

# *The Silver Lining*



*The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God,  
my strength, in whom will I trust; my buckler,  
and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.*

*July 2010*



Sermon by Bro. Kevin Knapp, Bloomington, IL

## Psalm 105 and John III

This song that they were singing obviously was a recounting of the deeds from when the children of Israel were very few in number and famine came in the land. They were forced to be removed from the land but God had already provided. He had sent a slave, His servant Joseph, ahead of them.

I thought it was interesting, when we think of these stories sometimes, think of these events, we tend to think of them in big, broad pictures. It is easy to lose sight of the detail. But one of the things that caught my eyes with Joseph, they said his feet hurt. (Psalm 105:18) He was in chains. He was taken as a captive. It was not a pleasant experience for him. Yet, in so doing, God had prepared the way for His people. So let's keep that in mind.

Once again, we have New Testament principle lived out by the Scripture recorded in the Old Testament. There are several powerful verses in John. Let's read a couple of them again. "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." (v 2) John is the spiritual father. He wants them to do well. He wants every facet of their life to be good. He wants their health to be good. But he also wants their soul to prosper.

"For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in truth." (v 3) His delight was that his followers, those that he was discipling, would walk in the spirit of truth.

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." (v 4) I would have to say that statement is as powerful as any in the New Testament. Whether it is from a church leadership standpoint, I can tell you there is no greater honor than to hear the children, our church family, walking in truth. As a parent, certainly as a mother, but certainly as a father, is there any

greater joy than to know that your children walk in truth?

I'll brag a little bit because they are not here and I won't even mention names. But a few of us were at a restaurant the other night. Someone came up to us and just said, "Hey, I just had some dealings with one of your kids. I just have to tell you what a delight it is." That does something for a parent, doesn't it? But it does something for a church family.

He goes on to say, "Beloved, thou dost faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers. Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church; whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well." (v 5,6)

How do we know we are walking in truth? How did John even have a clue that the people that were following him were following the gospel? It was by the testimony of their lives. It was by how they were treating others. It was by the charity they had.

I was touched, as I am sure you were, by the real short article in the 'In Touch' about the Miracle House. I think that may have been in Pas Christian. I am not sure. Or it could have been in Biloxi. One of those areas. But for a number of years, our brethren went down there and built houses and established a wonderful reputation and hearts were changed. Because their truth was their deeds.

I heard from Brother Ron Farney that the pastor who gave the invocation for the blessing of the house, said this among other things, "We thank You for the hurricane because it allowed us to see the miracle that You can do." That was by the coordinated effort of many people to build a house in a week.

The hand of God is all over, isn't it? We tend to see it much deeper in adversity than we do when things

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*Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God"*  
(Eph. 5:21)

## Light From The Word



Writings based  
on God's Word

July 2010

Submission

Last month's "Light from the Word" examined the topic of Self-Denial. We are called to crucify our own will (Gal. 5:24) and submit to the will of the Father (Jam. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:6). He decides what is right and wrong, and true happiness is found in obedience to His Word.

Tightly interwoven with the concept of self-denial is the need for submission. Our sinful nature instinctively bristles at that word. We like to be in control, and the context of history has trained us to equate submission with oppression. However, the light of truth and experience reveal that it is when we take control that we find ourselves oppressed. Freedom is found in submission to God (2 Cor. 3:17). We are "subject to vanity," but in Christ, we "shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom. 8:20-21). "Submit yourselves therefore to God" (Jas. 4:7).

Lest we resent God's call to submit to His authority, let's recognize that He is not asking us to do anything that Christ has not already done as our example. God is not merely one, but three in one (1 John. 5:7). In the Trinity, we find perfect unity, authority, and submission. The Father is the ultimate authority; Christ is subject to Him, and the Holy Spirit is subject to both (John 14:26). Any authority possessed by Christ is given to Him of the Father (John 5:19-27). "I can of mine own self do nothing," Christ said, "...because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (John 5:30).

So the call to submit is a call to conform to the image of Christ, to be "partakers of His divine nature" (2 Pet. 1:4). The Greek word for submission is *hypotasso*, which literally means to rank under. It says nothing about value, but everything about authority. The biblical structure of authority and submission is rooted in the very nature of God, who is the source of love (1 John 4:16-19). He provides the code for our interactions with the family, the church, the state, the workplace, and each other.

Ephesians 5:22 - 6:4 paints a beautiful picture of God's design for the family, where man, wife, and children reflect the perfect roles, authority, and submission

of the Trinity. Just as the Holy Spirit is subject to Christ and both are subject to the Father, children are subject to their parents and both are subject to God. Within the family, God gives man the headship (1 Cor. 11:3), and it is by his loving authority that the wife manages the children and the home (Tit. 2:4-5). The father should not exert his own will, but the will of the Father, to whom he is subject. All earthly authority, properly executed, should move its subjects toward a willing submission to God (Eph. 6:4).

In God's design, even authority is submissive, for it is defined by service to its subjects. Christ said, "Ye call me Master and Lord, and ye say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet" (John 13:13-14). Once again, God is not asking us to do anything that He has not exemplified through Christ. Husbands are commanded to love their wives "as Christ loved the church" (Eph. 5:25). How did Christ love the church? He "gave himself for it." "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 John 3:16). God gives the man familial authority, but the man should not oppress his wife; he should cleave to, nourish, and cherish her (Eph. 5:29-31).

This same Trinitarian authority structure is stamped on the church. Elders are appointed to oversee the church like shepherds tending to their flocks (Jer. 23:4; Acts 20:28; Tit. 1:5). The flock is therefore instructed to "obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves for they watch for your souls as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief, for that is unprofitable for you" (Heb. 13:17). Christ is the Chief Shepherd (1 Pet. 5:4) to which both the shepherds and the flock are accountable. Practically speaking, this means that we should willingly submit to our elders' instructions while holding them accountable to the Word.

These same principles apply to the state. God expects us to submit to the authority of the state (1 Pet. 2:13-17), and the governmental leaders are likewise expected to submit to God (Rom. 13:1-7). If they fail to do this and our submission to

them conflicts with our submission to God, we are to ultimately submit to God. Like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, "we ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

In the workplace, as employees, we submit to our employers, who are commanded to submit to God. Following the same pattern we have already discussed, the employers are also instructed to serve their employees, mindful that their "Master also is in heaven, neither is there respect of persons with him" (Eph. 6:5-9).

Finally, the Bible repeatedly instructs us to submit to each other (Eph. 5:21, Gal. 5:13-14). This goes against our carnal nature and is only possible with the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:3-5). How do we exercise this submission to our fellow man? For one thing, we can assume responsibility for each other's spiritual safety, sacrificing our personal liberties to avoid creating a situation that might entice a weaker brother to fall (Rom. 14:13). We can also choose to trust the motivations of our Christian brethren rather than prejudging their intent and policing their actions. Perhaps one of the best demonstrations of submission involves forbearance and readiness to forgive. "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye" (Col. 3:13). Of course, the most visible way to submit is to humbly serve one another's physical needs.

As we have already seen, Christ is the ultimate example of submission. He "made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant... and humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name" (Phil. 2:7-9).

Biblical submission is key to love, unity and peace. As we conform to Christ's image, let's each think about the roles to which God has called us and faithfully demonstrate the proper submission accorded to those roles. This is "well pleasing" to the Lord (Col. 3:20) and edifying to one another (Rom. 14:19).

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

## Bible Study Development

The Bible Study Development Committee is working under the oversight of the Elder Communications Committee to develop Bible Study outlines which can be used by the Apostolic Christian Brotherhood for approved Bible Study activities. The committee consists of five brothers, a counseling elder and a brother from Apostolic Christian Counseling and Family Services as an ex officio member.

Once developed and approved, the committee will work with the Publications Committee in making outlines available to the Brotherhood. Activities include collecting Bible Study outlines from local churches which have the approval of the local elder, modifying existing outlines, developing new outlines to meet specific requests, accumulating an inventory of materials to be made available to the Brotherhood and receiving suggestions for topics. All studies will conform to the "Bible Study Outline Guidelines." The activities and accomplishments to date are twofold; process development and materials development.

### Process development

The world itself could not contain all that could be written about the works of Jesus Christ (John 21:25). Similarly, the potential number of Bible Studies that could be developed is daunting. A process has been developed to support many simultaneous development activities. Key provisions of the process include:

- A project charter that clearly defines the intended audience, specific content, scope, purpose and intent of the study. The charter

helps assure the study addresses a specific need and is not merely a duplication of a similar study that already exists.

- Various resources that aid both the development and evaluation process such as "Qualities of Effective Bible Study Questions."
- A formal review process including a spiritual review, teaching review and composition review. In addition some studies might merit a pilot group to complete the study and provide feedback prior to final publication.
- A review coordinator who works with study champions, developers, reviewer pool, pilot groups, and others to assure studies progress in a relatively steady manner. Apostolic Christian Counseling and Family Services is providing an individual to serve this role for the Brotherhood.

### Materials development

An inventory of more than one hundred studies or individual lesson segments has been accumulated to date. From this, the committee has focused on development of three studies as examples or proof of concept to test and develop portions of the development process. These include a study of John 15, the Proverbs and the book of Galatians. The John 15 study has been evaluated by several pilot groups. The other two studies are yet in development.

It is envisioned that the activities of the Bible Study Development Committee will form the nucleus that spawns numerous related activities that are coordinated to the benefit of the entire brotherhood. Materials under development will be suitable for a variety of purposes, and no single model or format of

study is intended. For example the Psalmist wrote that God's word was a lamp unto his feet and a light unto his path (Psalm 119: 105). And it was his meditation all the day (Psalm 119: 97). An outline that encourages meditation might be thought of as a devotional or personal study. By contrast the men of Berea searched the scriptures to determine whether some things were so (Acts 17:11). Outlines resulting in this type of study are more in depth and allow for proving or discovering what the scriptures teach. Other outlines may be more analogous to that which Nehemiah wrote, where Ezra read from the word, then the people broke into small groups where they were caused to understand the reading (Nehemiah 8:1-8).

### Your help needed

Please be prayerful that the effort to develop Bible Study outlines will be blessed with God's promise of grace to those who approach His Word with a humble, reverent spirit (Isaiah 66:2; James 4:6). The purpose of Bible Study is to help us walk the narrow way which leads to life (Matthew 7:14), to inspire us to godly living and to be less carnally minded and less conformed to the things of this world which will soon pass away (Romans 8:6; 12:2). If you have interest in becoming involved in Bible Study development or review, first discuss your interest with your local elder. Then feel free to direct questions or inquiries to either:

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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

## Assisting Believers of Serbia and Croatia in Eastern Europe

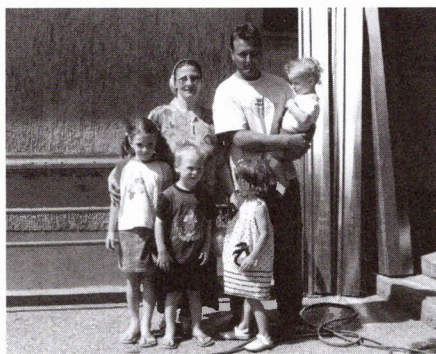
In the mid-1800's the doctrine and teachings of Bro. Samuel Froehlich were carried eastward by faithful believers establishing the Nazarene faith throughout Eastern Europe. By WWI, estimates of up to 65,000 of these believers existed in the northern Balkan areas in the present day countries of Serbia and Croatia. These believers established hundreds of vibrant, growing churches in villages across the fertile plains and wooded mountains.

### Troubled history

Unfortunately, the Nazarene faith in this area has diminished greatly over the years. Today approximately 2,300 believers still worship in about 80 churches. Many locations will become nonexistent over the next decade. Overall, 80-90% of the church population in this area is over 50 years of age. How and why did this dramatic decline in church population occur? What happened to all the young people?

The ravaging effects of WWI and especially WWII decimated the general population and economy with the loss of over 1 million civilians in this area alone. The church population was hard hit, never to recover, families torn apart, homes and businesses destroyed, fathers and brothers never to be seen again, church buildings and worship materials seized, confiscated, and destroyed. Following WWII, the Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia was established and led by Josef Tito, ushering in an era of strong economic prosperity and growth,

but unfortunately, also an era of severe religious persecution for the remaining Nazarene believers. During this time, thousands of Nazarene men were imprisoned for refusing to bear arms or renounce their faith. In the words of a survivor, "We were treated worse than slaves!"



Bro. Martin Babka and family, from the Kovacica congregation in Serbia, used a self-help loan to establish a sheet-metal fabrication business.

Thousands of Nazarene families chose to flee the country during the 1950's & 60's, primarily to W.Germany, Canada, Ohio, and California congregations. The generation who fled are those who would have produced the missing generation of young people in Serbia and Croatia today.

With the collapse of the Yugoslav Republic in 1992 and subsequent ethnic wars, believers were once again subjected to hardships, turmoil and uncertainty. As the independent countries of Serbia, Croatia, and others rose from the ashes, religious discrimination and persecution against fundamental Christians were relaxed. Thankfully, today Nazarene believers may worship as they choose.

These countries are extremely weak economically, fraught with mismanagement and corrupt to the

core. Resulting high unemployment (over 30%) and Mafia-controlled markets make everyday life difficult for average citizens for whom a typical monthly wage is only \$250, all going toward cost of living.

### Providing basic needs

Against this daunting backdrop of past hardship and present challenges, Apostolic Christian World Relief provides basic monetary assistance to increasing numbers of elderly Nazarene believers and large families who can no longer make ends meet under the current economic conditions. Assistance with the cost of winter heat (usually firewood), medical needs and school supplies is of great value as most rely on subsistence farming and other self-employment for basic income.

Thirty self-help loan projects enable brethren to establish or enhance small family businesses creating employment opportunities for grown children and other believers. In addition, small monetary grants are given for special needs of newborn children, newlywed couples and small loans for home improvement needs. All assistance and aid programs are administered effectively by a relief committee led by brethren in church leadership.

These Nazarene brethren express their gratitude first to God, then to those who faithfully support them, that no one must go cold or hungry. If you are led to support these needs, or would like more information, please contact the European Committee secretary:

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The Lord has given to us all talents, gifts, abilities....Ephesians 4:12.....for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. I Corinthians 12 tells us that we, as a part of His body, have all received gifts and responsibilities to support and uphold His body of believers. We need each other!

Some of our CILA residents had the challenge of unexpected changes recently. The ladies that had moved into one of our new CILAs on Nebraska switched homes with the men that lived at Detroit CILA. For the rightsizing project, we needed to provide a CILA spot for one more lady. Our original plan was to try to adapt rooms in one of our existing CILAs to come up with an extra bedroom. Because of an unforeseen situation, the Detroit home, which has the capacity for five residents, was only being used for housing four men. The unexpected opening allowed for us to fill it as a new CILA spot. By swapping homes, we will be able to use the opening for a female, and thus fulfill our rightsizing commitment. God has truly been faithful in providing for us in so many ways throughout this process.

One highlight this summer for some of our Timber Ridge residents has been going to a day camp. They take a picnic lunch, spend time fishing, go on a boat ride, and enjoy just being outside.

ACHH employees appreciated hearing from some special people that came for our staff meeting in June. Our first administrator, his wife and his daughter came and shared with us some of their life experiences. We heard how it was to start working for the Home before there was a building, how many (or few!) staff were employed as the first residents moved in, and of overnight camping trips and other excursions that are no longer feasible. We heard what it was like to be the mother of a boy who just didn't seem to be progressing like he should as he got a little older, and the doubts and fears that initially were there. We heard from

the perspective of a younger sibling to a handicapped brother, and the joys of growing up with someone that would always put a unique spin on any experience.

We each have the privilege of our own unique position in God's family and the Lord's specific expectations of us. Sometimes we find ourselves in circumstances in life that can be very difficult. Let God be your circumstance—recognize that He wants to be a part of every aspect of your life. May we be encouraged in whatever situations we find ourselves this day, to use....exercise....our gifts from the Lord. Psalm 118:24 "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

**GATEWAY WOODS  
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CHILDREN'S HOME**

**Roger Gasser**

As I was driving to do some errands on a recent Saturday morning, I was thinking about some of the young people I deal with, and the great problems they and their families have with anger. I drove past a sign of a local business called "Dead End Cycles", and although I wasn't looking for any motorcycles that morning, I had to think how many dead end cycles there are in which fallen man can find themselves.

Sin is the root cause, of course, but many of its manifestations just repeat themselves generation after generation, and anger is one of its forms. It is natural and only to be expected that this cycle will go on and on unless divine intervention takes place, and the light of the Lord illuminates a soul, reversing this downward spiral.

As counselors at Gateway Woods, we deal with many young people who are angry. When a child is angry, it is common he or she will either talk it out or act it out. The reason many of our young people are on campus in the first place is because they have acted out their frustrations because of fear, loneliness, insecurity, and pain they have felt. Just this week a young lady shared with me the anger and hurt she felt because her

dad had promised to come see her, and once again he had broken his word.

As best we can, we try to fill in the breach, but we know we can never take the place of a parent. Hopefully we can point to a better way, and one young man told me he wanted to be a different person than his dad, "because anyone can father a kid but it takes a great man to be a dad."

Sometimes the message of spiritual truth finds fertile soil and does make an impact, before our eyes. I have many materials I use in providing "anger management," and one of those sources includes a story about an elderly Native American telling his grandchildren about life. As the story goes, the old Indian was telling the young people there were two wolves at war in their heads, a good one and an evil one. The youngster asked the old man which one would win, and he replied, "The one you feed."

I was reading this story to a young boy to make a point, and he immediately said, "That's just like God and Satan working in us!"

Deeply grateful, I knew the message faithfully taught by Houseparents and Sunday School teachers had found fertile soil. It made me glad to know other members of the Gateway team have been serving in the mission, because I knew that boy did not learn this truth at his home. At the same time I was humbled and admonished by a young boy one-fifth my age. Although scripture would indicate one of the wolves was a "roaring lion", it really is God and Satan, not two wolves.

Surely anger is a trait we are to put off (Eph. 4:31, Col. 3:8), but should it briefly become part of our lives, we must not sin in it. As best I understand scripture, the longest we have any kind of "permission" to hold it, if we dare use that word, is perhaps 14 hours, until the sun goes down (Eph. 4:26). However, experience teaches us if we keep it that long, we most likely will have a very bad day. We have young people who have held their anger nearly 14 years, and some of their parents have kept theirs two and three times that long.

If we find ourselves getting too worked up about something, we probably should keep a close eye on the position



of the sun, because we can nurse and feed that anger, but soon we must give it up to God and let go. Forgiveness, after all, is a gift we give ourselves. The alternative is a "dead end cycle" that can last for generations. Far worse, though, is the frightening thought that we actually might stand before Christ in Judgment, realizing full well we knew the words He had said in Matt. 6:15, "If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your father forgive your trespasses," and just never took them seriously.

How are you doing with your anger? We all know people who seem to be under the total control of the Spirit, but maybe we also know some who are still harboring something from yesterday, or last year, or even 40 years ago. God help us to "number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Ps. 90:12). The sun is going down!

Thank you for your part in this ministry, whether we ever find out about it or not.

#### NEWS:

- We rejoice with Bro. Jon and Sis. Alexis Stoller as they welcomed their baby girl, Faith Alexis, into the world on June 9. Faith weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. We are especially thankful to Sis. Alexis for her time spent as a Math Teacher at the Gateway Woods School. May God bless their family as they transition into parenthood.

- We are thankful to announce the hiring of Sis. Jan Beer (Bloomington). Sis. Jan will join our Secretarial Staff beginning July 20. Please pray for Sis. Jan and her husband, Bro. Joe, as they prepare to make the transition from Bloomington to Leo. Praise God for his provision of Staff.

- A heartfelt thanks to Bro. Marc Grim for his years of service at Gateway Woods. Bro. Marc and Sis. Diann moved back to Bloomington on June 25. Bro. Marc is taking on two jobs for the short term. He will be learning his Dad's business as well as working at The Baby Fold as a Home-Based Worker. Bro. Marc eventually plans to go back to school to get his Master's in counseling, desires to take over his dad's business, and do counseling as a ministry. Please pray for the Grims as they make this transition.

- It is with bittersweet emotions that Bro. Tim Wiegand has announced his departure from Gateway Woods. Bro. Tim worked as a teacher and then as the Director of Education during his time here. Bro. Tim will be taking on the role of Elementary Principal at Blackhawk Christian Schools in Fort Wayne. We are very thankful for the many ways that Bro. Tim has blessed Gateway Woods over the years.

- Our summer volunteer program has been going very well. We are truly thankful for every volunteer who sacrifices their time to come serve at Gateway Woods. If you are over 18 years old and have a desire to serve with other believers, please visit the volunteer page on our website at: [www.gatewaywoods.org/supporters/volunteer](http://www.gatewaywoods.org/supporters/volunteer) where you can electronically submit a volunteer application and obtain a volunteer reference form.

- We praise God that He continues to provide us with the right Staff. We currently have four career positions open at Gateway Woods: Assistant Houseparent, Alternate Houseparents, Director of Education, and IL Adoption Manager. Please see the notices in this month's edition of The Silver Lining for more information or visit the Career Opportunities page on our website at: [www.gatewaywoods.org/supporters/career-opportunities](http://www.gatewaywoods.org/supporters/career-opportunities). 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!

- 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 for our E-Post. Please send a message to [www.gatewaywoods.org](http://www.gatewaywoods.org).

- Please mark your calendar for our 2010 Annual Benefit Auction on Saturday, August 7. Visit our website at: [www.gatewaywoods.org/supporters/annual-auction-items](http://www.gatewaywoods.org/supporters/annual-auction-items) to view some of this year's items along with pictures and de-

scriptions. Please also look for the Auction insert in the summer Gate Post.

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## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL Athens, AL Sarah Hodel

It's really hot and humid in Alabama right now and our kids do a great job of reminding us when we're outside. Because of the heat, they look so forward to their swim day that they get each week. Each class has their own day to swim and when it's someone else's turn, the others gaze longingly at the pools and water toys.

We've been enjoying our summer. Though we are open all year long, our numbers drop over the summer and we are able to do different things than the alphabet that we work so diligently on during the school year. We've seen projects go home about nursery rhymes, under the sea and pirates. It's fun to do different themes for a change and with less kids to work with we can usually do a little more extensive projects.

We are excited to have Sis. LeaAnn Ringger (Gridley) come down for awhile this summer. She is spending a month here to do her internship. The teachers and the kids love having her around. Thanks, LeaAnn!

We are still in need of two teachers. Please continue to pray and have an open heart about this opportunity. If you think God may be directing you, please contact Bro. Mike Moore.

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## PHOENIX, ARIZONA Heather Hinrichsen

We were richly blessed to hear God's Word taught to us by Bro. Jerry Bauman (Rittman), Bro. Art Ingold (Rittman), Bro. Ted Witzig Jr. (Morton) and Bro. Dennis Kaufmann (Bloomington).

John Greenbank had eye surgery and we pray for his healing.

The Fruit of the Spirit was our topic for Vacation Bible School. We thank Bro. Ted Witzig and Bro. Dennis Kaufmann for helping us dig deeper into God's



Word. We also thank Bro. Ted for giving a special presentation on Building Healthy Family Relationships. Everyone that attended was edified, uplifted and challenged to strive for a better relationship with Christ and with others.

“And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which **die** in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.”

*Revelations 14:13*

Sis. Kathie Labudde went home to be with her Lord on June 12. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Larry; children, Sis. Heather Hinrichsen (Bro. Todd) and Brandon (Jodi); and grandchildren, Josie, Nate, Matthias and Ava. We will miss her greatly but rejoice in God's plan for salvation that allows us to see her again.

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### ARIZONA, PRESCOTT Denise Steidinger

Elder Bro. Jon Kokanovich and Elder Bro. Kevin Ryan (Sis. Cheryl, Rockville) spent a Sunday with our congregation and read the Memorandum. Also visiting us this month were Bro. Brad Strahm (Sis. Michelle, Bern), Bro. Tim Drayer (Sis. Gwen, Bluffton North) and Bro. Jim Meiss (Sis. Candy, Phoenix). We thank them and their wives for their willingness to be used in the Lord's service.

We had Vacation Bible School June 7-11 with the theme “Dare to be a Daniel”. Bro. James Emch spoke on Friday evening about how Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself and how we can purpose in our hearts like he did. Then our VBS children had a program singing songs and saying memory verses. It was a blessing!

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### ARIZONA, TUCSON Lisa Knapp

Congratulations and God's blessings to all our recent graduates:

C.J. Kaufman (Bro. Curt and Sis. Caroline) finished his college studies at Akron of Ohio and is now back in Tucson

starting a new job as a civil engineer. Christie Kaufman (Bro. Curt and Sis. Caroline) graduated from Sabino High School and is planning on attending college here in Tucson. Also graduating from Sabino High School was Allison Bauer (Steve and Maria), granddaughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Glo Bauer and one of our “Tucson babies”. She will attend college in Phoenix in the fall. Brett Darling (Mindy), son-in-law of Bro. Brad and Sis. Sandy Bauer, received his master's degree in May also. Sis. Lauren Steffen (Bro. Jamin) earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Arizona and will continue her pharmacy studies. Sis. Kaitlyn Meiss (Bro. Jim and Sis. Candy, Phoenix) completed her music studies at the University also, and will student teach in Tucson in the fall. We are proud of you all!

We were overjoyed to hear that our dear Travis Brown (Carrie), son-in-law of Bro. Curt and Sis. Caroline Kaufman, was blessed to receive the news he (and all of us) had prayed for, a new pair of lungs. Travis had a double lung transplant on Friday, June 11, at University Medical Center in Tucson. The surgery went well and Travis is recovering, up and walking around and happy to have his family around him. To say that God answers prayer doesn't quite seem to cover it. We are, of course, all praying that Travis' recovery will continue without complications and that he and his family can enjoy some quality family time in the very near future! May God cover Travis, Carrie, Lexi, Grace and Robbie with His mighty hands as they move forward in this process. Praise be to God!

