work in Haiti. Brethren from all over gathered to learn and share what the Lord is doing. The following day we were blessed to have visiting ministers, Bro. Dewayne Dill (Sis. LaRae, Minneapolis, MN) and Bro. Art Mueller (Sis. Marlene, Belvidere, IL), share the Word with us. Also, we enjoyed the visit of Bro. Jim Meiss (Sis. Candy, Phoenix, AZ) the following Sunday. In a small church we thoroughly enjoy having visiting ministers.

On June 8-12 our little ones enjoyed the excitement of Vacation Bible School, while the adults had the benefit of being taught from the Word by Bros. Todd Stoller, Les Kaeb, Mark Wettstein and Mark Gerber. Appropriately timed our theme was "Paid in Full", the nightly topics were Debt, Liabilities, Assets and Paid in Full.

Our little church is growing! We can hardly contain our excitement as Bro. Nathan and Sis. Natalie Virkler experienced the joy of the birth of their second daughter, Cosette Marie. She is welcomed home by big sister Portia. Grandparents are Bro. Herb and Sis. Laurie Knochel (Phoenix) and Bro. Stan and Sis. Beth Virkler (Remington).

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## INDIANA, VALPARAISO

**Marguerite Hoerr**

We had a special privilege, the last Saturday in May, when we were invited to a surprise dinner for Sis. Leona Bucher, who was celebrating her 80th birthday. The surprise was successfully planned by her husband, Bro. Merle, and her family. We spent an evening of fellowship, and were happy to be part of the event for a lady we all love so much.

We call it the best bread and breakfast when we spend the night with Bro. Lyle and Sis. Marilyn Zeltwanger. If

there is a Saturday evening event among our Valpo church people, the Zeltwanger's invite us to spend the night with them. Since they live close to the church, it saves us miles of travel and we are so grateful; plus the fellowship we enjoy is the best, also.

So many acts of love have been shown us by the brothers and sisters in Valpo. If I listed them all, it would take up space for an entire month's reporting.

The first week of June brought us sad news from Peoria. Sis. Eldora Hoerr, the wife of Bob's only brother, Wilbur, passed from this life into eternity on June 4. Sis. Eldora was a friend to us, as well as a loved relative. We were privileged to be with Bro. Wilbur and their family during this time. She was a devoted wife and mother and a devout Christian lady. Peoria was our home for eleven years after we were married. Four of our children were born there. We spent many times with Wilbur, Eldora and their family during those eleven years. The memories we have of those times are more precious than ever.

We've been privileged to have our second son, Fred, and his wife, Marty, visit us this month. They traveled from their home in Auburn, AL. Every hour we spent with them and with other family members during that long week-end was so wonderful and appreciated. We topped off the week-end with the privilege of serving lunch during the Fellowship Hour at church. It always brings its special blessing.

Wednesday night, June 17, was spent in Bible Study with Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann of the Chicago congregation. He spoke on "Abundant Life while Cherishing the Promise of Heaven". Bro. Dale was our Elder for the first years we attended Valpo church. His oversight was sincere and appreciated. We ask God to bless him for his visit on that Wednesday night.

Recently while at work in the New Buffalo Library a Jewish couple who

have a summer home in New Buffalo came in to use our library. In visiting with them, he asked where we attend church. I told them "in Valparaiso". He said, "That's quite a distance to drive, isn't it?" I told them that my father had ministered in this denomination for over 50 years and that it was the church I knew and loved. He asked about the denomination. When I told him he replied, "The Apostolics seem to have it done right." I thanked him but admit I'm curious how he came to that conclusion. I share this with you because it was a reminder to me that we never know who is watching our conduct and manner.

As I write this, our hearts are going out to Bro. Ken and Sis. Carol Bucher. Sis. Carol is facing probable surgery and admits she needs our prayers. We have them in thought each time we turn to the Lord in prayer and ask Him to help both of them through this traumatic time.

For those of you who would like to visit Northern IN, Lake Michigan and the National Dunes Lakeshore, keep in mind that we are nearby on St. Rt. 49, just 2 3/4 miles south of U.S. 30. We have a warm welcome for visitors in our Valparaiso Apostolic Christian Church.

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## INDIANA WEST LAFAYETTE

**Darlene Walder  
Hollie Meister**

We want to congratulate Mark and Heather Furrer at the birth of their first child, Bailey Elizabeth. Very thankful grandparents are Bro. Brian and Sis. Lorene Furrer and great-grandparents, Bro. Vernon and Sis. Jan Furrer.

We wish our good friend Stephen Adjorlolo, foreign exchange student of Bro. Nick and Sis. Suzanne Gutwein, godspeed on his return to his home country of Ghana. We will miss him and look forward to seeing him again sometime in the future.



Bro. Rustin Meister was hospitalized this month and we are thankful for him that he has recovered to full health.

June 8-11 was a very special week of Vacation Bible School. We studied the Seven C's of History and realize the significance of our spiritual background. They are Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation.

June 14 was our last Sunday to fellowship with Sis. Hope Clough. She has decided to take a different job and will be leaving us. We will miss her presence and her cheerful encouragement to all in our congregation. We wish her the best.

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### INDIANA, WOLCOTT Donita Edelman Lynell Blume

On May 31 we were blessed to have Bro. Doyle Frauhiger (Sis. Jane, Bluffton North, IN) with us for our topical Bible Study. Thank you, Bro. Doyle, for giving us many things to think about regarding the signs of the times. Also visiting us this month were Elder Bros. Charles Sauder (Tremont, IL) and Dan Kilgus (Sis. Jenna, Remington, IN). May God richly bless each of these brothers for sharing their time with us.

Our congregation was very blessed this month as we added four souls to our brotherhood. Rodney and Jennifer Ross and Melissa Blanding (Michael) were able to share their testimonies and be baptized on the weekend of June 13-14. Also on June 13 there were several brethren able to assemble in the hospital room of our friend, Fran Klopfenstein (Levi), to witness her testimony and baptism. With us for this special weekend were Elder Bros. Steve Gutwein (Sis. Linda, Francesville, IN) and Dan Kilgus (Sis. Jenna, Remington, IN) and Bro. Randy Gudeman (Sis. Becky, Francesville, IN). It was a special time to have retired Elder Bro. Wendell

Gudeman (Sis. Marcella, Francesville, IN) here to baptize his granddaughter, Jennifer. How encouraging it is for a congregation to have souls added to the fold when there is so much turmoil in the world around us!

Ring the bells of heaven, there is joy today! We have another soul repenting in our congregation. Ryan Schleman has been attending our church for a while now and he has been convicted of the Holy Spirit and has decided to follow Jesus. We wish Ryan much grace in this time of repentance.

The Wolcott and Remington congregations had Vacation Bible School in Wolcott this year. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the following ministers for so willingly giving of their time on our behalf. On Monday, Bro. Glen Braker (Sis. Audrey, Princeville, IL) spoke on "Honoring God with our Words"; on Tuesday, Bro. Paul Kilgus (Sis. Carmen, Fairbury, IL) spoke on "Honoring God with our Ears"; on Wednesday, Bro. Wayne Banwart (Sis. Charlen, Champaign, IL) spoke on "Honoring God with our Thoughts"; on Thursday, Bro. Clark Stoller (Sis. Cindy, Gridley, IL) spoke on "Honoring God with our Feet" and on Friday, Bro. Wayne Wiegand (Sis. Rosemary, Goodfield, IL) spoke on "Honoring God with our Heart". This was a very blessed week for our congregations. We want to extend a thank you to all the teachers and other brethren who put forth so much effort in making this week a blessing to all.

Sis. Fran Klopfenstein went home to be with the Lord just two days after she was baptized. We are so thankful she was able to call on the Lord in the final days of her life and feel His forgiveness and peace that passeth all understanding. We pray for comfort for her husband, Levi (Bud) Klopfenstein, and their children: Harley (Lori), Millie (Denny) Matthew, Gale (Nancy), Glen (Elizabeth), and Donna (John) Soulgine. We ex-

tend our sympathy to her many relatives as well.

We have had two of our congregation suffer afflictions of the flesh, Sis. Arles Kropf and Seth Edelman (Bro. Kip and Sis. Donita). We are happy both are on the mend and able to assemble with us again.

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### IOWA, BLOOMFIELD Christy Wiegand

Now it is accomplished! I'm no longer mine;  
Lord, I will forever and always be Thine,  
For Thou hast created and purchased me, too,  
baptized with Thy Spirit, Thou makest me new.  
*Zion's Harp #209*

It was so wonderful to hear how the Lord has been working in the hearts of souls. The weekend of May 30-31, we welcomed Ryan Schock (Bro. Dale and Sis. Teresa) and Tim Dotterer (Bro. Joe and Sis. Rose) into the family of God. We pray for these two new Brothers, that the Lord will continue to guide them daily.

We are always thankful for all our visiting ministers, and this month we were blessed with an abundance of them, including Elder Bro. Dave Graf (Sis. Barbara, Akron), Bro. Clint Schmidt (Sis. Magdalena, Winthrop), Bro. Dean Steffen (Sis. Carol, Belvidere), Bro. Brad Funk (Sis. Laura, Garden Grove), Bro. Bill Brake (Sis. Miriam, Sardis), and Bro. Ted Luginbuhl (Sis. Stephanie, Smithville). May the Lord bless each one for their willingness to serve.

Our sympathy is with Bro. Harold and Sis. Mary Jane Knapp at the passing of Sis. Mary Jane's mother, Sis. Salome Schumacher from Eureka. We also are thankful to report that Sis. Mary Jane is recovering well from her foot surgery.

We welcome Bro. Seth and Sis.



Brenda Hartter to our congregation. We pray they will feel the love and support of our congregation as they adjust to a new community and new employment.

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**IOWA, BURLINGTON**  
**Dixie Messner**  
**Karla Gerst**

Lord, Thou who art so rich in mercy,  
 Take Thy compassion not from me.  
 And when death calls, then lead me  
 surely  
 Through my dear Savior's death to  
 Thee.  
 Eternally I will rejoice,  
 And praise Thy mercy with my voice.  
*Zion's Harp #220, vs. 5*

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bro. Marvin and Sis. Verna Woodward as they laid their daughter, Sis. Ellen Cox (Bro. John, Washington, IL), to rest this past month. Even if the battle has been hard, the parting is still not easy.

Our sympathy is also with Sis. Margaret Applegarth (the late Bro. Blaine) as their son, Jim Applegarth, was called from this life. It is a time for the rest of us to be reminded of our purpose on this earth, our end, and our goal – a time to refocus on what is really important. "It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart." (Ecclesiastes 7:2)

Our prayers have been with Bro. Earl Massner (Sis. Ada) during his recent hospital stay.

We were thankful to have Elder Bro. Jon Schmidgall and ministering Bro. John Steiner (both of Oakville) spend time with us this past month. May the Lord reward them for their labors.

Elder Bro. Jon was with us for our annual Sunday School voting. Bro. Leroy Wulf and Sis. Laurie Schulz will be the new teachers. We appreciate the efforts of those who have fulfilled their

terms and hope their time in Sunday School was a blessing to them.

Lord willing, a future Sunday School student has been added to our congregation. Ethan Ezra Schulz was born to Bro. Gary and Sis. Melody. He is welcomed home by his parents and his siblings who are at home: Sis. Laurie, Bro. Matthew, Jacob, Andrew, Zachary, Camille, and Shelby.

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**IOWA, IOWA CITY**  
**Diana Butikofer**

We extend our sympathy to Ron and Audrey Landherr and their family following the death of Audrey's father, Paul Pulfer. We pray God will comfort them during this time.

We rejoice with Renae Snodgrass (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Becky) as she was recently announced as having peace. We look forward to the opportunity to hear her testimony.

We appreciate Bro. Paul and Sis. Elaine Eisenmann's (Burlington, IA) recent visit and pray the Lord will bless Bro. Paul for his service in sharing God's Word with us.

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**IOWA, LESTER**  
**Gloria Moser**  
**Polly Metzger**

A precious baby boy, Austin Daniel, was born May 31 to Catherine and Dustin Lefdal. Gretchen welcomes her brother and his grandparents are Bro. Chuck and Sis. Vicki Leuthold. May God bless these dear parents as they raise their children.

Though Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,  
 Let this blest assurance control,  
 That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
 And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

*Hymns of Zion #55*

We rejoice with Joanna Knoblock (Bro. Terry and Sis. Elaine), Shannon and Stacey DeSmet (Bro. Bob and Sis.

Shirley) as they have found their peace and await their baptisms. May they continue to be prayerful and look to the Lord for His guidance.

On May 22, Stan Metzger (Bro. Bill and Sis. Charlotte) and Amanda Teunissen announced their engagement. On May 24, Tobin Hartzler of Latty, OH (Bro. Tom and Sis. Diane, Rittman) and Ashley Metzger (Bro. Bill and Sis. Charlotte) became engaged. On May 31, the betrothal of Bro. Colin Moser (Bro. Rick and Sis. Lori) and Sis. Katie Metzger (Bro. Bruce and Sis. Harriet) was shared with our congregation. May these dear couples feel God's nearness and guidance as they plan their weddings and prepare for their futures.

