

# *The Silver Lining*

*And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees:  
every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down,  
and cast into the fire.*

*Luke 3:9*

*August 2011*

*Sermon by Bro. Dana Indermuhle, Sardis, OH*

## I Chronicles Chapter 3:1-11 and Galatians 6

I know why this opened here; I had an experience where a brother communicated with me. He said, I just really need to know one thing. Have you been told to stand up there and say certain things and not say others? It just cut right to my heart. I could assure him that I had not. I have not been told what to say here today and what not to say, as a visitor. Do we realize what we have in the inspired Word of God, Loved Ones? That's why our church has stood the test of time, to God be the glory. It's His word to us. Jesus Christ and the foundation of the church, our beloved Faith.

But those of you that know my earthly father here know that he has a deep care for us in the ministry of the church. We have meetings every other month, and he takes us in, and you know it is not without instruction. One of the things he has instructed us on is to try to learn to say the names a little better. So I am glad he is not here today to see how I did. But the names are important, aren't they? God knows every one of our names. He has either written them there in the Book of Life or He has not. They will either still be there or not when we get to that judgment day.

We know He knows every hair of our head, hearing every care and intent of our heart. He wanted to direct us this afternoon in His Holy Word and the Truth, and only the Truth. So I appreciate your patience as we look through the Word.

We think of the beginning of time there in Adam and Eve, and I just learned recently it would maybe be possible for each one of us to trace a name from Adam and Eve to ourselves. I don't believe that quite, okay. But there are a lot of people who have spent a lot of

time on endless genealogies. We can see that we all have come from this sin nature that came into the world that we could talk about this morning. We can see the progression of those throughout time. How good it is when we can read the names of those that have been faithful to God and the pillars of the church, as we could hear in the prayer at lunch time. This does encourage us to think about those that have gone on before, and the children of God's children coming on here today.

This concluding chapter to the Galatians, I believe Paul wrote possibly from Rome. It's written to the brethren as it begins and ends. It's a collection of advice for us on varied subjects. It's kind of a summary, as we may put to the end of a letter. It does us good if we go verse by verse again, as we have been able to read.

Reminded in the Scriptures of the procedures we are to go through when we see our Brother with a spiritual need. We think about the guidance we are given to pray about this and examine our own lives and remove those things that we would have trouble with, maybe even in a similar way that we would see our brother or sister need. Then we could go in love, prayer and concern, and we could visit with the individual. We could try to be of a help and encouragement. It just seems like the Apostle Paul's advice here of this concluding chapter, might just be a little bit more urgent. And give us just a little more insight into some other situations where this procedure, if you will, for lack of better words could be modified a little.

We think of being in a boat on a lake and maybe there would be someone in our boat that would be falling over the edge. How much

time would there be to pray and examine ourselves and to see if our hands were strong enough to help, could we get there quick enough and just what should we do? As we

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*"He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known." (Proverbs 10:9)*

## Light From The Word



Writings based  
on God's Word

August 2011

### Accountability Structures

Perhaps the greatest obstacle to the spread of the gospel is our failure to live it out. The world may despise our faith, but there is something they despise even more, which is hypocrisy. The sinful lifestyles of many celebrities receive little notice, but when a professing Christian is caught living a lie, the public holds nothing back in its condemnation. Man inherently knows that he ought to live consistent with his beliefs. Christians are certainly no exception, as James writes: *"Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only"* (Jam. 1:22).

If hypocrisy is so despicable, why is it such a struggle even for the Christian? Paul lamented this very question as he acknowledged the struggle between the flesh and the Spirit. (Gal. 5:17) Sadly, even Peter yielded to his flesh, and he had to be confronted by Paul because of his dissimulation (hypocrisy) and the doctrinal error this represented (Gal. 2:9-14). Having learned his lesson well, Peter later wrote that we are to *"(lay) aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies..."* (1 Pet. 2:1). He demonstrated, by God's grace and through the loving accountability of his brother, Paul, the truth of Romans 6:11-15 and 8:6, 13-14.

Man's sinful nature is a nasty thing. Indeed, any pretense of righteousness is *"as filthy rags"* (Is. 64:6). How thankful we are that God has cleansed us from our sin through the shed blood of His Son, Jesus Christ. But *"shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid"* (Rom. 6:1-2). We are accountable to God (Rom. 14:12) for *"every idle word"* (Mat. 12:36), and it is *"required that [we] be found faithful"* (1 Cor. 4:2).

At the outset, God has provided two things to help us live a life of integrity. First, everyone is born with a conscience. Unbelievers *"show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts...accusing or else excusing one another"* (Rom. 2:14-15). Second, when someone is born again, God sends the Holy Spirit to indwell him, to *"bring all things to remembrance"* (Rom. 14:26) and *"guide [him] into all truth"* (Rom. 16:13).

Still, *"the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak"* (Mat. 26:41). Thus, in His love for us, God has preserved His Word, built

the Church, and instituted the family to hold us accountable and discourage sin. We must actively seek this accountability, however. If we allow ourselves to be isolated from their influence, we may soon stumble and find ourselves counted among the hypocrites. Just as an animal separated from the herd is far more susceptible to attack, so are we more vulnerable to temptation when we try to go it alone. This is especially relevant in an age when personal travel for business, education and other purposes as well as "private" access to technology are so commonplace.

Let's examine the accountability structures available to us through God's Word, the church and family, and consider some ways in which we can be supported by them. First, God has given His inspired Word to reprove, correct, and instruct us according to the truth (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Nothing is more effective towards conforming us to the mind of Christ and calling us back when we stray. It is *"perfect, converting the soul," "pure, enlightening the eyes,"* and by it, we are warned (Psa. 19:7-8). Quiet time to read and study the Bible should be ingrained in our habits as the first item on each day's to-do list. Bibles should be on display and easily accessible throughout our homes. It can also be very useful if we develop patterns which keep scriptural references in places which serve as frequent reminders of our accountability: in our homes, at work and when we travel. Memorization of Scripture is a wonderful tool for keeping the Word in the forefront of our minds. (Psa. 119:11)

Second, one of the pillars of our church mission is to nurture the believer. This includes efforts to *"provoke unto love and good works"* (Heb. 10:24), to confront sin, and to apply discipline when appropriate as instructed in the Word (1 Cor. 5; Mat. 18:15-18). We must not *"forsake the assembling of ourselves together"* (Heb. 10:24), no matter how busy our lives get. Church attendance should be the rock in our schedules around which we arrange everything else. If we have reasonable choices between living close to work or close to church, let's choose church. A shorter commute is not worth isolating our families from the body of Christ. As much as possible, let's plan our vacations around being in church on Sunday; if that's not feasible, we can still call in. When schedul-

ing conflicts arise, let's prioritize church activities over other activities. When going away to college, let's favor campuses where we can live and frequently associate with other believers. Let's try to maintain healthy, open communication with our local elders, *"who watch for [our] souls, as they that must give account"* (Heb. 13:17). Let's also guard our hearts in our relationships. For example, find a way to include a third person if you must meet with someone of the opposite sex. Even if you are confident in your integrity, this will at least help you *"abstain from all appearance"* of impropriety (1 Thes. 5:22).

Third, God instituted the family in part to keep us close to Him. Husbands are to take the lead, bringing up their children *"in the nurture and admonition of the Lord"* (Eph. 6:4) and nourishing their wives with the water of the Word (Eph. 5:26). When husbands fail to do their part, their wives are called to hold them accountable by their chaste conduct (1Pet. 3:1-2). Each of us should make sincere effort to keep in close contact with family, whether that family is by bloodline or by spiritual mentorship. When traveling alone, call home frequently. Be committed to acknowledging struggles and to confessing any failures to those who will hold you accountable to the standards of God's Word – and then make sure you do.

There is another source of accountability worth mentioning: the people around us. Like Paul, we should invite the accountability of watching eyes (Phil. 3:17). Hopefully, our lives will testify of the joy, peace, and contentment of a child of God. If/when we stumble, however, our willingness to repent and make sincere efforts to overcome will both acknowledge the reality of sin and show the way to salvation to a watching world. *"Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand"* (Psa. 37:24).

Finally, let's remember the One who is always watching. Do you *really* believe that God is omnipresent? If so, then even moments of isolation won't cause you to become careless. God is the ultimate accountability partner. May we be faithful witnesses of His grace.

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.

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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

## A Message of Hope in India

The Rural Gospel and Medical Mission of India (RGMMI), founded in 1938 by Mr. B.B. Bhagwat, remains an active outreach of the Apostolic Christian Church of America. The mission of RGMMI is "to share the gospel of Jesus Christ primarily with the unsaved of rural India by providing discipleship training, medical services and education."

We are thankful this work can be carried out by faithful men of God who are devoted to sharing God's word and nurturing many faithful believers.

### Format for worship

RGMMI shares God's Word not only in the rural areas of India but also in the large, sprawling city of Nasik. Believers are thankful for the opportunity to hear the message of salvation and a promise for peace with God and an eternal hope because of Jesus Christ.

Many that worship in this church are employed in various government jobs in Nasik. They gather each Sunday at the Nasik church where God's Word is shared. The church is simple in design. Shoes are removed and left at the front entrance and plastic chairs are provided for adults.

Children come to the front of the church and sit on a thin carpet. Hymns are sung that have similar melodies to many that we sing, such as "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and "Come Thou Fount." Meditation by the minister is both from the Old and New Testament. After the services are completed, those in attendance file out very orderly, meeting the

ministers, and then gather in the courtyard before departing for their homes.

These believers also have weekly cottage prayer meetings on Friday evenings. Small groups come together in private homes, and God's Word is shared. Special prayer requests are made by those in attendance and updates are given for those that might have medical needs or stressful situations in their lives.

### Rural areas

In the rural areas of India served by RGMMI, the worship format is considerably different. Rather than meeting in a large church, small prayer halls are constructed in villages where there is an interest in God's Word. In many cases, the home of the minister is attached to the place of worship. Their dwelling is very simple, consisting of a few pieces of furniture and utensils for cooking and eating. There is no running water and indoor bathroom facilities do not exist.

The prayer hall is made with teak beams for support of the tile roof. Bamboo sticks are on the side with a plaster mix of cow dung and mud for a covering. The floor of the structure is made of the same formula. Since a minister serves several villages and prayer halls, services are held on the day of the week the minister can arrange his schedule. This may be mid-afternoon during the week or on a Saturday or Sunday.

In some cases, believers and those interested in the Word must walk several miles to the spiritual gathering. There is no need for a parking lot for vehicles. A small cycle used for transportation for the minister can be seen.

Many of the RGMMI prayer halls do not have a traveled road for access. Only foot paths can be seen coming from various directions over very uneven terrain. All those in attendance sit on the floor, with the adults in the rear and children in the front. Small children sit very quietly on their mother's laps. She has no toys or treats to keep them occupied.

All songs are sung by memory and the service is led by the ministers. Sometimes local villagers who are not believers can be seen peeking through the open doors and windows. In remote villages too far removed from the prayer hall, the minister will gather in a private home and share God's Word with a few families that live in the vicinity.

### Your prayers are needed

Today the RGMMI mission consists of church buildings at Balhana, Khardi and Nasik. Services are held at 12 prayer halls. Several dozen other locations have been identified where pockets of believers live and spiritual meetings are held on a regular basis by the traveling minister.

Your continued prayers for the work of RGMMI are very much appreciated. At this point the door has not opened for our brethren to serve and assist on a long term basis. That remains a goal of the USA Board of directors. If you feel directed to support the work of RGMMI in India, contact:

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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

## Athens, Alabama Tornado Cleanup

Wednesday, April 27, 2011 will long be remembered by many across the state of Alabama. On this date, more than one hundred tornadoes ripped across what is known as "Alabama the Beautiful." These fierce storms, spanning several hundred miles, crossed diagonally through the state destroying homes, businesses and anything in their path. In many areas, all that was left were the splintered remains of homes and tree trunks with a few large, leafless branches.