Our summer weather is here. After a break from the heat this past weekend with temps in the high 80's, we are back to the more normal June highs of around 100 degrees. This is the time of year we start wondering when our monsoon storms will bring some relief.

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### CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA Daniel Luthi

Well, the hot summer months are upon us and so is the end of Sunday school for the year. Our congregation re-

cently gathered for our annual Sunday School picnic at a park near church. As usual, the kids all seemed to really enjoy it. Many thanks to the Sunday School teachers for their efforts in teaching the kids during the year, and to our Sunday School superintendent, Bro. Scott Mangers, for leading the organization of the picnic.

Our Retired Elder Bro. John Klotzle passed away on June 2 and went home to be forever with our Lord. Bro. John was our Elder for many years here in Altadena, and faithfully assisted with World Relief and RGMMI in India. Our prayers continue to be with his dear wife, Sis. Lois, and their family going forward. We were blessed with a full church for his funeral. Many thanks to Bro. Greg Lehman (Wolcott, IN) and Bro. Frank Sauder (Roanoke, IL) for assisting on the pulpit with the funeral service. What a wonderful thing and a comfort it is to put our eternal hope in Christ and His salvation!

Sis. Lydian Luthi has recently completed her move back to Morton, IL. She is now living at ACHH Timber Ridge and will soon, Lord willing, be transferring into one of their CILA's. We will miss Sis. Lydian's bright cheerful smile, and the place she held in her own special way in our congregation. Before leaving, we had an ice cream social after our afternoon service to bid farewell to her. Though her family will be moving soon, too, hopefully she will return with them for a visit or two!

Our young group hosted an invite over Memorial Day weekend. We were blessed to fellowship with brethren from Magdalena, Mexico; Phoenix, AZ; St. Louis, MO; and Roanoke, IL. Thanks to all who helped with the planning, preparation, and assistance over the weekend. It is a true blessing to have visitors in our congregation, and the invite was a certainly no exception. Thanks also to those who came for making the effort to travel.

Elder Bro. Ted Steffen (Alto, MI), Bro. Frank Sauder (Roanoke, IL), and Bro. Greg Lehman (Wolcott, IN) were our visiting ministers this month. Many thanks for their efforts in traveling, and being willing to preach God's Word to us from the pulpit.



Our prayers continue to be with those in our congregation who are sick or hospitalized. Bro. Bob Crockett was recently hospitalized with some health problems, and is anticipating surgery very soon. We pray for God's guidance for his doctors and for His healing hand to be upon him. We are also very thankful to see Bro. Lazlo and Sis. Maria back in church after some recent health concerns.

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## CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

### Yasmin Koehl

Our hearts were saddened to hear of the death of our retired Elder Bro. John Klotzle. He shepherded this congregation for many years, making the trip from Altadena to San Diego as often as he was able. He touched many of our lives, guided us toward our Lord and Saviour and spent many hours laboring in love on our behalf. We are thankful he can now reside close to the heart of God, but we will miss his visits to our church here in San Diego. We extend our sympathy and love to his wife, Sis. Lois, and his family. Bro. Steve Varga had open heart surgery and has suffered some major complications and is in a coma. We continue to keep him and his family in our prayers. We were thankful the Lord opened the way for Elder Bro. Marvin and Sis. Nancy Dotterer (Forrest, IL) to visit our church. May God bless Bro. Marvin for his labors of love as he shared the Word with us.

May we together earnestly contend for our faith in the doctrine of our Lord and Savior and continue to lift one another in prayer. Many faithful brethren who have now left this earthly home have fervently prayed that we would all continue to do our part whether large or small, so that the true doctrine can be preserved for the loved ones they have left behind. Let us look deep into the Word and hold fast to it's Truth and not let Satan take our most precious gift away by allowing him to water down our statement of faith for others.

## KITCHENER, ONTARIO

### CANADA

#### Johanna Fortenbacher

The best news of all is to report the wonderful baptism of Sis. Michelle Davidson on June 13. We also welcomed Bro. Peter Ursu on June 12. Elder Bros. Mark Bahr (Sis. Bev, Detroit) and John Jackson (Sis. Peggy, Bay City) were here for the baptism. This month we also enjoyed having Bro. Craig and Sis. Jackie Stickling (Peoria, IL) minister the Truth to us.

Most of us traveled to Junction, OH, on May 23, and thank all our hosts for the nice weekend.

We have three high school graduates this year. April Schlauch, Sis. Eva Toth and Sis. Naomi Ursu. April and Naomi have found employment and Eva plans to attend Wilfrid Laurier University here in Waterloo. Jakob Ursu has finished grade 8 and is going on to Secondary School. We wish all of these graduates well.

Bro. Chad and Sis. Kim Leman are now in France for a farm show through Chad's work. They are travelling around Europe and plan to visit with Kim's brother who lives in Luxembourg. The Leman children have their aunt and Grandma Stoller staying with them while their parents are gone. We're happy to host the Stollers here.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

*Psalms 23*

After a short and sudden battle with cancer, Carol Davidson was called home. We pray for Carol's mother, Joy, and her daughter, Sis. Michelle, as well as her

grandchildren, Nicklas and Logan.

#### *Note of Thanks:*

I would like to thank everyone for the love and support that was a light shining in the darkness for my mother in her time of need. The many prayers made the love of God work in her heart. I am thankful for the Lord's mercies. As sad as we are to lose her, we rejoice that she is in Jesus' hands. God bless you all and thank you again.

*Sis. Michelle Davidson and family.*

*Note: Kitchener church is invited to Detroit on September 12.*

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## REGINA, SK

### CANADA

#### Myrna Shipley

We had a nice group of visitors that came in May. They came out to the Kaiser's farm on Saturday and then we all worshipped together at church on May 23. The minister was Bro. Pat Zaugg and his wife, Sis. Julie. Bro. Andy Bruellman and Bro. Isaac Mogler, all from West Bend, IA, came with them. That same weekend we had some of their family come, too; Bro. Karl and Sis. Marilyn Koehl and Bro. Blaine and Sis. Karen Koehl, all from Morris, MN.

For a week now Bro. Rich and Sis. Samantha Gramm and her parents, Bro. Scott and Sis. Gigi Schaffer, have come to Regina because of Bro. Rich's farm show that he is involved with every year. It was very nice to get together for midweek fellowship.

There has been a lot of rain in our area and we are hoping that some of the farmers can start planting and the others can finish the job.

Hermann and Hilda Kaiser are visiting family in Germany and their daughter in Switzerland. We wish them God's traveling mercies coming home.

This is the visiting minister schedule for the next while:

July 18 - Forrest

August 22 - Francesville

September - Sabetha

October 24 - Silvertown

November 14 - Morris



"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."

*I Tim. 6:6-7*

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## COLORADO, DENVER

### Ann Gonglach

We have been blessed by a number of visiting ministers this past month. Here for the wedding of Sis. Kristy Schmidt (Bro. Rod and Sis. Cindy) and Bro. Matthew Moore (Bro. Mike and Sis. Pam, Athens, AL) were Bros. Randy Mogler, Keith Hinrichsen, and Daron Price. Also visiting this month were Bros. Duane Metzger and Fred Domka. We deeply appreciate the service of these brothers.

As a reminder to all who have plans to visit during the peak vacation period at the end of July, we plan to hold services in several mountain locations in addition to our regular services in Aurora. Please see the information at the back of this issue of the Silver Lining for details.

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## CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE

### Laura Virkler

### Bonnie Bahler

"Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice."

*Psalm 63:7*

We rejoice with Greg Galat (Bro. Dave and Sis. Marlene) as he has turned to the Lord in repentance. We pray that Greg will feel God's presence as he begins his walk.

Our congregation was blessed to have several visitors this month. We were thankful to have visiting ministers, Bro. Brad Eisenmann (Sis. Cindy, Chicago), Bro. Todd Graf (Sis. Lydia, Akron), and Bro. Justin Koch (Sis. Marcia, Washington) who were so willing to share God's Word with us. May God richly bless these brothers for their service.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Leo and Sis. Sherri Laplante and their children on the passing of Bro. Leo's mother, Rachel Laplante. Our hearts were also saddened by the sudden death of Alan

Luginbuhl. Our prayers and sympathy is extended to his mother, Dorothy (late Bro. Martin), and his siblings, Bro. Ron (Sis. Kay), James (Jane), Paul, Charlene Abrahamson, and Bro. Lloyd. May these families feel the comfort of our Lord in the days ahead.

Bro. Jason Reutter and Sis. Diana Vidakovics were united in Holy Matrimony on June 6. We rejoice with them and their parents, Bro. Dean and Sis. Miriam Reutter and Frank and Sara Vidakovics (Akron, OH). June 18 was the wedding day of Jon Spielman (Roy Spielman and Sis. Jody Spielman) and Ashley Richards. We wish these couples God's blessings and may they look to Him for guidance and direction.

The engagement of Bro. Philip Schneider (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Tina) and Sis. Jennifer Hoffman (Bro. Arlo and Sis. Lynn) was made known to our congregation. We rejoice with them as God has led them together, and we wish them His richest blessings in the days ahead.

We have three new babies to welcome into our congregation. On June 4, Lexington Kay was born to Bro. Derek and Sis. Darla Reutter. Welcoming her home was Nolan, Benson, and Addison. Grandparents are Bro. Duane and Sis. Kay Reutter, and Bro. John and Sis. Janet Schubach (Elgin, IA).

Another dear son has blessed the home of Rob and Beth Hany on June 8. Ryker Leon joins his big brother Gavin. Bro. Peter and Sis. Jeany Hany and Tara Gorman are the happy grandparents.

First-time parents, Steve and Cecelia Gerber, are excited on the arrival of Jackson Doyle Gerber on June 24. His grandparents are Bro. Edwin and Sis. Beverly Gerber and Darcy Doyle. We wish these families the Lord's blessings and wisdom in raising these precious children.

Our prayers are extended to those who have had physical ailments. Sis. Barbara Schneider and Sis. Lavina Ballasy underwent surgery and are now recuperating. We pray for their recovery and that they can soon be back assembling with us.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WASHINGTON

### Henrietta Meyer

Our caretakers for June were retired Elder Bro. Bob and Sis. Gloria Walder from Congerville, IL. We also have openings for November and December, 2010. There is good availability so far for 2011. If interested in serving as caretaker of our church and house, please contact Doreen Steffen at:

bdsteff@yahoo.com or  
302-540-6574.

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Keith Hinrichsen (Sis. Tammy, Phoenix, AZ), Elder Bro. Duane Farney (Sis. Karen, Croghan-Naumburg, NY), Bro. Jerry Isch (Sis. Linda, Philadelphia, PA), Bro. Mark Ramsier (Sis. Alice, Sardis, OH), and Bro. Justin Koch (Washington, IL). Other visitors were from Rockville, CT; Rittman, Sardis, Columbus and Smithville, OH; Morton, Princeville, Congerville and Eureka, IL; Lester IA; and Francesville, IN.

The Hinrichsen family was here for Bro. Joe's graduation from law school. We are sorry to see him go, but trust the Lord will bless him wherever he settles. In our small congregation everyone plays a vital part. Bro. Joe served as a trustee, assistant song leader and substitute Sunday School teacher.

We also had a work team from Akron and Rittman, OH, and Rockville, CT, visit this month to put a new roof on the Church and get half of it painted.

We received word that Ken Belsley is having eye surgery today. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his wife, Roberta.

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 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.



## FLORIDA FORT LAUDERDALE

**Renee Mangold**

We were grateful to have visiting ministers, Bro. Tom Bolliger (Sis. Jane, Tremont, IL) and Bro. Tim Hohulin (Sis. Cathy, Roanoke, IL) this month. We pray for a blessing on them.

On Father's Day we acknowledge our earthly fathers and know how much we love and appreciate them. How much more our Heavenly Father loved us to send us His only begotten Son is almost beyond what we can comprehend and yet the truth of that great gift is a foundation that sustains us in our daily walk.

## FLORIDA NORTH FORT MYERS

**Victor Beer**

This last month we were blessed by the Christian hospitality at two of our church homes. Early in June, we were hosted by Bro. Larry and Sis. Teresa Bruellman at their new Naples home. It was a time of great fellowship and lots of good food.

We were also hosted by Bro. Ray and Sis. Jeanne Haerr at their lovely home down in the city of Cape Coral. As usual, we enjoyed the food fellowship and lots of good food. They live a good way from the church as the Bruellmans do, but the warm fellowship of our church family makes that of little importance.

It seems each of our church family take their turn going north to their families during the summer. We miss each one of them, but we do implore God's protection on them as they travel through the states.

Much ado is being made of the oil in the Gulf of Mexico. We have lovely clean pristine beaches here, and it doesn't look like we will be hit with the oil that is still coming up from the broken well facility. With our warmer than usual weather, the beaches and pools everywhere are being used to the maximum.

Of course, we are anxious to have any visitors to meet with us in our Sunday church services.

## FLORIDA, SARASOTA

**Kim Ott**

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."

*II Timothy 2:3-4*

Our theme this year for Vacation Bible School was "Boot Camp for the Lord's Army". During this time of learning the children were taught about God, who is our Commander-in-Chief, and Satan, who is our enemy in this earthly war. The adults also were trained for their duties in the battle of good vs. evil and were encouraged to press onward in service for the Lord. Although we know the final outcome of this warfare will be God's victorious win over Satan and sin, we were reminded that the choice is up to us as individuals which side in the battle we will take. In order to receive the great reward of heaven, we must work out our own salvation and continue to work diligently as soldiers for the Lord each and every day.

We are so thankful for our visiting ministers this month which include Bro. John Wiegand (Sis. Jane, Silverton, OR) and Bro. David Eisenmann (Sis. Jackie, Champaign, IL). We truly appreciate the blessings we received inspired by the Holy Spirit through God's Word.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Tom Sullivan as his battle of physical illness has drawn to completion and he has been laid to rest. We pray that God would comfort the hearts of all Tom's family members with special remembrance for his wife, Patty, and her parents, Bro. Rich and Sis. Aldine Martin.

Our prayers also go out to Sis. DiAnne Brown (Bro. Larry) as she recovers from injury and to Bro. Glenn Price (Sis. Sandee) during his recent short hospitalization. We continue to pray for our loved ones that God would grant His healing strength and encouragement to face the challenges of each new day.

## GEORGIA, ATLANTA

We are so excited that Sis. Michelle Brewer has moved to Georgia! She recently relocated from Peoria and her new address is: 2640 Highway 29 North, Newnan, GA 30265.

We were blessed to have Bro. Dan Koch (Tremont, IL) minister to us this month. May the Lord bless you and your wife as you serve Him!

## ILLINOIS, BELVIDERE

**Jenn Johnson**

**Doreen Moser**

A sincere thanks to Bro. Dale Banwart (Sis. Missy, Congerville, IL) as he ministered to us in May. It is always wonderful when visiting ministers are willing to share the Word of Life with our congregation.

Bro. Jordan and Sis. Shayla Steffen welcomed a beautiful little girl to their family. Her name is Elaiah Salome and is the precious granddaughter of Bro. Dean and Sis. Carol Steffen and Bro. Dean and Sis. Wanda Messner (Winthrop, MN). We are grateful for her safe arrival!

We delight with Christina Mueller (Bro. Art and Sis. Marlene) and Adam Sauder (Bro. Andy and Sis. Jayne, Morton, IL) as they were united in marriage this month. May the Lord bless them as they begin their life together as husband and wife!

This past month we have had a new baby in our congregation, a marriage, AND we were thankful to hear that Logan Wettstein (Bro. Chad and Sis. Janice) has expressed a desire to serve the Lord! So many changes, and yet we cannot but rejoice!

## ILLINOIS BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

**Jacki Masters**

**Heidi Rinckenberger**

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

*Philippians 3:14*

We had another wonderful Vacation



Bible School this year. We are so grateful for the Brothers who took their time to come teach and the singing groups who came to praise the Lord with us. The speakers for the week were Bro. Brad Metz (Bloomington), Elder Bro. Mike Leman (Denver, CO), Bro. Justin Koch (Washington, IL), Bro. John Reinhard (Bluffton, IN) and Bro. Ed Sauder (Roanoke, IL).

There were a few graduates at the end of the school year. We pray the Lord will guide them and bless them in their future:

Bro. Aaron Kachelmuss (Sis. Ann Kachelmuss) graduated from Illinois State University with a Masters in Business Administration.

Sis. Emily Schmidgall (married to Bro. Tim Schmidgall) graduated from Illinois State University with a Bachelors in Special Education.

Sis. Jessica Robinson (Bro. Mike and Sis. Liz) graduated from Eureka High School. Johnathan Balch (Bro. Mike and Sis. Annie) graduated from Normal Community High School.

Sis. Kimberly Brosman (Debbie Brosman) graduated from Normal West High School.

Lauren Stevig (Bro. Larry and Sis. Barb) graduated from Normal Community High School.

Nathan Stock (Steve and Lori) graduated from Homeschool.

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### ILLINOIS, BRADFORD

#### Philip and Donna Nenadov

We witnessed the marriage of two dear souls as Bro. Art Kellenberger (Bro. Gene and Sis. Marian, Sabetha) and Sis. Joy Nenadov (Bro. Paul and Sis. Marilyn) were united as one on June 13. We wish them God's richest blessings as they spend their lives together serving Him. We were thankful for many visiting ministers that day which included: Elder Bro. Mike Leman (Sis. Deb, Denver), Bro. Tom Leman (Sis. Marlene, Denver), Bro. Corey Metzger (Sis. Jodi, Wichita), Bro. Duane Metzger (Sis. Ruth, West Bend), Bro. Dave Hartter (Sis. Beth, Sabetha), Bro. Tom Schambach (Sis. Connie, Elgin, IL), and Bro. Scott Schambach (Sis. Hope, Columbus).

Other visiting ministers this month were Bro. Greg Rassi (Sis. Carla, Chicago) and Bro. Glen Steiner (Sis. Rachel, Winthrop).

Our hospital patient this month was Bro. Ken Dietz (Sis. Mardell). We wish him God's healing power as he recovers at home.

Our church voted for Sunday School teachers this past month. Bro. Brad Kupferschmid (Sis. Cheryl) and Sis. Ida Kellenberger (Bro. Keith) ended their terms and were replaced by Bro. Kevin Wagenbach (Sis. Sara) and Sis. Tracy Ehnle (Bro. Donn). We are thankful for all the effort put forth by our brethren to teach our children the truth of God's Word.

God be with you 'til we meet again.

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### ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN

#### Jackie Eisenmann

Greetings from Champaign-Urbana! On Sunday, June 13, we had a Senior Breakfast in honor of Bro. Joel Furrer's (Bro. Sam and Sis. Pam) graduation from high school. We want to congratulate Joel on his accomplishments and wish him God's blessings as he continues his education at the University of Illinois in Champaign this fall. We are especially glad Joel is staying local! Also congratulations go out to two of our college graduates. Sis. Rachel Wagenbach completed her veterinary technician degree at Parkland College and has moved back to Oakville in search of a job. Bro. Fred Sollberger had completed his Bachelor's degree in chemical engineering at the U of I and is planning on continuing his education in the fall at Purdue University. We will miss both of these graduates as they have become part of our Champaign church for several years. We wish them God's nearness!

We have been praying for our Bro. Keith and Sis. Joan Hanson this past month since Joan's father, Bro. Joe Rinkenberger (Goodfield, IL), has passed away. May God continue to comfort the hearts of this family. It is always difficult to say goodbye, but we are so thankful for the hope of heaven!

Bro. Tom Waldbeser (Atlanta, GA) was with us on Sunday, June 27, and

blessed us by his willingness to speak God's Word to us. We thank Bro. Tom for coming and being used of God. May God continue to bless his ministry.

We enjoyed Vacation Bible School the week of June 7-10. This year's theme was the "Lord's Prayer". There were many blessings as the entire church came together to support our children in different ways from meals, lessons, crafts, and outdoor activities. The children learned the various themes found in the prayer: praise to God, God's provision for us, God's forgiveness, God's protection in temptation, and God's power. May God continue to bless the children's hearts as they learn of God's Word, whether in VBS, Sunday school, and of course, at home.

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### ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

#### Rachel Meyer

Greetings from Chicago. We are happy to welcome Bro. Chris and Sis. Nancy Williams from Winthrop, MN, to our Chicago family. May God be with them as they make this transition.

On June 2, a singing shower was held for Monica Wulf and her fiancée, Tomas Romano. We wish them God's blessings as they prepare to wed on June 25.

Another new family is making Chicago church their home. We are thankful to have Bro. Brian and Sis. Amber Vercler and their son Braden joining us, due to Bro. Brian's job transfer. They previously assembled in Gridley, IL. Welcome to Chicago!

Another new face with us for the summer is Andrew Klopfenstein. Andrew is from Latty, OH, and is in Chicago for a summer internship. We are happy to get to know him.

On June 13 we had our Sunday School picnic. We pray for God's blessings upon Bryce Westfall (Bro. Dave and Sis. Julie), as he graduates and makes future plans. May God lead. Completing their Sunday School service as teachers are Bro. Blake Stahl and Sisters Betty Schlatter and Bekah Plattner. Thank you for your dedication - you will be missed.

On June 15, Bro. Ryan Eisenmann left to volunteer in Magdalena, Mexico for the summer. We pray for a summer of



spiritual growth and blessings.

May God be with us all.

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## ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

**Vickie Maul  
Marilyn Maul**

Vacation Bible School was held June 14-18. May the seeds that have been planted in the students' hearts during this week bring forth fruit in their lives. We appreciate the labors of the following ministering brothers during the evening Bible Class sessions: Bros. Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville), Michael Wagenbach (Wolcott, IN) and Greg Stoller (Forrest).

Recent college graduate, Bro. Michael Kaeb (Bro. Max and Sis. Beth) has returned home from studies in Kansas to teach in a local school.

Faith of our fathers! Living still  
In spite of dungeons, fire and sword,  
O how our hearts beat high with joy  
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!  
Faith of our fathers! Holy faith!  
We will be true to Thee till death!

*Hymns of Zion # 85*

As we commemorate Father's Day, let us ever hold precious the teachings of our forefathers in our blessed faith.

A new grandchild was born to Bro. Eric and Sis. LouAnn Kaeb. Preston Chad was born to Bro. Chad and Sis. Janice Kaeb (Remington, IN). Also welcoming him is his sister, Rose.

It is always a joy to have visiting ministers to serve us. We thank Bro. Dana Indermuhle (Sardis, OH) and Bro. Art Mueller (Belvidere) for bringing us the Lord's encouragement and admonition to us during this past month.

Our local congregation entertained the residents of Fairview Haven (Fairbury) to a picnic in the park on June 8. There were some families united for the event. There were many blessings enjoyed by all as young and old enjoyed a day of fellowship.

"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

*John 8:12*

We rejoice that Christopher Aranda (Cristela Cardenas) has begun repenting. We pray that the Lord will guide him through all the trials of life.

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## ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

**Holly Zobrist**

We are thankful for the visiting ministers who brought us God's Word this past month. They are Bro. Tom Lanz (Sis. Mary, Oakville), Bro. Tom Leman (Sis. Marlene, Denver), Bro. Mark Zimmerman (Sis. Cheryl, Eureka), and Bro. Dan Moser (Elgin, IL). May the Lord bless these brothers as they continue to rely on His Spirit to bring us the truth.

David Steffen (Kent and Sis. Beth) and Erica Kuchenmeister (Eric and Pam) were married this past May. Austin McClure (Bro. Jeff and Sis. Marilyn) and Rachel Folkerts (Bro. Gary and Sis. Linda, Washington) were also married this past month. We wish these couples the Lord's richest blessings as they have become one in the Lord.

We were so thankful to hear that David and Erica have made the decision to start repenting and to live for the Lord. We were also blessed to hear the news of Jesse Knapp (Bro. James and Sis. Lisa) as he, too, has made the decision to repent for his sins. Our thoughts and prayers are with these converts. May the Lord mold them and make them into the new creature in Christ He wants them to be.

The home of Bro. Mikel and Sis. Stephanie Steffen was blessed with Brenner Mikel. He is welcomed home by his older sister Cherie. Thankful for his safe arrival are grandparents, Bro. Mark and Sis. Joan Steffen and Bro. Rollyn and Sis. Brenda Kuntz.

The home of Bro. James and Sis. Lisa Knapp was also blessed as they welcomed Jayden James into this world. Welcoming him home are older brothers and sisters, Jesse, Jared, Joshua, Leah, Jordan, and Lily. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Ralph and Sis. Linda Knapp and Bro. Larry and Sis. Betty Bauman.

Bro. David Currier (Art and Sis. Mary) announced his engagement to Sis. Maria Hartter (Bro. Tim and Sis.

Charlene, Sabetha). We wish this couple God's richest blessings as they walk the road to heaven together.

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## ILLINOIS, ELGIN

**Amy Gasser  
Miriam Gasser**

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh."

*Eph. 5:31*

Bro. Kirk Schambach (Bro. Les and Sis. Alison) and Sis. Amanda Kellenberger (Bro. Jeff and Sis. Julie) were united by the three-fold cord on May 23. Ashley Leman (Bro. Keith and Sis. Libby) and Andrew Pelc of Oelwein, IA, exchanged their wedding vows on June 12. May God bless the homes and marriages of these two young couples.

We congratulate our high-school seniors on reaching an important milestone. The four graduates are Landon Kellenberger (Bro. Greg and Sis. Debbie), Kelsey Lodge (Dave and Lori), Abbey Schieler (Bro. Eric and Sis. Nancy), and Angela Steffen (Bro. Dave and Sis. Linda).

After a 10-year struggle with ALS, Thomas Hugh of Elgin passed away on May 23. He was Sis. Marie Hugh's nephew. She often spoke of Tom and has our sympathy in this loss.