June 7 was the wedding day of Sis. Betsy Doorneweerd (Bro. Butch and Sis. Kathy) and Bro. John Strahm (Bro. Curt and Sis. Ellen, Sabetha). We certainly wish them God's blessings in their married life.

We want to remember in prayer those with bodily afflictions and heavy burdens. Hospital patients have been Sis. Eleanor Popkes, Sis. Esther Moser (Bro. Wes), and Bro. Elmer Metzger (Sis. Marianne). May they feel God's healing touch as they make their recoveries.

We wish to thank our visiting ministers this past month: Elder Bro. Lawrence Luthi (Lamar), Bros. Galen Rokey and Brad Strahm (Bern), Bro. Dave Hartter (Sabetha), Bro. Pat Zaugg (West Bend) and Bro. Ted Luginbuhl (Smithville). We appreciate their efforts and ask God's continued blessings upon them.

We have been in the process of seeking out a new Elder. Elder Bros. Ervin Knecht (Eureka), Curt Frank (La-Crosse), Wayne Grimm (West Bend) and Art Nohl (Morris) have been here to help in this undertaking. We really appreciate them taking time and making the effort to be here. We ask God's continued blessings and guidance for these brothers. This responsibility has



fallen on Bro. Rod Bajema and we will certainly keep him and Sis. Twyla in our prayers as they await his interview.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Gib Knobloch in the loss of his dear wife, Sis. Vickie. She is survived by her five children, Ron, Stanley, Brian (Sabetha) Birkeland, Sandra Walters and Kathy Busch; and her 13 stepchildren, Rollyn, Tim, Bro. Chuck (Sis. Coralee), Bro. Kyle (Becky), Phil, Bro. Jim (Sis. Marcy, Elgin, IA), Lou, Paul and Matt Knobloch, Peggy Snyders, Sis. Barb (Paul Lesmeister, Morris), Ann Weiss, and Sis. Ginny (Bro. Ed Stoll, Winthrop). Also, her brothers and sisters-in-law, Sis. Lucille Knobloch, Sis. Naomi Knobloch, Bro. Si and Sis. Edith Knobloch, Bro. Melvin and Sis. Wilma Knobloch and Elder Bro. Dennis and Sis. Esther Warner (Lester). Sis. Vickie was a very dedicated mother in raising her family, and a kind and diligent worker. May God comfort her family.

### IOWA, OAKVILLE Sharla Wiegand

On June 7, the engagement announcement was made of Sis. Janella Gerst and Bro. David Zimmerman of Forrest, IL. Their parents are Bro. Charles and Sis. Charlene Gerst and Bro. Paul and Sis. Loretta Zimmerman of Forrest, IL. We wish them God's blessings as they plan the future together.

Sunday School election was held on June 14. We thank our outgoing teachers for their years of service to our children: Bros. Curt Frank, Keith Lanz and Jeff Wagenbach, and Sisters Melody Steiner and Lori White. Newly elected teachers are Bros. Brent Frank, Dave Stoller and Colin Wagenbach, and Sisters Kim Massner and Sharla Wiegand.

As I write this, our Vacation Bible School is taking place at our Fellowship Center, exactly one year since the

flood that destroyed the inside. Thanks for all of the volunteers for making this possible.

#### *Note of Thanks:*

We want to take this time to thank the World Relief for helping us out in the time of great need after the flood of 2008. The Apostolic Christian Church across the land has been a blessing.

#### *Least in Faith,*

*Bro. Leon and Sis. Doris Kuntz*

I want to thank you for the many prayers, cards, visits and gifts received during my recovery from my stroke. May God bless you all.

*(Retired Elder) Bro. Ed Lanz*

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### IOWA, WEST BEND Sue Schneider Janet Fehr

"Graduation time" arrived on Sunday, May 17, in West Bend. Our high school graduates include: Darin Banwart (Bro. Kent and Sis. Beth), Ted Gerber (Bro. Manuel and Sis. Mary), Amanda Knobloch (Bro. Cameron and Sis. Tammy), Austin Morrow (David and Cheryl), and Kristin Wirtz (Fred). We congratulate them and our college graduates, and pray each will follow the precepts found in Proverbs 3:5-6: "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."

Our congratulations and God's richest blessings go out to Bro. Alan Banwart (Irene), and Sis. Holly Wales (Sis. Carol), both from the Kansas City, MO, congregation. Also our best wishes to Bro. Dave Bahler (Bro. Tim and Sis. Lynette, Remington, IN) and Sis. Laura Virkler (Bro. Andy and Sis. Becky), both from our congregation. These two couples were engaged on the same Sunday, May 17. Bro. Wayne Fehr (Sis. Kathy, Portland, OR) and Bro. Dale Moore (Sis. Cheryl, Elgin,

IA) were here to share the day with us, and we appreciated their labors on the pulpit. We also congratulate Brian Schneider (Dave and Laurie) and Amy Karstens from Brookings, SD, as they have plans to marry in the near future.

On May 24, we received a visit from Bro. Virgil Metzger (Sis. Mary, Chicago, IL), and Bro. Wayne Fehr (Sis. Kathy, Portland, OR) was still here visiting family. Then on June 7, Bros. Jim Butikofer (Sis. Diane, Iowa City, IA), Wayne Fehr (Sis. Kathy, Portland, OR) and Dale Moore (Sis. Cheryl, Elgin, IA) were present. Once again, may the Lord bless those that bring forth the Living Word.

West Bend hosted the youth fellowship weekend on June 14-15 for our Bible class students. Many visitors came and a blessed time was had by all who participated. We were privileged to have Bro. Chris Wuethrich (Sis. Carla, St. Louis, MO) here, as well as Elder Bro. Dennis Warner (Sis. Esther, Lester, IA), Elder Bro. Art Nohl (Sis. Sandra, Morris, MN), Elder Bro. Paul Messner (Sis. Jan, Winthrop, MN) and Bro. Bernie Messner (Sis. Joyce, Morris, MN) to share this special weekend with the children.

All things are in God's hands as we go patiently from one day to the next, be it in good health and happiness, or days of trial and waiting. Sis. Matilda (Bro. Elmer) Fehr remains very ill and is still hospitalized. Sis. Ruth Metzger, Sis. Francis Zaugg, and young Joshua Fehr (Bro. Scott and Sis. Leona) have all spent time in the hospital due to illness or surgery. May God heal where man's hand cannot reach.

Sis. Adele (Bro. Harley) Bruellman lost her sister-in-law, Sis. Lillian Esslinger (Bern, KS). Also, Sis. Kay (Bro. Dave) Eisenmann lost an older sister, Mary Wilson (Jacksonville, FL). Our sympathy goes to each of these families.

"Bless Thou my quiet times with Thee when heart and mind are still, and let my meditations be according to



Thy will." (Anon.)

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### **JAPAN, SHIODA**

#### **Carrie Ito**

We were blessed by a visit from our Elder Bro. Mark and Sis. Bev Bahr in May. After their visit, we always feel especially encouraged and strengthened to press on toward the mark of the high calling in Christ!

Our church is looking forward to meeting Bro. John and Sis. Wanda Kinsinger and their children, James, Jesse, and Joy, who will be moving to Japan from Korea on July 1. They plan to live in the house on the church grounds (formerly the home of Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle) and teach English. We are thankful to see how the Lord has led them so far and ask for prayers that He will continue to guide and provide as they adjust to life in Japan.

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### **KANSAS, BERN**

#### **Sheri Edelman Jill Meyer**

Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
all to leave and follow Thee...

*Hymns of Zion #169*

We are rejoicing with Jeffrey Edelman (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Linda) as he has seen a need for repentance and conversion. May he feel our prayers as he begins his walk with the Lord.

Come, come, sweet rest, which leads to  
God

and brings us to our blessed Savior.  
In that blest place, where face to face,  
the ransomed host sings to God's  
praise and favor.

*Zion's Harp #147*

We bid our earthly farewell to Sis. Lillian Esslinger (late Bro. Vernon). Our prayers are with her daughters, Judith Day, Deanna Morland and D. "Beth" Shearer and their families as

they miss their mother and grandmother.

Bro. Roger Aberle (Sis. Lavonne) of Sabetha shared God's Word on June 7 and we appreciate his willingness to serve.

Vacation Bible School was held June 8 - 12. May the seeds planted in young hearts bring forth fruit in God's own time.

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### **KANSAS, FORT SCOTT**

#### **Martin Hohulin**

Our lone High School graduate this year was Megan Byler. She is the daughter of Tom and Janet Byler. Megan will be attending college in Arkansas this fall.

Sunday, June 14, brought us unexpected, but welcome, blessings. Bro. Ed Sauder and his wife, Sis. Bonnie (Roanoke, IL), were our guests. Sis. Bonnie has a nephew, Bro. Chris Wuthrich, in our fellowship. Bro. Chris is married to Sis. Janelle (Sinn) Wuthrich. Many of us had never met Bro. Ed and Sis. Bonnie. It is always special to meet Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Sis. Hazel Geyer vacationed with Rich Kellenberger's family in Colorado and was here a short time. At her advanced age, she still retains a cheerful spirit.

We had Vacation Bible School the week of June 8 - 12. It was well attended by the children as well as some of their friends. A picnic and program marked the end of this blessed annual event. I am always amazed at the material and activities the dedicated teachers come up with to make it interesting for the children. Besides an interesting program and singing by the children, a delicious potluck gave us much to be thankful for.

### **KANSAS, KIOWA**

#### **Janice Bahr Jennifer Stewart**

Jesus in the night of His betrayal,  
When His covenant He did endow.  
When His blood, in love and grace  
eternal,

For transgression and for sin did flow,  
He established for His church a token,  
That His covenant might ne'er be broken,

This His holy sacrifice and feast,  
For His own, from sin and death released.

Therefore, when ye to your Master's  
glory,

Come to keep this holy feast of love,  
Ye must truly hear salvation's story,  
Joining those whose homeland is  
above!

Then true love will heart to heart bind  
ever,

And on discord will this union sever;  
One in Jesus Christ they all shall be,  
He the head of His community!

*Zion's Harp #26*

What a blessed evening we enjoyed when Elder Bro. Kent Heimer and Sis. Jan (Taylor, MO) and Elder Bro. John Lehman and Sis. Connie (Bern, KS) shared uplifting words of faith and the serving of the Lord's supper with us. Remembering the Lord's cruel death and all He has done for us is so precious and humbling, for we certainly do not deserve such love and sacrifice as Jesus gave.

We want to thank the Wichita church doubly this month. First, for the group that took the time to come to Kiowa one Saturday to share in our Bible School day. It was a truly blessed day of fellowship and learning lessons about Jesus. Then, in the evening, we had a wiener roast at the river after a hay rack ride and playing in the river. Happy times and making new church friends is always a pleasure! The second occasion for gratitude was a Sunday when Bro. Max Reimschisel helped Bro. Jeff Bahr with services as Bro. Ron Allenbach and Sis. Lois were gone. Sis. Judy and Sis. Shanda came



with Bro. Max on Saturday and we enjoyed an evening of singing and fellowship. Then, on Sunday, we were again uplifted by the loving words we heard from the pulpit. God bless you all!

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord,

No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;

Oh! Make me Thine indeed, thou blessed Son!

I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee;

O bless me now, my Saviour, I come to Thee!

*Hymns of Zion #93*

Within a day after her daughters heard her singing these precious words and then stating "I'm coming", Sis. Helen (Kircher) Huette fell asleep in the arms of her Lord. What a truly beautiful testimony of faith and hope to all of her family and friends. And what a joyous, not sad, way to go home to her Lord. Elder Bros. Ted Witzig and John Lehman shared in the services here, and though we know that her family and friends will miss her, we know she is where she most wants to be.

We are so thankful that Sis. Helen Murow is again able to be in our midst after breaking her hip, and that her husband (Bud), who also spent some time in the hospital this month, is also out and able to be with us again. We truly miss our loved ones when they are absent, for whatever reason.

Harvest is just around the corner for us here, and it is our fervent prayer that God will bless everyone with a safe harvest, but also with thoughts of a greater Harvest to come as the Hymns of Zion #46 states:

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

Let us then all garner in:  
For if we should stand here idle,  
Who would bring the sheaves of grain?  
Hasten gladly to the labor,  
Consecrate to God your heart.  
Say this day unto your Saviour,  
"Lord, I'll gladly do my part."

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**KANSAS  
LAMONT-GRIDLEY  
Ester Knobloch**

Let the eyes of ev'ry teacher  
Look to Thee, O Christ, our Lord!  
Give each hearer understanding  
Of Thy presence in Thy Word.  
May its sound each heart then enter;  
May it pow'r and blessing render;  
For Thy kingdom us prepare,  
For all else is but a snare.

*Zion's Harp #28, vs. 4*

Our visiting ministers this past month were Bro. Brad Funk (Sis. Laura, Garden Grove, IA), Bro. Brandon Emch (Sis. Maria, Kansas City, MO) and Bro. Gary Anliker (Sis. Edith, Elgin, IL). We appreciate their willingness to visit our congregation and preach the Word of truth.