The path of one of the tornadoes came within two miles of the Athens Apostolic Christian Church. Thankfully, the only storm damage at the church was some water in the lower level. Among the Athens church family, only one case of damage resulted from the storm. Large pine trees fell all around the home of Sis. Corrine Thomas without hitting her house. Several outbuildings were destroyed as well as a carport. Her car was also damaged by falling trees. Sis. Corrine was inside her home along with two of her grandchildren praying that her house would be spared. The Lord surely heard her prayer!

### First responders

Within just a few days of these terrible storms, a group of volunteers traveled from Illinois to Alabama with chain saws, generators, fuel, skid-loaders and other equipment hoping to provide support, comfort and assistance to this devastated community. Upon their arrival in Athens, the church and surrounding area was still without electrical power. Generators were put to use

and volunteers were housed at the church and fellowship hall.

One of the first projects was to remove the fallen trees from the property of Sis. Corrine. Volunteers were not allowed into the disaster areas without first registering at the emergency management office and securing an arm band for identification. This requirement was quickly dropped after a few days when the number of workers became too much for the office to handle. At that point, a sign was posted instructing volunteers to go directly to the affected areas and help anyone in need.

### World Relief project

The USA Committee met to develop a World Relief project in Athens to assist the victims in the cleanup phase of their recovery. Members of the USA Committee and Brothers in Athens gave support to organizing a five week project. The need for volunteers was then communicated through the World Relief e-mail list and website.

The plan was to have 25 volunteers working Monday through Saturday. The Athens fellowship hall was transformed into a dormitory and dining facility. Bedding, cooking utensils and shower trailer were sent to Athens from Illinois. Midwest Food Bank was generous in supplying our needs for feeding the volunteers.

The Lord moved hearts to serve in various capacities needed to make this project move forward. Two brothers directed volunteers and located families needing assistance. The responsibility for preparing meals to feed the volunteers was also filled by a loving servant heart. Additionally, hearts were moved

to come and serve in the cleanup work. Volunteers responded quickly to the plea and work began almost immediately.

### Work accomplished

Over the period of five weeks, work was done on fifty-two different home sites. For approximately thirty homeowners, total demolition of the partially destroyed house was required in preparation for the building of a new home. Depending on the location, debris was either burned or piled along the road to await pickup by a Federal Emergency Management Agency contractor.

In addition to a lot of hand labor, the work progressed nicely with the use of donated equipment. Three skid loaders and an excavator equipped with grapple buckets were a great aid in the cleanup work. Capable operators put equipment to good use greatly increasing the scope of the work that could be accomplished.

Much of this work was done in the community of Harvest, just east of Athens. A local church pastor was very instrumental in leading us to families in his community that needed help. The pastor believes strongly that recipients of aid should participate in the cost of providing that aid. When able, families made donations to World Relief to help cover the expense of the work done on their property.

Hopefully this experience was a lesson in responsibility and accountability as well as one of receiving the love of Christ through loving deeds of service. Although no decision has been made, this area has potential for a winter rebuilding project.

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

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July has been a month for residents of Timber Ridge, Oakwood Estate, Linden Estate and CILAs to enjoy and participate in a variety of activities. Likely the highlight was the 3rd, when Morton has their fireworks. They are shot off from the VFW building nearby us on Veterans Road. Residents from Oakwood and the CILAs gather at Linden for the close up display. Many of their family members join them there for the fun. Almost all of the residents at Timber Ridge go outside of the north end of the building to view them. Everyone enjoys the spectacular show.

Other activities this month have included cookouts and picnics, fishing, outings to Camp Big Sky, gardening and more. Perhaps one disappointment has been the number of times that horseback riding with CIRT has had to be cancelled due to the extremely warm temperatures. However, there are always staff members that are ready to offer alternative activities at those times.

One day this month we were blessed at Timber Ridge with a special group of volunteers from Hands & Feet. Part of the group washed all of our vehicles. That can be quite a task since many of them are extra tall to accommodate people in wheelchairs. The other part of the group spent the morning interacting with residents in our day program. Our residents appreciated the extra one-on-one attention. Some received massages, some listened to books that the volunteers read and some were given the opportunity to use switches and manipulate sensory items. We hope that the volunteers know how much their

time and energies were appreciated!

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

**Jan Baumgartner**

When I received our first call in 2001 inquiring if Gateway Woods could do an international home study, I did not perceive that ten years later we would have been involved in the adoptive placement of over 200 children. I was not even sure we could do an international home study at that time! We had written many home studies for Foster Care, but none for international adoption.

Gateway Woods, being a licensed Foster Care agency in Indiana, had the proper credentials and our Adoption Program unofficially began. Word spread about our work with adoptions and more requests followed. The Board officially approved our Adoption Program in 2003.

The program has since played a part in adoptions from our local area to all across the world. Our 200<sup>th</sup> placement was an infant girl born in a hospital about 20 miles from Gateway Woods. In contrast our 202<sup>nd</sup> adoption was of several siblings in Ethiopia!

So far we have been involved with adoptions from 17 different countries plus the United States. In Asia and the Middle East children were adopted from China, Korea, Vietnam, Russia, Ukraine, India, Moldova, Kazakhstan and Armenia. We have also played a role in adoptions from African countries including Ethiopia, the Congo, Uganda and Rwanda.

We have helped to make a home for children from Central and South America including Guatemala, Nic-

aragua, El Salvador and Columbia. We have worked with children from just a few days old up to 16 years of age. Also, we have been involved in families that adopted children with special needs including Down's Syndrome, Cleft Lip and Palate, Spina Bifida, Cerebral Palsy, Albino, heart defects, deaf and HIV+ children.

Along with the rest of our Adoption Staff, I feel so blessed to have worked with these Christian families who open their home to provide a permanent family in which children are raised to learn about Christ's love and the free gift of salvation. It is so amazing to see the hand of God in matching a family that has just the right gifts to a child from thousands of miles away! I can recall countless stories of this miracle. It is also amazing to see families that have previously adopted children come back to us a second and third time to adopt more children.

We plan to expand our Adoption Program into Illinois, as currently our license only allows us to work with Indiana families where we are licensed. We are working on obtaining an Illinois license, and hope to open the program later this year. We have hired Natalie Hoerr (Bloomington) to assist with obtaining a license.

### *News:*

-We are thrilled to welcome Sis. Abby Freed to Gateway Woods as a new Assistant Houseparent. Abby is from Phoenix, AZ and has volunteered at Gateway in the past. We are excited to see how God will use Abby in her new role as an Assistant Houseparent.

- We were blessed to have Bro. Ben Gerber, Bro. Brandon Wiegand and Sis. Christen Huber as our sum-

mer Staff this year. We are thankful for their time here and wish them all the best as they finish their duties here at Gateway Woods.

- Our 35th Annual Sale will have come and gone when you read this. We are very thankful for all the great donations and wonderful support we receive from all who attended and contributed to this great event for our on-going work with at-risk children. Look for more news in the next issue of The Silver Lining and The Gate Post.

- Gateway Woods welcomed one new resident to campus this past month. Please pray with us as she becomes accustomed to her new home. It can be a difficult adjustment for new residents as they discover a very different living situation than they have experienced before.

- We currently have three positions open at Gateway Woods: Assistant Houseparent, Alternate Houseparents and Math Teacher. For more information please see the notices in this month's edition of The Silver Lining 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 qualified, mature brothers and sisters who will 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) and our Facebook page at [facebook.com/gatewaywoods](https://www.facebook.com/gatewaywoods) often for updates, and make sure that you are on our mailing list. In an effort to be as efficient as possible we are gathering as

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**APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN  
PRESCHOOL  
Athens, AL  
Louise Hall**

Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

*Exodus 15:11*

The themes for the month of July are: Trust - "O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him." Psalm 34:8. Friends - "A friend loveth at all times" Proverbs 17:17. Kindness - "Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck: write them upon the table of thine heart." Proverbs 3:3. Sharing - "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Matthew 7:12.

We would like to thank Sis. Deb Blunier and her niece, Whitley, for taking a week out of their busy summer to volunteer at the Preschool. We always enjoy their annual visit! We also want to welcome Sis. Susan Koch from Tremont, IL. She is our new teacher at the Preschool, and the children look forward to the rest of the summer and a new school year beginning soon with their new teacher.

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**ALABAMA, ATHENS  
Pam Moore**

We were reminded in a sermon recently that our God is the same God with the same power as Elijah's God! (I Kings 18). As we live day by day, do we remember to tap into such great a power?

We want to thank Bro. Ron Koehl (Sarasota, FL) and Bro. Brad Metz (Bloomington, IL) for taking the time and making the effort to come to Athens and share the Word of God with us this month. May God be your Rewarder.

We would like to welcome Sis. Susan Koch (Tremont, IL) to our Athens congregation. She adds a bright ray of sunshine and love to our small gathering. She is the new teacher at the Athens Preschool and we look forward to getting to know her better!

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**ARIZONA, PHOENIX  
Heather Hinrichsen**

We thank Bro. Gary Tonner (Bluffton) for visiting us in the summer and being willing to open God's Word.

Many in our congregation have experienced health problems and are in need of the Great Physician and they are: Sis. Joyce Yackley (Bro. Al), Sis. Connie Frautschi (Bro. Ed), Sis. Ruby Barna (Larry) and Sis. Deanna Beyer (Bro. Clarence).

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

*Eccles. 3:1*

Our sincere sympathies are extended to Bro. Erik and Sis. Cindy Langhofer and their family in the passing of his father, Bro. Al Langhofer. Bro. Al passed away June 24 in Wichita, KS.

We welcome Bro. Ken and Sis. Sharon Lawson who once again call Phoenix home. We also extend a welcome to Sis. Kara Eberhardt who has moved here from Taylor to attend school.

Sis. Abby Freed (Bro. Steve and

Sis. Kelly) has accepted a position as assistant houseparent at Gateway Woods in Leo, IN, and therefore we bid her farewell. Although we know God is directing her to leave Phoenix, it's still hard to see her go. She will be missed by all and especially the single group.

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### ARIZONA, PRESCOTT

We had Vacation Bible School the week of June 20 with the theme "Heaven in my Heart". We want to thank Bro. Jesse Bedolla (Sis. Bonnie, Detroit) for speaking to us on Friday night about Heaven followed by the Sunday School children singing and reciting Bible verses.

Elder Bros. Jon Kokanovich and Herbie Knochel (Phoenix) and their wives came up and spent the day with us on Sunday, July 10. They read the Memorandum and encouraged us with many Scriptures.

We are also thankful to the following ministering brothers who visited us this past month: Bros. Curt Kaufmann (Sis. Caroline, Tucson), Gary Sinn (Sis. Paulette, Latty), Todd Zollinger (Sis. Michele, Silverton) and Al Schambach (Sis. Sarah, Remington).

We lift up Sis. Rowena Furrer in prayer as she has spent time in the hospital this past month.

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### ARIZONA, TUCSON

**Lisa Knapp**

Our Vacation Bible School was a success. God always provides us with three wonderful days of learning about His Word and sharing fun times with each other. I hope the kids had as much fun as the adults did. Many thanks to everyone who worked hard to make it possible. A

true group effort.

We are having a little break from our monsoon storms. We had a few weeks of afternoon monsoon storms which we thoroughly enjoy. The storms bring our temperatures down and bring much needed rainfall.

I think I failed to mention some graduates in my last column. Bro. Jamin Steffen graduated from the UA with his doctorate in May. Also graduating from the UA were Amy Bauer (daughter-in-law of Bro. Brad and Sis. Sandy Bauer) with her master's degree and Stephanie Keller (granddaughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Glo Bauer and daughter of Steve and Maria) with her bachelor's degree. A belated congratulations to all!

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### CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA

Bro. Akito and Sis. Marie Inoue visited Altadena on July 10, sharing the Word, time with family and loved ones in our congregation.

Altadena was blessed to host the annual Fort Sam Reunion beginning July 16. We had visitors from many of our churches across the country worship with us that weekend! Included were visiting ministers: Bro. Nelson Beer (Milford, IN), Bro. Garry Bucher (Valparaiso, IN), Bro. Floyd Graves (Croghan, NY), Bro. Don Gudeman (Lacrosse, IN), Bro. Leland Plattner (Zapata, TX), Bro. John Steiner (Oakville, IA), retired Bro. Ben Wysong (Sabetha, KS), retired Bro. Max Reimchisel (Wichita, KS).