Though Bro. Matt Steffen lost his battle with melanoma on June 3, we believe he won an eternal victory through the Lord Jesus Christ. Bro. Matt is survived by his wife, Natalie, and daughters, Molly and Jordan, as well as his parents, Bro. Nate and Sis. Marilyn, three brothers, and five sisters. They are Bro. Phil (Mona) of Arlington, VA; Rachel Stall (Jim) of Phoenix, AZ; Mark (Barb) of Elgin; Sarah Hoppe (Ralph) of Middle Grove, MO; Becky Miller (Jim) of Maren-go, IL; and Mary, Bro. Dave (Sis. Linda), and Sis. Debbie Kellenberger (Bro. Greg), all of Elgin.

Elder Bro. Doug Schock (Bloomfield, IA) and Bro. Alan Schambach (Remington, IN) participated in Bro. Matt's funeral service. Other ministers



who visited during the month included Bros. Brad Eisenmann (Chicago, IL), Jerry Meeks (Sabetha, KS), and Edwin Strahm (Bern, KS). We thank each one for being used as an instrument in God's service.

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## ILLINOIS, EUREKA

### Dee Baer Jodi Blunier

"The mighty God shows forth His power, the thunders roll in clouds on high..." (Zion's Harp #67, vs. 1) And, in the hearts of men His power was also evident as six souls gave their testimonies and were baptized into the Faith of our fathers. Ashley Shoufler (Herb Shoufler and Shawn Gastman) and Caitlin Leman (Bro. Kent and Sis. Chris), Blake and Brent Hoerr (Bro. Mark and late Sis. Carolyn) and Nolan and Ryan Streitmatter (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Deyona) were welcomed as our new brothers and sisters in faith.

New births welcomed in the baby room are Andrew Dale VanWaters and Clay Adam Blunier. Andrew's parents are converts Vernon and Sara and big brothers are Benjamin, Joshua and Gabriel. Grandparents are Debbie VanWaters and Vernon Stephens and Bro. Charlie and Sis. Karen Sinn. Clay's parents are Bro. Ross and Sis. Whitney and grandparents are Bro. Ted and Sis. Donna Blunier and Bro. Jon and Sis. Cyndee Anderson (Congerville).

Faith has led two couples to believe they are to become one. Bro. Evan Schmidgall (Bro. Paul and Sis. Kris) and Sis. Emily Sinn (Bro. Mark and Sis. Elsie, Silverton, OR) have announced their engagement. Likewise, Bro. Colin Knapp (Bro. Steve and Sis. Lori) and Sis. Kyla Edelman (Bro. Keith and Sis. Nadine) have made their plans known.

Bro. Homer Blunier (Sis. Virginia) peacefully passed from this life. Funeral services were held in Forrest, his home church. From our congregation, his brother, Bro. Ben (Sis. Wilma) Blunier, and sister-in-laws, Sis. Clara Lou Blunier, Sis. Elizabeth Blunier and Sis. Wilma Blunier, will miss him.

Recovering from hospitalizations are Bro. Duane Blunier (Sis. Eileen), Bro.

Roger Blunier (Sis. Wendy), Bro. Bob DeSigne (Sis. Cindy), Sis. Ethel Schmidgall (Bro. Harold) and Bro. Dale Zimmerman (Sis. Sue).

We were blessed with the visits of Elder Bro. Ben Walder (Congerville), Elder Bro. Rick Plattner (Fairbury), Bro. Dale Banwart (Congerville), Bro. Bill Dotterer (Lamar, MO), Bro. Bob Dotterer (Sardis, OH), Bro. Beirne Messner (Morris, MN), Bro. Dan Stoller (Rockville, CT) and Bro. Pat Zaugg (West Bend, IA).

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## ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

### Angela Herr Anna Schmidgall

We are always so thankful to hear of a new convert. Our prayers are with Miranda Kaeb (Sis. LeAnn Kaeb and Leon Kaeb).

Bro. Mike and Sis. Jen Feuchtenberger welcome their first child, Evan Michael born June 3. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Leona Kaisner and Bro. Gerald and Sis. Karen Feuchtenberger (Morris, MN). We pray for God's blessings and guidance.

Our Sunday School students enjoyed a week of Vacation Bible School. Their enthusiasm is encouraging! Visiting ministers were Bros. Tom Bolliger (Tremont, IL), Jeff Grimm (Goodfield, IL), and Jeff Bahler (Wolcott, IN).

Other visiting ministers this month who brought us the Word of God were Bros. Dennis Rassi (Austin, TX), Jerry Wagenbach (Oakville, IA), and Kerwin Edelman (Athens, AL). We pray God would bless them for their efforts.

Our prayers were with Bro. Duane Kilgus as he spent time in the hospital. We are thankful he is assembling with us again.

Austin Fehr (Bro. Nathan and Sis. Marsha) and Nicole Heenan (John and Jill Heenan and Kim Heenan, Pontiac, IL) were married on June 5. We wish them God's richest blessings.

## ILLINOIS, FORREST

### Lynn Dotterer Lisa Aberle

Sis. Aldine Wackerle finished her earthly battle on June 28. Her surviving step-children are Verena Densmore (James), Sam Wackerle (Lorraine), and Matthew Wackerle (Gloria), all of Michigan. We also extend sympathy to her sisters, Sis. Laura Wenger and Sis. Edna Wiegand, both of our Forrest congregation, and Sis. Wilma Fischer (Roanoke, IL) as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Bro. Homer Blunier (Sis. Virginia) passed away on June 23. He is also survived by their children, Stanley Blunier (Peggy), Forrest; Sis. Gail Hodel (Bro. Marvin), Peoria, IL; Scott Blunier (Aldine), Santarem, Brazil; and Sis. Joy Blunier, Normal, IL; one brother, Bro. Ben Blunier (Sis. Wilma), Eureka, IL; one sister, Sis. Pearl Leman, Roanoke, IL; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Bros. Randy Mogler (Washington, IL) and Paul Gasser (Akron, OH) were here for the funeral service.

Our other visiting ministers this month were Bros. Nelson Beer (Milford, IN), Dale Frank (Oakville, IA), Bill Masters (North Fort Myers, FL), and Dennis Rassi (Austin, TX). Bros. Chuck Kellenberger (Elgin, IL), Clark Stoller (Gridley, IL), Wayne Wiegand (Goodfield, IL) and Jon Zeller (Morton, IL) visited during Vacation Bible School week. We thank all of them for their time and willing service.

Bro. Chris Metz (Sis. Vi), Bro. Lynn Slagel (Sis. Kathy), and Thane Schaffer (Bro. Erik and Sis. Michelle) all spent time in the hospital this month. In addition, we also continue to pray for Bro. Brian Ricketts (Sis. Marie) and their family as he continues to suffer from cancer.

Ty Allen Mueller was born to Bro. Mark and Sis. Erika on June 7. His grandparents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Lucy Slagel and Sis. Connie Mueller (Bloomington, IL) and Chuck and Brenda Mueller. Ted and Theresa Bachtold welcomed another daughter to their family. Sydney Martha was born on June 11 and joins Kinzey and Naomi.



Sydney's grandparents are Bro. Marvin and Sis. Mary Bachtold and Ralph and Martha Fehr (Fairbury, IL). River Russell is the firstborn son of Bro. Jeremy and Sis. Shara Leman. Sis. Kathy Dotterer (and the late Bro. Wendell) and Bro. Ernie and Sis. Carol Leman are River's grandparents.

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## ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

**Donna Wyss**

**Kayla Wiegand**

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Lila Wirtz (Bro. Mike) in the passing away of her sister, Sis. Doreen Meyer.

We pray that God will provide comfort during this time.

On May 28, Bro. Darrell and Sis. Jennifer Stoller rejoiced in the birth of their son, Miles Henry. Excited siblings are brother Mason and sister Kinley. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Tom and Sis. Edie Stoller (Eureka, IL) and Bro. Larry and Sis. Lori Wiegand.

On June 4, Kaylee Joy was born to Bro. Chad and Sis. Janel Hillman. Her siblings are brother Tyler and sister Jolin. Grandparents are Richard and Linda Hillman (Eureka, IL) and Sis. Joyce Blunier and the late Bro. Dale Blunier (Princeville, IL). We pray that God will bless these families as they raise their little ones.

We continue to pray for Katie Wood as she was in a car accident and had several broken bones. We pray that God will be by her side and help her through her recovery.

We rejoice with our friend, Andy Wettstein (Rebekah), as he has turned to the Lord in repentance. We pray Andy will feel God's presence as he begins his walk with the Lord. Andy's parents are Bro. Gary and Sis. Elna (Roanoke, IL).

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh... What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

*Mark 10:7,9*

June 6 was the wedding day of Sis. Laura Wirtz (Bro. Mike and Sis. Lila) and Bro. Tyler Hoerr (Tom and Gwen Hoerr,

Peoria, IL; and Dave and Becky Fuelberth, Dunlap, IL). We wish them God's blessings as they establish their new life together. Assisting in the wedding was Elder Bro. Mark Streitmatter (Sis. Sara, Bloomington, IL) and our counseling Elder Bro. Earl Ringger (Sis. Dixie, Gridley, IL).

June 13 was the wedding day of Bro. Ron Wiegand (Bro. Dan and Sis. Verla and the husband of the late Sis. Barb) and Sis. Kary Streitmatter (Sis. Pearline and the late Bro. Vernie, Washington, IL). May God bless their marriage.

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

*John 14:27*

We rejoice with our three converts who have found peace and are looking forward to baptisms on June 20. They are Nate Bauman (Bro. Andy and Sis. Rita), Abby Bauman (Bro. Ben and Sis. Marge), and Jake Rokey (Bro. Ben and Sis. Shelley).

"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. We love him, because he first loved us."

*1 John 4:16,19*

June 7-11 was our Vacation Bible School. We want to thank all of the teachers: Bros. Dirk Steffen, Ted Taufer, Caleb Wyss, Daryl Blunier, Barry Kloter, Jared Schieber, Mike Wiegand, Robert Rokey, Shawn Roth, Sam Moser, Jason Schick, Dan Wiegand, and Sisters Marsha Rocke, Maribeth Rocke, Jill Wagner, Heather Hohulin, Lynn Wiegand, Karen Wiegand, Cindy Schmidgall, Angie Schieber, Megan Knapp, Rita Bauman, and Beth Wiegand.

We also want to thank our visiting ministers for bringing forth God's Word to us during Bible school.

On June 7, Bro. Ed Sauder (Sis. Bonnie, Roanoke, IL) spoke to us on patience. On June 9, Bro. Fred Funk (Sis. Diane, Morton, IL) spoke to us on forgiveness. On June 11, Bro. Randy Mogler

(Sis. Evie, Washington, IL) spoke to us on love.

We were also uplifted by songs of praise from the following groups: His Own, Hearts of Praise, and Brothers in Hymn these evenings.

We trust that God will bless everyone for their willingness to serve in the furtherance of His message.

*Note of Thanks:*

We have lost someone very special. Thanks for sharing our grief with every act of kindness that came our way.

*The family of Bro. Joe Rinckenberger*

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## ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY

**Perry A. Klopfenstein**

It is a blessing to hear special comments from ministers. May God richly bless our ministering brothers for their ongoing messages. Hearing the Word of God never becomes old, and we are often introduced to new perceptions. One such concept was delivered by a visiting minister who prayed for "inspired listening". In this, the listeners were prayed for — and that in addition to praying for inspired preaching, prayer was offered for inspired listening as well! That was a wonderful thing to pray for. Henceforth, we should all pray to become inspired listeners.

Bro. Jim Butikofer (Iowa City) was a visiting minister here in June. Visiting here as speakers at Vacation Bible School were Elder Bro. Tim Funk (Peoria) and ministering Bros. Dan Stoller (Remington), Troy Leye (Bluffton, IN), Paul Zimmerman (Forrest) and Erik Givens (Princeville). May these brothers be blessed for their labors.

After a long illness, Bro. Paul M. Zehr, 82, passed away on Sunday morning, June 27. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Sis. Wilma. Also surviving are three sons, ministering Bro. Dave Zehr and Bro. Eric Zehr, Gridley, and Jon Zehr, Los Angeles, CA; and five grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters, Ruth Slagell, Normal, and Eileen Lueck, Springfield.

Bro. Paul is remembered as a friendly man, and a good visitor among the brethren.



As of this writing, good rains in May and June have produced what looks to be like a very good crop of corn and soybeans. Although it is still early in the growing season, timely and abundant rains have seen corn grow to nearly six feet high, even before the fourth of July. It is all in God's hands, and if it is to be a record crop, it will be His doings!

In late June, many of our local brethren, in the name of World Relief, put a new roof on Sunrise Manor, the apartment structure adjacent to our church parking lot. Working together draws our brethren together, and surely this is true in any worthwhile spiritual venture.

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## ILLINOIS, MORTON

**Annette Tanner**

**Julie Bahr**

What a blessed full week of Vacation Bible School our congregation experienced this past month. The theme was our "Spiritual Health Checkup". The scripture verse Psalms 139:23-24 was referred to throughout the week for: The Heart, The Tongue, The Mind, The Eyes, and The Body. Each evening one of these areas was expounded on, reminding us of the Spiritual check-ups we each need from our Heavenly Physician. We wish to thank our visiting ministers who shared these inspiring messages with us: Bro. James Emch (Phoenix); Bro. David Zehr (Gridley); Bro. Matt Kaufmann (Bloomington); Bro. Loren Schrenk (St. Louis); and Bro. Mark Zimmerman (Eureka). Other visiting ministers we wish to thank for the month of June are: Bro. Tim Roecker (Peoria); Bro. Greg Rassi and Bro. Matthew Rassi (Chicago); and Bro. Daron Price (Milford).

On June 11, a baby boy, Wesley Scott, entered the home of Bro. Jeff and Sis. Candice Klopfenstein along with siblings, Erin, Emily, Anna, Seth, Ryan, and Elle. Very thankful grandparents are Bro. Ken and Sis. Devon Rinkenberger and Bro. Dave and Sis. Louann Klopfenstein (Phoenix).

On June 8, Bro. Gary and Sis. Debbie Rassi became grandparents to a new grandson, Abraham Thomas, who entered the home of Joshua and Mary Rassi. Maternal grandparents are Tom

and Susan Koonce, Tremont.

Our love and sympathy is extended to our Sis. Mary (Bro. Ted) Staker in the loss of her brother, Bro. Charles Sauder (Tremont), who went to his Heavenly rest on June 20. For him the battle is over. "May all who come behind find us FAITHFUL!" Let this be the legacy we leave our children.

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## ILLINOIS, PEORIA

**Pam Fritzenmeier**

Bro. Robert and Sis. Marge Rumbold were thrilled to welcome twin grandsons, Chase Robert and Max Richard, on May 7. Bro. Mark and Sis. Stacie Knepp, Detroit, are the happy parents and Bro. Richard and Sis. Janet Knepp, Roanoke, the paternal grandparents.

Sunday, May 23, we said good-bye to Sis. Michelle Brewer. She has moved to the Atlanta, GA, area to live with her father. We pray for God's blessings as she begins this new chapter in her life.

We rejoice with Bro. Tyler Hoerr and Sis. Laura Wirtz, as they were united in holy marriage on June 6 in Goodfield. Their parents are Tom Hoerr and Becky Feulberth and Bro. Mike and Sis. Lila Wirtz, Goodfield.

We are thankful for three new converts, Elsie Eilers, Edith Traub, and Troy Hohulin, (Bro. Mark and Sis. Jan).

Our Bible Class spent the week of June 6 on a mission trip in Cosby, TN, at the Sunset Gap Community Center. They did a total makeover on a trailer home, held VBS for 17 preschoolers and did remodeling on the dorm and other jobs at the community center. They all experienced God's divine direction in this mission as the planned trip to Jamaica was cancelled due to the civil unrest there.

Welcome home to Bro. Tim and Sis. Joan Reinhard and family! They are here for the summer on furlough from Haiti. Bro. Craig and Sis. Jacki Stickling hosted a "welcome back" for them on June 18. Please also keep Bro. Jonathan and Sis. Bere Aupperle and Bro. Zach Knobloch (for the summer) in your prayers as they help do the Lord's work in Magdalena.

Our youth look forward to Vacation Bible School each year. The pre-k

through seventh grade enjoyed Bible stories and crafts, as they learned about un-named heroes in the Bible, with I Tim. 4:12 as their theme verse. "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

The 8th graders, Bible Class and Young Group had five evenings of inspiring Bible study and fellowship. The speakers and topics included: Bro. John Bradle (Roanoke) - "What Time Is It? Watch and Pray!"; Bro. Fred Witzig (Princeville) - "Marathon Christian"; Bro. Doyle Frauhiger (Bluffton North) - "Mr. Denial"; Bro. Ted Witzig Jr. (Morton) - "Understanding the Christian World View"; and Bro. Dave Marquart (Taylor) - "Hypocrisy". Bro. Matt Steffen (Princeville) also spent a recent Wednesday evening sharing God's Word with us. May God bless these brothers for giving of their time and talents for our spiritual edification.

Fathers Day weekend was very special for two dear souls who gave their testimonies and were baptized into the family of God. Ryan Davidovics (Bro. Fedi and Sis. Ruth) and Bill Chaffer are now our brothers in Christ. We rejoice with their families and friends and thank God for our faithful fathers.

### *Note of Thanks:*

While recuperating from hip surgery I received many lovely get-well cards and good wishes. Thank you all. They were much appreciated.

*Sis. Hazel Geyer*

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## ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

**Linda Joos**

**Connie Christ**

Call and cry, ye watchmen, boldly;  
Call aloud and spare them not!

Visiting ministers have been Elder Bro. Ted Steffen (Alto, MI), Bro. Mark Schmidgall (Eureka, IL), Bro. Greg Stoller (Forrest, IL), and Bro. Ned Stoller (Alto, MI). May God bless you for sharing God's Living Word with us.

Bro. Nate Martin, Richard Stahl, and



Bro. Jerry Endress have been hospital patients. May God be with our dear ones and grant them patience and healing.

Welcoming a new granddaughter on May 11 are Bro. Dana and Sis. Martha Kay Regier. Jasper Renee is the daughter of Bro. Benj and Sis. Kristen Hodel (Peoria, IL). What a miracle and blessing new life is!

Jerry Graham, a brother to our Bro. Richard (Sis. Jeanette) Graham, recently passed away. Jerry resided in New York state. May God's love and comfort be felt by the family.

Bro. Jonathan and Sis. Megan Hodel and their three young children have moved to Roanoke, IL. We enjoyed getting to know them and having them worship with us. May God bless them in their new surroundings.

## ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

### Jamie Hodel Judy Sauder

Our congregation has been blessed with several new babies this month. Elizabeth Kate was born to Bro. Jason and Sis. Rena Hodel on May 28. Also welcoming Elizabeth home are big sisters, Clara, Natalie and Suzanne, and grandparents, Sis. Martha Braker and Bro. Ken and Sis. Kathy Hodel. Bro. Ken and Sis. Kathy also became grandparents again when Joelle Shalome was born to Bro. Jeremy and Sis. Tammy Hodel (Washington) on May 21. Her other thankful grandparents are Bro. Bruce and Sis. Becky Sauder (Morton). Bro. John and Sis. Mary Wiegand became grandparents again on May 21 when William Jefferson Knobloch was born to Bro. Jeff and Sis. Bethany (Taylor). Bro. Bill and Sis. Ellie Knobloch (Tremont) also are thrilled for their new grandson. Then Bro. John and Sis. Mary's daughter, Emily, and her husband, Derek Neal, of Peoria, welcomed Baylee Genevieve on June 13. Older brother Grady and paternal grandparents, Craig and Stephani Neal of Eureka, are also thrilled with Baylee's arrival. We ask that God would bless these families as they raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

James 5:15: "And the prayer of faith

shall save the sick,..." Michael Stoller (Bro. Ed and Sis. Boni), Bro. Jordan Schroeder (Sis. Katelyn) of Washington, and baby Judah Oesch (Bro. Matt and Sis. Shelli) of Alto have all undergone medical treatment. We continue to lift these loved ones up in fervent prayer.

II Timothy 2:2: "...the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." Bro. Matt (Sis. Jennifer) Feucht, Bro. Blake (Sis. Kristin) Gerber, and Bro. Drew (Sis. Amanda) Lemman have been chosen as intermediate Sunday School teachers. Bro. Jon (Sis. Jill) Fehr and Bro. Nate (Sis. Karel) Hoffman were selected to instruct our Bible Class. We pray for God's blessing upon them as they teach our youth the truths of God's Word.

I Corinthians 15:54: "Death is swallowed up in victory." Sis. Thelma Hodel has won the victory and gone to be with the Lord on May 26. Her survivors include a son, Roger (Elaine), a daughter, Sis. Sharon (Bro. Larry) Neukomm, a brother, Bro. Walt (Sis. Arlette) Fehr, all of Roanoke, six grandchildren, and sixteen great-grandchildren. Retired Elder Bro. John (Sis. Lois) Klotzle (Altadena) went to his eternal home on June 3. He was the father of our Sis. Kathy (Bro. Frank) Sauder. We extend our love and deepest sympathy to these dear families and pray for God's peace and nearness upon them.

On May 22, our Bible Class juniors and seniors along with parents presented a program at our Fellowship Hall about the work they accomplished on their recent trip to Magdalena. It was a blessed evening.

Genesis 2:18: "And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him." On May 29, Andy Pfister (Bro. Steve and Sis. Linda) of Skokie was united in marriage to Lindsey Deets of Glenview. Her parents are Norm and Marti Deets of Milledgeville, IL. Brian Hoffman (Sis. Jeanni) of Metamora is engaged to be married to Diana Thrasher of Morton. She is the daughter of David and Priscilla Payne of East Peoria. Then on June 6, the marriage engagement of Bro. Kirby Lemman (Bro. Don and Sis. Colleen) and Sis. Ellie Wettstein (Bro. Gary and

Sis. Elna) was announced. We rejoice with these dear couples and wish them God's blessings as they enter into marriage.

On May 30, we said farewell to Bro. Bryan and Sis. Amber Vercler and Braden who are relocating to the Chicago area. We also welcomed back Bro. Jonathan and Sis. Megan Hodel and their children, Dexter, Hattie and Lexxi, who are moving from the Princeville area. We're thankful to have the Hodels back and we know the Verclers will be a blessing to the Chicago congregation.

On June 6, we were blessed with two visiting ministers, Elder Bro. Kent Heimer (Taylor) and Bro. Tim Lehman (Taylor). Then on June 16, Bro. Art Mueller (Belvidere) was our guest minister. We thank our visitors for their willing service to us and pray for God's blessing upon them.

We were also privileged to host Vacation Bible School June 7-11. On Monday, Bro. Ken Hoerr (Peoria) spoke on "Finance 101 and 666". Bro. Clark Stoller (Gridley) exhorted us about "Moral Decay" on Tuesday. "Life's Big Questions" was Bro. Darren Plattner's (Champaign) topic on Wednesday. Bro. Willis Ehnle (Peoria) spoke on the book of Daniel on Thursday. And Bro. Randy Gasser (Detroit) encouraged us in his talk "It's All About Faith" on Friday. We thank these brothers and all those involved who made Vacation Bible School a blessed week.

Luke 9:23: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Colleen (C.C.) Ney and Don and Theresa Riens have begun their walks with the Lord. We are so thankful and pray that God would bless them as they seek to follow Him.

*In Memory of Gaylord Blunier:*

The families of Bro. Gaylord Blunier's children and his Brothers and Sisters wish to thank each and every one of you for your gifts of love, your love and kindness for him during his health problems, and his passing away. Your love and thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

*Sincerely,*

*Gaylord's kin*



*Note of Thanks:*

I want to thank family, friends, and neighbors for their love, beautiful cards, gifts, phone calls, and visits I received which made my 90th birthday very special. God bless you now and always.

*In Christian Love,  
Sis. Dorothy Pfister*

*P.S. A special thanks to my niece Amy and her husband Ray who flew from South Port, Maine, to surprise me and help celebrate my special day.*

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

"I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene..."

*Hymns of Zion # 174*

Sis. Josephine Schaefer and Sis. Lila Moser are standing in the presence of the Savior. They have fought the good fight and have run the race and are now receiving their reward. Our sympathy is extended to their families during this time of grief. We also sympathize with Sis. Barbara Moser (Silverton, OR) as her husband, Bro. Ray Moser, has died. Sis. Barb was the foster child of Bro. Will and Sis. Rose Beutel from a young age and grew up with the Beutel children here in Tremont - Bro. Dave, Bro. Alvin, Sis. Ruth Koch, Sis. Nancy Koch, Sis. Helen Zimmerman (Gridley), Annette Schambach (Marengo, IL), Bro. Fred, and Phil (New Bern, NC). We pray for God's comforting hand on these families.

"I now have found a firm foundation..."

We welcome Susan Koch (Bro. Roger and Sis. Sally) as our sister in Christ. May she always be willing to follow the teachings of Jesus and the apostles as she navigates through life. Elder Bro. Rick Plattner (Sis. Mary Ann, Fairbury), Bro. Darren Plattner (Sis. Sue, Champaign), Bro. Dave Eisenmann (Sis. Jackie, Champaign), and Bro. Brian Waibel (Sis. Wendy, Champaign) were here for the weekend and preached the

Word to us. Bro. Steve Baner (Sis. Donnalou, Gridley) was here for a Wednesday night topical lesson. We sincerely thank these brothers for being willing to labor on our behalf.

"There shall be showers of blessings..."

*Gospel Hymns # 315*

We have quite a number of little blessings to announce. Zaine Patrick joined the household of Bro. Si III, Sis. Lori, Courtney, Caitlyn, Elise, Bethany, Simon IV, Lauren, and Kaleb Wagenbach. Grandparents are Bro. Si Jr. and Sis. Lavonne Wagenbach.