Bro. Victor Edelman (Sis. Hope) was in a four-wheeler accident and received several stitches for lacerations caused by a barb-wire fence. We are thankful God's hand of protection and healing was over him.

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**KANSAS, SABETHA  
Rebekah Beyer  
Carrie Grimm**

On the weekend of May 23-24 we heard the testimony and witnessed the baptism of Bro. Ryan Grimm (Bro. Kevin and Sis. Nita). We pray Bro. Ryan will continue to walk close to God as he travels life's journey.

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

*I Corinthians 13:13*

Believing it is the will of God, Bro.

John Strahm (Bro. Curt and Sis. Ellen) and Sis. Betsy Doorneweerd (Bro. Butch and Sis. Kathy, Lester, IA) were united in marriage on June 7. May the Lord bless this dear couple as they begin life's journey as one in Him.

"Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

*Matthew 19:14*

On June 13, we enjoyed a beautiful evening of fellowship at the Sunday School picnic which was held at Mulberry Creek. May the Lord richly bless the Sunday School teachers who give of themselves and the dear children who attend, that their hearts may be fertile ground.

We were so thankful to have visiting ministers this month. They were Elder Bro. Art Nohl (Sis. Sandra, Morris, MN), Bro. Randy Kellenberger (Sis. Karen, Kansas City, MO), Bro. Scott Wegman (Sis. Dawn, Taylor, MO), Elder Bro. John Lehman (Sis. Connie, Bern, KS), Bro. Larry Bahr (Sis. Julie, Fort Scott, KS), Bro. Shawn Metzger (Sis. Sandra, Philadelphia, PA), and Bro. Cory Metzger (Sis. Jodi, Wichita, KS). May the Lord bless these willing servants and their families as they minister His Word.

Our prayers continue to be with Bro. Kent Grimm (Sis. Molly), Bro. Carl Strahm and Terry Strahm (Bro. Carl and the late Sis. Sharon) who have dealt with afflictions of the flesh. May they each feel God's healing hand.

Our prayers are also with Sis. Ulista Banwart, as her grandmother, Sis. Ruth Meyer (Fairbury, IL), passed from this life.

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

*Isaiah 40:31*

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**KANSAS, WICHITA****Emma Miller**

On a recent Sunday, requests were made for us to show our prayerful support to those who are endangering their lives to serve our country and to protect our freedoms. While few of us have immediate family members so involved, it is our responsibility to pray for all who are. From our small group, we can name the Warner and Carnahan families and more distantly the Funk family. Our prayers are the least we can offer.

A group of Sunday school students enjoyed going to Kiowa for a Saturday Bible school. Our students, who have little opportunity to visit in the country, were excited about finding buffalo bones when they were taken on an outdoor excursion. Also, they commented on the ripening fields of canola. Raising canola is a new venture for farmers in that part of Kansas. One wonders if canola will supplement or replace wheat farming. We certainly appreciate being included in Kiowa's Bible School.

One of the "vitamins" I picked from the vitamin jar which I wrote about last time gave me reason to think about the need for Bible School. It read, "Knowing is not enough: we need to apply." As children learn about God's love for us, we can expect them to trust in Him as they mature.

Elder Bros. Don Braker (Kansas City) and Jay Luthi (Lamont-Gridley) spent the weekend of June 13-14 with us in Wichita so we could partake of Holy Communion. Their wives unselfishly accompanied them and it is a pleasure to greet them also.

**KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON****Barb Huber**

"As for God, His way is perfect: the Word of the Lord is tried: He is a buckler to all those that trust in Him."

*Psalm 18:30*

Each Lord's Day brings a special blessing! On Sunday, June 21, the afternoon service was over and the last prayer had been heard. Suddenly the lights went out and everything was quiet. It was evident that there was no electricity! What had happened? We soon learned that a squirrel had shorted the electric wires on the transformer pole outside. The squirrel had waited till our day of worship was done. How thankful we were that this did not happen during the service. God always provides! He allowed us to be enriched in His Word and renewed with His Spirit before the squirrel took his fling to trip the circuit.

Again, we have truly been blessed to have visiting ministers, Bro. Vic Bauman (Sis. Brenda, Smithville, OH) and Bro. John Lehman (Sis. Ruth Ann, Wolcott, IN), come and share God's Holy Word. May God continue to bless them and their dear families as they traveled many miles to bless our time of fellowship. This month, we were also pleasantly surprised to have several families come with their campers to worship with us. Visitors were represented from the following churches: Belvidere, Elgin, Eureka, IL; and Rittman, OH. We really appreciate all your efforts and labors of love to share in a time of fellowship with our small assembly.

We extend a warm welcome to come and visit us in Lexington. You may contact Bro. Lester Huber (859) 745-2541. Church services are held at 3938 Becknerville Rd., Winchester, KY. Directions to the church are: *From Lexington:* I-75 exit #110 (US 60), east about 6 miles to Road #1923 (Combs Ferry Road), right about 5 miles to Road #3371 (Becknerville Road), left approximately one block on the right. *From Winchester:* Road #1958 (Bypass) south to Road #1927 (Colby Road), west about 3 miles to Road #3371 (Becknerville Road), left 2 miles

on the left.

**MEXICO, IXTLAN****Matt Gerber**

"For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen."

*Romans 11:36*

We are thankful to have baptisms scheduled in June for both Ixtlan and Barra Vieja, Lord willing. Please continue to pray for these converts and others who are repenting in Morelia and Ixtlan.

Bro. Roberto Sanchez was diagnosed with cancer. He is dearly loved by everyone in church for his humility and sincere love for the Savior and the brethren. Please pray for him and his wife, Sis. Rosa, as they face fears about the future and the tough battle ahead.

We heartily welcomed Bro. Rudy and Sis. Rosario Troxel back after being in Lacrosse, IN, since the end of January.

We give God thanks that we've received authorization from the state to move forward with publicizing our grade school and starting registration for school year 2009-10. We will be starting with only first grade this year. Please pray that God would bring the students/families He wants to the school; for wisdom and faith for all the decisions that need to be made by the administration; and that this school could further Christ's kingdom and glory in the community of Ixtlan.

**MICHIGAN, ALTO****Terri Huber****Rose Watson**

As the summer is approaching and seeming so quickly moving along, we have congratulations to our high school graduates, Sis. Sheryl Huber (who will be moving to Peoria to attend college next fall), Bro. Jim McCormick



(who will be moving to Leo, IN, in July), and Alyssa Vereeke (who will be attending college in Grand Rapids in the fall). We would like to send each off with God's blessings for their futures and that they would walk with Him during their next chapter of their earthly lives.

Congratulations also go to Eric and Kayla Blough who had a baby girl this month and named her Isabella. Proud grandparents are Gordy and Trisha Blough. We hope that God will richly bless their new addition to the family.

Last but not least, we are thankful for all who helped and supported with our VBS 2009, which was themed "The Book of Daniel". It takes a lot of organization and people behind the scenes to make VBS a success, again thanks to all who were involved. Also, we would like to give a special thanks to our visiting ministers during our Book of Daniel themed VBS, Bro. Lucas Frank (Detroit) and Bro. Ron Kipfer (Bluffton).

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## MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

**Sarah Knochel**

**Janelle Ramseyer**

Bro. Jack and Sis. Debbie Knochel are thankful grandparents to another granddaughter, Meredith Elle. Paul and Ashley Reusch and big sister Addison are excited for the new addition as well.

Bro. Neil Ramseyer (Sis. Sharon) and Bro. Merle Wieland (Sis. Elaine) both spent time in the hospital. We're thankful that the Lord heals and provides and we trust that He will be with each one that calls upon His name.

On Saturday, June 13, we were able to gather for Holy Communion. We appreciate Elder Bro. Steve Ringger's (Sis. Myra, Bluffton North) willingness to come and assist our Elder Bro. John Jackson with this solemn occasion.

We're thankful for the warmth of summer and that God is providing both the sun and the rain. We trust

that He will be with each one in the coming days.

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice."

*Philippians 4:4*

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## MICHIGAN, DETROIT

**Manuela Denes**

**Kay Rauhe**

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:"

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*

We had one high school graduate this year, and our love, congratulations and God's richest blessings go out to Brooke Lauren Knochel (Bro. Dana and Sis. Beth) who graduated from Stevenson High School and will be attending Illinois State University in the fall studying Deaf Education. We will miss seeing Brooke and look forward to her visits.

Our love and congratulations to Rachel Germaine (Bro. Milan and Sis. Joyce) and Michael Nagher (Fred and Ruth Ann, Sunrise, FL) on their recent engagement. May the days leading up to their August 14 wedding be filled with joy, and we pray that God will guide and bless the life they'll soon be sharing.

Recently we were privileged to have visiting ministers, Bro. Ted Steffen (Sis. Sandra) and Bro. Howard Plattner (Sis. Kristen), all from Alto, MI, with us. We certainly appreciated their willingness to share the Word and to "serve the Lord with gladness." Psalm 100:2.

"Pray without ceasing."

*1 Thessalonians 5:17*

Our deepest sympathy, continued prayers and love to Sis. Crystal Frank (Bro. Lucas) on the death of her Uncle, Elmer Zieker. His wife, Annable Zieker, formerly a Hartzler originally

from Rittman, OH, resides in Milan, OH, where she is missing her husband and appreciates our prayers.

Maybe some of you in our congregation remember seeing David Maletich and his brother, Paul, attending Sunday School in Livonia being escorted lovingly each Sunday by Sis. Helen Popp and Sis. Bonnie Popp. Sadly, on April 30, David Maletich passed away leaving his grandfather, Ernest Maletich (late wife, Mary); parents, Ernest Maletich, Jr. of Broken Arrow, OK, and Vicky Bohley of Grayling, MI; and brother, Paul, deeply grieving, saddened, and in need of our prayers.

May Bro. Dan Coughlin (Sis. Tamra) feel the Lord's peace and know the gentle comfort of His healing touch as they mourn the death of his grandfather, Edwin J. Teevin of Livonia, MI. He passed away on June 14 and is survived by his wife, Edith; two daughters, Sally Coughlin and Jane Gilroy and their husbands; and three grandchildren.

We were so thankful that our prayers were answered when Elder Bro. Mark and Sis. Bev Bahr returned safely home from their trip to Japan. The two congregations there are so grateful for the Lord being so real in their lives. God's grace and truth... "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." John 1:17... are evident in the lives of dear friends, converts, and brethren. Even as angels rejoice over one convert... one new Christian there is so moving and has such a huge impact and, therefore, hope for the future. May we all be bound together in the Savior's love, and a great way to do that is to mention them often in our prayers.

"...If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us."

*1 John 4:12*

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## MINNESOTA MINNEAPOLIS Mary Mogler

We welcomed single brothers from various locations as they gathered for a weekend of fellowship and focus on instruction from God's word. We thank Bro. Wayne Leman (Sis. Julie, Roanoke, IL) and Bro. Mark Zimmerman (Sis. Cheryl, Eureka, IL) for joining us, and being willing messengers of the truth.

Our congregation was blessed by a visit from Bro. Scott Schaefer (Sis. Gigi) and Bro. Rich Gramm (Sis. Samantha), South Bend, IN, as they made a stop through our city on the way to Canada. We enjoyed the opportunity to become acquainted or renew old ties, and especially appreciated the inspired message that was brought forth.

We rejoiced with Bro. Dewayne and Sis. LaRae Dill as they received news of the arrival of their first grandchild, a precious baby girl, Maria June, born to their daughter, Sis. Meg, and husband, Bro. Dale Koch, of Tremont, IL. We know she will be much loved by grandparents and aunts and uncles alike.

Beginning their married life, Kelsey Messner and Josh Brandsted were joined as husband and wife in a June 20 marriage ceremony. We extend our congratulations and wishes for many years of happiness together. Kelsey is the daughter of Jason and Nancy Messner.

Celebrating 50 years of marriage and the many blessings God has granted them are our Bro. Don and Sis. Bernadine Miller. We pray God's continued nearness and provision for them in the years ahead. Bro. Don and Sis. Bernadine are a wonderful example to our congregation as they day by day place their trust in the One who leads them through the joys and trials of life.

As another year of Sunday School came to completion, we gathered at a park for a picnic and games. Our many

thanks to the teachers who faithfully put much time, effort and prayers into teaching our children. As we look back over the years, we see the impact Sunday School teachers had on our life, and now see that impact in our children's lives. May God bless all who are willing to be used in God's service in this way.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with Sis. Katie Blunier as she recently has been battling a serious case of pneumonia. We are thankful she is doing much better at this time.

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## MINNESOTA, MORRIS Susie Wulf Sheila Reuter

We were thankful to have ministering Bro. Jim Koehl (San Diego, CA) here to share the Word of God with us. God bless him for his labors.

Bro. Michael Feuchtenberger and Sis. Jennifer Kaisner of Fairbury, IL, were united in marriage. Their parents are Bro. Gerald and Sis. Karen Feuchtenberger and Bro. Don and Sis. Leona Kaisner. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their life together.