Many in the Fort Sam group continued on a bus trip up the coast, sharing more fellowship and enjoying the beauty of God's handiwork in California. Thank you, Sis. Marilyn and Bro. Virgil Graf, for

your many hours of planning and prayer to make this possible! It was a blessing for all!

There have been several in our small group away for vacations, reunions and work related travel. We continue to pray for safety in the miles covered, and joy in hearts while we are apart!

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### CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

**Yasmin Koehl**

We had several ministering brothers visit our congregation. They include Deacon Bro. Leland Plattner (Sis. Mary, Zapata, TX), Elder Bro. Herb Knochel (Sis. Laurie, Phoenix, AZ), and Bro. John Steiner (Sis. Carol, Oakville, IA).

With grateful hearts, our congregation would like to extend our thanks and God's blessings upon Sis. Janelle Brewer for her service with our young children in Sunday school. Our prayers now also extend to Sis. Peggy Jevremov as she will begin teaching Sunday school in the fall. We thank God for her willingness to be used in this capacity and feel blessed the Lord has continued to provide.

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

*Matthew 25:40*

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### KITCHENER, ONTARIO

**CANADA**

**Kim Leman**

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

*Proverbs 1:5*



Our congregation was richly blessed by the encouraging and challenging instruction given to us by our Bro. Ted Witzig, Jr. (Sis. Donna, Morton, IL). A number of others from our local area were also in attendance to hear the seminar topics that Bro. Ted presented to our church. We went home uplifted, yet recognizing the work yet to do in each of our lives. Praise be to God for lovingly showing us where we can do better to be a blessing to ourselves and others.

We also appreciated the ministry of Bro. John Bradle (Sis. Jill, Roanoke, IL) and Bro. Lucas Frank (Sis. Crystal, Detroit, MI). May God bless these Brothers for their willing service on our behalf.

Let us all remember to pray for our Elder Brothers as they prepare their hearts to meet together at the annual Brotherhood Conference. Our thoughts and prayers are also with the Forrest congregation as they work through the logistics of hosting. May all be done to God's praise and honor.

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**REGINA, SK  
CANADA**

**Myrna Shipley**

We were thankful for the minister that came up here this month, Bro. Art and Sis. Bonnie Ingold from Rittman. Bro. Doug and Sis. Joyce Wulf and a couple of their children from Morris came to be with us as well. We also had Bro. Dennis and Sis. Gail Massner visiting from West Bend, IA. We're thankful for the visitors and hope they can come again.

God provided a safe trip for most of us to travel to Morris June 24-25 for the baptisms of our own local Regina brethren. We enjoyed listening to the testimonies of their faith and witnessed the baptism of Bro.

Herman and Sis. Hilda Kaiser and their sons, Bro. Benjamin and Bro. Uli. We can see the Spirit through the lives of these dear people. May God grant them continued grace in their lives as well as for anyone who ever wishes to receive this wonderful grace.

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

*Ephesians 2:8-9*

We want to thank Elder Bro. Roy Koehl for administering this and the Morris church for hosting us all.

Scheduled ministers coming up: (August 21, Chicago), (Sept. 18, Sabetha), (Oct. 16, Silverton), and (Nov. 11, Morris).

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**COLORADO, DENVER**  
**Lily Zarkovacki**

“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.”

*Psalms 145:3*

Visiting ministers this past month include Bro. John Baumgartner (Sis. Lori, Bern, KS), Bro. Curt Walter (Sis. Elizabeth, Mansfield, OH), Bro. Corey Metzger (Sis. Jodi, Wichita, KS), Bro. John Steiner (Sis. Carol, Oakville, IA) and Bro. Dana Indermuhle (Sis. Joy, Sardis, OH). We appreciate all that come to fellowship with us!

We are sad to bid farewell to our dear couple, Bro. Shayne and Sis. Emily and little Brady Fehr, as they will be moving to Wisconsin. We wish them God's richest blessings!

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Briana Huber who experienced the loss of her father, Bro. Gordon

Huber (Sabetha, KS); also to Bro. Eric Huber as Bro. Gordon was his brother. May God comfort their family during this difficult time.

Also this month ... We held our annual Sunday school picnic at Castlewood Canyon State Park. It was a blessing for the children as well as the adults!

Vacation Bible School was held the week of June 20. Once again, it was a blessing to all those that participated. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to organize and set it up.

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**CONNECTICUT  
ROCKVILLE**  
**Laura Virkler**  
**Bonnie Bahler**

The Sunday school is our delight, we love it more and more; 'tis here we learn to do the right and live forevermore.

*Hymns of Zion #73*

We enjoyed many visitors in Rockville the weekend of July 4th of families invited by our high school grades in Sunday school. Among these visitors were ministering Bro. Paul Schmidgall (Sis. Shawn, Morris, MN), Bro. Ted Luginbuhl (Sis. Stephanie, Smithville, OH), Bro. Dana Indermuhle (Sis. Joy, Sardis, OH), Bro. John Grimm (Sis. Julie, Columbus, OH), Bro. Todd Graf (Sis. Lydia, Akron, OH), Bro. Tom Lanz (Sis. Mary, Oakville, IA), and Bro. Stephen Baner (Sis. Donnalou, Gridley, IL). It was a wonderful time of fellowship for all!

Our hearts rejoice with souls that have made a beginning in repentance! David Moser (Bro. Steve and Sis. Jan) and Laura Schneider (Bro. Doug and Sis. Jane) have our continued prayers and support as they turn their lives to the Lord.

Four families were blessed with new babies this month. Jesse and Julie Brennan became first-time parents with the arrival of Alivia Marie. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Dean and Sis. Miriam Reutter. Jon and Ashley Spielman welcomed their first child, little Adalyn Blake. Sis. Jody Spielman is a happy first-time grandmother. Bro. Josh and Sis. Carole Bahler were blessed with the arrival of a son, Jaiden Arlo. His arrival was a bit early, but all went well and he is home now with his new mommy and daddy. Grandparents are Bro. Arlo and Sis. Lynn Hoffman and Bro. Steve and Sis. Laurie Bahler. Brent and Rachel Moser welcomed their second baby girl, Emma Joan, who joins her big sister Addison. Grandparents are Bro. Roger and Sis. Joan Moser and Bro. Ed and Sis. Beverly Gerber. We hope each of these families will feel God's nearness as they take on the role of parents, many for the first time! It is a blessing to see our congregation grow!

And when we leave our father's house,  
and journey thru this world of strife,  
Oh may your loving counsel then,  
show us the path of life.

*Hymns of Zion #73*

Summer brings transition for our graduates, and we pray that God's hand would be upon them as they move from one stage in life to the next. Our high school graduates were Joanna Schneider, Andy Schneider, and Andrea Reutter. College graduates are Bro. Nathan Luginbuhl, Sis. Lydia Schneider, Bro. David Beutel, Ashley Luginbuhl, and Julianne Gottier.

Our prayers are with Sis. Dorothy Virkler after her recent hospitalization. For her and others who

may be facing illness or injury, we trust the Lord will give strength and healing.

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**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
WASHINGTON  
Henrietta Meyer**

Our caretakers for July were Sis. Karen Schlatter from Junction, OH, and Sis. Elaine Stoller from Latty, OH. We always enjoy getting reacquainted and updated with our returning caretakers. We just have December left this year (we will take those offering a few weeks for that month), but there are plenty of openings for 2012. If you have a desire to support our small church in this way, please contact Sis. Doreen Steffen for more information at [dkgsteffen@gmail.com](mailto:dkgsteffen@gmail.com) or 302-540-6574. We have been richly blessed by our caretakers over the past four years, and we look forward to getting to know and fellowshiping with more in the coming year. We also encourage past caretakers to come again!

Our ministers this month were Bro. Jerry Isch (Sis. Linda, Philadelphia, PA), Bro. Wes Moser (Sis. Esther, Lester, IA), Bro. Ned Bahler (Sis. Anna, Fairbury, IL), Bro. Fred Funk (Sis. Diane, Morton, IL), Bro. Everett Gerber (Sis. Nancy, Rockville, CT), and Bro. Dale Frank (Sis. Tina, Oakville, IA). Other visitors were from Peoria and Forrest, IL; Taylor, MO; Junction, OH; Lester, IA, Morris, MN and Silverton, OR.

Please note that the contact information in the Ministers' Book has changed. Bro. Barry Steffen's phone number is now 443-504-3757. The person having Bro. Barry's old number is getting upset with all the calls he has been receiving.

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

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**FLORIDA  
FT. LAUDERDALE  
Renee Mangold**

We were thankful to have three visiting ministers this past month. Visiting were Bro. Ted Luginbuhl (Smithville, OH), Bro. Randy Gasser (Sis. Sue, Detroit, MI) and Bro. Jeff Bahler (Wolcott, IN). We pray for God's blessings on them. They do a great service for His church in Ft. Lauderdale and are very much appreciated. We also enjoyed having retired Elder Bro. Joe Braker here on a recent visit.

We are saying goodbye to Sis. Helen Luginbuhl who has long been a resident of the Ft. Lauderdale church. She is moving to be closer to family up north. We will miss seeing her as often, but Lord willing will enjoy many visits from her in the winter months. We wish her all the best.

Through the years we experience many changes in our congregations. The scripture shares with us a constancy that we can rely upon; Romans 1:12 "That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me."

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**FLORIDA  
NORTH FORT MYERS  
Victor Beer**

Would you believe folks aren't complaining much in our 93 and 94 degree summer heat, but that is because our dear ones up north are sweltering in even much hotter weather. Our beaches have become

great places to go to relax and enjoy the water, which has been in the high 80 degree levels.

Of our guests this month were Elder Bro. Dave Steffen (Sis. Linda, Elgin, IL) and their children, when Bro. Dave brought us the message, which was such a blessing to us all.

We are going to miss seeing the smiling face of our recent convert, Robers Mesidor, who is moving to Bloomington, IL, to attend college. He will be missed by all of us and especially his sister, Nelly, who also attends church with us.

We would like to introduce to you two more recent attendees to our congregation. Natasha Maginnis has a two year old son, named Dominic. She will be attending college soon. Evelyn Hernandez also has a two year old son named Joel. Evelyn has already begun class. Needless to say, Sis. Rhea Steffen is keeping quite busy as their teacher.

We have two regular Sunday School classes each Sunday now. The second class is taught by Sis. Mary Masters and consists of the young moms of our two year olds plus Nelly and Robers and occasionally one of their friends.

Our small congregation has grown by over fifty percent since the inception of The New Beginnings has opened. To learn more about this program, you may visit [Thenewbeginnings.org](http://Thenewbeginnings.org).

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**FLORIDA, SARASOTA**  
**Kim Ott**

“I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.”

*John 14:18*

As we read the Bible, we have been informed by God that our days are numbered. For some people

their lives stretch out for several decades while for others their life span is much shorter. We completely acknowledge that the older generation will die as long as God’s return does not come first, but it never grows any easier to see or understand why the young ones would be allowed to pass away. What we do know is that God’s will is perfect and in Him do we put our trust. We were grieved to hear the tragic news that Nate Sabo (Sheila), a young man close to the hearts of our Sarasota congregation, had passed from this life into eternity. In addition to Nate’s wife, Sheila, and his four children, Nathan, Heidi, Doug, and Clara, other surviving family members include his parents, Bro. Doug and Sis. Linda, his brothers, Jeff (April) and Chris (Kelsey), his sister, Missy (Jeremy) Miller, and many nephews and nieces. Our prayers continue to go out to the Sabo family during this time of loss for God to comfort their hearts. We pray that they would feel God’s close presence for each new day that would lay ahead. We appreciate in times like these how the song writer so beautifully has stated, “I don’t know about tomorrow, but I know Who holds my hand.”

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**ILLINOIS, BELVIDERE**  
**Doreen Moser**  
**Shayla Steffen**

Blest we were this month  
~To pause, reflect and thank the Lord that we live in a free country and to remember those who have fought to keep us free.