Bro. Matt and Sis. Jenni Sauder rejoice in the birth of Kayli Jo. Her siblings are Daniel, Trevor, Adam and Elise. Grandparents are Bro. Dale and Sis. Joann Sauder, and Bro. Jeff and Sis. Ruth Grimm (Goodfield). Timothy Joseph has been added to the new home of Bro. Mike and Sis. Ivy Steiner. His siblings are Bro. Mahlon, Joseph, Daniel, Hannah, Titus, Courage, Blessing, and Providence. We will miss them as they have felt the Lord's leading to move back to Ivy's home church in Burlington, IA. Bro. Joe and Sis. Marcella Steiner and Bro. John and Sis. Ingrid Buster (Burlington, IA) are thankful grandparents. Bro. Brent and Sis. Janelle Sauder welcome their first child, Londyn Nichole. Happy grandparents are Bro. Todd and Sis. Rita Kilgus and Elder Bro. Steve and Sis. Mary Sauder. Bro. Rich (the late Sis. Evelyn) has another grandchild, Rebecca, born to Brad and Kim Grant (Athens, WI). Our prayer is that each of these parents will raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

"Afflictions though they seem severe. In mercy oft are sent..."

*Hymns of Zion # 22*

Bro. Bob Wagenbach (Sis. Barb), Bro. Paul Koch (Sis. Florence), Bro. Nic Rassi (Sis. Amanda) and Bro. John Rassi (Sis. Heather) have experienced illness or undergone surgery. We pray for God's healing hand upon each one.

"Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go..."

*Hymns of Zion # 179*

A number of students are graduating this year and moving on in their lives. We pray that each one may seek God first and follow His will for their lives. They are - Sis. Rachel Aberle (Bro. Pete and Sis. Debbie), Sis. Heidi Koch (Bro. Chuck and Sis. Cathy), Sis. Katie Koch (Bro. Dan and Sis. Julie), Luke Blunier (Bro. Greg and Sis. Julie),

Kendall Fehr (Bro. James and Sis. Brenda), Ben Aberle (Bro. Andy and Sis. Chris), Michael Bolliger (Bro. Tom and Sis. Jane), Ashleigh Koch (Bro. Terry and Sis. Christine), Wade Sinn (Bro. Jeff and Sis. Gail), and Trent Koch (Bro. Earl and Sis. Marsha).

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**ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON**  
**Nancy Leman**  
**Linda Folkerts**

"And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him."

*Genesis 2:18*

On June 12, Rachel Folkerts and Austin McClure were married. Their parents are Bro. Gary and Sis. Linda Folkerts and Bro. Jeff and Sis. Marilyn McClure (Congerville, IL). Then on June 13, we celebrated the holy union of Sis. Kary Streitmatter to Bro. Ron Wiegand (Goodfield, IL). Their parents are Sis. Pearlina Streitmatter and Bro. Dan and Sis. Verla Wiegand (Goodfield, IL). We rejoice with their families and pray many blessings of Godly wisdom and rich love as these couples begin their lives together.

We were thankful for the ministers that joined us this month. On June 6, Elder Bro. Mark Bahr (Sis. Bev, Detroit, MI) shared the Word. On June 13, Bro. Jaye Rinckenberger (Sis. Peggy, Goodfield, IL), Bro. Craig Stickling (Sis. Jacki, Peoria, IL), Bro. Virgil Metzger (Sis. Mary, Chicago, IL), Bro. Randy Kellenberger (Sis. Karen, Kansas City, MO), Bro. Brent Kellenberger (Sis. Beth, Kansas City, MO) and Bro. Jeff Wiegand



(Sis. Janel, Goodfield, IL) were here. Sharing in our Father's Day service was Bro. Wayne Leman (Sis. Julie, Roanoke, IL).

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

*III John 1:2*

We have been prayerful for many in our congregation experiencing illness: Bro. Kim Huber, Bro. Ed Teubel, Sis. Sue Ruppert, Sis. Lucille Steffen, and Bro. Jordan Schroeder.

We extend our sympathies to Bro. Ed and Sis. Sally Fritz and Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Martha Moser and their families as they mourn the loss of their dear brother-in-law, Bro. Charles Sauder (Tremont, IL). May they all be comforted by the promise of a glad heavenly reunion.

Welcoming a precious little girl are Bro. Jeremy and Sis. Tammy Hodel. Joelle Shalome was born on May 21. Her grandparents are Bro. Ken and Sis. Kathy Hodel (Roanoke, IL) and Bro. Bruce and Sis. Becky Sauder (Tremont, IL).

Our Sunday School children enjoyed Vacation Bible School the week of June 7-11. We, too, are prayerful for our Bible Class, their teachers and others as they are currently traveling and serving in Magdalena, Mexico, for a week. May their trip be blessed with a fruitful willingness to serve, strengthened relationships and a growing closeness with God.

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**INDIANA, BLUFFTON**  
**Grace Gerber**  
**Kim Meyer**

"That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another."

*I Corinthians 12:25*

It is truly a marvelous thing for us as believers to share our news and concerns with one another. Oftentimes, I find myself reading up on current events in the world and even in the Silver Lining with the intentions of a busybody! But I've

been encouraged lately to read the news—wherever it comes from—in prayerful consideration. When I read about the illnesses of my neighbors, do my prayers immediately ascend to the Almighty's throne? When the news of the persecuted church reaches my ears, do I lift them up to the Lord? Let us listen to news with prayer and love in our hearts.

We have certainly kept our Sis. Sally Schwartz (Bro. Lester) in our prayers as she recently underwent back surgery. Our dear friend, Jean Detmon (daughter of Bro. Dick Clark), has been struggling with cancer for some time now, and the church has been lifting her and her dear family up in prayer. Also, our dear Sis. Nova Kipfer underwent hip surgery and she has our prayers during her recovery. In the sorrows of illness it's often difficult to rejoice, but God has certainly blessed us with great joy as our Sis. Sandy Ringger (Bro. Kendall) is in remission from cancer! Our prayers are with her for continued recovery and our praise goes to God for His power!

On that note of joy, there is much more to be thankful for here in Bluffton including all of the new little ones that God has brought safely into the world! Bro. Blare and Sis. Janel Gerber are the parents of a son, Cole Douglas. Cole's grandparents are Bro. Rex Gerber (Sis. Lavon - dec.) and Bro. Doug and Sis. Jill Fiechter. Little Eden Elaine is the new daughter of Chris and Laura Gerber. Her grandparents would be Bro. Lee and Sis. Jennie Gerber. We rejoice with Bro. Brady and Sis. Kristen Kaehr as they praise God for their new daughter, Abby LaNae. Abby's grandparents are Bro. Lyle and Sis. Connie Kaehr, Bro. Ken Dubach, and Jodi Holloway. Bro. Ted and Sis. Jane Habegger are the happy grandparents of little Laina Renee, daughter of Roger and Liz Richardson. It is so wonderful to have so many little blessings from the Lord!

Along with these new babies is a new engagement! We rejoice with Bro. Daniel Moser (Sis. Dina Fae and the late Bro. Glen) and Sis. Abby Gerber (Bro. Doug and Sis. Ruby) as they become one in Christ.

We've also been blessed with several

weddings this month. Bro. Dan Kaehr and Sis. Caitleigh Rinkenberger (Bro. Sam and Connie Kaehr, and Bro. Linc and Sis. Catrina Rinkenberger) were married as well as Bro. Andrew Harris and Sis. Katy Longenberger (Bro. Mark and Sis. Susan Harris, and Bro. Gene and Sis. Joni Longenberger). We also thank God for the marriage of Bro. Joel Putt of Francesville to Sis. Wendy Fiechter (Bro. Don and Sis. Suzie).

As these couples begin their life together, two young souls have made their beginning on the walk with Jesus. Caleb Carrico (Bro. Bill and Sis. Heidi) and Janae Steffen (Bro. Tom and Sis. Lyn) found the grace and love of Christ this month. Praise God!

It's also a blessing to have visiting ministers with us to share God's Word. Bro. Jaye Rinkenberger (Sis. Peggy) came from our Goodfield congregation as well as Bro. Ken Hoerr (Sis. Darlene) from our Peoria church. We were also blessed with the visit of Elder Bro. Steve Gutwein (Sis. Linda) from our congregation in Francesville.

We thank the Lord for a busy and blessed month here in Bluffton and we ask for His continued blessings so that we in turn could bring Him greater glory, honor and praise. He is indeed worthy!

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**INDIANA**  
**BLUFFTON NORTH**  
**Amy Moser**  
**Jessie Longenberger**

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

*Matthew 5:16*

We grieve with the loss of our dear Sis. Mahilda Dubach on May 11. We continue to keep her son, Bro. Mike (Sis. Linda) Dubach, and other loved ones, in our hearts and prayers. We also extend our love and sympathy to Sis. Carolyn Yergler at the passing of her husband, Bro. Robert Yergler, on May 12. May Sis. Carolyn and her family feel God's peace through this difficult time. Sis. Mahilda and Bro. Robert will be greatly missed in our congregation.



Betty Todd passed away on May 5. Our prayers continue for her son, Bro. Mike (Sis. Karen) Todd, and many other family members.

Bro. Mike (Sis. Karen) Todd spent time in the hospital as he had a gallbladder surgery. Our prayers continue to be with him as he recovers at home. Also, Sis. Rochelle (Bro. Rodney) Gerber is spending time in the hospital. May Sis. Rochelle and her family feel God's healing hand during this time.

We are also thankful that Jay (Bro. Mark and Sis. Marsha) and Mallory Nicholas have found peace with our Lord Jesus and await baptism.

Precious Stacy June was born May 25 to Bro. Matthew and Sis. Tiffany Drayer. Excited siblings welcoming her home are Hannah and Naomi. Grandparents are Bro. Derryl and Sis. Peggy Aschliman (Bluffton) and Bro. Jerry and Sis. Lois Drayer. Great-grandparents are Bro. Les and Sis. Rose Gerber (Bluffton).

Bro. Rod and Sis. Rosemary welcome new granddaughter, Hattie Joelle Mounsey, on May 26. The happy parents are Ryan and Lennie Mounsey.

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## INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE

### Jacki Huber Mildred Clauss

As the school year came to an end, there were many Open Houses for graduates. We also said good bye to three foreign exchange students who shared time with families from our congregation. We were so blessed by their presence over the past year, and pray that the Love of Christ will blossom in their hearts throughout their lives. Ricky Santinalla from Mexico stayed with Bro. Les and Sis. Christine Kaeb and their family, Lukas Weibel from Switzerland was with Bro. Brad and Sis. Barb Neihouser's family, and Sonya Lerhnecht from Germany was with Bro. Brian and Sis. Tami Putt's family.

We were thankful to have ministering Bros. Loren Schrenk (Sis. Betsy, St. Louis, MO) and Bro. Jeff Neihouser (Sis. Sue, Morton, IL) here on recent Sundays. We welcome Bro. Jeff and Sis. Sue "home", as Bro. Jeff shared in the ministry here until they moved to Morton. We

are also thankful to have Bro. Chris and Sis. Sharon Huber home after a lengthy stay in Florida, where Sis. Sharon was undergoing treatments for cancer, and Bro. Chris had surgery. Our prayers are for their continued healing!

On June 5-6 we enjoyed a special weekend, as three dear young people shared testimonies of their faith in Christ, and were baptized. We welcome our Sisters in Christ, Erica Putt (Bro. Mike and Sis. Donna), Chloe Huber (Bro. Bob and Sis. Joy who are serving in Imurus, Mexico) and Felicia Nuest (Bro. Dan and Sis. Cathy), and wish them God's richest blessings throughout their lives.

We were also thankful to have visitors with us on that weekend. Among them were Elder Bros. Curt Frank (Sis. Lyla, LaCrosse, IN) and Ted Steffen (Sis. Sandy, Alto, MI), and ministering Bros. James Emch (Sis. Gina, Phoenix, AZ) and Mark Wettstein (Sis. Karen, LaCrosse, IN).

Bro. Brian Huber shared a topical on a recent Wednesday evening on "Signs of the Times". We don't know when Christ will return, but we can see so many things around us that encourage us to "lift up our heads, for our redemption draweth nigh."

We appreciate the time our ministering brothers take to study God's Word and to share with us.

Our prayers have been and continue to be with Sisters Rosella Bucher, Marian Gutwein, Margaret Gudeman (Bro. Willis), Judy Wuethrich (Bro. Rick), Sherry Fritz (Bro. Harold), and Bro. Dan Nuest (Sis. Cathy), as they have had health concerns due to surgeries, illness and accidents.

As I write this, we are looking forward to Vacation Bible School this week. Brothers who are planning to share God's Word with us are Bros. Nick Gutwein (Sis. Suzanne, West Lafayette, IN), Jeff Waibel (Sis. Margo, Leo, IN), Troy Leyse (Sis. Kelly, Bluffton, IN), and Craig Stickling (Sis. Jacki, Peoria, IL). We thank them for the preparation they have done, as well as the time it takes to come share with us!

Bro. Joel Putt (Bro. Brian and Sis. Tami) and Sis. Wendy Fiechter (Bro. Don

and Sis. Suzie, Bluffton, IN) were married in Bluffton on Sunday, June 13. Many from our congregation shared in Joel and Wendy's happy day. We look forward to having a new Christian home established, and pray for the Lord's blessings on their lives.

Today is Father's Day, and as I consider the love of our heavenly Father, it seems fitting to thank our wonderful Godly husbands and Dads who reflect God's love in caring for their families in so many ways. We appreciate you, and know that God will bless you for your faithfulness.

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## INDIANA INDIANAPOLIS

### Penny Schroder Gail Bradford

We are adjusting to our temporary church home at the nearby elementary school. By the time this article is published, we will be worshipping in another, to be determined location. The remodeling of our building is going well, even ahead of schedule.

The marriage of Mark Zeller and Grace Moulton took place on May 29 in Texas. Their parents are Bro. Eric (dec.) and Sis. Ginny Zeller and Russell and Debra Moulton of Big Sandy, Texas. The couple will live in Indianapolis while Mark finishes his undergraduate classes. We pray for God's blessings on their union.

Teachers and children enjoyed a dynamic vacation Bible school held at a local park due to the church remodeling. Lessons were based on I Cor. 9:24 - Running the Race. A special project included bricks taken from the construction site.

We welcome Bro. Morgan and Sis. Kyra Langhofer to our fellowship. Bro. Morgan has begun a 2-year course in medical school here. They previously lived in West Lafayette.

We are also happy to welcome new residents, Bro. John and Sis. Peg Sauder, who have moved here from Morton, IL, for Bro. John's work. Living nearby are their son, daughter in law and granddaughter, Bro. JR, Sis. Tiffany and little Aubrey.

We celebrated the high school gradu-



ation of Sis. Kaylin Leuthold (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Doreen) and Bro. Daniel Bollier (Bro. Ron and Sis. Edie). Both young people will be attending Indiana University Purdue University in Indianapolis this fall.

“For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.”

*Psalms 84:11*

We appreciate the services of ministering brothers, Bro. Tom Bolliger (Sis. Jane, Tremont, IL) and Bro. Steve Baner (Sis. Donnalou, Gridley, IL).

Sis. Katy Zeller and Bro. Eric Frantz are in India for part of the summer serving in the mission field. We pray for God’s protection as they serve Him in faraway places.

Note: If you plan to worship with us, please contact one of our ministers for details on our assembly location and times.

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

“I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:”

*I Cor. 9:26*

Bro. Darren Fehr (Sis. Nora, West Bend, IA) ministered to us one evening this month and shared this thought. We are running this spiritual race to obtain...to WIN! We’re not just running for a participation certificate. We are running it to obtain the incorruptible crown of life in heaven. Therefore, let us run with purpose and not uncertainly – we have a definite goal in mind and need to work to reach that goal. We thank Bro. Darren for his labors on our behalf.

Sis. Dorothy Stewart finished her spiritual race and was taken home to heaven this month. She experienced health problems while in Florida this winter. We were glad to hear when she made it back home to our area, but she

did not get the chance to reassemble with us before the Lord called her to her eternal home. Our prayers are with her family, especially her children, Doreen (Paul) Kuehl of Kouts, IN, Dale (Nola) of Big Sandy, TN, Darick (Sue) of Valparaiso, IN, and Daryl of Chicago, IL.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sis. Connie Knobloch in the passing of her mother, Sis. Irene Knobloch, on June 5. We are thankful that Sis. Connie had safe travels to Iowa for the visitation and funeral and are glad that she is back with us again.

One of the highlights of the month was the wedding of Bro. Brad Frank (Elder Bro. Curt and Sis. Lyla) and Sis. Meagan Wuethrich (Bro. Chris and Sis. Carla) of St. Louis, MO. We had the blessing of hosting the wedding at La-Crosse and were thankful for a large crowd and a wonderful day together for the wedding on May 23. We appreciated the presence and labors of many visiting ministers for the wedding weekend. May God bless each for their part in the weekend. Sharing the Word with us were Elder Bros. Steve Gutwein (Sis. Linda, Francesville, IN) and Kent Heimer (Sis. Jan, Taylor, MO), Bros. Chris Wuethrich (Sis. Carla, St. Louis, MO), Lucas Frank (Sis. Crystal, Detroit, MI), Ken Wuethrich (Sis. Lyn, Indianapolis, IN), and Dan Stoller (Sis. Deb, Remington, IN).

The week before the wedding we had a work evening to do the few outside jobs that did not get done at our Annual Church Cleaning due to inclement weather. It is always a blessing to come together as brethren, whether to worship or to work.

Tuesday morning, May 25, found a nice group of women from church gathered together for our monthly “coffee”. Many commented on how nice this monthly get-together has been and how much we appreciate meeting mid-week to encourage one another and fellowship.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Anna Marie Stoller welcome a new granddaughter, Cassandra Rose Freed. Welcoming her home in Gridley, IL, are Bro. Jeremy and Sis. Natalie and big brothers, Kyle, Tyler and Mylan. We failed to mention Bro. Steve and Sis. Anna Marie’s grandson,

Benjamin, born in March to Jon and Andrea Knapp in Georgia. Older siblings, Nicholas and Clair, welcomed him home as well. We apologize for this oversight. Children are a blessing and grandchildren are especially special!

Retired Elder Bro. Ed Frank celebrated his 90th birthday this month! What a blessing it is to have the experience and example of those who have lived for many years and have kept the faith.

Our Annual Sunday School picnic was held on Sunday, June 6, at a local park. A rain shower came through just before the picnic, but then held off for the most part until everything was done. We were even blessed to see a beautiful rainbow as we raised our heads from closing the evening with prayer. What a vivid reminder of God’s precious promises.

Vacation Bible School took place on June 7th, 9th and 11th in the evening. These evenings involve the entire congregation as the younger Sunday School students have lessons and crafts while the Bible Class students and the rest of the congregation meets in the assembly to hear topical presentations from visiting ministers. This year’s focus for the week was Matthew 16:15, “But whom say ye that I am?”. Monday evening, Bro. Curt Rassi (Sis. Kathy, Tremont) spoke on “What is True Worship?”. Wednesday evening, Bro. Daron Price (Sis. Monica, Milford, IN) spoke on “Ready to Give an Answer”. Friday evening, Bro. Roger Aberle (Sis. LaVonne, Sabetha, KS) spoke on “How Can I be a Light?”. We truly appreciate the efforts of these brothers and their wives as they put forth their time to study, prepare, travel and speak to us. We were especially thankful that Bro. Roger and Sis. Lavonne Aberle chose to spend the weekend with us and share the Word with us again on Sunday. May God richly bless them for their loving labors on our behalf.

As we run our race, we need to know what goal we’re aiming for and how to reach it. The Bible is our roadmap for this race. Elder Bro. Curt shared that the precepts found in the Bible are like the fingerprint of God – they are unique and individual and never change.

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

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

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

Graduation time has rolled around the corner again and we are excited to congratulate six seniors: Andrew Schlatter (Bro. Phil and Sis. Judy), Zach Schumacher (Bro. Jeff and Sis. Tina), Bro. Philip Fischer (Bro. Paul and Sis. Leanne), Jordan Pfister (Bro. Dan and Sis. Karen), Renae Baer, and Carolyn Bradshaw. We pray each of them will experience God’s direction and guidance in their lives as they learn to lean on Him.

One of the frequent blessings we see in our church is the miracle of new life. Congratulations to Bro. Joey and Sis. Holly Kline as they became first-time parents to Lee Joseph on May 21. Menno and Margaret Zehr were blessed with twin boys on May 27. Joining Jaden and Kevin, the addition of Ethan Michael and Ashton Kieron make a quartet of boys in their home. We pray that each of these couples will receive strength to train up their children to love the Lord.

On June 6, we were excited to hear of the engagement of Sis. Charla Zollinger (Bro. Gary and Sis. Terri, Sardis) to Bro. Brad Leman (Bro. Jeff and Sis. Val, Bluffton North). We pray that God will bless them with wisdom as they seek His will together.

Bro. Matt Rassi (Sis. Bridget, Chicago) shared the Word with us this month. We pray God’s blessing on them and all of our ministering brothers as they serve as an instrument in the hands of our Lord.

As a church family, we have had the opportunity to lift up Sis. Velma Williams and Sis. Judy Gehring in prayer as they were in the hospital. May God provide the encouragement and strength they need.

**INDIANA, MILFORD**  
**Paula Haab**  
**Pam Beer**

“The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side. And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat, and the whole multitude stood on the shore. And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched: and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.”

*Matthew 13:1-9*

“Sowing the Word” was the theme of our Vacation Bible School held the week of June 14th. We want to thank our visiting ministers who came and taught us more about the parable of the sower: Monday evening Bro. Nick Gutwein (West Lafayette, IN) came and spoke on “Some fell by the Wayside”; Tuesday evening Bro. Gary Sinn (Latty, OH) spoke on “Some fell on Stony Ground”; Thursday evening Bro. Troy Leyse (Bluffton, IN) spoke on “Some fell among Thorns”; and on Friday evening, Bro. Dan Stoller (Remington, IN) spoke on “Others fell on Good Ground”. May God reward each of these ministers and their wives for taking time to drive to Milford and encourage us with thought and scripture from God’s Word. We also wish to thank the singing groups who came and blessed us with song.

We also want to say a thank you to the teachers who teach our children during Bible School. They spend time planning lessons, providing crafts and making sure our children have a very blessed and memorable week. May they also be rewarded by God and have received a bless-

ing for their part.

Bro. Daren Metz (Gridley, IL) was in Milford on a Sunday in May to preach and teach us more about God’s Holy Word. May God also bless him and his family for traveling to be with us.

**INDIANA, REMINGTON**  
**Jenni Honegger**  
**Marcella Tyler**

Preston Chad arrived on May 26 and blessed the home of Bro. Chad and Sis. Janice Kaeb. Big sister Rose and grandparents, Bro. Ken and Sis. Gwen Manz (Junction, OH) and Bro. Eric and Sis. Lou Ann Kaeb (Cissna Park, IL), are thrilled to meet him as well. What a wonderful gift to receive just before Father’s Day!

As the Father’s Day holiday draws closer, many of us are thinking of what gifts we could buy to give our earthly fathers. What would he like? What could he use? What can we do to show our appreciation for all he has done for us? I know that I, for one, need to spend even more time thinking about gifts to offer my Heavenly Father than I do for my earthly one. What would please Him? What could He use for His glory? What can I do to show my appreciation for all He has done for me? The answer is nothing more (or less) than my whole heart.

Our Vacation Bible School guest ministers taught us each how we can do just that – give the Lord our hearts. The theme this year was “Create in Me a Clean Heart.” We sincerely thank Elder Bro. Kent Heimer (Sis. Jan, Taylor, MO), Bro. Bob Pflederer (Sis. Eleanor, Morton, IL), Bro. Steve Stieglitz (Sis. Jane, Leo, IN), Bro. Randy Gudeman (Sis. Becky, Francesville, IN), and Bro. Neal Widmer (Sis. Kris, West Lafayette, IN) for their prayerful preparation and searching of the Scriptures on this thought-provoking topic. We pray that the words of wisdom that they shared with us will stir the hearts of those who listened to seek the Lord and ask for the clean heart that only He can provide. So many people played a part in this blessed week – teachers, students, kitchen volunteers, organizers, ministers, and many others – and we are grateful for



each one's contribution.

We would also like to thank Bro. Les Kaeb (Sis. Christine, Francesville, IN) for his Topical Bible Presentation on "Bearing Fruit". It is a joy to be reminded of the words of Jesus: "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." John 15:4-5

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**INDIANA, SOUTH BEND**  
**Joshua Martinez**  
**Rachel Langhofer**

June is Vacation Bible School month and once again we are grateful Milford hosted and allowed us to be a part of their VBS. This year was especially exciting because a huge storm came through on Friday night and we ended up having VBS with no electricity! A big thank you to our VBS coordinators, teachers and everybody who had a part in making it a very encouraging week.

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**INDIANA, VALPARAISO**  
**Marguerite Hoerr**

Yesterday was Memorial Day. Many cemeteries had programs that recognized our veterans, who had fallen in battle. At the end of each ceremony "Taps" was played. It's so hauntingly beautiful and I was familiar with the words, "Day is done, gone the sun." I did some research and found that its genesis came about by a collaborative effort between Union General Daniel Butterfield and his brigade bugler, Oliver Wilcox Norton, during the Seven Day Battle at Richmond, VA, in July 1862. It was later adopted by Union and Confederate forces alike to be played at military funerals. These are the very touching words I found:

Fading light dims the sight.  
 And a star gems the sky, gleaming  
 bright.  
 From afar drawing nigh - falls the  
 night.

Day is done, gone the sun,  
 From the lake, from the hills, from the  
 sky  
 All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

Then good night, peaceful night,  
 'Til the light of the dawn shineth  
 bright.  
 God is near, do not fear - friend, good  
 night.

Go to sleep, peaceful sleep,  
 May the soldier or sailor God keep,  
 On the land or the deep, safe is sleep.