Our congregation was blessed with four new babies this month. MiShayla Mae was welcomed into the family of Bro. Mark and Sis. Lori Mattson. Excited siblings are Sabrina, Ashlyn, Haley, Lindsey and Rylie. Grandparents are Bro. Aldean and Sis. Charlotte Luthi. Avery Jo was welcomed into the family of Bro. Gary and Sis. Heidi Nohl. Siblings, Weston and Gracie, are excited for a new sister. Grandparents are Bro. DeWayne and Sis. Janice Nohl and Bro. Todd and Sis. Pam Stoller (Latty, OH). Bro. Byron and Sis. Amy Wulf were also blessed with a little boy, Harlan Douglas. Thankful for his safe arrival are siblings, Haley and Hayden, and grandparents, Bro. Doug and Sis. Joyce Wulf. Rafe Lloyd was also welcomed into the family of Rod and Shari Olson. Excited for his arrival was big sister Jeslyn and grandparents, Bro.

Jeral and Sis. Linda Schmidgall. We wish them all God's richest blessings as they raise their children.

Our prayers are with Sis. Hazel Moser as she has spent time in the hospital. We trust the Lord will be with her and provide for her.

Graduating from high school this year: Ashley Fehr (Bro. Gary and Sis. Sandy), Courtney Gramm (Bro. Tim and Sis. Gwen), Adam Koehl (Bro. Roy and Sis. Jenell), John Koehl (Bro. Guy and Sis. Lynette), Jenna Moser (Jon and Lori), Jesse Sauder (Bro. Verle and Sis. Christa), Matthew Wulf (Bro. Stan and Sis. Pam), Travis Wulf (Bro. Jim and Sis. Twyla), Sis. Anna Sauder (Bro. Paul and Sis. Marie) and Deanna Feuchtenberger (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Karen). We pray that all will go well for them in the future.

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## MINNESOTA, WINTHROP Julie Schmidt Lindsay Schmidt

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

*Proverbs 3:6*

Congratulations to our high school graduates: Sis. Heather Steiner (Bro. Glen and Sis. Rachel), Sis. Victoria Stoll (Bro. Ed and Sis. Ginny), and Wade Waugh (Wayne and Colleen), and college graduate, Bro. Brett Messner (Bro. Dean and Sis. Wanda). We wish them the Lord's blessings and directions on their future endeavors.

Several from our congregation enjoyed a day of worship and fellowship hosted by our Minneapolis brethren for our annual Winthrop/Minneapolis potluck in May. We thank them for hosting us. It is always a blessing to be together with our closest church.

Our Bible Class students and teachers were guests in West Bend for the annual Youth Fellowship Weekend on June 13-14. We thank the brothers and sisters in West Bend for a blessed weekend and showing such kind hospi-



tality.

“Honour thy father and thy mother...”

*Exodus 20:12*

The Lord has so commanded it and our country has set aside a day to recognize and appreciate our mothers and fathers. We're thankful for their instructions and most importantly their heritage of faith.

Our hearts go out to Bro. Ed and Sis. Ginny Stoll and family in the sudden loss of Sis. Ginny's mom, Sis. Vickie Knobloch (Lester, IA). May they feel the Lord's comfort and peace.

Our congregation enjoyed the willing servitude of visiting ministers, Bro. Wayne Fehr (Sis. Kathy, Portland, OR) and Bro. Dean Steffen (Sis. Carol, Belvidere, IL). We thank these brothers and their families for making Winthrop a part of their plans and laboring on our behalf.

Thankfully God has heard our prayers for those who are in physical affliction. Our hospital and surgery patients this month have been Vernita Messner (Melvin) and Trey Stoll (Bro. Ed and Sis. Ginny). We pray for their continued healing.

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### **MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY** **Brittany Fehr**

We wish God's richest blessings upon our new Sister in Christ, Sis. Nina Karjalainen. Elder Bros. Andy Stoller (Sis. Roberta, Smithville, OH) and John Lehman (Sis. Connie, Bern, KS), as well as ministering Bros. Cory Metzger (Sis. Jodi, Wichita, KS) and Jeff Fischer (Sis. Gloria, Fort Scott, KS) were present the weekend of her proving and baptism; we thank them for their labors. It was truly a blessed weekend. We also want to thank Bro. John Rowell (Sis. Nelda, Burlington, IA) for ministering to our congregation. We are thankful to continue to have Brothers who are willing to preach the truth as the Holy Spirit

leads them.

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### **MISSOURI, LAMAR** **Dana Kellenberger** **Rebecca Dotterer**

Bro. David and Sis. Carol Dotterer are thankful for the safe arrival of Brittany Lynn on June 5. Big sisters, Brianna and Julia, also welcome her home. Her grandparents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Judy Braker and Bro. Bill and Sis. Sharon Dotterer, both of our congregation.

Bro. Evan Braker (Sis. Crystal) had a brief hospital stay and is recovering.

We rejoice with our convert, Jessica Luthi (Bro. Calvin and Sis. Jodi), as she was announced for peace.

Our prayers and sympathy go to Bro. Alfred and Sis. Carolyn Banwart in the passing away of his mother-in-law, Sis. Ruth Meyer (Fairbury, IL), and to our Bro. Jonathan and Sis. Beth Banwart and Sis. Venetta Banwart in the passing away of their grandmother. May the Lord comfort them at this time of mourning.

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### **MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS** **Meagan Wuethrich**

“And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father...” (Isaiah 9:6). While Father's Day makes us think of our own fathers and grandfathers, their love, examples, and care for us; it ultimately draws our thoughts to our heavenly Father. His everlasting love and care exceeds time and generations and is the Father to the fatherless. May we ultimately praise Him at this time and always; as well as the fathers He has blessed us with in this life. When people “have a mind to work” for the Lord, many things may be accomplished in a way that makes the world marvel. Each person involved, whether giving or receiving, receives showers of blessing as a result. With all of the efforts by such people, our St. Louis church did indeed

receive such blessings when brethren from hours away came and were part of the re-roofing of our church. They finished the job in a very short time – even with light rain on the second day. We thank each one of you who lent of your time and effort for us. Special thanks also to Bro. Arnie Gerst and our Elder Bro. Kent and Sis. Jan Heimer for their help with organization, and to the sisters whose assistance was greatly appreciated in the kitchen. Most of all we give praise to our heavenly Father for making the weekend possible and we pray He will bless each of you beyond our human gratitude.

Many thanks to Elder Bro. Wayne Banwart (Sis. Char, Champaign, IL) for ministering to us this month; as always we look forward to the company that summer often brings our way, and invite you to fellowship with us as your travels permit.

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### **MISSOURI, TAYLOR** **Kathy Eberhardt**

On June 4, Bro. Erik Givens (Sis. Deb, Princeville, IL) shared a Bible Study topic entitled “Patience”. He gave a beautiful illustration of our body being like a sponge. When we are squeezed, may we drip with the “Fruit of the Spirit”. Thanks so much, Bro. Erik — that thought will be with us for a long time. Thanks for making the trip on a Wednesday evening.

We are rejoicing with our friend, Melissa Reiman, as she started repenting. She is the daughter of Jane Reiman and the late Lester Reiman. May God grant her much grace.

We are thankful for God's healing power this month as two dear brothers were hospitalized with surgeries. We pray for a quick recovery for Bro. Rusty Adrian and Bro. Justin Steffen.

We also wish God's blessing for Bro. Shane Sutter (Bro. Jim and Sis. Kris) and Sis. Julia Stickling (Bro. Chris and Sis. Marsha, Peoria, IL) as they were united in holy matrimony.

We express our sympathy to the



families of Sis. Evelyn (Yackley) Sauder, who passed away on May 23. She was the daughter of Sis. Clara and the late Bro. Perry Yackley. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Rich (Tremont, IL); two daughters, Kim and Sis. Camille; brothers, Bro. LeRoy Yackley, Bro. Joe Yackley, Bro. Elwood Yackley; sisters, Faye Hoenes, Sis. Eleanor Yackley, Sis. Dorothy Yackley, and Karen Rule, and all their families. Sis. Evelyn was loved by all. Her mission in life was to serve her Lord, family, church and community.

I would like to thank all who remembered our family in the death of my father, Paul Pulfer (Sis. Evelyn, Elgin, IA). He passed away on May 31. A hymn came to mind as our family waited in the emergency room. "Asleep in Jesus! Blessed Sleep."

Our Sunday School children are enjoying Vacation Bible School. Their theme is "Operation Space: a close encounter with God's Word". The students learned how they can know that the Bible is true, and also increase their knowledge of outer space. Here are a few facts to get your mind thinking. Do you want to see a big number? How about 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000!!! That is the estimated number of stars in the universe. It's read ten billion billion. And yet, God has named each one (Psalm 147:4).

Thanks, Elder Bro. John Lehman (Sis. Connie, Bern, KS) for your recent visit and bringing the Heavenly Manna, God's Word, to our hearts.

Let us remember the faith of our fathers as we approach Father's Day.

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### NEW YORK CROGHAN-NAUMBURG Hope Graves

We were thankful to have Elder Bro. Jay Luthi and his wife, Sis. Jane (Lamont-Gridley, KS), with us for Communion on June 6. A potluck was shared together Saturday evening prior to the Communion service. May the Lord richly bless them for coming

to share in this with our congregation.

The next weekend we were blessed to have ministering Bro. Charles Kellenberger and his wife, Sis. Debbie, with us from Elgin, IL. May God bless him for his service.

It was a wonderful weekend for each of us when the busload of brethren from Congerville, IL, arrived. They spent the weekend of June 19-22 with us. We spent the day together on Saturday viewing the wonders of God's creation before sharing a potluck dinner followed by a singing in the evening. We thank ministering Bro. Dale Banwart (Sis. Missy, Congerville, IL) for bringing forth the message to us over the weekend. The many visitors then provided a delicious dinner for us Sunday, followed by a song service and a few encouraging words from retired Elder Bro. Andy Virkler (Congerville, IL). It was a blessing to fellowship together and to see the church benches filled. May the Lord richly bless each one for traveling here and creating so many rich memories for us.

June 8 was a very special day for Lansing and Marcy Petzoldt as they welcomed their first baby, Carl Allen. We pray for the Lord's guidance in raising this special new life.

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### OHIO, AKRON Mara Henico Rachel Pamer

I give my heart alone to Thee  
Use it for Thy design!  
This vain world's I would never be,  
Dear Lord, but wholly Thine.  
*Zion's Harp #163, verse 10*

We were thankful to hear the testimony of our friend, Tom Reljin, and to witness his vows of faithfulness to God. It takes many of us back to the time when we, too, stood in the waters of baptism and promised to be faithful. May it be that we would cling to that first love and never let this world come between us and our Lord! It is such a

blessing to welcome our Bro. Tom into the family of God! We were thankful that Elder Bro. Andy Stoller (Sis. Roberta, Smithville, OH) was able to be with us that weekend to assist in the labor. May God richly reward him and all of our brothers who so willingly set aside self and serve. We are also thankful that Bro. Jerry Bauman (Sis. Martha, Rittman, OH), Bro. Ted Luginbuhl (Sis. Stephanie, Smithville, OH), and Bro. Tim Ramsier (Sis. Joni, Rittman, OH) were able to preach the Word in our congregation this month.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with those students who have just graduated from high school. Bro. Arthur Greenbank (Bro. Glen and Sis. Joan), Adrian Craiu (Bro. Virgil and Sis. Veronica), Adam Graf (Bro. Eric and Sis. Erika), Aaron Yahi (Sis. Rose), David Laubli (Bro. Gaius and Sis. Ilona), Sis. Melissa Ordogh (Bro. Peter and Sis. Elvira), Heidi Steidl (Bro. Les and Sis. Judi), Sis. Rachael Indermuhle (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Carol), and Jennifer Ziegler (granddaughter of Mildred Bako). May God be with each one and give grace that as decisions are made, these new graduates could look to the Lord with their questions and follow His direction in all areas of their lives.

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### OHIO, COLUMBUS Julie Grimm

Bro. Fred Domka (Mansfield, OH), Bro. Ron Palitto (Akron, OH), and Bro. Mike Bauman Jr. (Mansfield, OH) served us in the ministry this month. We are thankful for faithful servants and the preservation of God's Holy Word.

Silas Richard Banks arrived to the family of Bro. Casey and Sis. Rachel, Caleb and Luke on June 7. Silas' grandparents are Bro. Larry and Sis. Nancy Banks and Bro. Dan and Sis. Betty Baltic. We wish this family much happiness; along with God's wisdom and grace to raise their children in the ways of the Lord. "And ye shall teach



them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou riseth up." (Deut. 11:19)

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## OHIO, JUNCTION

### Vicki Boroff

We've once again had hospital patients recently: Bro. Alvin Manz and Maggie Manz (Bro. Mark and Sis. Cathy). We pray for God's healing hand upon them.

Our prayers go to the family of Bro. Alvin Manz in the loss of his foster son, Jim Parker. We wish the family the Lord's comforting hand during this time of grieving.