Blest we were this month  
~To have ministering brethren and their precious families in our midst. Thank you to Bro. Mark Schmidgall (Eureka, IL), retired El-

der Bro. Ron Schambach (Elgin, IL) and Bro. Mark Wettstein (Lacrosse, IN) for preaching the Word.

Blest we were this month  
~To come to church knowing many of the congregation would be gone and finding visitors, precious brothers and sisters in our midst, to spend the day in worship. Thank you for making Belvidere church part of your travels.

Blest we were this month  
~To have loving teachers for VBS and for the high school camp out. The memories will be kept in the hearts and may the fellowship be something they will always treasure.

Blest we were this month  
~To raise our voices in song to praise the Lord during the singing shower for Bro. Troy Steffen and Sis. Ellie Hoerr. We hope there will be many blessings in Bro. Troy and Sis. Ellie’s walk with the Lord, as they prepare for marriage.

We send our love and greetings to all from Belvidere and would be blest if you would visit us!

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**ILLINOIS**  
**BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL**  
**Heidi Rinkenberger**  
**Shelley Steffen**

Our Bible Class recently returned from their mission trip to Jamaica. We are thankful for God’s protection and provision during the trip. What a blessing to see how He can work in such big ways, and yet still be present in the smallest details.

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Garry Bucher (Valparaiso, IN) and Bro. Ed Sauder (Roanoke). We are thankful for their willingness to serve.

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**ILLINOIS, BRADFORD**

**Sandi Joos  
Roseann Stahl**

“But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.”

*Matthew 13:8*

A corn plant sacrifices everything for its fruit. Are we willing to sacrifice everything in order to bear fruit? Do we sacrifice time to read and pray? This past month God’s Word, encouraging us to bring forth fruit in our lives, was brought to us by visiting ministers: Bro. Matthew Rassi (Sis. Bridget, Chicago, IL), Bro. Marvin Zollinger (Sis. Pam, Smithville, OH), and Bro. Dana Nieman (Sis. Leah, Remington, IN).

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.”

*John 14:27*

We are thankful that it has been announced to the congregation that Marvin Baer (Ron and Sis. Deann) has found peace with God and man. May the Lord continue to bless him.

We miss Sis. Lucille Kieser assembling with us. We pray that she will once again feel well enough to be with us.

**ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN**

**Sarah Drake**

July has been a busy month for travelers. Many from our home congregation have been away this month, but we have also enjoyed the company of many visitors who have passed through and worshipped with us on their way to various vacation destinations. We have appreci-

ated the visitors, as our local attendance tends to be smaller during the summer months.

Among the visitors, we have had several visiting ministers. They included Bro. Ed Sauder (Sis. Bonnie, Roanoke), Elder Bro. Brad Eisenmann (Sis. Cindy, Chicago), and Bro. Gary Endress (Sis. Evelyn, Bradford). Thanks for your service!

Another reason our attendance seems smaller in the summer is that many of our college students return to their home churches during the break. Our congregation greatly appreciates our college students, and as someone who was a student myself not too long ago, I can attest to the fact that the Champaign church does an outstanding job of supporting and encouraging the UI-Parkland young group. We look forward to having the students back in Champaign-Urbana next month, along with several new students who we are excited to welcome.

**ILLINOIS, CHICAGO**

**Rachel Meyer**

Greetings from Chicago. We thank Bros. Curt Rassi (Tremont, IL) and Troy Leyse (Bluffton, IN) for sharing God’s Word at VBS. May God reward you.

On June 16 the Gateway Woods Hickory House family worshipped with us. They enjoyed some vacation in Chicago and we pray God’s blessings on these dear ones.

Due to powerful storms that came through our church’s neighborhood, the last two nights of VBS were canceled. However, many enjoyed the first two nights learning about “Counting the Cost – Managing Money God’s Way.” Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make VBS possible.

Congratulations are extended to

Bro. Steve and Sis. Marlene Lau upon the birth of their grandson, Malachi Christopher Lau. Little Malachi’s parents are Chris and Raelyn Lau. May God bless this family as they grow.

We said farewell to Bro. Aaron, Sis. Bekah and sweet Titus Plattner on June 26. They spent four years in Chicago and we wish them safety and joy as they move to Alto, MI.

Bro. Dale and Sis. Judy Eisenmann reached a milestone – their 50th wedding anniversary on June 25. We rejoice with them.

On July 10 our Bro. Ryan Graf’s engagement to Sis. Leah Zimmerman, (Morton, IL) was announced. Bro. Ryan is the son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Deb Graf (Leo, IN) and Sis. Leah is the daughter of Bro. Doug and Sis. Jane Zimmerman. May God be near as they plan their future.

We received word that Bro. Greg and Sis. Carla Rassi’s twin granddaughters were stillborn. Grieving parents are Bro. Nathan and Sis. Michelle Rassi from St. Louis, MO. The names of these two angels are Amelia and Brooklyn. They have a brother, Ashton, who is 17 months. Our prayers are with this beloved family as they face the days ahead. Sis. Michelle’s parents are Bro. Walt and Sis. Lynda Beery from Rittman, OH.

Safe in the arms of Jesus,  
safe on His gentle breast.  
There by His love ‘oer shaded,  
sweetly my soul shall rest.

**ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK**

**Marilyn Maul  
Tina Walder**

We were thankful for the visiting ministers who labored on our behalf this month. They were Bros. Frank Sauder (Roanoke, IL), Randy

Mogler (Washington, IL) and Willis Ehnle (Peoria, IL). They joined us to witness the vows of Bro. Fred Maul and Sis. Judy Bauer on July 17.

Our annual church picnic was held on a hot Sunday afternoon at the park. It was a blessing for all that attended.

Bro. Gerald and Sis. Joan Rudin are rejoicing over the safe arrival of two new grandchildren. Josh, Sarah, and Kaleb Peoples welcome a healthy Karter Blake into their home, and Mark and Julie Sidarous are delighted with Amira Rose, their firstborn child.

We rejoice with converts, Adam Kaeb, Joel Kaeb, and Tyler Eisenmann as they were announced for peace. Lord willing, provings and baptisms are set for the week-end of August 14-15.

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### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE Rachel Currier

We are thankful that, once again, God has been calling souls unto repentance. We rejoice with the family of Bro. Chuck and Sis. Ginny Zimmerman as their daughter, Emma, has turned to the Lord in repentance. May the Lord guide each one as they seek to work out their soul's salvation.

Sis. Elizabeth Virkler was joined in Holy Matrimony to Bro. Evan Stoller on Sunday, July 3. Their parents are Bro. Dennis and Sis. Gayle Virkler and Bro. Dan and Sis. Deb Stoller (Remington). We wish them God's continued blessings in their life together.

We appreciate those who have labored in the Word this past month. Visiting ministers include Bro. Tom Leman (Sis. Marlene, Denver), Bro. Galen Rokey (Sis. Nancy, Bern), Elder Bro. Curt Frank (Sis. Lila, La-Crosse), Bro. Dan Stoller (Sis. Deb,

Remington), Bro. Chris Wuethrich (Sis. Carla, St. Louis), Bro. Dan Nieman (Sis. Lea, Remington), Bro. Craig Stickling (Sis. Jacki, Peoria), Bro. Glen Steiner (Sis. Rachel, Winthrop), and Bro. Dave Hartter (Sis. Beth, Sabetha).

Bro. Bob and Sis. Sally Rinkenberger have recently moved to our area. We welcome them and their daughter Rachel to our congregation and hope they feel God's nearness in the coming days.

We have felt the loss of a dear Sister in Christ lately, as Sis. Martha Rinkenberger has passed from this life to an eternal one. May the family feel the comfort of the Holy Spirit in this time of sorrow... "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Cor. 15:57

#### *Note of Thanks:*

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for all the prayers and support shown to us during the time of our mother's declining health and especially since her recent death. The Family of God is so precious.

Sincerely,

*Bro. Byron and Sis. Mary Schrock*

*Bro. Mike and Sis. Pat Rinkenberger*

*Bro. Dale and Sis. Rachel Zeltwanger*

*Tim and Gwenn Rinkenberger*

*Bro. Jake and Sis. Glenna Rinkenberger and our families*

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### ILLINOIS, ELGIN

**Amy Gasser  
Miriam Gasser**

We thank Bro. Kim Sutter (Taylor, MO) for ministering to us during a recent visit.

June 26 was Bro. Kyle and Sis.

Melissa Hangartner's last Sunday in Elgin before relocating to Gridley, IL. Their time with us was a blessing, leaving many new friendships and memories of their love and service.

Bro. Mark Wewetzer and Sis. Debbie Kellenberger (Bro. Greg) were selected as new Sunday School teachers and have our prayerful support. We thank Bro. Dave Stieglitz and Sis. Julie Kellenberger for their past years of service.

Sis. Cora Schambach (Bro. Bill) is on a gradual road to recovery, after having shoulder surgery.

Sis. Lillian Bohlin would appreciate being remembered in prayer, as she struggles with cancer and various infirmities. Her distance from church makes other forms of contact especially welcome.

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### ILLINOIS, EUREKA Dee Baer Jodi Blunier

Robert Getz (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Mary) and Emily Schmidgall (Bro. Mark and Sis. Lisa) were bound in holy matrimony.

Hannah Braker (Bro. Phil and Sis. Rebecca) and Mariah Schieler (Bro. Ted and Sis. Peg) have taken the most important step in life, seeking their soul's salvation.

Bro. Bruce and Sis. Sheri Martin have become first-time grandparents with the birth of Harlow Grace to Brad Martin and Ashley Davis.

Those recovering from hospital stays are Bro. Richard Frank, Samuel Cottrell (Bro. John and Sis. Gloria), Roland Martin (Sis. Deloris) and Sis. Mary Baer.

Sis. Wendy Blunier (Bro. Roger) grieved the loss of her mother, Sis. Beulah Ehnle (Bro. Dave). Funeral services were held in Princeville church.

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Kent Getz (Elgin, IA), Bro. Don Manz (Junction, OH), Bro. Wayne Leman (Roanoke), Bro. Jeff Wiegand (Goodfield), Elder Bro. Dave Graf (Akron, OH), Bro. Tim Zimmerman (Lamont-Gridley, KS), Bro. Jon Zeller (Morton), Bro. Mark Steiner (Smithville, OH), Bro. Floyd Frieden (Elgin, IA) and Bro. Beirne Messner (Morris, MN).

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### ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

**Angela Herr  
Kay Steffen**

On June 26, we were privileged to gather with our youth for our annual Sunday School Picnic which marks the end of the Sunday School term. We would like to thank Bro. Darren Fehr (Sis. Kendra), Bro. Doug Steidinger (Sis. Dixie), and Sis. Carol Kafer (Bro. Ben) for their time of teaching our youth and pray that God will bless them for their labors of love. We give our support to Bro. Jeff Stoller (Sis. Janelle), Bro. Grant Hartman (Sis. Amy), and Sis. Amy Zehr (Bro. Nelson) who have been called to teach our Sunday School students.

We rejoice with Bro. Grant and Sis. Amy Hartman as they welcome another baby boy, Reid Douglas, arriving on June 25. Happy brothers are Evan and Collin. Reid's grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Rosemary Hartman and Sis. Sherri Schlatter (late Bro. Mark, Forrest, IL).

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

*Zion's Harp #237, vs. 1*

On June 29, many of us gathered together in Forrest for the marriage

vows of Bro. Bryan Steffen and Sis. Debbie Stork. Parents of this couple are Bro. Chris and Sis. Kay Steffen and Elmer and Darlene Stork (Forrest, IL). We wish them God's rich blessings as they walk the path of life together and we welcome Sis. Debbie to our congregation.

We bid farewell to our Bro. William Streib who passed away on June 28. May God comfort and be near his wife, Sis. Dorothy, and daughters, Trudy (Owen) Fagot and Tammy (Arnie Munz) Streib, both of Fairbury, and Tina (Dennis) Mielnikowski of Carpentersville, IL.

Visiting ministers serving our congregation this month were Bro. Darren Fehr (West Bend, IA) and Bro. Paul Schmidgall (Morris, MN). We are thankful and encouraged by these brothers as they bring forth God's Holy Word.