Thanks and praise, for all our days,  
 'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars,  
 'neath the sky,  
 As we go, this we know, God is nigh.

Our friend, John Pratt, has been announced for proving and baptism in the near future. John has been a gift to our church, starting to come here when he was still a student in Valpo University, and from hearing the Word, has accepted Christ as his Lord and wants to become part of our fellowship. For gifts like this, we praise our God.

On June 13, we were blessed with the visit of Bro. Jim and Sis. Wanita Walters from Fairbury in our Valpo church. They stayed overnight nearby in New Buffalo in observance of their 49th anniversary. We enjoyed having them among us and hope they visit soon again. Sis. Wanita told us she was recovering from surgery and was in the middle of her radiation treatments. We pray everything goes well for her.

We have so many acts of love shown to us by our church family. I came home from work one night to find that Bro. Lyle and Sis. Marilyn Zeltwanger had planted two of our planters that are the ones everyone sees as they drive up to our house. Best yet, they stayed until I came home so I could see them. It seems to me they were planted by very green thumbs because they are doing so well. As I walked in the house, there was a vase with beautiful roses that Lyle raises and cares for as if they were his children. I called Bro. Merle and Sis. Leona Bucher a day or so later and they told me that the Zeltwangers were at their home planting

rose bushes up against their house. These two have learned to give the gift that keeps on giving. Each time we walk out our back entrance, we think of the love that planted those planters.

Bro. Merle, thankfully, is making a satisfactory recovery from his surgery and we hope to see him in church again soon. We've missed him, and we praise God for his ongoing recovery.

Sis. Jo Meiss was brought to church by her daughter-in-law, Sherry, last Sunday. Bro. Rollie couldn't be with us. His son, Dale, was taking him to the hospital for more tests. Both Rollie and Jo are in our prayers constantly, and we include Dale and Sherry who are taking such good care of them.

Don't forget our location so when you're near on a Sunday you can visit us. We're just 2 3/4 miles South of U.S. 30 on State Road 49.

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**INDIANA**  
**WEST LAFAYETTE**  
**Katie Widmer**  
**Beth Tonner**

Our first VBS in our new church went well as the children were taught about God's Word being: true, comforting, surprising, and life-changing!

We are blessed with a new little baby at our church. On May 26, baby Lincoln Alan was born. He is the son of Bro. Grant and Sis. Cara Gudeman.

This month Serena Wahl (Bro. Fred and Sis. Libby) was announced for peace.

We look forward to having baptisms both July 11 and September 12 for five of our converts.

During our summer months we do not have any visiting ministers that come on Thursday nights, but we enjoy doing our James Bible Study every other week. In it we are taught about pure religion and wisdom from God.

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**INDIANA, WOLCOTT**  
**Lynell Blume**  
**Donita Edelman**

God's mercy and healing power have been with Sis. Frances Bahler (retired Elder Bro. Alfred) as she submitted to



knee surgery. We are thankful she is recuperating nicely and is able to assemble with us once again.

Our hearts go out in love and compassion to Bro. Kip and Sis. Donita Edelman and their children as their home was heavily damaged by fire May 25. No one was home at the time of the fire, so we are thankful that there weren't any injuries or loss of life. They have begun the rebuilding process, and we pray that they can feel the Lord's strength, courage, and nearness during this difficult time.

"Fruit Bearing" was the topic of our Bible Study, and it was conducted by Bro. Les Kaeb (Sis. Christine, Francesville, IN) on May 26. We were reminded that, we as the branches, cannot bring forth fruit in our lives unless we are affixed to the true Vine, which is Jesus our Lord. We thank Bro. Les for being willing to be used by the Holy Spirit to speak to us through him.

June 5 was the wedding day of Austin Harris (Sis. Nancy and Mike Scott) and Katie Ward (Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ward). We wish them God's blessings and much happiness in their life together.

We rejoice with Bro. Michael and Sis. Erica Wagenbach on the birth of their daughter, Melanie Joy, born on June 6. Kaleb, Daniel, Joshua, Timothy, Anne and Jacob are excited to have a new baby sister. Melanie's grandparents are Bro. Irv and Sis. Shirley Furrer and Bro. Gerald and Sis. Bonnie Wagenbach, Sr. (Oakville, IA).

Vacation Bible School was held together with the Remington Sunday School the week of June 7-11 at Remington. "Create In Me A Clean Heart" was the main theme of the week. Elder and ministering Brothers who expounded on this topic each evening were Bro. Bob Pfloderer (Sis. Eleanor, Morton, IL), Kent Heimer (Sis. Jan, Taylor, MO), Steve Stieglitz (Sis. Jane, Leo, IN), Randy Gudeman (Sis. Becky, Francesville, IN) and Neal Widmer (Sis. Kris, West Lafayette, IN). May the Lord bless each effort that was put forth so all who attended could learn more about God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ, His Son.

We mourn over the death of our dear

Sis. Viola Kyburz who passed away June 20 at the age of 95. However, we rejoice that her trials and walk on earth are over and that she could go on to her eternal reward. Sis. Vi had resided at Parkview Haven in Francesville, IN, and we will all miss her ready smile and witty personality. She was married to Bro. Ed Kyburz, Sr. who preceded her in death in 1986. We wish to extend our love and sympathy to her family members, including grandchildren, Sis. Nancy and Mike Scott and Bro. Allen and Sis. Connie Furrer, from our congregation.

We pray that Bro. Greg and Sis. Mary Beth Lehman and family have felt the Lord's comfort in the loss of Sis. Mary Beth's father, retired Elder Bro. John Klotzle (Sis. Lois, Altadena, CA). We have fond memories of him and Sis. Lois when they would come to visit our Wolcott assembly.

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### IOWA, BLOOMFIELD Christy Wiegand

All the way my Savior leads me;  
What have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt His tender mercy  
Who through life has been my guide?  
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,  
Here by faith in Him to dwell!  
For I know, whate'er befall me,  
Jesus doeth all things well.

*Hymns of Zion #21*

As most of our congregation is self employed in some form of farming, the abnormally wet May and June has really affected us and we are thankful we can trust that God knows best and is in control.

Congratulations to Bro. Tim Dotterer and Sis. Laurie Schulz (Burlington) on their engagement. We pray that they can feel God's direction and blessings as they plan for their wedding and their marriage. Thankful parents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Rose Dotterer and Bro. Gary and Sis. Melody Schulz (Burlington).

### IOWA, BURLINGTON Marilyn Anderson Karla Gerst

May Thy good Spirit further, Lord,  
Work in us through Thy mighty Word,  
And guide our souls forever!  
O may it shine forth clear and bright,  
That in our house the one true Light  
May there be lacking never!  
Lord, now bestow Food from Heaven,  
Morn and even, While we're living  
And ourselves to Thee are giving.

*Zion's Harp #160 v. 2*

Bro. Mike and Sis. Ivy Steiner and family have moved to the Burlington area from Tremont, IL. We are thankful to have them assembling with us, and we pray that the Lord will bless them with His continued presence in their house here as they make it a home. We also are thankful for the safe arrival of a new addition to Bro. Mike and Sis. Ivy's family. Bro. Mahlon, Joseph, Daniel, Hannah, Titus, Courage, Blessing, and Providence welcomed home a new little brother, Timothy Joseph.

We were thankful to have visiting ministers with us once again this month. Elder Bro. Jon Schmidgall (Oakville) was with us as well as Bros. Joe Dotterer (Bloomfield, IA) and John Steiner (Oakville). May God reward them for their willingness to share the Word with us.

The engagement of Sis. Laurie Schulz (Bro. Gary and Sis. Melody) to Bro. Tim Dotterer (Bro. Joe and Sis. Rose, Bloomfield, IA) was announced. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their walk together in Him.

This was the month for our annual Sunday School elections. We appreciate the efforts of the brothers and sisters who have been serving and have completed their terms. Our new teachers will be Bro. Gary Schulz, Sis. Monica Eisenmann, and Sis. Dixie Messner.

We want to congratulate our high school graduates, Mayone Messner (Sis. Dixie) and Blake Wulf (Bro. Leroy and Sis. Carolyn). May they seek the wisdom that comes from above and God's help and guidance in the next stage of life.



I am not skill'd to understand  
What God hath will'd, what God hath  
plann'd;

I only know at His right hand  
Is One who is my Savior!

*Gospel Hymns #510 v.1*

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### IOWA, ELGIN Maria Rocke

We welcomed two babies into our congregation this month, on the same day! On May 29, Lydia Dawn Knobloch was born to Bro. Caleb and Sis. Maranda. First-time grandparents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Marcy Knobloch and Bro. Troy and Sis. Vanessa Luthi (Congerville, IL). Also on May 29, Jesse William Waldbeser joined Bro. Phil and Sis. Charlotte's family. Siblings, Lisa, Molly, Luke, Laura, Isaac, Joseph and Mary, were happy to bring home their new baby brother. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Fred and Sis. Joan Waldbeser (Cissna Park, IL) and Bro. Gene and Sis. Shirley Nester (Lester, IA).

May 29 was the wedding day of April Hanson (Albert and Trudy) and Scott Lunquist (Kent and Laura). We wish them the many blessings as they settle into their new life together.

Bro. John and Sis. Janet Schupbach welcomed another granddaughter into their family circle on June 4. Lexington Kay Reutter (Bro. Derek and Sis. Darla, Rockville, CT) was welcomed home by her siblings, Nolan, Benson and Addison.

We appreciate the efforts of Bro. Bruce Frank (Sis. Bonita, Cissna Park, IL) and Bro. Joe Gerst (Sis. Connie, Iowa City, IA) as they shared God's precious Word with us this past month.

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### IOWA, IOWA CITY Diana Butikofer

Our visiting ministers this month were Bro. Scott Wegman (Sis. Dawn, Taylor, MO) and Bro. Clark Stoller (Sis. Cindy, Gridley, IL). We appreciate these brothers' willingness to come and be used by the Holy Spirit for our edification.

We thank our Sunday School teachers who are finishing their terms of ser-

vice and pray for our newly-elected teachers: Bro. Brad Eland, Sis. Emily Peterson, Sis. Wendy Weyrick and Sis. Amy Gerst.

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### IOWA, LESTER Gloria Moser Polly Metzger

We welcome two sweet baby boys to our congregation. Abram Lloyd was born June 1 to Bro. Jerome and Sis. Jana Metzger. He has many arms to hold and love him. His siblings are Kayla, Grant, Brady, Austin, Addison and Aubrey. Abram's grandparents are Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Mary Massner (Burlington, IA) and Bro. Gene and Sis. Dolores Metzger. Matthew Colin was born June 5 to first-time parents, Bro. Colin and Sis. Katie Moser. He is lovingly welcomed by first-time grandparents, Bro. Bruce and Sis. Harriet Metzger and Bro. Rick and Sis. Lori Moser. May God grant His blessings as they raise their children.

We bid farewell to Bro. Jared and Sis. Carla Metzger and their children, Leah, Logan, Laban, Laura and Luke. On June 4, they moved to the Sabetha area. May they feel God's nearness and blessings as they establish their home and settle into their new surroundings.

June 12 was the wedding day for Chris Metzger (Bro. Bruce and Sis. Harriet) and Sarah Their. May God bless this dear couple as they establish a home and build their life together.

We rejoice with our convert, Abby Warner (Bro. Stan and Sis. Sue). May God bless her as she holds fast to His teachings and looks to Him each step of the way.

We always want to remember, in prayer, the many who suffer bodily afflictions. Those spending time in the hospital this past month were Sis. Lee Leuthold (Bro. Mark) and Sis. Melisa Feucht (Bro. Roy). May God grant them healing mercies.

We have had many visiting ministers this past month, among them Elder Bro. Ted Witzig, Sr. (Morton), Bro. Virg Metzger (Chicago), Bro. Glen Steiner (Winthrop), Bro. Mark Schmidgall (Oakville) and Bro. Duane Metzger (West Bend). On the weekend of June

12-13, Lester hosted the Youth Fellowship weekend. Elder Bros. Wayne Grimm (West Bend), Paul Messner (Winthrop), Duane Rocke (Minneapolis) and Roy Koehl (Morris), and Bro. Ron Isch (Lamont-Gridley) were here to serve us and teach the Bible class youth. It was a blessed weekend and we thank all these brothers for giving of themselves, and may God continue to bless them as they bring forth His Word.

It was made known to our congregation that Bro. Gene Metzger wishes to retire from the ministry. Bro. Gene has served us for 42 years and we thank him for always preaching the truth, and appreciate he and Sis. Dolores for their many efforts throughout the years. May God continue to bless them.

We'll catch the broken thread again,  
And finish what we here began;  
Heav'n will the mysteries explain,  
And then, ah, then we'll understand.

*Hymns of Zion #165*

Our hearts are saddened to hear of the loss of so many loved ones. We extend our deepest sympathy to all the families involved. On May 18, Sis. Doreen Meyer (Peoria) passed away at the age of 74. We all appreciated Sis. Doreen while she lived in Lester. Her family meant so much to her. Those surviving her from the Lester area are Bro. Pat and Sis. Twyla Meyer, Bro. George Meyer, Earl and Barb Meyer, and all of their families.

On June 5, Sis. Irene Knobloch passed away at the age of 91. Sis. Irene was a wonderful mother and loved to visit with all who went to see her. Surviving her are her children, Sis. Connie Knobloch (LaCrosse), Kathy Knobloch (Lester), Kelvin and Marion Knobloch (Illioopolis, IL), Bro. Tom and Sis. Jeri Knobloch (Lamont-Gridley), Levi Knobloch (Redwood Falls), Bro. Denis and Sis. Jackie Knobloch, and all of their families.

On the same day, we learned Sis. Melisa Feucht (Bro. Roy) lost her father, Bro. Ray Moser (Portland). Sis. Melisa had just had surgery and was not able to attend her dad's funeral.

On June 13, Bro. Orlan and Sis. Mary Kellenberger (Lamar) both passed away



at the age of 64. They made Lester their home church until 1981. Many bonds and friendships were made through the years. Those surviving them in the Lester area are Bro. Bob and Sis. Rosella Metzger, Bro. Dennis and Sis. Shirley Kellenberger, Leroy and Lu Kellenberger, Bro. Verlyn and Sis. Linda Kellenberger, Calvin and Edna Kellenberger, Ladell and Shelly Kellenberger, and Jerry and Judy Feucht, and all of their families. Our heartfelt sympathy to all of those involved in these losses. May God give them all a deep comfort and uplift them in their time of need.

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### IOWA, OAKVILLE Sharla Wiegand

The engagement of Sis. Alex Lanz and Bro. Kurt Kraft was announced on May 16. Their parents are Bro. Ron and Sis. Timna Lanz and Bro. Doug and Sis. Judy Kraft (Lamont/Gridley, KS). We certainly wish them God's blessings in the future.

We are thankful for visiting ministering Bro. Dale Wulf on May 23. May God be his rich Rewarder.

Sis. Wendy (late Bro. Henry) Wettstein welcomed firstborn Tanner Henry on June 14. Also thanking God for this precious blessing are grandparents, Bro. Roger and Sis. June Schulz and Bro. Dennis and Sis. Emily Wettstein (Congerville, IL).

On June 15, Bree Frank was born prematurely to Bro. Travis and Sis. Kenna Frank and our Heavenly Father saw it fit to take her Home. Grieving with them are grandparents, Bro. Curt and Sis. Kathy Frank and Bro. Brad and Sis. Teresa Kellenberger (Sabetha, KS). May God comfort them in their sorrow.

Sunday School election was held and our new teachers are Bro. Aaron Schmidgall, Bro. Ron Lanz, Sis. Charlene Gerst and Sis. Kelly Lanz. We thank the outgoing teachers for their years of service: Bro. Troy Massner, Bro. Monte Lanz and Sis. Lanae Frank.

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### IOWA, WEST BEND

#### Janet Fehr Leona Fehr

We were happy to have Bro. Dan Moser (Sis. Anne, Elgin, IL) worship with us on May 30. Then on June 6, we enjoyed the presence of Bro. Dale Wulf (Sis. Becky, Lester, IA). Also, Bro. Leland Plattner (Sis. Mary, Zapata, TX) spent some time in West Bend and ministered here on June 13. We truly appreciated their willingness to speak the Word. May God richly bless their efforts.

Two young couples were blessed with firstborn babies just a day apart. Bro. Kurt and Sis. Ruth Zaugg welcomed Levi Kurt into their hearts and home on June 9. Levi's grateful grandparents are Bro. Pat and Sis. Julie Zaugg and Bro. Gerald and Sis. Karen Feuchtenberger (Morris, MN). Little Daniel Jacob was born June 10 to Bro. Dave and Sis. Laura Bahler. He is still hospitalized, but growing every day. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Tim and Sis. Lynette Bahler (Remington, IN) and Bro. Andy and Sis. Becky Virkler.

Bro. Larry Wickman (Sis. Marvella) and Sis. Matilda Fehr (Bro. Elmer) both spent some time in the hospital. We are thankful they are back home and pray the Lord will continue to extend a healing hand to them both.

We extend our sympathies to Sis. Polly (Bro. Norman) Zaugg, Irene Banwart and Margaret (Eli, Jr.) Grimm, in the loss of their sister, Sis. Doreen Meyer (Lester, IA), on May 18. Also, Sis. Matilda (Bro. Elmer) Fehr was able to attend the funeral for a sister-in-law, Sis. Irene Knobloch (Lester, IA), who passed away June 5. The passing of loved ones in other congregations sometimes deeply touches our congregation, and our prayers are with those who have felt the sorrow of losing loved ones to illness or tragedy.

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### JAPAN, TOKYO Jana Klaus

Greetings from Tokyo! In mid June, we enjoyed worship and fellowship with David and Stephanie Sceggel (Peoria, IL) who were visiting the Klaus family. We appreciated David's afternoon Bible les-

son on "Coming to the Cross", something that should never grow old. He also shared about his experience working for our church in Magdalena, Mexico, which the Japanese found very interesting.

They have not heard much from someone with personal experience in Mexico, so it was good to expose them to another people they can be praying for. We were saddened by the news that our dear Sis. Yoshiko has to be hospitalized due to a rough time with Parkinson's. We are praying for physical and spiritual strength for her and hope she can be back in church with us in God's time.

Our love and sympathy is extended to Bro. Akihiro and Sis. Carrie Ito and little Tomoki (Shioda) at the passing of Sis. Carrie's dear father, Bro. Chuck Sauder (Tremont, IL). We know he will be greatly missed by them, both as a loving father and grandpa, and as a spiritual mentor, but trust his godly legacy will help to carry them on in their work for the Lord.

The Klaus family will be spending the summer in the US, so dear Sis. Marie has agreed to be the Silver Lining reporter in our absence.

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### KANSAS, BERN Sheri Edelman Jill Meyer

We wish to extend our congratulations to Jody Hartter (Bro. Steve and Sis. Lois) and Chad Mach as they have announced their engagement and are planning for an August wedding.

A farewell hymn was sung for Bro. Michael Kaeb, as he has graduated from Kansas State and will be moving back near Cissna Park to accept a job. We have enjoyed having Bro. Michael assemble with us and wish him God's blessings.

Many traveled to Taylor, MO, for the May 30 wedding of Bro. Mathew Kaeb (Bro. Paul and Sis. Joan) and Sis. Kaitlyn Hoerr (Bro. Scott and Sis. Anna; Taylor). We welcome Sis. Kaitlyn to our congregation! A wedding reception was held on June 12 for Clint and Eva Meyer (Bro. Steve and Sis. Kaye), who were married on April 20 in Prague, Czech Republic, where they reside. We wish both of these couples God's blessings in their mar-



riage.

Bro. Leland Plattner (Sis. Mary; Zapata) and Bro. Jeff Bahler (Sis. Heidi; Wolcott) were visiting ministers this month and we thank them for laboring on our behalf.

We welcome Bro. Austin Esslinger who has moved back "home" to work in the area, after living in Garden Grove, IA, for several years.

Our prayers continue for Kathy Baumgartner, as she has been a hospital patient this month and deals with ongoing health issues.

Vacation Bible School was held June 14-18. The theme was "The Great Commission - our Earthly Mission". Our prayer is that each young soul will have a desire to be a part of this "great commission" someday.

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### **KANSAS, FORT SCOTT** **Martin Hohulin**

This past May, Bro. Bob Lemons bid good bye to his aged mother, Sis. Clara Banwart. She lived in Phoenix, AZ, with her husband, Bro. Floyd Banwart. Bro. Bob's father died many years ago. Bro. Bob and Sis. Betty attended the funeral and brought Bro. Floyd back with them to Fort Scott. He is now in a local nursing home. We are pleased to welcome him to Fort Scott and to our congregation.

Vacation Bible School was held the second week of June. The teachers presented an interesting program which the children enjoyed. The event will be capped off with a picnic at the park on June 20. I continue to be impressed at the efforts of the teachers to make it interesting for the children.

On May 22, our oldest grandson, Jeremy Beutel, was married in Indianapolis, IN. During the flight, I happened to mention to the flight attendant that my father had lived in Morris, MN, as a young man. This brought her to attention as she said she was well acquainted in that area. I asked her name and she said it was Sampelson, but her maiden name was Banwart. Needless to say, this brought me to attention as there are many Banwarts in the Fort Scott area. She went on to say her grandmother was a Kellenberger which is another name

common to the Apostolic Church. This experience with a total stranger made the flight a blessing.

We mourn the untimely deaths of Bro. Orlan and Sis. Mary Kellenberger. They were well known in the Lamar and Fort Scott area. We trust God will bless and comfort their children and grandchildren.

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### **KANSAS, KIOWA** **Janice Bahr** **Jenny Stewart**

It's wheat harvest time in the Kiowa area, and those golden fields of grain hold so many Biblical truths! Only God could take a small seed of wheat, plant it, let it die, and then bring it back to life to grow into another stalk of golden wheat bringing forth fruit in its season. So it is in the life and soul of a child of God. We are born in sin, live in sin, and then one day the hand of God touches our hearts and through a repentant and converted heart, we die to sin and are born again into a vessel fit for God's use to bring forth fruit to His glory in the season God grants us to live on this earth. How very thankful we are for His precious Word that we can turn to for anything we need to guide us through this life!

We had the privilege this month of having ministering Bro. Leonard Meyer and his dear wife, Sis. Charlotte (Chicago, IL), share a Lord's Day with us. We truly appreciated the gentle spirit of Bro. Leonard as he presented God's Word, and wish to thank all ministering brothers and sisters who give of their time to travel to small churches to share God's Word and work. We hope their blessings are two-fold: one for us is receiving, and one for them in giving and sharing.

As we celebrate Father's Day this month, may we not only show honor to the fathers who have loved us and brought us up in the fear and admonition of the Lord, but may we also show honor to our precious Heavenly Father who loves us so much that He found a way through Jesus, His Son, to insure that we could live with Him for eternity.

"But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered

into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

*I Cor. 2:9*

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### **KANSAS** **LAMONT-GRIDLEY** **Ester Knobloch**

The Sunday school students enjoyed vacation Bible school where they learned about the armor of God. We thank all those who helped and pray that some day these young and tender hearts can repent, become converted and "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Ephesians 6:11)

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

Bro. Tim and Sis. Barb Zimmerman welcomed a grandson, Carson Timothy Kuenzi, into their family circle. Thankful for his safe arrival are parents, Aaron and Stacie Kuenzi, and big sister Makaila of Silverton, OR.

"and a time to die,"  
*Ecclesiastes 3:1-2*

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Bro. Tom and Sis. Jeri Knobloch upon the death of Tom's mother, Sis. Irene Knobloch of Lester, IA. May God console the hearts of many who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

We appreciate Elder Bro. Don Braker (Sis. Eileen, Kansas City, MO) visiting our congregation and bringing forth the truth of the Gospel.

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### **KANSAS, SABETHA** **Sally Strahm** **Carrie Grimm**

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep."

*Romans 12:15*

Our hearts ache with Bro. Keith and Sis. Andrea Grimm as they lost their precious infant son, Jackson Michael, before



birth on May 19. He is also survived by his big sister Sienna and his grandparents, Bro. Randy and Sis. Shirley Koehl (Morris, MN) and Bro. Doug and Sis. Jeryl Grimm. Though we feel the pain of loss, how we can take comfort in knowing that Jackson is in the arms of our dear Saviour.

Our prayers have also been with Bro. Brad and Sis. Teresa Kellenberger as they mourn the loss of dear family members, Bro. Orlan and Sis. Mary Kellenberger (Lamar, MO).

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

*I Corinthians 13:13*

We rejoice with Sis. Maria Hartter (Bro. Timothy and Sis. Charleen) and Bro. David Currier (Art and Sis. Mary, Congerville, IL) as they announced their engagement on May 30. They are planning for an August 15 wedding. Erica Wenger (Bro. Marc and Sis. Julie) and Travis Kellenberger (Tim and Paula Kellenberger, Lisa and Greg Mixon) were united in marriage on June 5. Also, believing it is the will of God, Bro. Art Kellenberger (Bro. Gene and Sis. Marian) and Sis. Joy Nenadov (Bro. Paul and Sis. Marilyn) of Bradford, IL, joined as one in the Lord on June 13. May the Lord guide and direct each of these couples as they travel life's journey as one in Him.

Bro. Klint and Sis. Kara Beyer were put into the ministry on May 30. We sincerely pray for Bro. Klint and Sis. Kara and their family, that God's will would be accomplished in their life and that they would feel the prayerful support of the brotherhood. May each of us give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word.

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Kevin Banwart (Sis. Sandy, West Bend, IA) and Elder Bro. John Lehman (Sis. Connie, Bern, KS). May the Lord bless these willing servants as they minister His Word.

We extend a warm welcome to Bro. Jared and Sis. Carla Metzger and their dear family as they join our Sabetha congregation. May they continue to feel God's guidance and direction as they

make their beginning in the Sabetha area.