We were thankful to hear that our converts, Tami Manz (Bro. Les and Sis. Karen) and Rachael Manz (Bro. Russ and Sis. Vera), has received the wonderful gift of peace. We look forward to a weekend in the future to hear their testimonies.

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## OHIO, LATTY

### Amanda Wenninger Carmen Eisenmann

We appreciated having visiting ministers with us this month. They were Bro. Justin Koch (Sis. Marcia, Washington, IL), Bro. Doug Harmon (Sis. Lanna, Toledo, OH), Bro. Dale Wulf (Sis. Becky, Lester, IA), and Bro. Calvin Schneider (Sis. Jeanie, La-crosse, IN).

We are thankful for three new babies to report this month! Jason and Melissa Labounty are first-time parents to daughter, Addyson Kaye, born on May 26. Thankful grandparents are Elder Bro. John and Sis. Marcia Laukhuf and John and Penny Labounty. Aiden Keith was born to Vinc and Natalie Krzesinski on June 12. He is welcomed home by siblings, Adrianne, Leah, and Luke, and grandparents, Bro. Keith and Sis. Connie Krzesinski and Bro. Dwight and Sis. Lori Stoller. June 12 was also the

birthday for Anna Elizabeth born to Bro. Marvin and Sis. Jennifer Manz. Happy siblings are Lauren, Levi, Owen, Emily, and Julia. Grandparents are Bro. Dwight and Sis. Lori Stoller and Bro. Ken and Sis. Gwen Manz (Junction, OH).

Our congregation was once again reminded of the fragileness of life as Nathan Plummer died tragically in an accident the day after his high school graduation. Our thoughts and prayers are with his parents, Bro. Rick and Sis. Denise, and his siblings, Kurt, Ashley, and Derek, during this difficult time. May they feel the comfort of the Holy Spirit and the love and prayers of their family and friends.

Bro. Dave (Sis. Deb) Wenninger was seriously injured in an accident at his work. We pray for God's presence and strength to him and his family through his recovery.

We wish God's blessings to our high school graduates this year. They are Bethany Gruetman (Bro. Greg and Sis. Kristy), Karl Klopfenstein (Bro. Leon and Sis. Deb), Sis. Alyssa Nuest (Bro. Lee and Sis. Paula), Jonathon Nygaard (Bro. Doug and Annette), Nathan Plummer (Bro. Rick and Sis. Denise), Mallory Rosswurm (Bro. Bruce and Sis. Amy), Kristen Schlatter (Bro. Eli and Sis. Janel), Marla Sinn (Bro. Todd and Sis. Janet), Arthur Stoller (Bro. Craig and Sis. Ruth), Kristi Wenninger (Bro. Kevin and Sis. Della), and Sis. Chelsea Williamson (Bro. Jason and Sis. Wendy). May God provide wisdom and guidance in all of their future endeavors.

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## OHIO, MANSFIELD

### Esther Baumann

Haste and seek your soul's salvation;  
Heed the word of God today!  
Haste to flee His condemnation;  
Seek the straight and narrow way.

*Zion's Harp #52, v. 1*

We rejoice with five young precious

souls in our congregation who have made haste to seek the straight and narrow way. They are: Hallie Webel (Bro. Jeff and Sis. Julie), Marjorie Dawson (Bro. Ed and Sis. Judy), Johanna Beer (Bro. Chuck and Sis. Tammy), Lauren Sauder (Bro. Bruce and Sis. Denise) and Anthony Baumann (Bro. Dave and Sis. Luci). We continue to uphold them in prayer as they grow in God's perfect way.

Our annual Vacation Bible School was held the week of June 8-12. Special thanks to all who labored to make it possible, including ministering brethren who served us: Bro. Joe Dotterer (Sis. Rose, Bloomfield, IA), Bro. Don Manz (Sis. Connie, Junction, OH), Bro. Dana Indermuhle (Sis. Joy, Sardis, OH), Bro. Mark Steiner (Sis. Sue, Smithville, OH), and Bro. Tom Schambach (Sis. Connie, Elgin, IL).

Please continue to pray for our sisters who were recently hospitalized: Sis. Becky Vent (Richard), Sis. Luci Baumann (Bro. Dave) and Sis. Lilly Baumann (Bro. Mike).

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## OHIO, RITTMAN

### Heidi Rufener Laurie Beery

"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour."

*Eccles 4:9*

Bro. Darin Winkler (Bro. Andy and Sis. Mary Jane) and Sis. Laurie Beery (Bro. Walt and Sis. Lynda) have prayerfully promised themselves to each other and made their engagement known to our congregation. Also making plans for their new life together are Bro. Ethan Steiner (Bro. Matt and Sis. Gail) and Sis. Lisa Hartzler (Elder Bro. Merle and Sis. Bonnie). We wish God's rich blessings upon all of them.

Several couples have been joined together in holy matrimony. Jeffrey Gerber (Bro. Tom and Sis. Laura) and Kristen Koenig (Bud and Cindy,



Paulding, OH); Jayna Hartzler (Bro. Dean and Sis. Jan) and Drew Rupp (Bill and Sandy, Sterling); and Sis. Cymbal Rigenbach (Bro. Bob and Sis. Lorie) and Bro. Ben Stoller (Bro. Rob and Sis. Joanna). May each of these couples look to God as the foundation and head of their union.

We rejoice with the angels in heaven as Nate Gasser (Bro. Virg and Sis. Lois) has chosen to turn his heart to the Lord in repentance. May God grant him grace as he takes new steps in faith.

On May 26, Cody Lee joined the family of Bro. Ryan and Sis. Julie Steiner. Also welcoming home her new brother is big sister, Emma. Cody's grandparents are Sis. Carole Steiner and Bro. Jeff and Sis. Bev Hartzler. Tirzah Grace was born to Bro. Tom and Sis. Gretchen Stoller (Smithville) on June 2. Her older siblings are Esther, Reuben, Amariah and Isaac. Tirzah's grandparents are Bro. Rowen and Sis. Judy Schar and Sis. Luella Stoller (Smithville).

Hospitalized recently were Bro. Bob Steiner (Sis. Betty), Kaden Katanic (Bro. Mike and Sis. Heather) and Bro. Dave Rufener (Sis. LeAnn). We pray for God's gentle healing hand on these dear ones.

We've been blessed with several visiting ministers this month. Bros. Dan Moser (Elgin, IL), Randy Gasser (Detroit, MI), Todd Stoller (Latty), Steve Pamer (Akron) and Elder Bro. Curt Frank (LaCrosse, IN) have all given of themselves on our behalf.

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### **OHIO, SARDIS Faith Beard**

Jesus is the Shepherd; Guess who I am!

Such a lovely secret, I'm His little lamb!

*The Children's Harp, #14*

Kyria, Haven and Malachi delight in the birth of their little brother, Jude

Alan, who arrived in good health on June 18 to Bro. Alan and Sis. Renee Blough. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Denny and Sis. Doris Miller, Sis. Lucille Blough (Rittman, OH), and Joe Blough of the Akron, OH, area.

We were thankful for beautiful weather and uplifting interaction between the children and adults at our annual Sunday School picnic on June 20. Bro. Warren and Sis. Cindy Schlatter and family from Junction, OH, made the effort to be with us, and he spoke to us that evening on the topic of Children in the Bible.

We were also blessed to hear Bro. Warren speak the Word to us that Sunday. Also serving us from the pulpit earlier in the month were Bro. Bill Dotterer (Sis. Sharon, Lamar, MO) and Bro. Ron Steiner (Sis. Ruth, Rittman, OH).

"But by the grace of God I am what I am: and His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed."

*I Corinthians 15:10-11*

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### **OHIO, SMITHVILLE Edith Miller Ruth Gasser**

We are thankful to those visiting us this past month, and those ministering the gospel to us. The ministers who visited are Bros. Arthur Ingold and Timothy Ramsier (Rittman, OH), Lucas Frank (Detroit, MI), Walter Rager (Toledo, OH), Steven Frauhofer (Bluffton North, IN), Joe Dotterer (Bloomfield, IA), and Gary Sinn (Latty, OH). May God bless their labors and grant grace to those who speak His Word, that it always be brought in humility and truth.

With joy we hear of another soul who has answered God's call to forsake the world and give her life to the Lord. We pray for Morgan Pertee (Bro. Dave and Shelly Colvin, and Ron Pertee),

that this most important decision made in her youth will bring true peace and contentment.

As God has blessed the homes of many in our area with new life, may He give wisdom to those entrusted with these little ones. Bro. David and Sis. Connie Maletich are grandparents of Emmett Luke, born to Bro. Luke and Sis. Pam Steiner (Rittman, OH). Bro. Matthew and Sis. Gail Steiner are the Rittman grandparents. Bro. John and Sis. Janice Rufener rejoiced as a granddaughter, Moriah Grace, was added to the family of Bro. Zach and Sis. Jenny Bertsch (Leo, IN). Paternal grandparents are Bro. Mike and Sis. Carmen Bertsch, also of Leo. Bro. Mark and Sis. Sue Steiner welcomed Mason Richard, the firstborn of Milan and Stephanie Steiner. Tirzah Grace was welcomed by Bro. Tom and Sis. Gretchen Stoller, Esther, Reuben, Amariah, and Isaac on June 2. Grandparents are Sis. Luella (late Bro. Harold) Stoller, and Bro. Rowen and Sis. Judy Schar (Rittman, OH). Curt and Heather Ramsier are thankful for the safe arrival of Trey Carter on June 12. Ty, Todd, and Tony, and grandparents, Bro. David and Sis. Dottie Ramsier, will also share in loving this precious blessing.

Bro. David Dotterer (Sis. Luanna) has gone through major surgery, and Sis. Becky Bauman (Bro. Aaron) was hospitalized. Jeremy Bauman (Bonnie), son of Bro. Steve and Sis. Connie, has been ill and was hospitalized. Sis. Rhea Beery (Bro. Harold) suffered a fall and faces several weeks of recovery time. Also, Sis. Evelyn Manz (Bro. Eli, Junction, OH) is spending time in our area with family, recovering from a fall and surgery. We pray for comfort of the Holy Spirit in difficult times, and healing, according to God's will.

After a lengthy illness, our friend, Elmer Zieker, son-in-law of Sis. Clara Hartzler, departed this life on June 4. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife, Annabel; son, Scott (Karen);



grandson; and other relatives. May God comfort and fill each need.

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**OHIO, TOLEDO**  
**Teresa Rywalski**  
**Rebecca Beard**

Greetings of love to each and every one of you.

Visiting us on the pulpit this month were Bro. Randy Gasser (Sis. Sue, Detroit, MI) and Bro. Mark Ramsier (Sis. Alice, Sardis, OH). We thank these brothers for their willingness to proclaim God's Word.

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**OREGON, PORTLAND**  
**Renee Angstrom**

Visiting us this month from Tucson, AZ, was Bro. Curtis Kaufman. We were blessed and encouraged by the message that was shared. Our visiting ministers this month from Silverton were Bro. Harvey Kuenzi (Sis. Jennifer), Bro. Ed Knecht (Sis. Judie), Bro. Todd Zollinger (Sis. Michele) and Bro. Christopher Kuenzi (Sis. Mary). We appreciate their support and bring forth the Word.

We celebrated with our graduates and enjoyed a potluck dinner. Graduating from High School is Elisheba Folia (Bro. Peter and Sis. Elizabeth). Graduating from 8th grade is Maris Leman (Bro. Mike and Sis. Lisa), Madisen Kuenzi (Bro. Monte and Sis. Kellie) and Shane Gallup (Bro. Mark and Sis. Louisa). We wish them God's blessings as they continue on through their educational pursuits.

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**OREGON, SILVERTON**  
**Cindy Metzger**

Congratulations to the following high school graduates: Gavin Dettwyler, Luke Zollinger, Darren Sinn, Nelson Sinn, Cameron Sinn, Brooke Luthi, Janeen Kuenzi, Joshua Kuenzi and Derrick Kuenzi. We wish them the Lord's guidance as they make plans for their future.

A special thanks to our outgoing Sunday School teachers. We appreciate the extra time given each week to teach our children. The new teachers that will begin this fall are as follows: Bro. Terry Kuenzi, Bro. Troy Kuenzi, Bro. Chad Walter, Sis. Sherri Kuenzi, Sis. Koreen Metzger and Sis. Teresa Knecht.

Silverton was thankful to have several new additions added to our congregation. Meredith Mae was born on May 24 to Bro. Kevin and Sis. Jill Dettwyler. Meredith's siblings are Heidi, Caleb and Nathan. His grandparents are Bro. Loren and Sis. Marlene Dettwyler and Bro. Jim and Sis. Joan Dietrich. Kenton Lyle was born on June 3 to Bro. Jess and Sis. Kelsey Walder. His older siblings are Stephen and Stephanie. Kenton's grandparents are Bro. Terry and Sis. Ann Kuenzi and Bro. Dennis and Sis. Sharon Walder of Cissna Park, IL. On June 4, Braelyn Kristine was born to Craig and Kristi Walter. Her sister, Madisyn, and grandparents, Bro. Chuck and Sis. Karen Walter and Joe Gengler and Jan Long welcome her home. Travis Lynn was born to Bro. Adam and Sis. Lori Dietrich on June 10. Travis's siblings are Julia, Kendra and Jacob. His grandparents are Bro. Terry and Sis. Ann Kuenzi and Bro. Jim and Sis. Joan Dietrich.