The engagement of Bro. Joel Hartman (Bro. John and Sis. Rosemary) to Sis. Lanae Frank (Bro. Curt and Sis. Kathy, Oakville, IA) was announced on July 10. May God's blessings be with this couple as they take this step in faith.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with Sis. Mary Plattner (Elder Bro. Rick) and Sis. Linda Fehr (Bro. Kenny) as they both have had surgery recently. May God heal and provide for these dear sisters according to His will.

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### ILLINOIS, FORREST

**Lisa Aberle  
Lynn Dotterer**

In sorrow and pain, thy trust to retain,  
in Jesus the merciful Saviour.  
When burdened with care,  
when thou wouldst despair,  
then call on thy loving Redeemer.  
He'll lighten the load, and level the road,

and bear thee on hands of compassion.

*Zion's Harp #46, verses 1-3*

Our Sis. Edna Wiegand passed away. We extend our love and sympathy to her sisters, Sis. Laura Wenger and Sis. Wilma Fischer (Roanoke, IL), and her many nieces and nephews. May God comfort your hearts.

Beth Ifft (Bro. Duane and Sis. Mary), Bro. Levi Edelman (Sis. Donna), Bro. Earl Gerber (Sis. Esther), Bro. Elmer Stoller (Sis. Rosetta), Sis. Melba Zimmerman (Bro. Allen), and Bro. Bryan Aberle (Sis. Lisa) were our hospital and surgical patients this month. We thank God for the progress made, and continue to pray for healing where needed.

A new baby is always exciting news. Bro. Don, Barb, Shelby, Dakota, Skyler, and Keegan Hall welcomed Kiera Lee Anne into their family. Her grandparents are Bro. Dean and Sis. Robin Kupferschmid and Mary Hall (Mahomet, IL). Justin David Dotterer joined the family of Bro. Andy, Sis. Valarie, Jesse, Anna, Kaylee, and RaeLynn. Justin's thankful grandparents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Sally Rinkenberger (Congerville, IL) and Dale and Sis. Elaine Dotterer.

We rejoice with Blake Kilgus (Bro. Kevin and Sis. Denise) as he has answered the call to repentance!

Bro. Bryan Steffen (Bro. Chris and Sis. Kay, Fairbury, IL) and Sis. Debbie Stork (Elmer and Darlene) were joined in marriage. Kyle Steidinger (Doug and Karen) and Sarah Ifft (Bro. Duane and Sis. Mary) also exchanged wedding vows. May God bless these couples as they begin their lives together.

We thank Elder Bro. Rick Plattner (Fairbury, IL), Bro. Paul

Kilgus (Fairbury, IL), Bro. John Hartman (Fairbury, IL), and Bro. Al Schambach (Remington, IN) for ministering to us this month.

*Note of Thanks:*

A deep heartfelt thank you to all you dear ones that remembered us with prayers, helps, cards and visits during the time of my stroke. It was very helpful and appreciated. May the grace and blessings of the Lord be with you all.

*Bro. Wayne & Sis. Judy Anliker*

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**ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD**

**Melissa Rokey  
Kayla Wiegand**

Haste and seek your soul's salvation;  
Heed the Word of God today!  
Haste to flee His condemnation;  
Seek the straight and narrow way.  
Evil are the worldly pleasures,  
Leading to eternal fire;  
Seek the everlasting treasure,  
Ere the day of grace expire.

*Zion's Harp #52, verse 1*

We are so thankful for three more souls that have come by faith and surrendered their life over to Christ in repentance. Mallory Bauman (Bro. Andy and Sis. Rita), Brittany Rieke (Bro. Brian and Sis. Lisa), and David Roth (Kasey), son of Bro. Alan and Sis. Joanne Roth. We trust that they will continue to feel God's presence and His leading in their life.

Bro. Jon Zimmerman (the late Sis. Jan, Morton, IL) and Sis. Inge Zimmerman (the late Bro. Dean) were united in marriage on June 26. Sis. Inge is the mother of Sis. Jill Rocke (Bro. Luke) and Jason Zimmerman (Kim). We pray that God will bless them and their families.

Sis. Geraldine Leman (Bro. Milton) from Eureka passed away June

29. She was the mother of Bro. Sam Plattner (Sis. Pat) and Bro. Dan Plattner (Sis. Jayne). We want to extend our deepest sympathy, and continued prayers to each of these families; may they know the comfort that He alone can give.

“Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.”

*Deuteronomy 13:4*

On July 17, we witnessed the baptisms of Alex and Cassie Knepp (Bro. Rich and Sis. Janet, Roanoke, IL, and Bro. Roger and Sis. Trish Gerber) and Marisa Wiegand (Bro. Brad and Sis. Karen). We want to thank Elder Bro. Tom Hoffman (Sis. Kathy, Roanoke, IL) and Elder Bro. Earl Ringger (Sis. Dixie, Gridley, IL) for their labors.

We rejoice with Clint Schumacher (Bro. Dan and Sis. Heidi) as he has found peace with God and man. Our prayers continue for him.

We want to congratulate Tyler and Abbie Getz on the birth of their first child, Tanner Lee. We pray that God's blessings and grace will be upon them as they raise him. Grandparents of Tanner are Mark and Connie Rocke and Bro. Tim and Sis. Kim Getz.

Our visiting ministers this past month included: Bro. James Knapp (Lisa, Congerville, IL), Bro. Bob Pflederer (Sis. Eleanor, Morton, IL), Bro. Ed Sauder (Sis. Bonnie, Roanoke, IL). We are thankful for their labors.

We want to remember our dear Sis. Evelyn Hofmann in prayer as she has had some health issues and has been unable to come to church

recently.

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**ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY**  
**Perry A. Klopfenstein**

We are pleased that we have several new members in the body of Christ. They are Sisters Joanna Wellwood, Emily Wettstein, Madison Kupferschmidt, Bethan Schlipf, and Lexi Stoller, and Brothers John Wellwood, Seth Kaeb, Joe Stuckel, and Colin Wettstein. We had baptisms on two Sundays. Elder Bro. Steve Gutwein (Francesville, IN) was here on the first Sunday, and Elder Bro. John Laukhuf (Latty, OH) helped on the second Sunday. We thank God for these blessings. Bro. Mark Wettstein was here on July 24 as a visiting minister.

Bro. Stan Ringger had a second brain surgery, and we are praying for his recovery.

Bro. Kyle and Sis. Melissa Hangartner are moving to Gridley, and we welcome them into our local congregation.

Lewis John Hill was born to Bro. John and Sis. Marissa Hill on June 30. He is their first child. Grandparents are Bro. Curt and Sis. Norma Witzig, and Larry and Stephanie Hill, Minonk. May God grant wisdom in training up this young child in the ways of the Lord.

Our new Sunday School teachers are: Bro. Grant DesCarpentrie, and Sisters Crystal Hodel, Peg Stoller, and Amy Schlipf. Our new trustee is Bro. Dennis Hodel. Song Leaders are: Bros. Sean Cornell and Grant DesCarpentrie. Selected for the Sunrise Manor Board was Bro. McLane Steidinger. Our Gateway Woods representative is Bro. Roger Wiegand.

Danny Kaupp is engaged to be married to Courtney Sharp on December 17, 2011. He is the son of

Bro. Tim and Sis. Betty Kaupp, and she is the daughter of Larry and Sherry Sharp of Bloomington.

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### ILLINOIS, MORTON

**Annette Tanner  
Julie Bahr**

As she sat in silence in the church bench, tears were noted to be trickling down her cheeks, the young lady commented, "What a BEAUTIFUL song." She was commenting on the song that had just been sung, "Jesus Loves Me!" Having never been to church before, the young lady was invited by a friend to attend a Sunday together. Her greatest impression was the words to a song we frequently sing without committing the words to a lot of thought. "Yes - Jesus Loves Me - take this heart of mine make it pure and wholly Thine!"

Visiting ministers, Bro. Curt Kaufman (Sis. Caroline, Tucson) and Bro. Justin Koch (Sis. Marcia, Washington), gave of themselves for our benefit. Bro. Justin gave our Family Worship Topic, "A Father's Love!"

Our sympathy is shared with Bro. Howard Zobrist (Sis. Helen) in the passing of his brother, Wayne Zobrist, Indiana.

Congratulations on the wedding engagement of Sis. Leah Zimmerman to Bro. Ryan Graf, made known on July 10. Bro. Ryan is currently from Chicago and is the son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Deb Graf from Leo. Sis. Leah is the daughter of Sis. Jane and Bro. Doug Zimmerman, Morton.

Congratulations to Bro. Roger and Sis. Margie Ackerman who welcome a new grandson. On June 29, Wyatt Lewis was welcomed into the home of Adam and Linsey and big sister, Audrey Ackerman.

Very thankful parents, Bro. Todd and Sis. Wendy Sauder, along with children, Caleb, Tori, Savannah, Colt, and Jesse, welcome a new son/brother, Joshua, into their hearts and home. Joshua is 5 years old and is a special needs child from Russia. Praise God for His goodness and mercies! Grandparents are Elder Bro. Ted and Sis. Cindy Witzig and Bro. Bruce and Sis. Becky Sauder, Morton.

Added blessings to the Witzig family continue as little girl Lilly from China is added to the family of Andy and Erin, Samantha, Zoe, Will and Charlie Witzig. Elder Bro. Ted Sr. and Sis. Cindy Witzig and Bro. Dennis and Sis. Beth Mott are the thankful grandparents.

Congratulations to grandparents, Bro. Doug and Sis. Gerry Kruse, as they welcome a new baby boy. Tim and Jessie Mueller, along with Kailie and Rya, adopted baby boy Cruz William into their hearts and home.

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### ILLINOIS, PEORIA Pam Fritzenmeier

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

*Luke 15:10*

We, likewise, rejoice with the family of Bro. Rudy Hoerr who was baptized in his home July 9, at 90 years of age. His parents were Bro. Dave and Sis. Rose Hoerr. We also are thankful to report four young converts. They are Clayton Grassi (Bro. John and Sis. Cheryl), Hannah Reinhard (Bro. Tim and Sis. Joan), Maddie Waibel (Bro. Matt and Sis. Lisa), and Logan Sauder (Bro. David and Sis. Rachel).

Many families enjoyed the food, fellowship and games at our annual Sunday School picnic held June 26. May God bless all the teachers for their months of teaching our youth to "Fear God and keep His commandments" (Eccles. 12:15).

Several families have lain to rest loved ones this month. Keith Schafer passed away June 21. He was the father of Kim (Jon) Hangartner and Todd (Melissa) Schafer, as well as the former husband of Sis. Barb Schafer. On July 7, Sis. Gladys (Bro. Richard) Binkele passed away. She was the mother of Sis. JoAnne (Bro. Joe) Hoerr. We extend our sympathy and prayers to all family members of these dear ones.

Please pray for Sis. Barb Schafer as she continues to battle cancer, and for Rich (Bonnie) Hodel recovering from surgery.

Our thanks to Bro. John Lehman (Sis. Ruth Ann, Wolcott, IN) for his willingness to minister at the jail and then at our afternoon service July 17.

We extend a warm welcome to Bro. Karl Kirsch, who moved here from West Lafayette, IN. At the same time, we say goodbye to Bro. Ryan and Sis. Alyssa Funk and Abram, as they move to Milwaukee where Bro. Ryan plans to attend college.

Remember to pray for our loved ones serving on the mission field, including Bro. Jonathan and Sis. Bere Aupperle and Bro. Zack Knobloch in Magdalena and those serving in Haiti, even as the Reinhards are here for a time in the U.S.

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### ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE Gloria White Linda Joos

We were blessed with many visiting ministers this month. They were



Bro. Greg Rassi (Chicago, IL), Bro. Dennis Rassi (Austin, TX), Bro. Ken Schneider (Remington, IN), Bro. Ned Stoller (Alto, MI), Bro. Matt Oesch (Alto, MI), Bro. John Bradle (Roanoke, IL), Bro. Brian Waibel (Champaign, IL), Bro. John Hartman (Fairbury, IL), and Bro. Gary Maibach (Smithville, OH). We are very appreciative of their efforts to serve us.