On June 4, we enjoyed an evening of fellowship at the Sunday School picnic which was held at Mulberry Creek. May the Lord bless the Sunday School teachers who give of themselves and the dear children who attend, that their hearts may be fertile ground.

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

*Zion's Harp #137*

Let us be thankful for our trials and sorrows.

“Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.”

*Ecclesiastes 7:3*

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## KANSAS, WICHITA

### Emma Miller

Sunday, June 6, was a special day for the Wichita congregation. We had prepared ourselves for Communion to be served by Elder Bros. Jay Luthi and John Lehman, but what most of us did not know was that our assembly room would be nearly filled. The extra voices made a noticeable difference in the hymns.

Besides our Elder brothers who were accompanied by their wives and children, Bro. John Baumgartner and his wife, Sis. Lori, and their daughter were present. Their numbers added girls to our mostly male Sunday School enrollment. Bro. John delivered the morning message. Attendance for the Communion service was less when the visitors from the Sabetha-Bern area went to the El Dorado Correctional Facility to bring the Word to those who would hear.

According to the rotation schedule for small churches, our visiting minister on June 13 was Bro. Dennis Kaufmann and his wife, Sis. Bonnie. We were richly rewarded by the message and concern for our small group. We continue to be grateful for all the effort spent on our behalf.

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## KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON

### Barb Huber

“That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death.”

*Phil. 3:10*

We were truly blest to partake of Holy Communion on May 11 when we remembered the sufferings of our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and how He gave His life as a sacrifice for us on the cross of Calvary. We appreciate all your untiring efforts on our behalf, dear Bro. Andy and Sis. Roberta. May the Lord bless you as you continue to faithfully serve and further His kingdom here on earth.

We rejoice in the willingness of all our visiting ministers who travel many miles to share the Word of God with us. The Lord bless you for your efforts and labors of love to serve Him. It is always a time of encouragement and we thank each of you as well as all those who travel with you. Visiting ministers have been Bro. Ed Strahm (Sis. Ramona, Bern, KS), Bro. John Rowell (Sis. Nelda, Burlington, IA), Bro. Gary Brown (Sis. Jane, Forrest, IL), Bro. Tim Gerber (Sis. Wendy, Mansfield, OH), Bro. Gary Maibach (Sis. Mary Ann, Smithville, OH), and Bro. Dan Beer (Sis. Deb, Milford, IN).

Other visitors who blest our fellowship were from: Chicago, Fairbury, Morton, Roanoke, IL; Morris, MN; and Rittman, OH.

We welcome you to visit us here in Lexington. Anyone who may be in our area or travelling through may contact Bro. Lester Huber (859) 745-2541. Church services are held at 3938 Becknerville Rd., Winchester, KY. 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 Rd.), left approximately one block on the right. From Winchester: Road #1958 (Bypass) south to Road #1927 (Colby Rd.), west about 3 miles to Road #3371 (Becknerville Rd.), left 2 miles on the left.

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## MEXICO, IXTLAN

**Matt Gerber**

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear...”

*1 Peter 3:15*

What do you say to a disconsolate mother whose son was brutally stabbed to death? She describes how he left the house with a friend, and a half-hour later someone shows up at her house to give her the grim news that her son is dead. She can't fathom that fact that he's really gone...he's never coming home again. And justice? No known motive for the killing. The assassins fled the scene, to kill again as they've done in the past. The family is poor, so forget about a police investigation. Besides, the mother fears if the police did catch the killers, they'll eventually bribe their way out of prison, and come back with a vengeance. She doesn't want to lose another son. She wonders where God is in all of this, and why He allowed this to happen. She questions if there really is a heaven and a hell out there, or if heaven and hell are just what we experience here on this earth—the life of the poor is hell, the life of the rich is glory. She wishfully hopes her son is in heaven, because he was a good kid for the most part...read the Bible, talked to people about God, was generous with money. He suffered a lot in this life, so she thinks he's been through his “Calvary” and wants to believe he won't have to go to purgatory. She's uncertain if his spirit will come back from the dead and show up at the house...people told her to leave the lights on so he won't find the house dark when he returns. What would you say?

This is a true story. Things like this happen every day. Not always this dramatic—usually they're so mundane we hardly pay attention. The details are different, the characters change, the questions aren't expressed quite this way. But all of us live in a broken world, a world where evil is rampant, suffering is hard, and sometimes it seems like God is nowhere to be seen. And people have

questions. They're looking for answers, trying to make sense out of life when their plans and dreams go up in smoke. And if you get close and listen, they might ask you. What do you say?

Many of us are filled with fear that maybe they will ask us, and we won't know what to say, or we'll say the wrong thing. They don't need pat answers, quick fixes, a “Don't worry, things will get better soon, just watch.” They don't need a random Bible verse, although they do need the Bible. They need the Word of Life, the One who is the Word incarnate, the One who indwells you. In a word, they need Christ. And we need the Holy Spirit as we answer. As they talk with us, they need to see a reflection of Jesus. They need to see His compassion, pouring out tears over the brokenness in this world. His righteous anger, eyes flashing at the injustices that hard-hearted men perpetrate against the weak and defenseless, and assuring us that He will come back one day to make all wrongs right. They need to hear of His sovereignty and power, that nothing escapes His knowledge, control, and care. They need to listen as He pleads for His murderers (which includes all of us), “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” They need to believe Him as He speaks about the reality of heaven and hell, and that the only way into the kingdom is through repentance and faith in Him.

You and I probably won't have all the answers to their questions, but are we willing to let them see Jesus Christ through us?

*News:*

This month we were again blessed to have many visitors. On one Sunday we had visitors from Canada, U.S., and Mexico! We are so blessed to have a brotherhood that encourages fellowship and unity among our churches. We also welcomed Bro. Ben Stoller (Atlanta), who is here volunteering for the summer.

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## MEXICO, MAGDALENA

**Jarrin Rabe**

“Se enardecíó mi corazón dentro de mí... Hazme saber, Jehová, mi fin,

Y cuánta sea la medida de mis días; Sepa yo cuán frágil soy.”

*Salmos 36: 3,4*

“My heart was hot within me... Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I am.”

*Psalms 39:3,4*

The summer is officially here in Mexico, which means, it is HOT! As we think about how hot the sun can be at times, my prayer is that we can all be just as hot in our hearts burning for the Lord! As the summer heat dwells, may each of us think about how we could be burning more for His Glory in this gift of life we've been given on earth!

Our summer volunteers have made it here safe and sound! This summer we have with us Bro. Zach Knobloch (Peoria, IL), Bro. Ryan Eisenmann (Champaign, IL), Sis. Sarah Frank (Tremont, IL), and Sis. Laura Tucker (Champaign, IL).

In June we were blessed to have a large group from Princeville, IL, come for almost a week. Even though they were largely out numbered women to men, they worked just as hard and accomplished a lot of work! We are very thankful that they came, and pray that God would bless them for the giving of their time and skills. We also look forward to having a large group from Washington, IL, here towards the end of June.

As God continues to work in Magdalena, we are thankful for His ever faithful guiding hand in our lives and in the lives of those of our children whom He in which He has entrusted to our care. Please continue to pray that the lives of our children; that God would mend their broken hearts and lives, and use them to further His Kingdom someday! May His loving hand be upon you in the coming month.

“That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.”

*1 Peter 1:7*



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## MICHIGAN, ALTO

**Lystin Oesch  
Melissa Blough**

This season is coming to a close and with it an end to another chapter of our lives. We congratulate and celebrate with the graduates in our congregation. Sis. Megan Pardo (Jack and Sis. Laura) has completed her bachelor degree in Illinois. Back here in Michigan, Sis. Hannah Knudstrup (Charles and Mary) also walked off campus with a diploma. We wish them God's blessings in the future He has for them.

We have five high school graduates this spring. Sis. Tasha Steffen (Elder Bro. Ted and Sis. Sandy), Bro. Derek Steffen (Bro. Terry and Sis. Laurie), Desmond Couch (James and Penny), Paula Blough (Carl and Brenda), and Noah Blough (Gary and Laurie). As one journey ends, we keep them all in our hearts and prayers.

With open arms we welcome Linda Harmon (Bro. Doug and Sis. Lanna, Toledo, OH) to our congregation. She will be staying in Alto for the summer as she has an internship here.

This month also brought visitors our way. We are thankful to each for their love and ministry. Those willing brothers included Bro. Doug Harmon (Sis. Lanna, Toledo, OH), Bro. John Lehman (Sis. Ruth Ann, Wolcott, IN), Bro. Matthew Steffen (Sis. Deanna, Princeville, IL), and Bro. Jesse Bedolla (Sis. Bonnie, Detroit, MI).

Sis. Loretta Steffen (Bro. Aaron) recently had surgery. She is now healing in the comfort of her home. With prayer at hand we hope for a speedy recovery and look forward to her joining us in worship again soon.

Our congratulations extend to Bro. Matthew and Sis. Shelli Oesch on their new arrival, Judah Douglas, born June 5. Joyful grandparents are Bro. Tom and Sis. Michelle Oesch and Bro. Keith and Sis. Dori Fischer (Eureka, IL). We would like to encourage continuous prayer for their family as this precious baby is experiencing complications.

"For I know the thoughts that I think

toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you."

*Jeremiah 29:11-12*

Our hearts ache with Sis. Julie Blough (Bro. Jim) at the passing of her dear mother. As a body we lift up the family and friends in sincere prayer.

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## MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

**Sarah Knochel  
Janelle Ramseyer**

Greetings of love in our Savior's name! We are thankful that the beautiful summertime has arrived in mid-Michigan.

Bro. Howard Plattner (Sis. Kristin, Alto, MI) recently visited our congregation on a Wednesday evening while he was in the area for work and we appreciate his willingness to minister onto us. We are also thankful for Bro. Jesse Bedolla (Sis. Bonnie, Detroit, MI) as he shared Father's Day with our congregation.

We want to remember those who spent time in the hospital recently. They include Sis. Linda Andrewjeski (Norm) and Sis. Yolanda Jackson (Bro. Richard).

Our hearts are saddened at the loss of our Bro. Victor Knochel. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Elinor, his children, Bro. Jack (Sis. Debbie), Bro. Bob (Sis. Rhonda), Anne (Dave) Tacey, and Mary Goddard, and many grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Bro. Norman (Sis. Leanore), Bro. Floyd (Sis. Marian), Sis. Alvina Wackerle, Sis. Laura Knapp (Fairbury, IL) and Fred (Helen).

Jim and Sis. Cindy Sochacki are also mourning the loss of Jim's mother, Eleanor Sochacki.

We pray that God will be with each one in the coming days.

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## MICHIGAN, DETROIT

**Manuela Denes  
Kay Rauhe**

"Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;"

## *Ephesians 1:16*

Retired Elder Bro. Ben Maibach recently celebrated his 90th birthday and here is a note of thanks that he wished to convey to everyone. "I am humbled and very grateful for the tremendous response with calls, cards, and letters for my 90th birthday. This is the second time within a year that I have had such a gracious and wonderful outpouring of love and support. First with the passing of my beloved Lorene and now again in May for my birthday. I do not feel worthy of your kind thoughts, love and prayers, but I want you to know I need it and very much appreciate it from the depths of my heart. It is the beautiful and wonderful fellowship of saints that our beloved faith provides. May God bless you, keep you and cause His face to shine upon you and grant you peace."

Emma Elizabeth Siver was born on May 24 to joyful first-time parents, Tom and Kristen Siver. Her happy grandparents are Bro. Warren and Sis. Kay Rauhe and Carol Colville from DeWitt, MI, and Jim and Kathy Siver from Fennville, MI.

First-time grandparents, Bro. Randy and Sis. Sue Gasser, happily welcomed their new granddaughter, Faith Alexis Stoller, born on June 9 to parents Bro. Jon and Sis. Alexis (former Detroiter) Stoller from our Latty, OH, congregation. Faith's paternal grandparents, Bro. Rod and Sis. LeAnn Stoller, are also from our Latty, OH, congregation. Children are such a joy and a blessing from God, and we rejoice with these happy families as they add new little bundles of joy to their lives.

There are times in everyone's lives when there is great joy like with the birth of new little ones and then there is great sadness with the death of someone who is near and dear. At these sad times, it is when we hold on and cling to our Rock, our Dear Saviour, to help us through these difficult moments in our lives with great comfort and healing. Our entire congregation was deeply saddened by the death of our dear Sis. Kathryn Losiewicz on June 9, and our heart-felt sympathy to her family. Sis. Kathryn had been worshipping with us until her move to Rochester Hills. We really missed seeing her



on a regular basis and are looking forward to a great reunion some day when we're all together in Heaven. "When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory." "Red Books" Gospel Hymns #792. Our sincere thanks to visiting minister, retired Elder Bro. Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI) for being here and helping with the funeral service.

Our deepest sympathy, continued prayers and love to Sis. Karen Martin on the recent death of her sister, Sis. Josephine Schaefer, from Tremont, IL. We would also like to offer our love and sympathy to Sis. Josephine's family during this difficult time, and may they find strength in His presence and comfort in His love. "Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me." (Psalms 3:4)

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

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*

We had two high school graduates this year, and our love, congratulations and God's richest blessings to Sis. Angie Gasser (Bro. Randy and Sis. Sue) and Katie Lanski (Todd and Sis. Melinda). Angie graduated from Stevenson High School and will be attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn to pursue a degree in accounting. Katie graduated from North Farmington High School and will be attending the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor studying in their Residential College which is part of the Literature Science & Arts College. Her major is undecided. We are so happy that they'll be in the area so they can fellowship with all of us.

We recently hosted the All Michigan Singing, and we would like to sincerely thank everyone who made an effort to come and praise the Lord with our voices.

We were praying for Sis. Vi Barton and Sis. Martha Szilagyi as they have had health complications and are so thankful for answered prayers as they are both doing much better. We're so very thankful that Sis. Sanche Denes is back home after being in the hospital, and she would like to let everyone know that she appre-

ciated our thoughts and prayers.

It was so wonderful and uplifting when we had visiting ministers, Bro. Jeff Streitmatter III (Sis. Lynne; Sarasota, FL) and Bro. Brad Eisenmann (Sis. Cindy; Chicago, IL), visit us and share the Word. Thanks to both of them for their willingness to "serve the Lord with gladness." (Psalms 100:2)

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

*I John 4:12*

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## MINNESOTA MINNEAPOLIS

"We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves."

*Romans 15:1*

Is there someone God has placed on your heart, a neighbor in need, a brother/sister or friend who is struggling with the difficulties of this life? We are instructed to encourage, to hold up those who are experiencing loss or hurt.

We hold up those who have lost loved ones: Bro. Jim and Sis. Krissa Klotzle in the loss of his grandfather, Bro. John Klotzle (Altadena); Bro. Doug and Sis. Connie Bergstrom, Bro. Doug and Sis. Sue Messner, Bro. Don and Sis. Bernadine Miller, and families in the loss of Bro. Orlan and Sis. Mary Kellenberger from Lamar, MO. Bro. Orlan was Sis. Connie and Sis. Sue's brother, and Sis. Mary was Bro. Don's sister.

We hold up those who stand before us to preach the Word: Bro. Darren Fehr (West Bend, IA) and Bro. Brandon Emch (Kansas City, MO) were here on a Wednesday evening, and Bro. Scott Schafer and Bro. Rich Gramm (South Bend, IN) shared a Sunday. Bro. David Hartter (Sabetha, KS) was here on another Sunday, and Bro. Glen Steiner (Winthrop, MN) served in Rochester.

Rochester Services are held the third Wednesday night of every month at Sis. Anne Wagenbach's. Contacts: Bro. Jim and Sis. Deb Tilbury 507-281-2875 or Sis. Anne Wagenbach 507-993-6916. Address 310 16th Ave, SW, Rochester, MN.

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## MINNESOTA, MORRIS Susie Wulf Kim Feuchtenberger

"...He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

*Mark 4:9*

It is such a blessing we have to be able to hear the Word of God and allow it to penetrate our hearts and minds. Recently, we have had several visiting ministers. Elder Bro. Duane Rocke (Minneapolis, MN), Bro. Brandon Emch (Kansas City, MO), and Bro. Ron Isch (Lamont-Gridley, KS) assisted our home ministers on the pulpit. We are so thankful when God can reveal to a congregation His Word and His will.

The Morris congregation gained a blessing on Memorial Day weekend when the Single Group invited in. There were many visiting Brothers, Sisters and converts in attendance. The whole church had the opportunity to enjoy the fellowship and the singing.

We have been blessed with two new converts: Mark Schaefer (Bro. Rod and Sis. Denise) and Drew Schmidgall (Bro. Rob and Sis. Kathryn). May God help them to build on a firm foundation and root out all sin, evil and unrighteousness from their lives. We rejoice with them and their families as they make a beginning in the Lord.

Also the Lord has worked in two other lives drawing them together. The engagement of Bro. Ben Furrer (Bro. Tom and Sis. Jill) and Sis. Kristi Nohl (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Shirley Kellenberger) was announced on May 30. Trusting God will richly bless them and provide for them as their two lives become one. They are planning on a July 18 wedding.

We had seven graduates in our congregation this year: Wade Backman (Bro. Steve and Sis. Cathy), Wade Feuchtenberger (Bro. Ken and Sis. Sally), Anna Furrer (Bro. Tom and Sis. Jill), Esther Koehl (Bro. Guy and Sis. Lynette), Sara Nohl (Bro. DeWayne and Sis. Janice), Jason Schaefer (Bro. Stan and Sis. Bev), and Drew Schmidgall (Bro. Rob and Sis. Kathryn). It is our prayer



that each one will look to God for their guidance and seek His will as they move into a new stage of life.

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## MINNESOTA, MORRIS NORTH

**Lois Schmidgall  
Wanda Gramm**

Greetings of love to all from the Morris North congregation.

We are excited to have had numerous congregations represented at our church services. They include: Winthrop, Goodfield, Princeville, Forrest, Elgin, IL, Silvertown, Oakville, Eureka, Fairbury, Belvidere, Morris, West Bend, Taylor, Bluffton, and Bluffton North. Please come back soon!

“Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice.”

*Philippians 4:4*

A special thanks and appreciation to the following ministers who have been such a blessing to us this month. They are Elder Bro. Duane Rocke, Elder Bro. Paul Messner (Sis. Jan), Bro. Dale Zeltwanger (Sis. Rachel) and Bro. Clark Stoller (Sis. Cindy). We are so grateful for you all.

Our small church congregation enjoyed a special Sunday graduation program honoring our three high school graduates, Jeff Knobloch, Preston Moser, and Austin Schieler. Bros. Tim Esterling and Keith Schieler delivered words of encouragement to the graduates and for the program's conclusion, brothers and friends of the congregation sang out of the Hymns of Zion “Anywhere with Jesus” along with “Stand Up for Jesus”. A small reception was then given by the mothers of the graduates. We pray for God's blessings on these young men and thank them for their contributions to us at Morris North.

Bro. Randy and Sis. Lori Fehr were the hosts of our first church potluck. We thank them for offering their hearts and home for this wonderful time of fellowship.

Skyview Plaza, a senior living community, was a place where we gathered for a hymn sing on a Sunday afternoon.

What a blessing it is to sing hymns of praise to the elderly.

The weekend of June 12, our church congregation gathered together for a potluck which was then followed by Bro. Clark Stoller sharing with us a topical study on Biblical Hospitality. Hospitality is the door to discipleship (Romans 12:9-13). What a blessed evening it was. Thanks, Bro. Clark!

A joyous evening was spent by many of us assembling fleece blankets for the Minneapolis Children's Hospital. May the joy and warmth that we felt making these fun blankets be wrapped up and felt by each child in need.

Our Sunday School students enjoyed the Sunday School Fellowship weekend in Lester, IA. Thank you to the Lester Church for your love and hospitality given to our children.

Thank the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever.

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## MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

**Julie Schmidt  
Lindsay Schmidt**

“For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.”

*St. Matthew 12:50*

We welcome Sis. Stephanie Stoll (Bro. Ed and Sis. Ginny) as a sister in Christ. We pray for this new lamb of God as she begins her walk. May she ever follow the true Shepherd. We thank Elder Bro. Rod Bajema (Sis. Twyla, Lester, IA) for assisting with the responsibilities of the weekend.

“And these words, which I command you this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children...”

*Deuteronomy 6:6-7*

As another Sunday School year ends, so does the teaching terms for Bro. Nick Schmidt (Sis. Julie) and Sis. Jamie Schmidt (Bro. Verl). We want to thank them for their years of service and give support to newly elected teachers, Bro. Michael and Sis. Rachel Messner, and

substitute teachers, Bro. Brett Messner and Sis. Lindsay Schmidt. We also want to give support to Bro. Ken Messner (Margaret) who is filling out the term of Bro. Chris Williams (Sis. Nancy) as Usher/Recorder.

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

*Proverbs 3:6*

We want to congratulate and wish God's blessings to Quintin Schmidt (Bro. Verl and Sis. Jamie) on his graduation from high school. May he feel God's direction as he starts a new chapter of life and leaves home for college.

“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 labors of love and most importantly their heritage of faith.

We rejoice with Bro. Dean and Sis. Wanda Messner on the birth of their first grandchild, Elaiah Salome, daughter of Bro. Jordan and Sis. Shayla Steffen (Belvidere, IL). May they feel blessed to watch a new generation being raised knowing of God.

Our 8-12th grade students and teachers were invited to Lester, IA, for the Youth Fellowship weekend. We want to thank the Lester Church and Sunday School teachers for their efforts in hosting. Hopefully many memories and friendships were formed over the weekend.

Our hospital and surgical patients this month were Bro. Verl Schmidt (Sis. Jamie), Andric Rubendall (Vanessa Isaacson) and Sis. Julia Messner. We pray for their continued healing and strengthening.

Jesus knows thy sorrow, knows thine  
ev'ry care;  
Knows thy deep contrition, hears they  
feeblest pray'rs;  
Do not fear to trust Him, tell Him all  
thy grief;



Cast on Him thy burden, He will bring relief.

*Hymns of Zion #74 vs. 1*

Our hearts ache for Tom Miller (Maggie) and family in the sudden and tragic loss of Bro. Orlan and Sis. Mary Kellenberger (Lamar, MO) on June 13. Sis. Mary (Miller) grew up and was married in the Winthrop church. And Sis. Verna Bruns has just lost her helpmate, Marvin, on June 18. We pray for Sis. Verna and their children, David, Pam and Mona, during this time of sorrow. May God grant comfort and fill the void with His love.

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

We were thankful to witness the marriage vows of our Bro. Darin Braker (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Carol) to our Sis. Nicole Marti (Bro. Kevin and Sis. Kathy) on June 6. May the Lord bless and be with them as they become one.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with Sis. Carolyn (Bro. Alfred) Banwart and Bro. Ben Braker (Bro. Roy and Sis. Judy) as they both spent some time in the hospital.

Our deep sympathy goes to Sis. Jodi (Bro. Calvin) Luthi, Sis. Janel Kellenberger, Sis. Janese Kellenberger, Chad (Kelly) Kellenberger, and Bro. Kyle (Sis. Dana) Kellenberger as their parents, Bro. Orlan and Sis. Mary Kellenberger, were killed in a plane accident. Bro. Curt (Sis. Martha) Kellenberger also has our sympathy, as he was Bro. Orlan's brother. Certainly many prayers have been offered up on their behalf, and we trust that the Lord will continue to strengthen and help their families as they mourn the loss of their loved ones. Then on the day of Bro. Orlan and Sis. Mary's funeral, Betty Thiebaud (the late Jack) passed away and we extend our sympathy to her family.

We had many visitors, including Elder Bro. Wayne Grimm (West Bend, IA) and ministering Bro. Duane Metzger (West Bend, IA). We thank them for their willingness to serve.

*Note of Thanks:*

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation for all the many thoughts, prayers and acts of love and kindness shown to us during our time of loss.

*The children and family of Bro. Orlan and Sis. Mary Kellenberger*

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**MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS**  
**Kary Mangers**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below...

This hymn came to mind as I was thinking over the past month's happenings. Many of us have traveled this month to be with family and friends and had wonderful times of fellowship. We thank the Lord for this blessing and for many others. A special thanks to Bro. Paul and Sis. Carmen Kilgus (Fairbury, IL) and Bro. Les and Sis. Christine Kaeb (Francesville) for serving from the pulpit and the families that came with them to support them and us. We also had visitors from Congerville, Lamont-Gridley, Smithville, and Rittman. Each added a special blessing to our fellowship.

Many of us are also thankful for the fellowship we had with Bro. Orlan and Sis. Mary Kellenberger when they lived in St. Louis. They worshipped with us for many years and were a vital part of our small congregation. Their sudden death has left a void that only God can fill. Our prayers are with their family. Again we praise God, from whom all blessings flow for the salvation He has provided and the eternal reward awaiting all believers.

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

Do you have a compassion for the lost? This was a question asked recently at a Bible Study by Elder Bro. Kent Heimer. Where are the lost? The lost are all around us; neighbors, classmates and work. We shouldn't be using excuses, like not a good speaker, a possibility of being ashamed of the gospel of Christ, or

maybe question even our own salvation. We were encouraged to remember hymns such as "Blessed Assurance" and "I'm a child of the King". Are we reaching out for the lost by planting and watering or are we watering with roundup.

Our congregation rejoices with Bro. Jeff and Sis. Bethany Knobloch with their first child. William Jefferson was born on May 21. Grandparents are Bro. William and Sis. Eleanor Knobloch (Tremont, IL) and Bro. John and Sis. Mary Wiegand (Roanoke, IL).

Bro. Steve and Sis. Deb Sutter are grandparents of newborn Tobias Alexander. Parents are Bro. Luke and Sis. Angie Luginbuhl Roanoke, IL). Other grandparents are Bro. Rob and Sis. Gina Luginbuhl, also of Roanoke.

We wish God's blessings for Sis. Alicia Steffen (Bro. Craig and Sis. Jean), Bluffton, IN, on her engagement to Bro. Matthew Schrenk (Bro. Loren and Sis. Betsy, St. Louis, MO).