We are thankful that our Portland church is close by to have their ministering Brothers visit us frequently. This month we were glad to have Bro. Ron Jones (Sis. Liz) minister the Word to our congregation.

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**PENNSYLVANIA**  
**PHILADELPHIA**

Only on rare occasion does a small congregation like Philadelphia experience the blessing of a marriage ceremony. So when God reveals His intent to join two souls in that congregation, it is not only a wonderful blessing for the couple and their parents, their families and friends, it is a true bless-

ing for the whole church.

First, for the couple: Our dear Sis. Lauren Wiegand from here and her new husband, Bro. Jamin Steffen from Bluffton, IN. These two beloved souls found themselves each led by God to continue their studies in Tucson, AZ. In God's plan then was to bring them together as husband and wife. They were married here in Philadelphia on June 28. Since both are still engaged in their studies, they will make their home in Tucson. May God shower His blessings upon you wherever you may be.

Second, for the parents: Sis. Lauren is the daughter of our Elder Bro. Ben and Sis. Michelle Wiegand. Bro. Jamin is the son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Marcia Steffen from Bluffton. As many of us know by experience from a parent's perspective, the marriage of their children initiates a significant change in the family circles. These changes are outlined in Scripture and have been ordained from the beginning. Emotions run deep when our children marry, emotions of joy and happiness that God's work is accomplished, but also a touch of sadness that what we have had and cherished will now be different. May God bless you, dear parents, as your children follow His ordained path for their lives.

Then, for the families and friends: What a joy to witness someone you love so dearly being directed by the Spirit through such an important step. They are an example for each one and it gives hope that such joy will be yours as well.

And finally, for the Church: In Sis. Lauren and Bro. Jamin's marriage, for the churches in Philadelphia, Tucson and Bluffton. In Tucson, where they will make their home, we know that you will embrace this dear couple and care for them as you have so lovingly done in the past. For Bluffton, Bro. Jamin's roots are there with you. We know that you will welcome Sis. Lauren whenever they come to visit. For Philadelphia, this has been a most special time. First, with a typical



weekly attendance of about 55, we had the blessing of hosting over 200 for the wedding. This was a wonderful blessing of fellowship. In order to accommodate us all, we were able to obtain agreement with the owners of the local Grange Hall next door to the church to renovate the building and use it for morning worship services and for the wedding reception. It was a touching experience since that very Grange Hall was used for our weekly worship service for several years before our church building was constructed many years ago. The Grange Hall as a historical landmark is quite classic in its architecture. Sadly, it had fallen into some disrepair so this renovation gave us an opportunity to work together, as well as satisfy the needs of the wedding. It has been a blessing for us all. We were thankful to have ministering Bros. Curt Kaufman, Brad Bauer and Jay Knapp, all from Tucson, AZ, and Bro. John Wiegand (Silverton, OR) to help in this blessed day. We again want to thank everyone who came and shared the weekend with us.

May God bless the efforts, the fellowship that we enjoyed, the families and friends, the parents and most certainly, our dear Sis. Lauren and Bro. Jamin.

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### **TENNESSEE, NASHVILLE** **Mike and Monica Fritz**

Our son, Obed Fritz, has taken employment in Eureka, IL, and thus has moved away from our home and our congregation. He is already greatly missed, but we rejoice in, and are encouraged by, the loving welcome he has received from the brethren in Eureka and the surrounding area. We pray that he will seek the Lord's presence as he makes his home there.

God's Living Word has been a great encouragement to us this month, and we want to sincerely thank our visiting ministering brothers who so ably shared it with us. These visitors include Elder Bro. Phil Stettner (Sis.

Maureen; Bluffton North, IN), and Bros. Brad Strahm (Sis. Michelle; Bern, KS), Dan Koch (Sis. Julie; Tremont, IL), and Tom Waldbeser (Sis. Sue; Atlanta, GA). We are also thankful for the fellowship of brethren and friends visiting from Atlanta, GA; Bloomington-Normal, Congerville, Eureka, and Tremont, IL; Bluffton North, IN; Elgin, IA; and Bern, KS.

If you are traveling in or through the Nashville area, please plan to worship with us. The following churches are scheduled for services in the near future: Sardis, OH (7/19); Peoria, IL (7/26); Bluffton, IN (8/2); Akron, OH (8/9); Congerville, IL (8/16); Taylor, MO (8/23); and Goodfield, IL (8/30). If you are planning to worship with us, please call ahead to confirm our schedule. Often we gather on Saturday evenings for fellowship, and all are heartily welcome. We also usually meet on Wednesday evenings for a song service at 7:15 p.m. and would welcome any midweek visitors. Contacts are Bro. Don and Sis. Faye Sauder, (615) 373-8928; Bro. Mike and Sis. Monica Fritz, (615) 866-5543; and Sis. Gwen Leuthold, (615) 356-5755.

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### **TEXAS, AUSTIN** **Amy Ringger** **Serenity Ringger**

A story was told of a man who thought there must be life on other planets. He reasoned, "The universe is too large for just the people on earth; why would God have made such an expansive creation for one planet full of people? It just doesn't make sense!"

Another man responded to his comment, "Well, if God created the universe for only us, you would be right, but if He made it all for the purpose of declaring His glory, it is probably just about the right size."

We've beheld another miracle that declares the glory of God; Little Trey Wesley Beer was born on June 4. He is welcomed by parents, Bro. Barry and Sis. Myra, as well as grandparents,

Bro. Dan and Sis. Deb Beer (Milford), and Bro. Stan and Sis. Ginny Isch (Bluffton).

A few weeks ago, we said farewell to Tucker Huber (Bro. Eric and Sis. Marcel) who is moving to Denver, CO. It has been a blessing to have him part of our church for a couple of years, and look forward to his visits back.

While one is leaving, God has blessed us with two more to help us on the way. Bro. Lynn and Sis. Valerie Kipfer have moved here from Bluffton North. They were able to find a house just a few miles from church, and are settling in. As we sang these words below in church last Sunday from "The Image of Christ" (ZH #164), we pray that we can each encourage each other to that end.

Thy fearless zeal wilt Thou impart;  
With courage do inflame my heart!  
Discreetly let me walk with Thee;  
Let all my motives holy be.

Thanks to our visiting ministers: Bros. Tim Gerber (Sis. Wendy, Mansfield), Tim Zimmerman (Sis. Barb, Lamont-Gridley, KS), Dennis Kaufman (Sis. Bonnie, Bloomington), Dan Beer (Sis. Deb, Milford), and Elder Bro. Peter Petrovic (Sis. Marian, San Diego). We had another visitor from Akron.

The following is the minister schedule for August: (2) Elgin, IL, (9) Wolcott, (16) Philadelphia, (23) Detroit, and (30) Champaign. We extend a warm welcome to anyone who may be in the area to worship with us, on Sundays or mid-week. Please call ahead to help us plan for serving lunch. Also, because visitors add much to our local fellowship times, it helps if we know about your visit well in advance, perhaps even a month or more if possible, so that we can accommodate you more readily in our weekend gatherings. In addition to the contacts in the minister book, you may contact our local minister, Bro. Dennis (Sis. Diane) Rassi at 309-275-7775.



Directions to our church are these: from the intersection of Hwy 71 and 21 on the west side of Bastrop, go east on Hwy 71 about 1/2 mile and take the first exit (by the Ford dealership), proceed on the eastbound frontage road about 4/10 mile. The church is on the right. It is located about 18 miles east of the Austin airport. The address is 1025 W. Highway 71, Bastrop, TX 78602. It is a one-story building with a limestone façade, and the church sign in the front. Quite a few people have tried using the GPS system to find the church; but they found out that GPS took them to the east side of town, rather than west. We advise following the directions herein instead of GPS.

In the church, there are two furnished bedrooms for the ministers to use when coming for services. When you contact someone about coming for services, please let them know if you would like to use the bedrooms during the time you are here.

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### **TEXAS, McALLEN** **Joyce Nohl**

Our visiting ministers for this past month were Bro. Jaye Rinckenberger (Sis. Peggy, Goodfield, IL) and Bro. Leland Plattner (Sis. Mary, Zapata, TX). May God bless them for their efforts and love to serve us.

We would like to encourage those who plan to come South for a summer vacation to consider the Valley for a Sunday of worship. We are small in number and are happy to have visitors come and spend some time with us.

The following churches are scheduled for services: (Aug. 2, Bluffton North, IN); (Aug. 23, Washington, IL); (Sept. 13, Bern, KS); (Sept. 27, Tremont, IL).

Our address is: Holiday Inn Express, 1921 South 10th Street. Turn 1 1/2 blocks off the Expressway on 10th Street. Services will be held at 10:30 and 12:30. Please see ministers' directory for local contact information.

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### **VERMONT** **NORTH CLAREN-** **DON/NORWICH** **Nathan and Miriam Reutter**

This cup is the blood of my new covenant,  
which for many sinners I have shed;  
There-in lies the promise and the power  
of each one who unto sin is dead.  
So this blood, which flowed on Calvary's mountain,  
Unto full salvation is the fountain;  
And this cup reminds us of the blood,  
which for sin was made a cleansing flood.

*Zion's Harp # 26*

This past weekend we partook of Holy Communion and were reminded of the great love and mercy of our Heavenly Father. Here for this blessed occasion were Elder Bro. Kevin Ryan (Sis. Cheryl) and Bro Warren Zahner (Sis. Bonnie), both from Rockville, CT. Earlier in the month, Bro. Kevin Ryan (Sis. Cheryl) came to exhort us on partaking of Communion. We would like to thank Bro. Dan Goric (Sis. Mary Lou, Rockville, CT) for their willingness to come and share the Word with us in this past month. May God richly bless these dear brothers and their wives for their continued work and labor on our behalf.

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

*Psalms 127:3*

We, Bro. Nathan and Sis. Miriam Reutter, were blessed with a new little bundle of joy named Phoebe Rachel. Her happy siblings, Lucas, Gabrielle and Jason, were very excited to bring her home. Phoebe's grandparents are Bro. Duane and Sis. Kay Reutter (Rockville, CT) and Bro. Vladimir and Sis. Margaret Fortenbacher (Kitchener, ON).

If you are interested in fellowshiping with us here in Vermont, and would like information about service locations and dates, please contact Bro. Chad and Sis. Jenny Virkler (802-293-2724). We love to fellowship with believers whether it is during the week or on the weekend. Please let us know if you are planning on being in our area so we can accommodate you. Service times are as follows:

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them pay for what they had done. Even as He hung there on the cross, we think of Him hanging there on the cross looking down at those soldiers who had the swords and the spears in their hand. Those who had pounded the nails into His hands and His feet. Caused Him physical anguish. Yet He overcame any desire that may have been there to see their revenge. He said, Father forgive them for they know not what they do (St. Luke 23:34).

So truly we have that calling, don't we beloved ones, that we wouldn't seek or hold in our heart a grudge like Joab did. He held that there for a while. I don't know how long it was between the time that his wrongs had occurred and the time that he sought his vengeance. But it was a while. He held that in his heart. What kind of a life is that to have when we carry in our heart those kinds of things? It is a miserable life, isn't it? Maybe many of us have experienced that. Aren't we thankful that we can be given a life, really that is what it is like, we are given a life that is different than that when we come to the Lord. We are given an opportunity to get rid of that kind of a life that is filled with the dark things of our heart. That's filled with the troublesome things of our heart and is replaced with peace and love and appreciation. So much better a life that is, isn't it? Life more abundant Christ brought us.

It's a beautiful chapter that we read here in John. It is always a touching chapter that we can read together. I guess it is just so human, isn't it, to read here of loved ones of Jesus that experienced a death in their midst; their beloved brother, Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Many of you could probably stand here today and do a much better job of explaining and talking about what that is like to go through this very common activity or thing that happens to us here upon this earth. Many of you have experienced this far greater than I have in your life. Where we

suddenly come face to face with the reality and the realness that life is not permanent here upon this earth. Life is finite. There is an end to it. That's where these loved ones here found themselves as we intercepted this chapter at verse seventeen. They found themselves there around one of their loved ones whose body was dead. The life was gone.

We've been there, haven't we? We have seen. It is that way for us. Still two thousand years later things haven't changed. But men come to a point in life. The physical earthly body has an end and it is done.

But I guess that is what is so encouraging and so touching with this chapter. It is such a comfort to those of us that have faith, that have been given grace to have faith in Christ and God. That we don't have to end there at the grave. Our hope doesn't end at the entrance of the tomb. It goes beyond that, doesn't it? We read about that here. "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" St. John 11:25,26.