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

*Zion's Harp #237*

Sis. Luann Martin (Bro. Sam and Sis. Mary) and Bro. Neil Stoller (Bro. Steve and Sis. Anna Marie, La-Crosse, IN) were united in holy matrimony on Sunday, July 10. We wish them God's richest blessings as they unite their lives together.

Bro. Dick Graham has been our recent hospital patient. We pray the Lord will continue to heal and give him strength. We wish to remember those in prayer who are unable to come to the house of worship.

Our love and prayers are with Sis. Mary (Bro. Bruce) Stoller in the loss of her dear father, Bro. Al Langhofer, from the congregation of Wichita, KS. May God be their comfort in the days ahead.

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## ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

**Jamie Hodel  
Judy Sauder**

Hosea 12:6: "Therefore turn thou to thy God, keep mercy and judgment and wait on thy God continually." We are thankful for the working of God in the life of Lauren Schroeder (Bro. Duane and Sis. Rachel) who has begun seeking the Lord in repentance.

On June 26 our annual Sunday School picnic was held marking the end of another Sunday School year. We pray God will bless each teacher who has brought forth the Word to our children.

Our sympathies are with Sis. Marge Fischer in the passing of her brother, Bro. Ralph (Sis. Esther) Stoller (Latty) on June 14. Our prayers are also with Sis. Sally Blunier in the passing of her brother, Delbert (Ada) Magers of Norris City, IL, on June 19, and also her sister, Mildred Moore of Normal, who passed away in March.

We were thankful to have Bro. Clark Stoller (Gridley) with our congregation on July 3.

My Father's way may twist and turn  
My heart may throb and ache,  
But in my soul I'm glad I know  
He maketh no mistake.

For bye and bye the mist will lift  
And plain it all He'll make  
Through all the way, though dark to  
me  
He made not one mistake.

We continue to pray for those in our congregation having health issues. We are lifting up Bro. Jim (Sis. Doris) Hodel, Sis. Helen Leman, Bro. Merlyn (Sis. Jan) Getz, and Bro. Walt (Sis. Mary) Schwind, praying that each of these loved ones can feel the nearness and peace of God.

### *Note of Thanks:*

Merlyn Getz and family want to thank the churches and the community for their prayers, gifts, cards, and words of encouragement during his illness. He is putting everything in God's hands and will accept His will. God understands tears. We love you all and appreciate a small town.

## ILLINOIS, TREMONT

**Teresa Rowell  
Janice Sauder**

"Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all."

*II Thess. 3:16*

Each one of us needs this reassuring, calmness of mind that can only come from our Lord. Our congregation is especially praying for these loved ones: Bro. Derek and Sis. Leann Sauder, and their children, Lexi, Wesley, and Whitley, as they will be in Bloomington, IN, for seven weeks for Bro. Derek's radiation treatments; Sis. Susan Koch (Bro. Roger and Sis. Sally) as she has moved and is starting her teaching at the preschool in Athens, AL; and finally, Sis. Sarah Frank (Bro. Doug and Sis. Cheri) as she is leaving to begin her teaching at the school on the CVE campus at Magdalena, Mexico. May "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ" surely be with them!

We want to thank Elder Bro. Earl Ringger (Gridley, IL) for coming to share his Topical Lesson on Biblical prophecy, especially as found in Ezekiel. We don't want to ignore the world events that seem to be pointing to fulfillment of more of the prophecies of old.

Congratulations to first-time parents, Bro. Rollyn and Sis. Suzanne Aberle, as they welcome home Ava Jean. Bro. Pete and Sis. Debbie Aberle are happy to have another little granddaughter. We also rejoice with Steve and Sis. Sara Garman at the birth of their first grandson, Jude Zachariah. He is the first child of Zach and Carmen Garman, of Mount Vernon, IL.

We pray that Sis. Eunice Rowell has a good recovery after her stay at

the hospital. May God bless her with His presence.

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## ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

**Linda Folkerts  
Nancy Leman**

We are thankful for the dear brothers who have visited our congregation and shared God's Word with us this past month. On July 3 we welcomed Bro. Larry Bahr (Sis. Julie, Fort Scott) and Bro. Joe Klotzle (Sis. Sue, Altadena); on July 17, Bro. James Fehr (Sis. Brenda, Tremont) and Bro. Matt Gerber (Sis. Ruth, Ixtlan, Mexico); on July 24, Bro. Jim Meiss (Sis. Candy, Phoenix) and Bro. Bill Schick (Sis. Joan, Magdalena, Mexico); and for our monthly Bible Study on July 20, Bro. Matt Steffen (Sis. Deanna, Princeville). May God bless these dear ones for their service in the Lord.

It was with sadness yet joy for a victory won that we said farewell to our Bro. Dean Kellenberger on July 9. Less than a year ago, Bro. Dean was able to give his testimony and be baptized, much to his joy and the joy of our congregation. We give our sympathy to his three children, Jason (& Melissa), Heather, and Brent Kellenberger, and to his brothers, Bro. Ron (Sis. Carole) and Bro. Randy (Sis. Ruth) Kellenberger of our church family, and Steven Kellenberger of Peoria, and his sister, Marcia Shirley, of Texas.

We also extend our sympathy to Bro. Larry and Sis. Marilyn Leman in the loss of his stepmother, Sis. Geraldine Leman (Bro. Milton) of Eureka, and to Bro. Byron and Sis. Mary Schrock in the loss of her mother, Sis. Martha Rinkenberger.

We are prayerful for our dear Bro. Harold Meiss as he underwent surgery and is now recuperating in his

home. May he feel our love and prayers.

Many from our church attended our annual Sunday School Picnic on July 10. What a blessing for old and young alike to enjoy a lovely afternoon in the fellowship of the "family of God".

### *Note of Thanks:*

A note of sincere thanks from the family of Bro. Dean Kellenberger, for the many cards, gifts and visits to Dean during his illness, including a special thanks to the staff at the Eureka Home for their loving care of our dad and brother.

In Christ's love,

*The Dean Kellenberger Family*

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## INDIANA, BLUFFTON

**Kim Meyer  
Suzie Fiechter**

"God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us; That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations."

*Psalm 67: 1-2*

On Sunday afternoon, July 10, our congregation was honored to host a special "sending" service for our Bro. Allen and Sis. Susan Stoller. They will be serving in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. We were reminded that God has blessed us for the purpose of using us to bless others. Christ commanded us all to "Go... and teach all nations". While some of us are called to physically go, others of us are called to "go" with our faithful support: our resources, our communication, and mostly, our prayers. It's exciting to see God working in our lives as we surrender all to Him. It is His work! How much do we want to be involved? Our love

and support have also followed Sis. Alyssa Meyer and Sis. Lisa (Bro. Bruce) Aschliman to Magdalena, MX this summer.

"...there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

*Luke 15:10*

There is great joy in Heaven as well as here in Bluffton over souls coming to Christ in humble repentance. Janae Detweiler (Joe and Andria), granddaughter of Bro. Al and Sis. Becky Pfister, Colt Rinkenberger (Bro. Linc and Sis. Catrina), Anna Kaehr (Bro. Jon and Sis. Juli), Aubrey Gerber (Bro. Ked and Sis. Joanne), and Paige Meyer (Bro. Denny and Sis. Kathy) have turned their backs to the world to follow Him. Yet we are not satisfied. We plead with God to keep calling, to do whatever it takes to bring more souls to brokenness and repentance!

We also rejoice with Bro. Kyle Gerber (Bro. Kent and Sis. Kim) and Sis. Dionne Maller (Bro. Bob and Sis. Kim) on their engagement. Bro. Mark Maller (Bro. Bob and Sis. Kim) married Sis. Staci Troxel (Bro. Brad and Sis. Dahlys) and Bro. Bart Frauhiger (Bro. Kris and Sis. Ann) married Sis. Tara Schwalbach (Jim and Dawn, Erin, WI). May God richly bless each of these couples as they begin their lives together to His glory!

Congratulations to Bro. Steve and Sis. Jan Kaehr on the birth of their grandson, Hutch Markus. His parents are Clint and Melissa Kaehr. Bro. Ked and Sis. Joanne, Taylor, Cordin, Aubrey and Kyler Gerber welcome little Jenasia Kay into their family circle. Also opening their hearts and arms are grandparents, Bro. Mike and Sis. Cheryl

Gerber and Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Mary Kaisner (Detroit).

Blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit, the young group, their parents, and others enjoyed a presentation "United We Stand, Divided We Fall" on Sunday evening, June 26. We were each challenged and encouraged in our Christian walk and strengthened in the unity of our beloved brotherhood.

Our desire is for healing, yet we pray for God's will to be done in the lives of those who have been hospitalized or ill. Our prayers are with Bro. Dick Clark, Bro. Steve (Sis. Renee) Reinhard, Bro. Al (Sis. Joli) Gerber, Bro. Zach (Sis. Jenny) Bertsch, Bro. Gerald (Sis. Eunice) Fiechter, Sis. Mary (Bro. Carl) Fiechter and others who are struggling with the weaknesses of our flesh. They help us all to realize that this earth is not our home. We are just passing through!

Our love and prayers have been with Bro. Les and Sis. Carolyn Meyer as they mourn the loss of her earthly father, Merl Williams.

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**INDIANA  
BLUFFTON NORTH  
Jessie Longenberger  
Amy Moser**

"Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

*John 14:27*

June is a very exciting time for our Sunday School students. They participated in Vacation Bible School from June 6-17. This year's theme was 'He is Holy'. The students learned new songs, listened to stories from the Bible, developed new friendships, did a good deed, made a craft, and memorized Bible verses. The last day of Bible School

was an evening program to glorify God. Thanks to all who helped and supported Bible School in prayer.

Our congregation was blessed with three converts this month. Kaitlyn Frauhiger (Bro. Jeremy and Sis. Sally) made a beginning in her walk with the Lord. Braden Isch and Dustin Isch (both sons of Sis. Brittany Isch) have also chosen to seek the Lord in repentance.

In the midst of joy is also sorrow among us. We hold the family of Bro. Rocky and Sis. Melinda Giltner up in prayer with the passing of her father, Bro. Al Langhofer.

Sis. Caroyn Roberts requested the prayers of her church family as she underwent knee surgery. She will be at the BRMC for an extended stay.

We are also keeping our Sis. Phyllis Bucher (Bro. Nile) in our prayers. Sis. Phyllis is recovering at home after surgery due to a broken leg.

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**INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE  
Mildred Clauss  
Jacki Huber**

"My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

*II Cor. 12:9*

These words of Jesus are comforting when we feel our own weakness and turn to Him to strengthen us. We know that "good" does not come of ourselves, so when we acknowledge our own weakness and ask the Lord to work, His strength is made perfect!

We were thankful to have Bro. Rustin Meister (Sis. Amanda, West Lafayette, IN) and their family with us on a recent Sunday. Bro. Rustin shared God's Word with us and we were encouraged. We pray God's

nearness and blessings upon them!

Bro. Andre Neihouser (Sis. Lois) was hospitalized, but we are thankful that he is home again. We are thankful for God's healing, and for strength given.

Bro. Luke Gudeman (Bro. Randy and Sis. Becky) is returning to Zambia after spending time here with family and friends, and we pray for the Lord's nearness and guidance in his life as he works in the Lord's vineyard there.

Recently arriving "home" to Francesville from the mission field in Jamaica, Bro. Chad and Sis. Pam Huber and their family are spending some time with loved ones here.

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

*Psalms 133:1*

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**INDIANA  
INDIANAPOLIS  
Sandy Lichtle  
Penny Schroder**

We are always thankful when new families and friends move to our area. This month we welcomed Sharon Gavrilovic, from Portland, OR. Bro. Kevin and Sis. Laura Gutwein and their children, Kaitlin, Brecken, Isabella and Taye, have relocated from our West Lafayette, IN, congregation. In addition, Bro. Tyler and Sis. Jana Gerber have moved from the Latty, OH, area. We pray each can quickly feel at home here within our Indianapolis church family.