Sis. Kaitlyn and Bro. Matt Kaeb were united as one in the Lord on May 30.

We welcome Breana Wagenbach (Bro. Doug and Sis. Lillian, San Diego, CA) and Sis. Adriana Jones (Bro. Ron and Sis. Liz, Portland, OR). We also welcome back Kyle Reinhardt from Bluffton, IN. All three are here this summer to work at His Ranch.

We also welcome Diana Wagenbach (Bro. David and Sis. Charlene) from Oakville, IA, as she has found employment in this area.

The following ministers came this month to share the Gospel: Bro. Randy Kellenberger (Sis. Karen, Kansas City, MO), Bro. Ed Strahm (Sis. Ramona, Bern, KS), Bro. Doug Wagenbach (Sis. Lillian, San Diego, CA) and Bro. Ted Hirstein (Sis. Joyce, Morton, IL). Let us never be too busy to share the Gospel and let's all have a thankful heart.

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**NEW YORK**  
**CROGHAN-NAUMBURG**  
**Hope Graves**

We had a blessed Communion on Saturday evening, June 19. It was a wonderful time for us to sit in quiet and spend time remembering Christ's sacrifice for us. Our thanks extend to Elder Bro. Curt



and Sis. Lyla Frank (LaCrosse, IN) for spending the weekend with us. May the Lord bless the many Elder brethren across the land for their many labors in the Lord's work. We enjoyed sharing a potluck dinner followed by a few hymns Sunday evening.

Our High School graduate this year is Justin Hirschey (Martin and Linda). May the Lord bless him as he begins this new chapter of his life.

Prayers have extended out for Bro. Clyde Virkler and Sis. Polly Farney who were both hospitalized this past month.

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### **OHIO, AKRON** **Erika Gal**

Lead me gently home, Father,  
Lead me gently home,  
When life's toils are ended,  
And parting days have come ..."  
*Hymns of Zion, #133*

We extend our prayers and sincere sympathy to several of our brethren who have lost loved ones in the past month. Jozsef Kocsis from Romania passed away recently. He is the father of our Bro. Jozsef (Sis. Susie) Kocsis. We also remember with love and prayers our Sis. Angie (Bro. Tim) Zarkovacki as her father, Edward Koppert, passed away. Our thoughts go to Sis. Joyce (Bro. Paul) Gasser in the loss of her brother-in-law, Bro. Homer (Sis. Virginia) Blunier of Forrest, IL. We pray that each one can feel God's love and comfort in this time.

Our prayers are with our brethren who have been hospitalized this past month. We lift up in prayer our Bro. Joe (Sis. Carla) Miller, Bro. Marvin (Sis. Carol) Indermuhle, and our Sis. Dianna (Bro. Eugene) Bako. We trust in God's healing power for renewed strength for each one.

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### **OHIO, COLUMBUS** **Esther Saurer**

We are always thankful for those who are willing to visit us here in Columbus. Among those visiting in the past month included ministering Bro. Bill Brake

and his wife, Sis. Miriam (Sardis, OH), and ministering Bro. Greg Stoller and his wife, Sis. Jill (Forrest, IL).

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### **OHIO, JUNCTION** **Vicki Boroff**

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;"

*Eccles. 3:1-4*

We were blessed to have several babies join our congregation this past month: Kade Anthony was born on June 5 to Henry and Christa Manz. Excited siblings are Kayleigh and Kellen; grandparents are Bro. Roger and Lisa Manz, Rich Font and Pam Keeran. Nolan Ryan joined his family on June 15. Parents are Bro. Doug and Sis. Heidi Schlatter; siblings are Mason, Tyler, Brooklyn and Tori. Grandparents are Bro. Ralph and Sis. Sheila Schlatter, and Bro. Fred and Sis. Connie Domka (Mansfield). Ashlyn Jaleigh was born June 16 to Bro. Greg and Sis. Julie Manz. Riley and Cole are excited to have a little sister. Grandparents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Sandra Manz, and Bro. Keith and Sis. Joann Klopfenstein (Latty). June 22 brought the birth of Emma Rose to first-time parents, Mark and Tiffany Hurd. Grandparents are Bro. Pete and Sis. Helen Hurd, Larry Wright and Brenda Kindell.

Bro. Ken and Sis. Gwen Manz are thankful grandparents again. Preston was born to Bro. Chad and Sis. Janice Kaeb of Remington.

Another precious bundle was born on June 19. This cherished child lived for a short time that day, and was laid to rest June 23. Our hearts break for Bro. Michael and Sis. Jodi Schneider, for this child joins another child laid to rest by the family. Siblings are Joel, Lathan, Thad and Lynelle; grandparents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Sandra Schneider, and Bro. Larry and Sis. Shirley Ifft. Both sets of

grandparents are from Forrest. Our prayers go up for the family during this time of grieving.

Also laid to rest was Bro. Gus Dietrich, who passed away unexpectedly on June 3. The loss of a loved one is devastating and even more so after spending almost 36 together in marriage. Our prayers go out for his wife, Sis. Dorothy, who will feel this loss daily; his children, Sam Dietrich, Rose (Steve) Foltz, and Amy (Max) Delgado; and several grandchildren who will miss him dearly: Ava and Silas Foltz, and Elijah and Stephen Delgado. In addition to missing him, our congregation will miss his beautiful singing voice.

"A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;"

*Eccles. 3:7*

We would like to thank Bro. Todd Stoller (Sis. Pam, Latty) for helping with the funeral of our Bro. Gus Dietrich, and Bro. Dwight Stoller (Sis. Lori, Latty) for helping with the graveside service of our little Joshua Schneider. We are also thankful for Bro. Jim Butikofer (Sis. Diana, Iowa City) for bringing the Word to us. We appreciate the efforts of our home and visiting ministers.

"A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace."

*Eccles. 3:8*

Congratulations to Joe Manz and Jessica Steele, who married on June 5. Parents are Bro. Roger and Lisa Manz, and Tim and Vicky Steele. On June 12, John Manz and Diane Breese were also joined in marriage. We wish both couples God's blessings.

We were thankful to hear that our convert, Anita Schlatter, has peace with man and God, and we look forward to hearing her testimony.

#### *Note of Thanks:*

We want to express our sincere appreciation to all who have done so much for us in the passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you.



*Bro. Gus Dietrich's family*

## **OHIO, LATTY Mindy Stoller**

### **Carmen Eisenmann**

Our congregation was privileged to have several visiting ministers this month. They included Bro. Bill Waibel (Sis. Carol, Bay City, MI), Bro. Randy Gasser (Sis. Sue, Detroit, MI), Bro. Justin Koch (Sis. Marcia, Washington, IL), Bro. Dan Stoller (Sis. Deb, Remington, IN), Bro. Bob Beebe (Sis. Sue, South Bend, IN), and Bro. Mike Rinkenberger (Sis. Pat, Congerville, IL). May God bless these brothers for their service to us.

We rejoice with the angels that Calvin Sinn (Bro. Todd and Sis. Janet) has answered the call of God and has come to Him in humble repentance. May he grow in grace and truth and feel the prayers of those lifting him up.

May 23 was the wedding day for Bro. Thad Sinn (Bro. Todd and Sis. Janet) and Sis. Kara Kraft (Bro. Doug and Sis. Judy, Lamont-Gridley, KS). We pray that God's blessings will abound for this couple and warmly welcome Sis. Kara into our congregation. June 12 was the wedding day for Jake and Ashley Sinn. Jake is the son of Bro. Stan and Sis. JaNahn. We also pray that this couple will feel the blessings of God in their marriage.

Drew Gabriel was born to Bro. Seth and Sis. Casey Wenninger on May 18. Older siblings are Zavier and Alexis. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Larry and Sis. Joyce Wenninger. Bro. Jon and Sis. Alexis Stoller became first-time parents when Faith Alexis was born on June 9. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Rod and Sis. LeAnn Stoller and Bro. Randy and Sis. Sue Gasser (Detroit, MI).

Bible School was held the week of June 7-11. We pray the lessons the children learn will remain in their hearts forever.

Hospital and surgery patients this month include Charlotte Laukhuf (Larry) and Bro. Tom Laukhuf. May God's healing hand be ever present according to His will.

## **OHIO, MANSFIELD**

### **Tami Griffey**

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

*Genesis 2:24*

The marriage of Bro. Jacob Rufener (Bro. John and Sis. Janice, Smithville) and Sis. Bethany Miller (Bro. Roger and Sis. Dorina, Mansfield) was May 23. We pray God's blessings upon this couple as they serve the Lord together. Many visiting ministers were present for this special occasion: Elder Bro. Dave Graf (Sis. Barbara, Akron), Bro. Paul Gasser (Sis. Joyce, Akron), Bro. Ronald Palitto (Sis. Lynell, Akron), Bro. Steve Pamer (Sis. Arliss, Akron), and Bro. Timothy Ramsier (Sis. Jonell, Rittman).

Zachary Foss (Rick and Sis. Susan) and Tiffany Neel (Steve and Kathy) were united in marriage on June 5. We rejoice with the happy couple and pray God's blessings upon their lives together.

Our prayers are with Sis. Ruth Domka as she was hospitalized and is now recovering from surgery.

Our Sunday School students enjoyed Vacation Bible School during the week of June 7-11. May God continue to work in their tender hearts as they learn more about His Holy Word. The adults were also richly blessed by having visiting ministers who came from far and near to teach and preach lessons from the Bible: Bro. Willis Ehnle (Sis. Lois; Peoria, IL), Bro. Steve Pamer (Sis. Arlis, Akron), Bro. Bob Dotterer (Sis. Laura, Sardis), Bro. Doug Harmon (Sis. Lanna, Toledo), and Bro. Ken Schneider (Sis. Bernice; Remington, IN). Hearty thanks to each one for their labors of love on our behalf.

Sis. Christine Dotterer and Sis. Cheryl Dotterer have relocated to an apartment near the Rittman Nursing Home. We will continue to keep them in our prayers as they make this transition.

Our prayers and sympathy are with Bro. Mike and Sis. Florina Baumann at the passing of Sis. Kathie Labudde (wife of Bro. Larry Labudde; Phoenix, AZ), who was a sister to Bro. Mike.

World Relief Days were held on May 17 and 18 from 9am to 9pm. Projects included: packaging bags of pasta pilaf, infant layette kits for Mexico and Haiti, health kits for Mexico, and knotting comforters. May God bless each one who helped during these work days and for those who prepared delicious meals. We pray the recipients of these projects will feel God's love as physical needs are met.

## **OHIO, RITTMAN**

### **Heidi Rufener Marge Stoller**

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;"

*Eccles. 12:1*

Our high school graduates are taking a step forward into a new stage of life. Graduating from our Rittman congregation are Maria Acker, Benjamin Ault, Sis. Greta Beery, Andrea Gasser, Barrett Gasser, Kraig Gasser, Nolan Gasser, Jolene Hilty, Kelsey Jenkins, Seth Keiper, Amanda Miller, Radley Stahl, and Abigail Winkler. May each one look to God to direct their future.

Several new babies have entered the world in the past month. Steve and Lisa Widmer welcomed Eilash Aumaine into their family on May 25. Her big sister is Parker and her grandparents are Bro. Darrell and Sis. Alice Widmer and Kevin and Diane Schlabach. On May 29, Bethany Gail was born to Bro. Ethan and Sis. Lisa Steiner. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Matt and Sis. Gail Steiner and Elder Bro. Merle and Sis. Bonnie Hartzler. June 8 was the birth date of Daniel Rick Steiner. His parents are Bro. Rick and Sis. Dawn Steiner. Welcoming Daniel into the family are older siblings, Claire, Elijah, Jordan, Noelle, Tierra, Isaiah, Gideon and Malaki. Grandparents are Bro. Ron and Sis. Ruth Steiner and Bro. Ray and Sis. Carol Stoller (Latty).

Another new birth came in the form of a soul turning to the Lord in repentance. We rejoice with Evelyn



Hessidence as she has found grace from God to serve Him.

Bro. Jesse Rufener and Sis. Laura Sinn were united in marriage on May 16. Their parents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Pat Rufener and Bro. Thomas and Sis. Edith Sinn (Silverton, OR). Also making wedding vows were Sarah Tieche and Andrew Bender on May 22. Parents of this couple are Greg and Sis. Peggy Tieche and Joel and Lisa Bender. We wish God's blessings on these newly established households.

Two couples have announced their engagement and look forward to weddings in the near future. Bro. Javan Stoller (Bro. Eric and Sis. Melanie) and Sis. Josie Rufener (Bro. John and Sis. Janice, Smithville) have promised themselves to each other. Also believing God has drawn their lives together are Bro. Jeran Stoller (Bro. Eric and Sis. Melanie) and Sis. Esther Steidl (Bro. Don and Sis. Nan, Akron). May God be near and direct both couples as they plan for their future.

Hospitalized recently were Sage Pelfrey (Bro. Jason and Sis. Crystal), Bro. Rich Steiner (Sis. Pat), Sis. Diane Stetz (Bro. Ernie), Bro. Reinhart Keiper (Sis. Betty), and Sis. Mabel Maibach (Bro. Roy). We pray for God's nearness and healing hand where it be His will.

Our hearts were heavy with the death of little Sawyer Pelfrey on May 21, but we know that he is now pain-free in heaven! Sawyer's parents are Bro. Jason and Sis. Crystal Pelfrey; grandparents are Bro. Dale and Sis. Beth Pelfrey and Bro. Ray and Sis. Carol Stoller (Latty). May God's arms of love and strength sustain the family during this time of loss.

Sharing God's Word with us this month was Bro. Jesse Bedolla (Detroit, MI). We thank him for his willing service at our Rittman church.

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

Our annual Sunday School Picnic was held the second weekend in June. We appreciate the back-and-forth between the children and adults that the activities here encourage. We also listened to an interactive presentation between Elder Bro. Merle Hartzler (Sis.

Bonnie, Rittman, OH) and the Sunday School children on the different Bible stories. We give him our sincere thanks for his willingness to give of his time for our children, and also for serving us all for our worship service the next day on Sunday.

Also in June was our annual New Martinsville, WV, memorial service. We were thankful for the guests from near and far from quite a number of our churches who traveled to witness this poignant reminder of our heritage. Those sharing the pulpit that weekend were Bros. Jerry Bauman (Sis. Martha, Rittman, OH) and Chuck Kellenberger (Sis. Debbie, Elgin, IL), and they also had help from retired Bros. Everett Gerber (Sis. Nancy, Rockville, CT) and Marvin Leman (Sis. Jane, Princeville, IL).

Our lot is found in pleasant places;  
A goodly heritage is ours,  
To Him whence come all gifts and  
graces

Let us give praise with all our pow'rs.  
He chooses us of His free grace  
And makes us His peculiar race.

*Zion's Harp #145*

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### **OHIO, SMITHVILLE Gina Brake Lydia Stoller**

We wish to remember those who have been hospitalized this past month. Sis. Marge Zollinger (Bro. John), Bro. Marvin Luginbuhl (Sis. Rose) and Andrew Fetzer (Bro. Andy and Sis. Elizabeth) have had to spend some time in the hospital.

As always, we're thankful to hear the truth spoken in fullness. Our visiting ministers this month were Bro. Ron Steiner (Sis. Ruth), Bro. Bill Brake (Sis. Miriam) and Bro. Jesse Bedolla (Sis. Bonnie). May God bless their efforts.

Emily Maibach (Bro. Rudy and Sis. Barb) and Jesse Rose have announced their engagement. May God be the center of their heart and home!

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

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus!

It was a privilege to have the Latty Sunday School with us for our annual Sunday school picnic. We thank them for traveling the many miles to be with us!

In June, Ella Rywalski (Sis. Teresa and the late Bro. Paul) graduated from high school. As she begins a new path in life, may she ever look to our Heavenly Father for guidance.

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

Our visiting ministers this month from Silverton were Elder Bro. Art Metz (Sis. Betty) and Bro. Todd Zollinger (Sis. Michele). We appreciate the support from the Silverton Brethren and their labors bringing forth the Word.

Our congregation was greatly saddened by the death of Bro. Ray Moser. We will miss Bro. Ray and our prayers are with his family during this difficult time. He leaves behind his wife, Sis. Barb; and children, Alan (Judy), Vicki, Gary (Brenda), Kenneth, Philip, Stanley, Sis. Elizabeth Jones (Bro. Ron), and Sis. Melisa Feucht (Bro. Roy). Bro. Ray was preceded in death by a son, Paul.

Our prayers are with Bro. Ray Cooper (Sis. Ginny) as he was hospitalized this month. We continue to pray for his continued healing and look forward to when he can worship with us again.

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### **OREGON, SILVERTON Kris Luthi Deb Roth**

We held our annual Graduation Potluck and honored the following graduates: Kyle Knecht, Dallas Kraft, Kaylynn Kuenzi, Sis. Megan Kuenzi, Sis. Nicole Kuenzi, Jason Martin, Clara Matthiessen, Jordan Sinn and Briauna Stadel. We wish them the best as they continue their education or enter the job market. Clara is an exchange student from Germany and we wish her well as she returns to her native country. We have enjoyed her company and hope she



will come back and visit again!

We welcome two new baby boys into our congregation! Aaron and Stacie Kuenzi added Carson Timothy to their home on June 2. Mikaila is Carson's big sister. Grandparents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Barb Kuenzi and Bro. Tim and Sis. Barb Zimmerman (Lamont-Gridley, KS). Also welcoming a son are Bro. Todd and Sis. Richelle Haun, Levi and Rosanna. Little Loren Jeffrey entered the world on May 27. Grandparents are Bro. Rich and Sis. RosaLee Kuenzi and Dorothy Haun. We wish these families the Lord's grace and wisdom as they raise their children.

Sis. Carol Wackerle has spent some time in the hospital and we wish her a speedy recovery with her health battles.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

*I Thessalonians 4:16-17*

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Clarence and Sis. Betty Dietrich, Bro. Jim and Sis. Joan Dietrich and Bro. Greg and Sis. Carol Wackerle in the death of their son and brother, Bro. Gus Dietrich (Sis. Dorothy, Junction, OH). Bro. Gus spent many years in the Silverton congregation and left a lot of memories with the brethren here. We pray that the Lord will comfort the family in their sudden loss. We also laid to rest Bro. Ray Moser (Portland) after a short illness. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Sis. Barbara, and daughter, Sis. Liz Jones (Bro. Ron, Portland), and grandchildren, Bro. Lee, Tristan, Sis. Adriana, Sis. Rebekah and Nathanael.

On Father's Day we heard the engagement announcement of Sis. Emily Sinn (Bro. Mark and Sis. Elsie) to Bro. Evan Schmidgall (Bro. Paul and Sis. Kris, Eureka). We wish them the Lord's guidance and blessings as they plan for their life together.

We thank Bros. Les Kaeb (Frances-

ville, IN) and Wayne Fehr (Portland) for ministering God's Word to us.

Bro. Mark Sinn has completed his term as head song leader and will be replaced by Bro. Adam Kuenzi. Bro. James Schneider is replacing Bro. Ryan Hari as a congregational song leader. Two new congregational song leaders were selected as well: Bro. Jim Roth and Bro. Ryan Kuenzi. We thank our outgoing brothers for their time and service.

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## PENNSYLVANIA PHILADELPHIA

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

*I Thess. 5:18*

With school coming to a close and summer fast approaching, it is very important we remember to take the time to be thankful for the gifts God has given us. The rising sun, blooming flowers and beautiful weather are all precious gifts from Heaven.

We were fortunate to partake of Holy Communion on June 13. We were able to take the time to remember the most precious gift of all - Jesus Christ and His shed blood. Elder Bro. Kent Heimer and his wife, Sis. Jan (Taylor, MO), gave of their time and helped in this special occasion.

Bro. Brad Eisenmann (Sis. Cindy, Chicago, IL) also visited on a Wednesday night while travelling with their family. His service and their fellowship were very much appreciated.

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## TENNESSEE, NASHVILLE Mike and Monica Fritz

We are rejoicing that our son, Ezra Fritz, has acknowledged his need for a Savior, and has sought the Lord in repentance. We are also thankful to have Bro. Grant Zimmerman (Morton, IL) gathering with us while he is in the area for summer employment.

The Lord has provided for us mightily through his Living Word brought to us by our visiting ministering brothers: Bros. Bob Pfloderer (Sis. Ellie; Morton, IL),

Byron Stoller (Sis. Carol, Gridley, IL), and Lenny Meyer (Sis. Charlotte, Chicago, IL). We have also been blessed by the fellowship of brethren and friends visiting from Chicago, Forrest, Gridley, and Morton, IL.

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: Bern, KS (7/18); Lamar, MO (7/25); Indianapolis, IN (8/1); Taylor, MO (8/8); Bradford, IL (8/15); Oakville, IA (8/22); and West Bend, IA (8/29). 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 at 7:15 p.m. for singing or Bible study 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 Serenity and Jasmine Ringer

Recently I heard a minister recount a fable—one with a deep thought.

There was once a great oak tree in a plain, and many birds roosted in its branches. Many animals came under its leaves for shade. There was also a wild pig which came and ate the acorns when they fell.

One day a bird saw the pig rooting for acorns among the roots of the tree. The bird cautioned, "Be careful you don't scrape the dirt away from the roots. You could kill the tree."

The pig grunted. "I don't care about the tree as long as I get acorns." In time the pig dug enough around the roots that the tree fell down. No longer did the tree bare acorns or provide shade for the animals.

Likewise if sound doctrine isn't preserved, we won't have a church to guide, feed and shelter us. Or maybe we will but our children and grandchildren won't. "Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers." (Tit. 1:9) "There-



fore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle." (II Thess. 2:16)

We sympathize with Matt Chapalonis, whose great-grandfather, Paul Barnett, passed away.

On May 23, some of the Austin brethren went up to Dallas area and held services with the locals there. We hope that another opportunity to do so will come again, since services are not currently being held at Dallas on a regular basis.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Ron Heiniger (Sis. Kaylene, Bloomington), Bob Beebe (Sis. Sue, South Bend), Dan Stoller (Rockville), Kevin Banwart (Sis. Sandy, West Bend), and Mark Wettstein (Sis. Karen, La-Crosse). Other visitors were from Cissna Park, Princeville, and Rittman.

The following is the minister schedule for August: (1) Chicago, (8) Cissna Park, (15) Peoria, (22) Taylor, (29) Lamar. 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, so that we can accommodate you more readily in our weekend gatherings. Directions to our church and contacts are now in the 2010 minister book.

In the church, there are two furnished bedrooms for the ministers and others to use when coming for services. When you contact someone about com-

ing for services, please let them know if you would like to use the bedrooms during the time you are here.

### TEXAS, McALLEN Joyce Nohl

Our visiting ministers have been our Elder Bro. Peter Petrovic (Sis. Marian, San Diego, CA), Elder Bro. Rod Bajema (Sis. Twyla, Lester, IA), Bro. David Marquart (Sis. Lori, Taylor, MO), Bro. Todd Zollinger (Sis. Michele, Silverton, OR), and Bro. Leland Plattner (Sis. Mary, Zapata, TX). We thank each of them for their time and effort to come to our small congregation to serve us. We also thank them for their continued support and prayers.

The following churches are scheduled for services: (August 8, Princeville, IL); (August 22, Roanoke, IL); (Sept. 12, Oakville, IA); (Sept. 26, Bradford, IL).

Our address is: Holiday Inn Express, 1921 South 10th Street. Turn 1 ½ 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.

### VERMONT NORTH CLARENDON/ NORWICH Nathan and Miriam Reutter

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

*Psalms 126:3*

Once again we come to the close of another month. We are thankful for God's provisions for our spiritual food. The following ministering brethren have come to serve us: Bro. Duane Reutter (Sis. Kay), Bro. Tom Bahler (Sis. LaNae), both of Rockville, CT, Bro. Gary Tonner (Sis. Diann, Bluffton, IN), Bro. Todd Graf (Sis. Lydia, Akron, OH), Bro. Pat Zaugg (Sis. Julie, West Bend, IA), and Bro. Dan Stoller (Rockville, CT). Thank you all for your labor of love on our behalf. May God's blessings be upon you in this next month. We would love for you to visit our congregation in beautiful Vermont. Please contact Bro. Chad and Sis. Jenny Virkler (802-293-2724) so you can find out information about service locations and dates. 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:

Mid-week services

(Contact local brethren)

Sunday Morning Service

10:10 AM

Sunday Afternoon Service

12:15 PM

Sunday school is held during the morning service.





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are going well. So I guess I would challenge each of us as we think about this, think about it in your own lives. Think about it in your children's lives. Think about it in the church family's lives. There is no greater joy than to hear that our children, our church family, walks in truth. That our reputation in the community is strong because we rush in to help where we're needed. That when the issues of supporting life are there, we as a church family, stand soundly behind it and let our voice be heard and we act in it and many of you do that.

This Psalm makes this comment. "Give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people." (v 1) Particularly as we are raising children, that can be a very humbling experience. Some things go very well. Some things don't go well at all. Some things we can control. Others, we have no control over. Yet, when you are in the parenting process, you feel a responsibility for how things turn out. Do we take the time to testify of the great things that the Lord hath done?

If you go through and you recount this story, the story of the Israelite people, you will find miraculous deeds along the way! Incredible things that happened! But as you are going through them, they aren't so miraculous, are they?

It starts out by saying, "Let's testify of the Lord." Okay, so let's go back and let's recount what happened. Wait a minute. God made a promise with His people. Has He made a promise with us? He has made an incredible promise with the human family. Whosoever will may come. Whosoever will may come and live in truth. That encapsulated verse is the source of many sermons, to be sure. But the source of life giving, what that amounts to. He made a promise to Abraham. He fulfilled it. He made a promise. Promises went right on down through Jacob. He was renamed Israel.