I guess that is a question that can come to each of our hearts this afternoon. He asked Martha there, believest thou this? But let's ask ourselves this afternoon, do we believe that? Do we believe that we can have a hope and a promise that, though this body won't live forever, this body won't go on into eternity, but yet, we can have a hope and a promise, through the shed blood of Christ, that when this body is done, our soul and our spirit will go on forever and ever in eternity? Do we believe that?

I'm sure many of us would say that we do. If we do, beloved ones this afternoon in faith say that we believe that, aren't we thankful? Doesn't it make the difference in our life, the difference in our day to have that faith and belief, though there are fears in our life and though there

are so many things about us that are just miserable when we really, in our humanness are honest with ourselves? This world isn't our home, is it? This world is good sometimes. We have times of joy. We have times of blessing. But we don't have to look very far. We don't have to look very hard and we realize that it is pretty limited. The joy that we experience here in this life just pales in comparison to the joy that's promised to us. The joy that God lays out for us, that's to come. We can't even compare it.

Sometimes we need to measure something. We need to figure out what unit of measure we are going to measure something in. We need to have it in the right scale to come close. We can't measure the joys of heaven, we can't measure what's promised for us if we are faithful, with the scale of this earth, can we? Sometimes we try to do that. We try to measure eternity, we try to measure what's to come by using what we are familiar with. We know how much joy we have experienced on this earth. We know how much sorrow we have experienced on this earth. We know our range of emotions we have experienced here below. We try to look ahead and use that same scale to imagine what it is going to be like. The Bible tells us we can't do that. It doesn't even compare.

That should be an encouragement to us. Though our days here upon this earth sometimes feel like they are tough and they are a heavy road, and they are, let's not lose our hope and our faith in Christ.

Sometimes I think about those of old that maybe lived a thousand years ago, whenever it might have been. They had a hard life regardless. Things just weren't very easy for anybody in those times. You died young. There was no relief from many afflictions. It was hard to find food. Life was just pretty hard scrabble all the way to the end. But even then there were faithful and true believers that were still faithful to God, all the days of their life. Even in



spite of the hardness already in their lives naturally, were called to face persecution. Were called to face even the bitterness of death, even maybe at a young age.

It just humbles me when I think about that. Of how relatively good we have things in this life and time that we live in. Yet, how much faith do we have, how much zeal do we have, do I have, for the Lord? That's humbling to think about. To think about a life of just eking out your days and then giving it up at twenty five or thirty because the government says you have to bow down and worship some other idol or else they will put you to death. What kind of life would that be? So we really, in a lot of ways, have things pretty good in this life, don't we?

But then again, I think also, we look at everything through relative eyes. We've never known those types of things that took place years ago. All we have is what we've known in this life.

"Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." v. 21. It is kind of an interesting statement that Martha made. I guess we could say it was a statement of faith. Martha had faith that if Jesus had been with them, their brother wouldn't have died. I'm sure at that point they had been with the Lord long enough. They had seen the Lord heal and raise the sick. So they had faith in their hearts, even as Martha could profess here, that if Jesus had been there, her brother had not died.

But I so appreciate what she said next. It ties in with what we heard this morning about faith and prayer and believing in God. She said, "But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give *it* thee." v. 22. That's the faith we are called to have, beloved brothers and sisters. The faith we are called to have is that we serve one who can intercede for us with the Father. We serve one who, even as Martha said here, whatsoever thou will ask of God, God will give it thee.

We heard that so richly this morning, that we ought to be fervent in our faith, fervent in our prayer. I guess it just seems so important again this afternoon to re-emphasize that. We talk about life having it's difficulties. We have needs in our life and things are difficult sometimes. Maybe it is our work life. Our ability to make a living. Maybe it's difficult. Maybe it is raising a family. Not knowing just what to do with our children, how to teach them, what way to go with them. Maybe it is our church. Maybe it is uncertainty about what is happening, what is going on. How important it is that when we have needs in our life, do we get down on our knees and take it to the Lord and ask Him? Or do we forget to do that sometimes and the first thing we do is go to somebody else and we maybe complain about our life? We almost give up and we get frustrated. Frustration leads to complacency or bitterness that things aren't going well for us.

But if we have that true faith that I think this chapter talks about as well as it did this morning, that true faith that God is with us and God hasn't left us, God still hears our prayer, believing that, knowing that, why would we go anywhere else with our problems and with our cares than upon our knees? Why would we go anywhere else with our problems, with our worries, with our uncertainties, with our doubts, than to the Lord? I'm humbled and convicted when I say that because I don't do a very good job sometimes about that in my life.

We can read in other places, of the apostles, of the trials and tribulations they went through and endured. The prayers that they offered that went on through the night and the fervency they had as they sought God in prayer. Loved ones, we read that in the Bible. Why don't we do it today? Why don't we have that same zeal and that same courage? I guess I should clarify that. Why don't I have that? I don't know your life. Maybe you do. Maybe you spend long hours

in prayer. Our times haven't gotten any easier, have they? Satan hasn't gotten any less focused on destroying us than he was then with the apostles. If they needed that kind of a life, that kind of zeal and that kind of faith and that kind of fervency, how much more do we weak and fallible men that we are, just like they were, need that too?

I think it is good for us to acknowledge our weakness. It is good for us to acknowledge our frailty and our limits. But that shouldn't be a discouragement to us. I think that is always important to remind ourselves that, yes we are weak. Yes we have limits. We should know them. Nothing worse than somebody not knowing what their limits are, is there? That's when we get in trouble, isn't it, when we don't know what our limits are. We have to know what our limits are in anything that we do. Whether it is in our profession. Whatever it might be, we need to know our limits. If we know our limits, then we know when we need help.

So it is as we serve God, if we know our limits and we acknowledge them - it takes humility - we are going to be that much quicker to go to the Lord in prayer. That much quicker to ask Him for help. That much quicker to perhaps go to our brother, go to our sister for help, when we know our limits. That we are not self sufficient. But it should be an encouragement to us that, knowing our limits, we can go to one that can meet our needs. His supply of grace, His supply of strength is limitless.

That is quite a thought, when we really stop and think about it. Do we believe it? Do I believe it? Do I really believe that the God that I serve is able to do all things? I think we do, beloved ones. But let's strive to have even a fuller faith in that. That doesn't always mean that we are going to get our way. We always need to clarify that. It doesn't always mean that we can just ask for the world and expect to get it. That is not the point.

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But if we examine what our spiritual needs are in life and put them first - and I wouldn't really want to stand here and say what those are for you or what they should be for us - but I think a few of them might be; that we can have grace to overcome our enemy. That we could be faithful all the days of our life, as long as God gives us that. There are probably many others. But just using those as a reference, aren't those the most important things?

None of us wants to get sick. None of us wants to have heartache in life. None of us wants to lose a loved one like they did here. We don't want those things. We can pray for health. We can pray for protection. Nothing wrong with that. When it comes right down to it, sometimes those things aren't given, are they? You've experienced that in your lives. Sometimes those things happen. We need to have the faith to accept what has happened. Knowing and believing that this world and this life is not what the Lord has promised us. He hasn't promised us a permanent place here.

So if we keep our longing and our desire and our hope not here below, but in that place that He's created, as He promised here, where we'll go to never die, then when these things come upon us in our life, it is still going to be hard, it is still going to be sad, but it won't shake that inner core faith and belief that we have.

I often think this for myself, cause I think about life and sometimes things seem pretty good. I often have a concern that things are so good, how strong am I really growing? It is good for us to think about that. Because I know that in my life, if and when, because I think it is more of a when than an if, a trial comes or a bad time comes, I want to be ready to face it. I want to be close to the Savior. I want to be strong in faith. So that when that comes, I am found ready to face that. I think there is a tendency and a danger that when things are so good, life is pretty easy really, it is not too hard

to make a living, our needs are met and then some and things are pretty good, there is a danger there, isn't there? That our spiritual muscles are going to get weak and soft. We want to be exercised in the Spirit. We want to be strong in the Spirit so that when those things come upon us, just as they did here in this chapter that we read together, that we are ready. That we can have that faith that is right there for us. And that grace to meet that.

There is a lot more in this chapter that we read. I noticed when we read it together, Mary said the same thing that Martha said. "...Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." v. 32. I guess just again, that faith that with Christ with us, things would be okay. Things could be okay.

"...he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept." v.33-35. We see there the heart of our Lord. We see there the understanding of our Lord, the compassion of our Lord. Beloved ones, we sing in that hymn, Jesus knows our sorrows. He understands our griefs and He understands our troubles (*Jesus Knows Thy Sorrow*, Hymns of Zion, # 74) . As it says here, He wept. We don't come to one that is unconcerned or hardened to our hearts and our emotions. He understands and by living a life here on this earth, He has experienced the things that we bear in life. He has compassion on us.

Jesus said, "...Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said *it*, that they may believe that thou hast sent me." v. 41,42. That should be an encouragement for us. He was saying that at that time, to thank God for providing this opportunity for Him to be used so that the people there could believe. Beloved ones, you and I yet today, are partakers of that blessing. You and I today, we just did this afternoon, opened the Bible and we

partook of that same miracle, that same blessing that those there at that time partook of. It should be, it's meant to be and it should be, a strengthening for us. That is what it was meant to be to them at that time, as the Lord said here. That they may believe that thou hast sent me. That's, I believe this afternoon, what it is intended for us too. That our faith in Christ, that our belief can be strengthened. That we can be reminded that the one that we serve, Jesus Christ, was sent from God. As He said here, "...I am the resurrection, and the life..." v.25.

That's all we need, isn't it beloved ones, in our life? We go back and we think again about what we put at the forefront of our life. We talked about putting our spiritual needs first and making those the most important things. Can you think of anything that is more precious to you in your life than being one with Jesus, being one with Christ, being His child and knowing that, as He is the resurrection and the life, He is willing also to share that same resurrection and that same life with each and every one of us if we will but humble ourselves and receive it and then hold on to it. We can't make a one time experience, a one time profession. Beloved ones, we need to go on from that time, when by the grace of God, we believed. We sang that this afternoon, about the amazing grace (*Amazing Grace*, Hymns of Zion # 97). That time when we first believed.

We don't stop there. We don't stop there. We go forward from that point, believing and having faith. There is nothing, nothing in this life that's worth giving up the hope and the promise that we have to be with the Lord in heaven someday. This life, even if we lived eighty years, ninety years, that's a short time. We can't measure our life span. We cannot measure the pleasures that we think we are going to get in this life with the scale that God has created in eternity.



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### 25 Ways to Provoke Anger in Children

This Silver Lining article addresses some ways that parents can unintentionally provoke their children to anger. This is part four of a four part series.

Parents have the calling (Prov. 22:6) to be proactive in training their children in the wisdom of how to experience the emotion (be ye angry), and yet make good choices (sin not). The context of this article will encourage parents to examine themselves first in how they can avoid "provoking their children to anger" (Col. 3:21). The author, Lou Priolo, outlines in his book on this topic, "The Heart of Anger"<sup>1</sup>, 25 ways that parents can unknowingly create anger and frustration in their children.

The first 3 articles included the first 18 ways of provoking anger. The remainder of this article will look at examples 19-25 as behaviors parents should try to avoid.

#### 19: Allowing Too Much Freedom:

*The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.* (Prov. 29:15)

When children are allowed to: (1) practice sinful behavior, (2) indulge in non-sinful activities that are in excess of what their maturity and responsibility levels can process, or (3) live an undisciplined life that allows them to receive what they demand, other problems often develop.<sup>2</sup> Children that grow up in homes that allow too much freedom and not enough discipline often perceive that they are not loved by their parents.

#### 20: Mocking Your Child:

*Are there not mockers with me? and doth not mine eye continue in their provocation?* (Job 17:2)

The many silly actions and awkward behaviors of children will often produce moments that a parent could acknowledge them with a teasing, jesting, or mimicking response. A lighthearted and spontaneous moment is one of the joys of parenting, but for the child's sake, parents should never respond consistently with a ridiculing or mocking attitude. Parents should especially be sensitive to the areas of their child's inadequacies about which the child can do very little. Some general examples

include intelligence, athletic abilities, physical features, and motor coordination.

#### 21: Abusing Them Physically:

*And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.* (Num. 22:27)

As parents model being the "bishops" of their home (I Tim. 3:2), there are great benefits in exercising patience and avoiding the "striker" (brawling or bullying) mode of responding. There is also wisdom in not repeating Balaam's reactionary approach to disciplining: (1) he had not collected all the relevant information, (2) he responded out of being embarrassed or unfulfilled expectations, (3) he was consumed with anger and out of control.

#### 22: Ridiculing or Name Calling:

*Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.* (Eph. 4:29)

Utilizing earthly insults such as idiot, stupid, moron, lazy, etc. don't provide a biblical corrective direction. The repetitive use of the insult only embarrasses, shames, or antagonizes the child. God calls out sin directly but does so in a way that emphasizes His love for the person while abhorring the sin.

#### 23. Unrealistic Expectations:

*When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.* (1 Cor. 13:11)

Parents should try to remember that the Bible acknowledges that children speak, think and reason differently from adults. This process takes time and occurs at varying rates depending on the child. Frustration for both child and parent is probable when parents impose standards that their children are developmentally incapable of performing.