Bro. Derek and Sis. Leann Sauder, from our Tremont, IL, congregation, will be spending the next couple of months in our area. Bro. Derek will be receiving some medical treatments. We pray that God can provide healing and that they

can feel welcomed and supported during their time with us. Their children, Lexi, Wesley and Whitley, are here with them, also.

Three in our Sunday School have chosen to live their life for the Lord. Melissa Gudeman (Bro. Tim and Sis. Mim), Justin Lichtle (Bro. John and Sis. Sandy) and Graham Stieglitz (Bro. Greg and Sis. Lisa) each began their repentance within the past month. We pray for God's guidance for each of them.

Bro. Orlyn Fehr shared his testimony with our church the weekend of July 17. It was encouraging to hear of God's love and continual desire for us to draw near to Him. We appreciated having Elder Bro. John Jackson (Sis. Peggy, Bay City, MI) and Elder Bro. Wayne Banwart (Sis. Charlen, Champaign, IL) with us for the testimony and services on Sunday.

In addition to the ministers listed above, we were blessed by the following ministers with us this past month: Bro. Tom Bolliger (Sis. Jane, Tremont, IL), Bro. Kevin Knapp (Sis. Dixie, Bloomington, IL), Bro. Richard Aberle (Sis. LaNae, Atlanta, GA), Elder Bro. Steve Ringger (Sis. Myra, Bluffton North, IN), Elder Bro. John Laukhuf (Latty, OH), Bro. Ned Bahler (Sis. Anna, Fairbury, IL) and Bro. Fred Witzig (Sis. Nancy, Washington, IL).

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## INDIANA, LACROSSE

**Julie Rocke**

**Meagan Frank**

Once again, we are rejoicing that a lost sheep has been found by the Good Shepherd and come into the fold. Bro. Dean Nelson shared his testimony of faith and was baptized, reminding us of the importance of shining our lights to those in our

church family and beyond.

We are thankful the Lord continues to bless His children with peace. Our convert Jeremy Johnson feels at peace with God and man; we look forward to hearing his testimony and witnessing his baptism, Lord willing, in the near future.

Elder Bro. Steve Sauder (Sis. Mary, Tremont, IL) was here to assist Bro. Curt with the baptism, and Bro. James Knapp (Sis. Lisa, Congerville, IL) ministered to us this month as well. May the Lord richly bless these brothers for their service of love.

Although we have no high school graduates, our friend Josh Troxel (Bro. Tom and Sis. Luann) graduated from college this spring. We congratulate him and will be prayerful as he looks to the future.

We recently spent time cleaning our church building and landscaping. What a blessing it was to share, as a church family, the care of our Lord's house.

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## INDIANA, LEO Kirby Reutter

So much has happened in Leo this summer that it will be difficult to fit everything into a single article. Perhaps the best way to summarize the past few months is simply to say that the Spirit is at work and the waters have been stirred once again!

For starters, we are thrilled to report a string of engagements. First, Sis. Ann Jacobs was recently announced to Bro. Nathaniel Smith from our beloved congregation in Kansas City. Nathaniel's parents are Ron and Sis. Diane Smith from Kansas City, while Ann's parents are Girard and Sis. Diana Jacobs from Bay City. Ann has worshipped with us here in Leo for the past four years. In particular, Ann spent

three years as an Assistant Houseparent and then one year as a Teacher's Aid at the Gateway School. While we will deeply miss Ann's presence and wonderful sense of humor at Gateway Woods, we are fully aware that Leo's loss will be Kansas City's gain. Thus, according to God's perfect economy, everything will balance out! It is also interesting to note that Ann's life journey has taken her from Bay City to Kansas City. We likewise are all on a journey from one city to another (Hebrew 13:14).

Secondly, another engagement was recently announced between Bro. Tyler Stieglitz and Sis. Abby Klopfenstein, both from our beloved congregation right here in Leo. According to several local sources, this has been the first Leo-to-Leo engagement in decades. Abby's parents are Bro. Loren and Sis. Rita Klopfenstein, while Tyler's parents are Bro. Steve and Sis. Jane Stieglitz. Another interesting fact: Both Loren and Rita as well as Jane and Steve were likewise announced for betrothal on the same day in 1982. Incidentally, Steve serves on our Leo pulpit as one of beloved ministers of the gospel. In addition, Jane's brother was recently killed in a tragic motor-vehicle accident. Thus, we both rejoice and mourn with this family during this bitter-sweet time of transition (Ecclesiastes 3:1; Romans 12:15). Finally, it is also noteworthy that Abby likewise served as an Assistant Houseparent for two years. Here at Gateway, we are used to losing our assistants to greener pastures. However, we never lose hope that they may someday return to Gateway with their dear husbands as Main Houseparents!

Thirdly, the engagement of Bro.

Ryan Graf from our beloved congregation in Chicago was also recently announced to Sis. Leah Zimmerman from our dear congregation in Morton. Leah's parents are Bro. Doug and Sis. Jane Zimmerman from Morton, while Ryan's parents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Deb Graf from Leo. Ed and Deb have both served the Gateway community for many years in various capacities. Ed and Deb originally came to Gateway to serve as Houseparents in 1994. Thus, little Ryan spent 5.5 years of his life right on campus! In addition, Ed has served as our Residential Director for the past twelve years, while Deb served as the Teacher's Aid at the Gateway School for eight years, and more recently as one of our Home-Based Counselors for the past two years.

In addition to multiple engagements, we are also thrilled to report an entire string of new converts! Earlier this spring, both Caleb Stieglitz and Andre Sauder confessed repentance towards God and faith towards Christ (Acts 20:21). Caleb's parents are Elder Bro. Lynn and Sis. Leonda Stieglitz, while Andre's parents are Bro. Tim and Sis. Jenny Sauder. Bro. Lynn serves as our local shepherd, while Bro. Tim has served the Gateway community for the past 26 years. For example, Tim served as our Administrator for the first seventeen years of his tenure, and has subsequently served as our Advancement Director ever since.

Our more recent converts include the following: Andrew Fischer (Bro. Paul and Sis. Leanne); Kacie Klopfenstein (Bro. Loren and Sis. Rita); Simon Schlatter (Bro. Phil and Sis. Judy); Adam Sauder (Bro. Tim and Sis. Jenny); and Olivia Schumacher (Bro. Jeff and Sis.

Tina). Bro. Jeff has also served the Gateway community for many years. Bro. Jeff originally came to Gateway as a Residential Counselor in 1990; later served as the Residential Director for four years; and most recently of all, has served as our Administrator for the past seven years. We rejoice with all of these converts and their families!

It is particularly noteworthy that Abby Klopfenstein and Kacie Klopfenstein are both sisters, while Andre Sauder and Adam Sauder are both brothers, so we doubly rejoice with these families over the Spirit's working!

The Leo congregation has also been blessed with a recent influx of young couples. These couples include Bro. Mick and Sis. Lisa Laukhuf; Bro. Aaron and Sis. Michelle Stoller; Bro. Tim and Sis. Kari Stoller; and Bro. Keith and Sis. Emily Schambach. Keith and Emily recently relocated to the Leo area after serving for three years in Magdalena. Thus, the Leo church currently has young believers from Coast to Coast and even from Mexico. Welcome to Leo!

So much more has also transpired in recent weeks which cannot receive due coverage in this article. From Vacation Bible School to Prison Ministry to the recent Board Meeting to Family Camp to Wycliffe Bible Translations to the Gateway Woods Auction, the Body of Christ has been in constant motion. Perhaps it is fitting to mention just two additional events in greater detail.

First, Bro. Zach Bertsch from our beloved Bluffton congregation addressed the church on July 15 regarding his ongoing battle with Stage 4 Colon Cancer. There were few dry eyes as Bro. Zach spoke passionately about the lessons he has

learned from this infirmity of flesh, and the ways in which the Lord has redeemed these experiences for His glory and kingdom.

Secondly, Bro. Blake Widmer and Sis. Tashi Bent were united in the Lord on July 24. Our beloved Elder Bro. Lynn Stieglitz was present in Jamaica to lead this dear couple in their marital pledge of mutual, life-long service. Speaking of Jamaica, we likewise rejoice that the Lord has granted Bro. Kirk and Sis. Keri Plattner and their precious children a safe return to their mission post on this beautiful island nation.

A very dear informant, and former Leo Silver Lining Correspondent, recently slipped me a note and requested the following information to be included in this article: Sis. Dorothy Stoller had a pacemaker implanted and is doing well.

Furthermore, a number of beloved evangelists were recently kind enough to serve the Leo congregation in the work of the gospel. These dear ministers include the following, in reverse chronological order: Bro. Ed Sauder (Roanoke); Bro. Ron Bollier (Indianapolis); Elder Bro. Ron Messner (Washington); Bro. Alan Schambach (Remington); and Elder Bro. Ed Schwartz (Bluffton). Thank you so much for leading us in worship...and please come back!

On a similar note, a host of volunteers from all over the nation have assisted the Gateway community in a multitude of roles over the past few months. While it is not possible to mention every single individual nor their respective congregations, we trust that each name has been recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life.

In short, we praise the Lord for another month of grace and salvation. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Auction in August!

“Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.”

*Isaiah 51:1*

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### **INDIANA, MILFORD**

**Janie Price  
Paula Haab**

We have been so blessed this past month in Milford with a new baby, visitors, and a convert.

Our yearly church picnic provided an evening of good food and fellowship with our Sunday School teachers and their spouses planning activities for the children. We appreciate their time and God given talents.

It was at our picnic, we learned that Ryan Schlipf (Bro. Rich and Sis. Kathy) has chosen to put the world behind him and follow Jesus. It gives us such joy to see this change in a young man. We hope we can be good examples and give good counsel so that others can see and have this desire to “Step into the waters”.

After Bible School, our monthly Bible Study was resumed with Elder Bro. Bill Schlatter choosing Offenses as his topic. What a warning for us all.

Added to our future Sunday School is Kinzy Robert Schlipf who was born to Bro. Rob and Sis. Kim on July 1. He joins Brenner and Creed in this happy home. His grandparents are Bro. Rich and Sis. Kathy Schlipf and Bro. Dave and Sis. Barb Young of Bloomington. I failed to mention the arrival of Jace Reinhard (Bro. Mark and Sis. Angie) a couple months ago, and he has been to Milford to visit his grandparents, Bro. Fred and Sis. Pat Beer.

Our area attracts vacationers,

and what added blessings we receive when they take time to worship with us. Among our many visitors were Bro. Steve and Sis. Irene Frauhofer and family. He was willing, along with our own ministers, to feed us the Living Word. May God bless all who are willing to be used for this work.

Bro. Regg and Sis. Beverly Beer and Sis. Jody Beer were back home from their labors in Ixtlan and Magdalena for a few weeks. We were touched by their reports.

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### **INDIANA, REMINGTON**

**Jenni Honegger  
Marcella Tyler**

We once again have much cause for rejoicing as two dear couples have become one in the Lord and created new families in Him. On July 3, our Bro. Evan Stoller (Bro. Dan and Sis. Deb) wed Sis. Elizabeth Virkler (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Gayle) in her home church in Congerville. We are so happy and thankful that Sis. Elizabeth will now be a part of our congregation, and we wish her many blessings as she settles in to her new home. We look forward to welcoming her and getting to know her better! The following week on July 10 our Sis. Melanie Bahler (Bro. Mark and Sis. Benita) became the bride of Bro. Ryan Schock (Bro. Dale and Sis. Teresa, Bloomfield, IA). Although we will miss Sis. Melanie and hope that she and Ryan return often for visits, we also trust that the Lord will be near to them as they learn to cleave to one another and to Him during this new and precious time of their lives.

With two wedding weekends in a row, our church was blessed to have several visiting ministers. On July 3 all of our home ministers were traveling so we relied on Bro. Jeff Bahler

(Sis. Heidi) and Bro. John Lehman (Sis. Ruth Anne) from Wolcott to supply our needs on the pulpit. We are so thankful for their willing service and for the close bonds of fellowship we enjoy with the Wolcott congregation. On July 10 for Sis. Melanie and Bro. Ryan’s wedding we enjoyed a full pulpit of visiting ministers as well. We thank Elder Bro. Doug Schock (Sis. Clara) and Bro. Joe Dotterer (Sis. Rose) from Bloomfield, IA, along with Bro. Sam Schlatter (Sis. Linda, Junction, OH) and Bro. Wayne Wiegand (Sis. Rosemary, Goodfield, IL) for sharing the Word with us on that joyous occasion.