Then famine came to the land. Concern came to the people. How are we going to feed our people? How am I going to feed my family? There is no water. We must do something else or we will starve. Often in our lives, that is where we are in the story. Put yourself right in the middle of that. Maybe in your mind or in your heart or in your life you are going through that famine right now. Things are not lush and green. They are barren and cold.

What the Israelites could not have comprehended, because it was a completely separate piece, that the God who had promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, had already gone on before them and prepared the way. He had taken Joseph, who was sold in slavery. He was already preparing the way for years! Yet, in that time, so often I think, as Brother Mark was sharing this morning, the challenges, I think with a mother, there is both the ecstasy and the absolute pit of child raising. I was thinking about that. Just kind of picture this if you will. In Luke's Gospel, the first chapter, the angel comes to Mary and says you are highly favored. Now if you were a potential mother and the angel of the Lord came to you and said, you are highly favored of all men, wouldn't that almost be the ecstasy, the anticipation of that? And yet, a few days after the birth, as Simeon is revealing all these great things that the Lord is going to do, there is a sub note put in the text and it says, as he looks at Mary, yea, a sword will pierce your heart also. I trust she carried those words with her as she did the others.

"Give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works." (Psalm 105:1,2) That should be a challenge to us. How has the Lord gone before you and prepared the way for you? I can't tell you the number of just little side testimonies I hear and I am sure you hear them too. Of how the Lord has gone ahead. When we are

trying to trek through this life seemingly stubbing our toe at every turn and all of a sudden, it is as if we turn a corner and there is this scan that we see and we say, how did that happen? You see, He did that for a nation. They could sing of His wondrous deeds, because they could now from the tail end, recount everything He had done. But I assure you, when they were in the midst of that, they did not always feel like singing and praising.

Isn't it refreshing to take a big step back and to say, Look what He has done! I think it is just incredibly powerful, as you look back over your life, to recount those things. And as we are parenting and grand parenting, where we are around youth, testify of that! Testify of the salvation that was brought to your name. But don't stop there. Testify of the works of God, how He placed that person in a certain place at a certain time. Be cognizant of it. Recount it one to another!

Let's go back now to John for a moment. He makes this statement, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." (v 4) What had this man seen? What had John seen in the few short years that he walked with Christ and now in the events since Christ was gone from the scene and the Spirit had taken His place? Let's recount a couple of them.

One of the things that I think would have been as powerful of a testimony as anything was the evidence of the Holy Spirit at work in the life of a man by the name of Saul. How he had gone out and persecuted the church and how the Spirit of God had touched him and completely changed who he was. How in that short amount of time, an enemy of God became an advocate for Him. That is one thing that he saw.

How is it that he also would have seen his fellow apostles, in a moment of time, running for their lives for fear, yet in a few short weeks, being empowered by the Spirit of God, standing up and speaking boldly. Do

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you suppose that John had the insight in Scripture as it is recorded in Luke, as Luke would recall the words of Christ, that His teachings must start in Jerusalem and be spread to the known world. Only to have, in the day of Pentecost, Jews from around the world gathered in that very place and to see the start of the spread of the Gospel as those people went back to their homes and that truth revealed. Do you suppose John wondered then, as Herod came and took John, a man that he had walked with for three years, and in a moment of time he took his life! Do you suppose it gave him pause for a moment to say, Lord what are you doing? Or had he learned the lesson by then that what is in God's realm is in God's realm? If God chooses to take a servant home, He takes him home.

Do you suppose there was any confusion when Peter was then miraculously freed from prison? Or was it understood that the Lord had intent for him? And how about when persecution came on the church so strongly that virtually every one of the believers were forced to leave Jerusalem? Only the church leadership stayed back to maintain that church. But in so doing, just as God had prepared the way for the Israelite people, He had prepared the spreading of His Word as they went out and guess where they started? In Jerusalem and in Judaea. Then they went to Samaria. Then this enemy of God turned friend of God and carried the Word beyond. Which of these works would John have been apt to speak of? Or are there things that are in his heart that are only going to be revealed when we hear his story in heaven?

How about us? How about you? What are the wonderful things the Lord has done? I think if we got started on that, we could have a little praise session. We might interrupt a few Mother's Day plans. Let's postpone that. But recount them! Articulate them! Write them down. It is amazing what you can learn if

you write something down. The faithfulness of God. Go back and recount them.

On my computer at work, I keep things. Try to get rid of all the unwanted emails, and they come in by the bunches. There are a few that I keep, some from Dix, some from the kids. Every once in a while, I flip back. I have them from several years ago, just a few. Every time I go back, it reminds me of where we were and where we are today. Without pause, I remember the work of the Lord. I remember it's power. I remember that He is the one who has the ability to change who we are. I love to testify of Him. Do you? Things aren't nearly as dramatic as parting the Red Sea. But loved ones, when it happens in your life and you know it, testify of it! Those are the things that shape who we are. They don't stop.

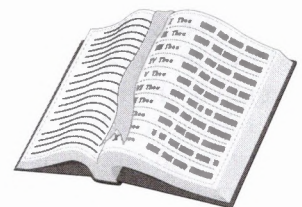
I won't recount the specific events, but a few months ago, Mom and Dad had one of those events. In their heart, they knew that God had prepared the way. Testify of it. We serve a God who oversees the world. Who had gone before the children of Israel. Who had sent Joseph in fetters and chains so that he would be in the proper place at the proper time so that a whole bunch of people could come. That people would grow in number so great that they were blessed beyond the Egyptians! There would come a time when he would show himself so powerfully that no one could miss it unless we had the sin of unbelief.

I will leave you with just one thought of walking in truth. Perhaps, perhaps the greatest restraint of our willingness to testify who He is and see His work in our life, is unbelief. When we walk in truth, we believe God for who He says He is. That is, He is not constrained by who we are. He is not constrained by who we are. I think of a man that in one facet I would like to emulate. This man, as I recall, was a Roman centurion. This man approached Christ and he said, I have a servant who is dying! Would you heal him?

First of all, he is not Jewish, he is Gentile. So you have all of those strange things going on. You have that man who should have been in power humbling himself before the power, which is a lesson in itself, right? Sometimes we think we are masters of our universe. This man ruled people and he ruled with the sword. But he understood he didn't rule sickness. So he bowed before the living Christ. The Lord said, Yes. I will go heal your servant. Take me to him. This centurion, this man who could not have been schooled in the ways of God, but had an understanding of who he was, replied this. He said, Lord you don't need to do that. He said, I am a soldier. I have men that report to me. I tell them, you go out and you do this. I don't go check on them. They do it. All you have to do is say the word and I believe it will happen.

Now between you and me, I don't know if I would have had that faith. I think I would have wanted to see that little process all the way through to the end, like, okay now get out of bed. Okay Lord, now you can go. Not this man! He believed Christ for the word that He spoke. He had seen enough evidence.

Have you seen enough evidence in your life to believe Christ? That what He says is true? We have! So dear ones, just as he encouraged us here, that there is no greater joy than to know that our children walk in truth, let's be quick to testify of his deeds. Let's be quick to say, if our Lord said it, He will do it.





## Interested in Houseparenting?

Houseparenting at Gateway Woods offers an opportunity for a couple, directed of the Lord, to come to work in a full-time on going ministry at Gateway Woods. Due to a change in staff, we have a need for an Alternate Houseparent couple. This position offers competitive wages and generous benefits and a close relationship with brothers and sisters whose hearts and lives are dedicated to a common mission with an eternal reward. If you feel the call to explore this possibility, please call one of the brothers listed below.



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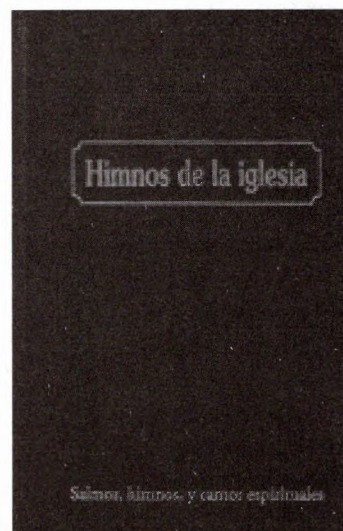
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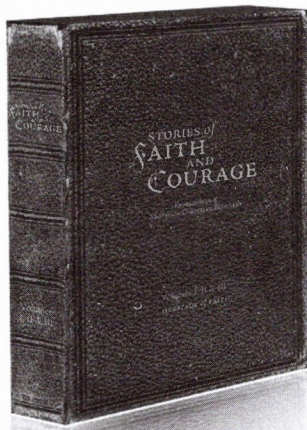
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*Samuel H. Froehlich's writings are now available in Adobe Acrobat format . If desired, this PDF document allows the user to search the entire set of writings for a specific topic or phrase. Currently, the contents of the 'set of 10' books published by Apostolic Christian Publications are included:*

Hebrews	Ephesians	Baptismal Truth
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Revelation	Meditations on the Epistles of John	
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Bro. Lynn Stieglitz  
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## Workplace Relationships Part II

This article is a continuation from last month, where we covered the first three of seven key ideas to handling difficult workplace situations.

4. Understanding levels of communication: Facts versus feelings.

*Proverbs 15:1 "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger."*

*Hebrews 13:16 "But to do good and to communicate forget not..."*

Escalations in workplace conflict often are the result of feelings getting in the way of facts. We are advised to be very careful how we communicate both verbally and non-verbally. So often we may be saying something with our mouths but may be relaying something quite different by our tone of voice, our body language, or our eye contact. When we feel we've been wronged or our feelings have been hurt, we need to be very careful to keep our words few and our tone of voice soft. For example, the facts may indicate that we were not the best candidate for a promotion even though we may have worked towards it for a long time. Facts, effectively communicated, are necessary for workplace function and productive operation. Our human feelings can obscure or confuse the facts and consequently can cause us difficulty. *Proverbs 20:6* contrasts feelings and facts, "Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful [truthful] man who can find?"

5. Understanding filters and barriers to effective communication.

*John 7:24 "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment."*

*Colossians 3:13 "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."*

Barriers to effective communication and filters through which we hear exist in all of our lives throughout each day no matter where we are. Some barriers are physical, like being too far away to hear correctly. Others are environmental, such as too much noise or other distractions. However, one of the most difficult filters or barriers to deal with is prejudice and personal opinion formed by experience and/or information from others. In *John 8:43*, Jesus told the Jews they couldn't hear Him because of their prejudice, "Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word." We can so easily make wrong judgments about others and when we allow those to influence communication negatively, our relationships suffer. How often

have we said something about someone only to later find out that we had poorly judged them? But by then, how easy is it to correct what we may have said? The negative fallout from misspoken opinions can be a formidable barrier to effective communication.

6. Being an assertive communicator.

*Proverbs 23:23 "Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding."*

*Romans 12:17 "Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men."*

Being an assertive communicator is an obtainable goal. We should express and assert our legitimate rights, needs, and desires in a godly way that does not violate the rights of others. However, this requires us to be emotionally honest, direct, and expressive. Once our needs and desires are expressed in a proper fashion, we can feel good about our interactions with others during our times together and afterwards. Sometimes the word "assertive" can have a negative undertone and may imply striving to get our own way or force our own agenda. We are cautioned to remember that our self-worth should be in Christ and therefore a tendency to be too aggressive is tempered by grace. In *Galatians 2:11*, we find an example of assertive behavior, "But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed." The Apostle Paul did not go behind Peter's back but spoke to him face-to-face in love.

7. Having empathy, humility, and self-examination.

*Ecclesiastes 5:2 "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few."*

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

The fundamental building blocks of relationships are empathy, humility, and self-examination. Establishing and maintaining them are core elements of successful workplace relationships.

Empathy is the capability to identify with and share another's situation, feelings and emotions. We are advised to "walk a mile in his/her shoes" before making a judgment. The promotion we thought we needed may have gone to someone else who needs it far more than we do. The responsibilities we have may seem heavy and unfairly distrib-

uted until we understand a little more about the life of our coworker and we realize that we don't have it so rough after all. *Romans 12:15-16* instructs us to, "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another..."

Being empathetic towards others means that we care about them and would not wish them anything that we ourselves wouldn't want. We do not all share the same desires for working. Some live to work and others work to live.

When we are humble we are courteously respectful of others. True humility can be an elusive virtue in a workplace environment that is productivity driven. Competition between employees may be the norm and some companies encourage that behavior. God's Word reminds us to do good unto *all* men and there is no exception given. False humility, on the other hand, is hypocrisy and deceit and should not be named among God's children. *Proverbs 11:9* "An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered."

Perhaps the most effective advice for achieving and maintaining good workplace relationships is to examine ourselves regularly and look into the mirror of God's Word. Just exactly how do our motives line up with the biblical principles of contriteness, submission, purity, humility, peace, faith, love, longsuffering, temperance, etc.? In *2 Corinthians 13:5* we are reminded to look into our own selves and to prove our own selves, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves..." In *Psalms 139:23-24* we are further advised to pray that God would search our hearts. "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

We may not be able to change the behavior of those around us but we can change *our* behavior, which is all we are really responsible for anyway. We are expected to model ourselves after Christ and His example of trust, integrity, and faith. Our workplace motto should be to have a proper attitude toward authority, be committed to excellence in our work, and be committed to excellence in the treatment of others.

*1 Peter 1:15 "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;"*

*1 Peter 2:18 "Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward."*



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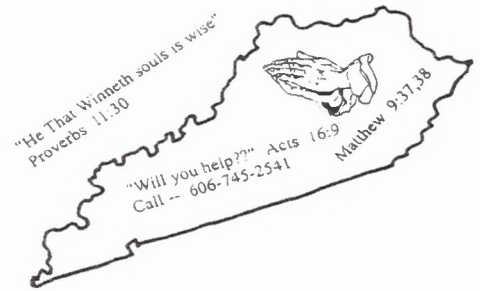
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## CARIBBEAN BOARD PROJECTS - 2010

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### HAITI

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Project	Year 2010	Coordinator	Capacity				
Les Cayes AWA Water Aid	Nov 29-Dec 6	Maurice Schaefer 309-925-3740 schaefs2@gmail.com	4	Les Cayes SEED Agriculture Aid	Feb 18-25	Dale Frank 319-766-3661 dtfrank@louisacomm.net	12
Les Cayes MEBSH School Roof	Dec 3-10	Ted Habegger 260-694-6765 tjh@citznet.com	12	Les Cayes MEBSH Construction	Feb 25-Mar 4	Randy Kieser 309-695-6340 kieser84@gmail.com	12
Les Cayes MEBSH Haiti Support	Dec 10-13	Rich Bertschi 309-467-2351 lemangm@mtco.com	Invitation	Les Cayes FRW Vocational School	Mar 15-25	Rick Wuethrich 219-567-9488 rick@wuethrichfarms.com	4
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Les Cayes MEBSH School Roof	Jan 28-Feb 4	Dean Pashak 989-662-7685 dwpashak@charter.net	12	Les Cayes MEBSH Haiti Evaluation	May 13-20	Rich Bertschi 309-467-2351 lemangm@mtco.com	Invitation
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Les Cayes AWA Water Aid	Feb 4-11	Maurice Schaefer 309-925-3740 schaefs2@gmail.com	4	Les Cayes FRW Vocational School	Jun 8-18	Rick Wuethrich 219-567-9488 rick@wuethrichfarms.com	4
Dumay Lifeline Construction	Feb 8-15	Jim Koehl 309-377-3201 jmkoehl@yahoo.com	12				

### JAMAICA

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Project	Year 2011	Coordinator	Capacity				
Kingston School CCCD	Jan 8 - 15	Roger Stoller 309-747-3228 rstoller@gridcom.net	40	Jamaica Deaf Village CCCD Bible Class Trip	Jun 25-Jul 2	Harvey Landis 330-925-8632 landziv@aol.com	

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Location	Year 2010	Coordinator			
Magdalena Construction	July 24-31	Scott Bahr Detroit Bible Class 248-924-7547 spbahr@yahoo.com	Reynosa Medical	Oct 6-13	Cheryl Herrmann cherrmann@verizon.net
Magdalena Construction	Aug 7-14	Paul Kaeb 785-547-5269 joankaeb@gmail.com	Magdalena Construction	Nov 20-27	Rod Schmidt 303-774-7913 rschmidt@acosta.com

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# REMEMBERING

## *Our Spiritual Heritage*

*The funeral service of Elder David Mangold, Roanoke, Illinois, continues. It was held at the Eureka Apostolic Christian Church on December 8, 1964. The remarks below were spoken by Elder John Bahler, Rockville, Connecticut.*

We believe, beloved, that even though the voice of our beloved brother will be heard no more, his face will not be seen, we believe that even this Spirit that was upon him, and we dare, I believe, utter the prayer that Elisha did when he realized that now this assignment has fallen upon him, that he prayed that a double portion of the Spirit of Elias might fall upon him; and it is our sincere prayer and our wish, beloved, that even the Spirit that was upon our Brother Dave, may even a double portion lay upon us — and upon the entire congregation, upon the people of God, that we may remain a holy people.

And beloved, the successors — those that must assume the responsibilities, that they may have the grace, and that the Spirit of God may rest upon them, that continuity may be here, and, beloved, that souls may be garnered. I know we have many friends, beloved, that looked in esteem and admiration to our Brother Dave; this I am sure of, beloved, and may this work now continue.

Beloved, along with this, I cannot help but express it, I believe that not only here among your congregation, but elsewhere, there were many that would come and find their way to Brother Dave to unburden their hearts. Now today these burdens that were confidential are locked in

his bosom, that no one shall know.

Beloved, I believe, that almost without exception, as we are gathered today, yet sometime or other, Brother Dave was of comfort to us. He had words of comfort in our sorrow; souls that were burdened, brought into the judgment of God could find words of encouragement by him, and by the Spirit of God, he was able to do this.

These are memories that we cherish, and so may God bless us, that we have been permitted to live in this time, that we have been permitted to become acquainted, and to work with and to walk with, and to be with, even our dear brother that now lies lifeless among us. We realize, beloved, that it is going to be different.

These people wept sorely because they were not going to see the face of the apostle any more, and we are saddened here today, but beloved we have the pleasant memories, as already mentioned. And how well it was — how nice it was to be in the company of Brother Dave; seemed to be complete. And now these days are gone — never to return.

But, beloved, the faith of our fathers shall remain; so let us dedicate ourselves anew to the service of God and to follow those, even the good example of our dear brother, and lay aside every weight — the things that so easily beset us upon the way.

Beloved, when we are confronted with the realities of life, when death itself is in our midst, it is a wonderful time to take inventory and to go within our hearts. Beloved, and if there are things that yet hinder us in our service to God, that we resolve

now we will set them aside; we will put these things in their proper place, that when God will summon us, even as it has been Brother Dave's turn now, beloved, that we then can lift up our heads and rejoice when our redemption shall draw nigh.

*Second speaker - Elder Bro. Sam Aeschliman, Bluffton, Indiana*

I surely agree with every word that has been spoken by Bro. Bahler.

Dear ones, in the Bluffton congregation, I can assure you it was in deep sorrow. One might think perhaps of those that were of the age of Bro. Mangold, but it was not so. I met a young man the other day. He learned to know Bro. Mangold in the Army, and he was only a friend, and his wife was not even of our people. He spoke of the joy in learning to know Brother Mangold; and so, it is at home, whomever I spoke to, it seemed every one felt they had suffered a great loss, and we agree.

We certainly agree — I remember for myself, how many times I directed letters to Brother Dave, asking for advice and counsel. It was never turned down. Why should there then not be sorrow, but Brother Bahler reminded us, "not without hope." We trust that some day we may be able to be with him.

### **Next issue:**

Concluding portions of the funeral service.

*The remaining comments of Elder Aeschliman will be included along with a prayer by Elder Joe A. Getz, Morton, Illinois.*



# The Light Of Hope

## “Our Testimony”

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

Our testimony is what we say and do in our spiritual lives. Our reputation is what people think of us because of what we say and do.

The Apostle Paul is an example of someone in the Bible who gave his testimony of seeing a bright light while traveling on the road to Damascus and of hearing Christ speak to him. He went on to say what he said in response to Christ calling him, and what he did in response to that call. Acts 22:8 reads, “And I answered, Who art thou, Lord?” Acts 22:11 reads, “Being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.”

At the time of provings in our church, converts are asked to explain how they were led by God to repentance and through the process of conversion, when we die to self and become alive in the resurrected life, for Jesus Christ. This is similar to what Paul was saying. This was Paul’s proving but it wasn’t before the church, it was before those who accused him of causing trouble in the Jewish faith and synagogues by preaching Christ, His death and resurrection. For this, he eventually lost his life. II Timothy 4:6 reads, “I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.”

My prime concern today is what

our testimony is before the people, society at large, as well as within the church. In I Peter 3:15 we read, “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.”

We should know and understand that what happens in our lives and in our churches may be on the internet in the future, especially if it is something which seems to justify those who do not repent. Some of them are looking for material which justifies themselves, which shows that they are better than those of us who name the name of Christ, and claim to be His disciples.

The Bible sets standards for the conduct of God’s children that is very, very high and strict. Have we always done to others as we would that they do unto us? Also, I Peter 2:19 informs us, “For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endureth grief, suffering wrongfully.”

I Peter 2:20 continues, “When ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.” This indicates that to not take it patiently, is not acceptable with God. That is a pretty high

standard.

Ephesians 4:32 tells us, “And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.” Have we always been kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving, or have we wondered why other brothers and sisters can’t be more faithful like we are. It is good to set an example of obedience but we must be careful that we aren’t tricked by the devil into an attitude of superiority. We must remember that without Christ, we are nothing.

There are two aspects of our testimony: our testimony within the church and our testimony outside the church. In Paul’s instructions to Timothy regarding the qualifications for a Bishop, Paul writes in I Timothy 3:7, “Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without.”

People are watching us more than we think. I wish I could be a better example and have a better testimony for the Lord, by being the kind of person the Bible teaches us to be. If we could all be that way, our reputation and Christ’s reputation, would be improved.

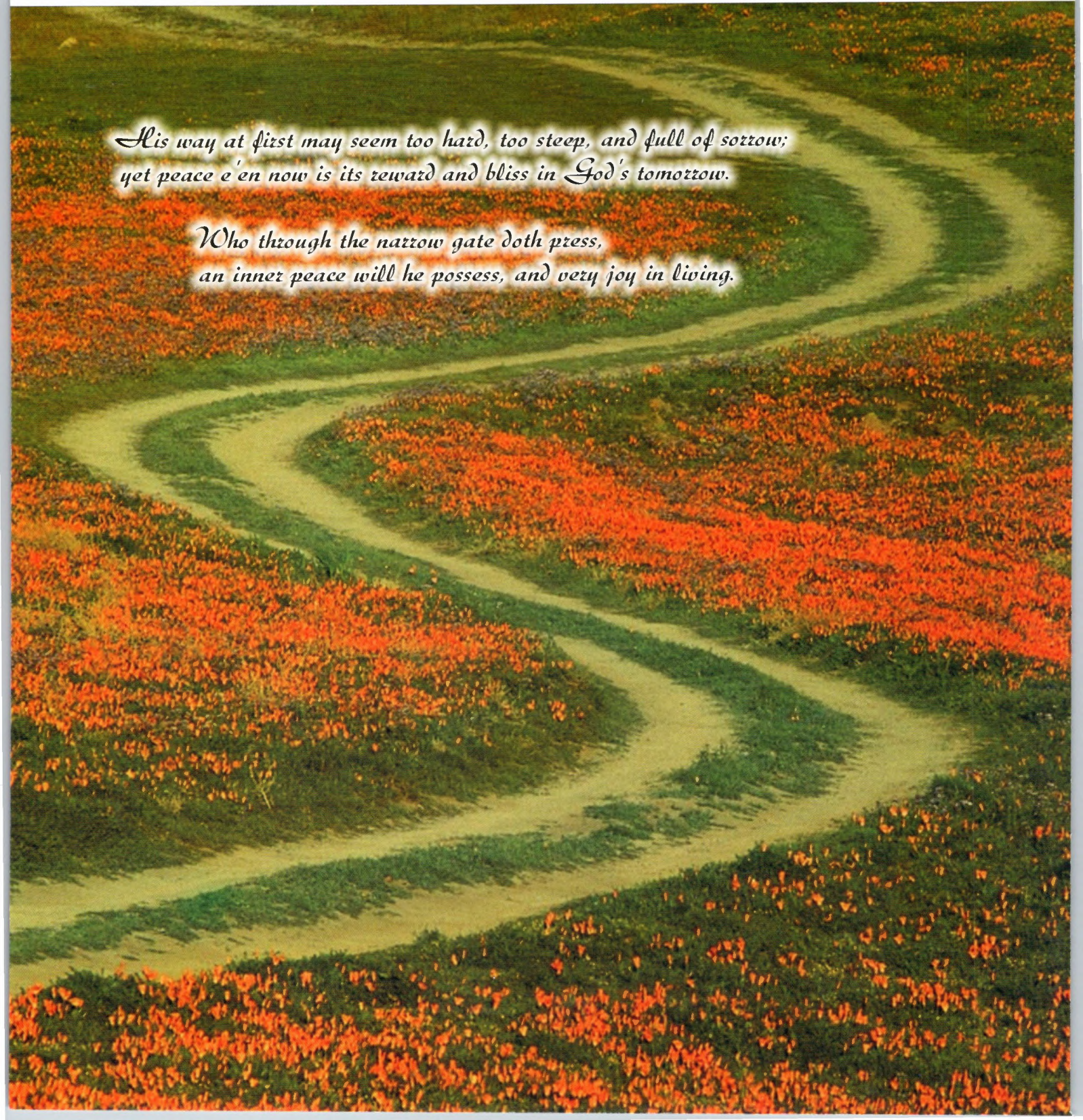
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*His way at first may seem too hard, too steep, and full of sorrow;  
yet peace e'en now is its reward and bliss in God's tomorrow.*

*Who through the narrow gate doth press,  
an inner peace will he possess, and very joy in living.*