#### 24. Practicing Favoritism:

*And he (elder son) answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:* (Luke 15:29)

The prodigal's father rightly rejoiced, but the brother wrongly perceived that his father was showing

favoritism. The human nature can be a powerful "score keeper". Since siblings are rarely carbon-copies of each other, they should be treated as individuals. In contrast, the standards by which each child is evaluated and by which parents respond to each child should be identical (a point that the older son failed to understand). Some children experience hurt and bitterness in homes where parents fail to communicate this standard and neglect to reassure their children through the ongoing evaluation process.

**25. Child Training with World Methodologies Inconsistent with God's Word:**

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

There are two ways being contrasted for fathers (parents) to "bring up" their children. Raising a child properly in the discipline and instruction of the Lord will not provoke them to anger, but jumping to each new quick-fix parenting technique probably will. Parents without a biblically-built framework for creating structure and order in their home will find additional challenges and struggles with raising their children. This challenge will be especially magnified in the high-need, strong willed child.

#### Conclusion:

Since our children are the heritage of the Lord (Ps. 127:3), it is vital that they learn how to discern and appropriately respond to anger. While this article does not address specific skills for children to use in learning how to manage anger and frustration, it does provide an outline for strengthening parent's awareness of possible trigger points in children. Some children's personalities and temperaments are going to require additional help from mom and dad in learning these skills. Those efforts on behalf of children needing to learn the balance of emotions and actions are going to be well pleasing to God.

For a complete document of all four Silver Lining articles, please visit:  
<http://www.accounseling.org/TopicHelp.asp?TID=118>

#### References

1. Lou Priolo, *The Heart of Anger*, (Amityville, NY: Calvary Press, 1997), pg.29-51.
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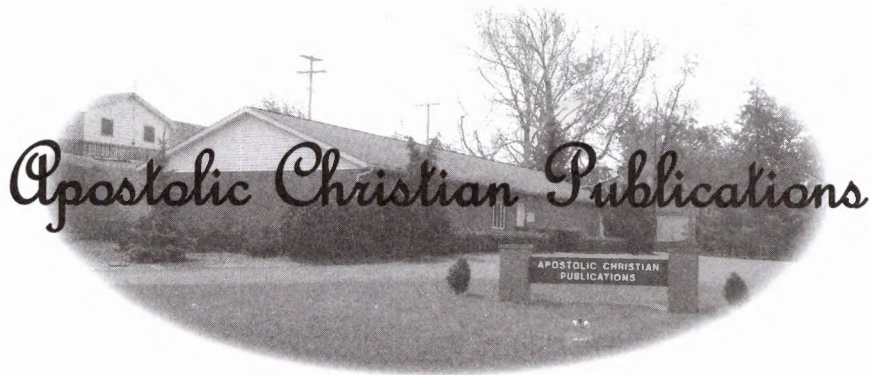
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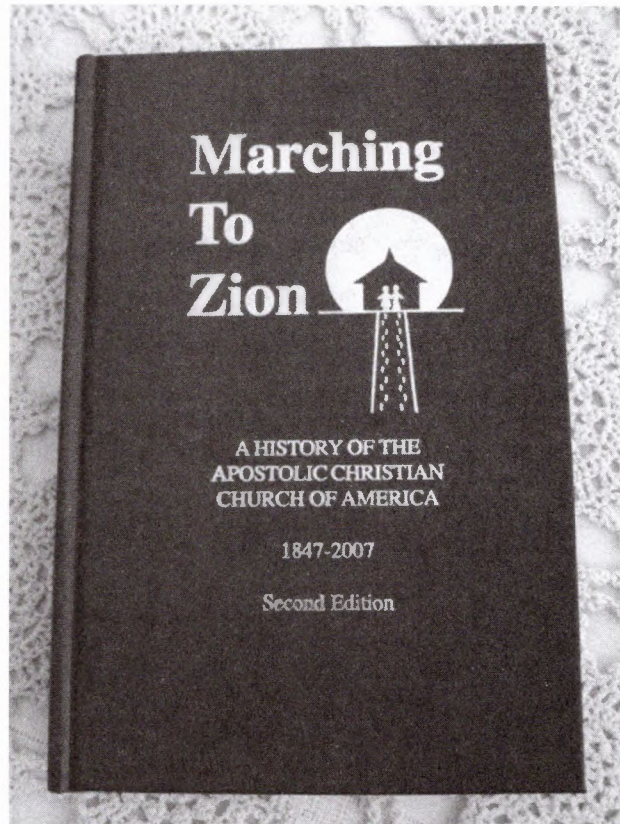
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## *Our Spiritual Heritage*

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### **I am Thankful for the Apostolic Christian Church Because:**

- We believe there is one true God, the Creator of the universe.
- Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God. He came to earth, lived a perfect life, and died to redeem fallen mankind by shedding His perfect blood on Calvary's cross.
- We are offered salvation by faith in Christ's shed blood, not by our own good works. God is in control of our lives. His love for us is unconditional, although we must rid our lives of sin if we want to spend eternity with Him.
- We believe we can receive guidance from God in decision-making through prayer and reading of the Scripture.
- We believe the Bible is the infallible Word of God to man and we are encouraged to follow all the counsel of God, not simply to pick and choose what may appeal to us.
- We can rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us and help us to be overcomers of the various temptations we face. After we repent and find peace, we can leave the old life behind.
- We realize the value of confession of our sins, making restitution for our errors, seeking forgiveness from those we have wronged, finding peace with God and man, baptism of adults by immersion, and sealing of the Holy Spirit into our hearts through a prayer of consecration.
- The preaching of the Word is by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, rather than the wisdom of man. Our ministers are not paid, thereby reducing the pressure to preach to itching ears.
- We are working toward a common goal, the salvation of lost souls.
- Holy Communion is a special time of self-examination, sharing with our brothers and sisters the special blessing of what Christ did for us, and a time of peace within the church.
- Marriage is by faith in God's direction, rather than the dating system which exposes us to the lusts of the flesh. It is a lifelong commitment, based on God's plan for mankind.
- Our spiritual life is something we take seriously each day of our lives, not simply a Sunday exercise.
- We are taught the importance of works as a demonstration of our thankfulness to God and Jesus Christ for our salvation.
- We are taught that the grace of God is available to all who will humble themselves before God, answer His call, and seek to do His will.
- A modest lifestyle is encouraged rather than materialism and the casualness of the world.

(This list will be continued in next month's issue, and eventually this entire writing will be printed onto a sheet and made available to any who wish for additional copies)

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*Edited by Perry A. Klopfenstein*

### **Next Issue:**

More reasons to be thankful for our church



# The Light Of Hope

## “Speak Evil Of No Man”

*Retired Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle, Shioda, Japan*

Over my lifetime, I have had the idea that if you can't say something good about a person, don't say anything. After one of our trips to the States from Japan, during the early years of our stay there, I was asked, "What do you think is the biggest problem in our American church? Is it materialism?"

I replied, "No. I think it is criticism of each other within the church." If someone asked me today, I would probably reply, "No. I believe we all need to be more dead to self." However, it is of interest to me that I had that impression, which prompted my former answer, "Too much criticism."

Constructive criticism is good. Professors in college are paid to give constructive criticism to students who are prospective teachers. Student teachers are asked to teach elementary or junior high students and the critic teacher is busy writing down everything that the student teacher did wrong, in his or her opinion. That will keep you on your toes.

It seems to me that the important thing about criticism is that you never put yourself above the person you are criticizing. You are not the final authority on anything. God is. However, you may say what you think and believe, or what you

understand the Bible to teach.

The scripture verse which pertains to this topic is found in Titus 2:3, "To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men." A brawler is someone who quarrels noisily. We are to be gentle and show all meekness unto all men.

In regard to my personal commitment that if you can't say something good about another person, don't say anything, I have run into some difficulties during my lifetime. The problem is that people ask you questions as to what you think or feel about what someone else has said or done. Then if you think and feel that what the other person has done is not the best, and you say so, you sound like you are saying something about them which is not good. You have broken your commitment. If you say that you think what they have done or said is fine and you support them in it, you are not speaking the truth. Some people call it lying. In Revelation 21:8 it is written, "All liars shall have their part in the lake of fire which burneth with fire and brimstone." It is assumed that all children of God do not lie. Of course we must let God decide what are lies in His sight and what kind of statements are permissible,

but it is something to consider in regard to what we should say and not say.

A helpful verse in this matter is probably Philippians 2:3, "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." It is important that we look up to others and not down on them.

As a general rule, I believe it is good to have as one of our mottos that if we can't say something good about another person, don't say anything. In politics, if someone is running for office, that may be a bit difficult. Opposing candidates generally lambaste each other in an effort to get the votes of the electorate. However, if there were ever a candidate who said, "My opponent's thinking is this and my thinking is this," without personally attacking him or her, I would be attracted to that candidate. I don't like conflict. Jesus, also, encourages us to shy away from conflict when He said, "Agree with thine adversary quickly," Matthew 5:25.

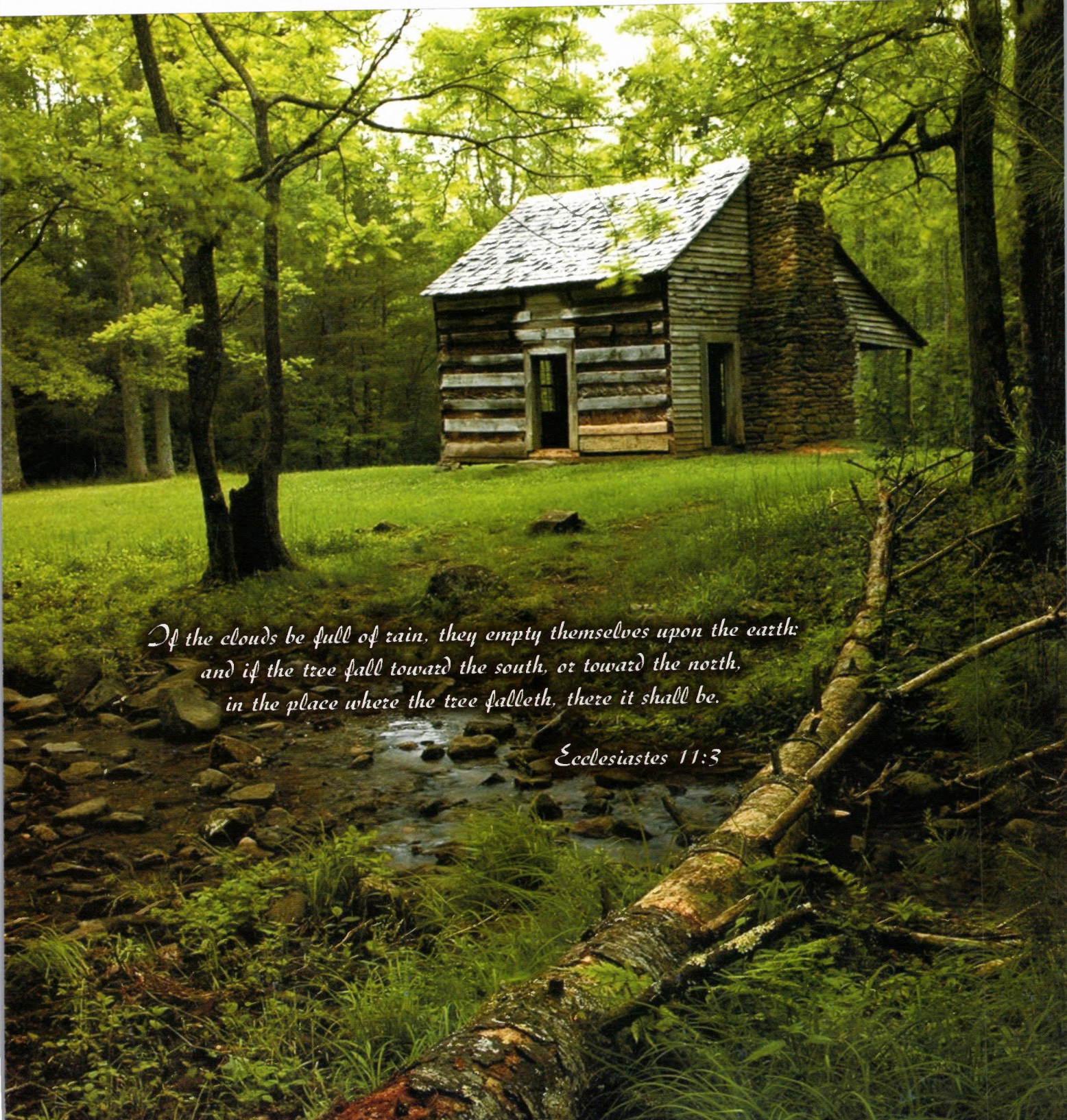
Let's try to say nice things about others and in so far as possible, "Speak evil of no man." It helps us to feel better.

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*Of the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth:  
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*Ecclesiastes 11:3*