We want to be prayerful for Elmer Beckley (brother to our Sis. Velda and Sis. LaVina) as he is in the hospital at the time of this writing.

We are also prayerful for Dave and Charity (Bro. Phil and Sis. Diane Isabell) Pratt and their children, Chloe Anne, Genesis, and Noah, as they embark on a new phase of their life’s journey and move to South Carolina. We will miss them and hope that they visit often, but we wish them God’s blessings in Dave’s new job and location.

We had our annual Sunday School picnic at the end of June. Once again it was a blessed time of fun and fellowship. I always enjoy watching the children as they grow and mature and advance to the next classes. We pray that their faith and desire to serve the Lord grows and matures and advances as well until such time that He calls them to be His!

As the annual Conference approaches, we want to remember to be prayerful for our Elder Brothers. We are thankful to the brethren in Forrest, IL, for hosting this year and pray that it will be a blessed day for

all.

*Note of Thanks:*

With deep appreciation, the family of Bro. Edwin Bahler wishes to thank everyone for their deeds of kindness and sympathy at the time of the great loss of our dear one. The outpouring of your presence, cards, food, and every act of sympathy was overwhelming and humbling. May God bless you as only God can do!

*Sis. Lois Bahler and family*

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**INDIANA, SOUTH BEND**  
**Natalie Virkler**

“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.”

*Psalms 116:15*

Bro. Marty Langhofer’s father, Bro. Al Langhofer of our Wichita, KS, church passed away this month. What a blessed legacy he left behind.

We’re thankful to Bro. Tom Troxel and his wife, Sis. LuAnn (La-Crosse), for coming to share the Word with us this month.

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

My thoughts go to lighthouses this morning. We have had one or two very active wind and thunder storms recently. The town where we live borders on Lake Michigan and during these storms we think of ships out on the lake. In times past there were lighthouses all up and down the coast, flashing their beams to ships in distress and helping to guide them to safer waters. With modern technology, ships now have electronic gear and computers to do this for them so the time for the old lighthouses and their powerful beams is past.

They still stand, however, staunch and tall, so they’ve now become places of interest for tourists. Each one could probably tell many interesting stories. They inspired many hymns, one of which is “Jesus is the Lighthouse”. As nearly as I could tell, it was written by Ronnie Hinson. Each time I hear it I get a lump in my throat. Those of us who have found the light will relate to this beautiful verse from that song:

“Oh, I thank God for the Lighthouse,  
I owe my life to Him.  
For Jesus is the Lighthouse,  
Upon the rocks of sin  
He has shone a light around me,  
That I could clearly see.  
If it wasn’t for the Lighthouse,  
Then where would this ship be?”

Bros. Tim Bucher and Joe Feller, and their wives, Sisters Julie and Jackie, plus the Sunday school students planned a very special picnic for guests a week ago on a Saturday night. They invited people from surrounding housing additions and from the Homeless Shelter. Those who attended had a very good time and a lot of good food; plus we know hearts full of love were given to them also. Small numbers of people become large, when all their hearts are full of enthusiasm and love to invite folks to share in our beautiful faith. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this night a reality. We don’t know at this point how many blessings will be derived from it, but we are optimistic that an effort like this will bear rich fruit.

We are always grateful when ministers visit. We are especially grateful to ministering Bro. Tom Troxel and his wife, Sis. Luann, from LaCrosse. He assisted Bro. Mike Thomas this past Sunday. Bro. Tom and Sis. Luann bring their

loving smiles with them each time they are here and we feel joy radiate from them when they visit. May God bless them for their service to the Valpo church.

Bob felt as if he received a special blessing in this past month, when he learned that his cousin and lifetime friend, Ralph (Rudy) Hoerr of Peoria, accepted the Lord into his life and was baptized in his home. We rejoice with Rudy and the entire D. A. Hoerr family. Part of the special blessing was being sent a picture of all the Hoerr siblings as they were together for this special event. We almost felt as if we were there with them. Like a pebble dropped into the water, the blessing got bigger and bigger until it spread from Peoria to New Buffalo, MI.

Vacation time is upon us and we invite those of you who might be in our area to remember that we’re just 2¾ miles South of US 30 on SR 49.

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

“Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.”

*Romans 12:15*

We rejoice with Bro. Nick and Sis. Suzanne Gutwein on the birth of another grandchild, Jude Thomas, born to Adam and Whitney Ebert. We also rejoice with Bro. Brian and Sis. Lorene Furrer as they became grandparents again with the birth of Mason Bryant, son of Mark and Heather Furrer. We look forward to see this little guy grow up in West Lafayette along with his sister Bailey.

Our thoughts and prayers are

with Sis. Diana Norman, with the passing of her grandmother, Ellen Norman. Sis. Diana has been a faithful caretaker for many years. May God bless your dedicated service.

Best wishes to Bro. Ned Troxel as he will be moving to the Detroit area for a new job. We have appreciated his support in West Lafayette and know he will be a blessing to the Detroit congregation.

Congratulations to Bro. Blake Widmer (Bro. Neal and Sis. Kris) and Sis. Tashi Bent of Jamaica on their wedding on July 24. We look forward to meeting them when they visit here in August. May God richly bless your lives together and continue to use you for His glory.

With the summer winding down, we look forward to the return of our Purdue students and invite you and your families to join us for church. As a reminder, our new facility is located at 6101 N CR 75 E, West Lafayette. Sunday Service begins at 10:00 AM and Wednesday night service singing begins at 7:00 PM.

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**INDIANA, WOLCOTT**  
**Sasha Kyburz**  
**Donita Edelman**

What a wonderful blessing when a new baby arrives! We are rejoicing with Bro. Jon and Sis. Wendy Schwab as they celebrate the arrival of their granddaughter, Norah Jane, to Bro. Seth and Sis. Brandy Beer (Phoenix, AZ). May the Lord guide and direct this couple during their journey through parenthood.

We were very fortunate to have ministering Bro. Ron Isch (Sis. Jane, Lamont-Gridley, KS) with us for Sunday service this month.

In some way or other the Lord will provide:  
It may not be my way, it may not be thy way;

and yet in His own way, "The Lord will provide".

Then we'll trust in the Lord, and He will provide;

yes we'll trust in the Lord, and He will provide.

*Gospel Hymns #7*

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**IOWA, BLOOMFIELD**  
**Rachel Stoller**

As we enter the busy summer months here in Bloomfield, we trust in God to send us the sunshine and rain we need. We are thankful that He has promised to look out for His own, and that we do not need to go on in our own strength. We trust our newest couple here in Bloomfield will also trust in Him, and not in their own strength. Bro. Ryan Schock (Bro. Dale and Sis. Teresa) and Sis. Melanie Bahler (Bro. Mark and Sis. Benita, Remington, IN) were joined as one in the Lord on July 10. We wish them God's nearness in their marriage.

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**IOWA, BURLINGTON**  
**Marilyn Anderson**  
**Karla Gerst**

As a congregation, we are happy to welcome Bro. Blake Wulf home again. He had been living in Morris, MN, and attending church there.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Leroy Wulf and family on the passing of his mother, Sis. Leona Wulf of Lester. May their precious memories of her and God's comfort sustain them.

Bro. John and Sis. Ingrid Buster welcome a new granddaughter, Ali Rose, born July 3 to Clay and Jessica Buster. Big brother Aidyn welcomes his new sister.

We were thankful to have Elder Bro. Jon Schmidgall (Sis. Julie, Oakville) share God's Word with us this past month.

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**IOWA, ELGIN**  
**Maria Rocke**  
**Brianna Strahm**

Our Sunday School picnic was held the last Sunday of June at a local park. We are thankful our Elder Bro. Wayne Grimm (West Bend, IA) and his wife, Sis. Rose, could be with us for the day. We appreciate his many labors in shepherding our flock.

At Home, 'tis well! There shall the pilgrim tarry,  
When tired and worn by sorrow,  
grief, and strife;  
In heav'n, when the hard race of  
earthly life is run,  
The long-borne load no more he'll  
carry.

*Zion's Harp #170*

We share our sympathy with Bro. Phil and Sis. Charlotte Waldbeser and their family in the loss of Sis. Charlotte's father, Bro. Gene Nester (Lester, IA). Also in our thoughts are Bro. Paul and Sis. Mildred Butikofer, Bro. Bert and Sis. Beulah Butikofer, and Bro. Al and Sis. LaVerne Butikofer. May God comfort their hearts with the hope of someday reuniting.

Sis. Gloria Frieden is in our prayers as she is recovering from surgery. May God continue to strengthen her each day.

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**IOWA, GARDEN GROVE**  
**Laura Funk**

May it reach our hearts, we pray  
thee;  
On good soil may it take root.  
With Thy heav'nly blessings nourished,  
May it bring the pleasing fruit.  
May we all in richest measure,  
Lord, to Thy great joy and pleasure,  
As Thy plants of honor grow!



Amen! Yea, Lord, be it so!  
*Zion's Harp # 218, vs. 2*

We have enjoyed many visitors the past few weeks. Bringing teachings from the Heavenly Father include Bro. Dave Marquart (Taylor, MO), Bro. Chuck Kellenberger (Elgin, IL), Elder Bro. Jay Luthi (Lamont-Gridley, KS) and Bro. John Bradle (Roanoke, IL). We are thankful for the visitors that accompany these ministering Brothers.

We are thankful Kris and Britany Braun have followed the Lord's leading and located in Garden Grove, moving from Denver, CO. Britany is the daughter of Bro. Tom and Sis. Dawn Moser.

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

We are always glad to have visitors which this past month included ministers, Bro. Tom Lanz (Sis. Mary, Oakville, IA), Bro. John Rowell (Sis. Nelda, Burlington, IA) and Bro. Trent Meiss (Sis. Lucy, Eureka, IL). We thank each of our visitors for their fellowship with us and we thank our ministering brothers for their willingness to speak on God's Word.

We look forward to the arrival of our college students and our annual College Student Welcome Picnic on Sunday, September 18. We invite all new and returning college students and their families to join us for worship and the picnic following the afternoon service. If you or someone you know will be attending college in the Iowa City or Cedar Rapids area, please contact Sis. Connie Gerst (319-846-2348) as she is gathering student contact information and would like an RSVP for the picnic.

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

Three precious baby girls have brought much joy to their families. Allie Jo Martin was born on June 22 to Durwin and Amy Martin. Brody is excited to have a little sister. Ed and Judy Martin and Bro. Jim and Sis. Carolyn Reutter (Morris, MN) are the thankful grandparents. Bro. Kent and Sis. Elyse Moser welcomed Evie Marie into their family on July 17. First-time grandparents are Bro. Denis and Sis. Jill Meyer and Bro. Donn and Sis. Joyce Moser. On July 18, Suzi Josephine was born to Tim and Carla Feucht. Gabby, Sadie, Robbyn and Reed are excited for a new playmate. Sis. Martha Feucht is her Grandma.

The Lord again has given His counsel and His Will. He came to live among us, His promise to fulfill.  
*Zion's Harp #138*

This past month we have appreciated many ministers who have shared the wise counsel of God directed by His Holy Spirit. They were Elder Bro. Jon Schmidgall (Oakville, IA), Bro. Bruce Frank (Cissna Park, IL), Bro. Daren Metz (Gridley, IL), Bro. Virg Metzger (Chicago, IL), Bro. Wayne Fehr (Portland, OR) and Bro. Dan Stoller (Remington, IN). May God Bless these brothers for sharing the Gospel message.

“And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up.”  
*James 5:15*

Several in our church family are suffering from physical afflictions. Those in need of hospitalization this

past month were: Bro. Denis Meyer (Sis. Jill), Bro. Willy Knobloch (Sis. Helen), Tina Moser, Julie Timmerman (Dustin), Bro. Elmer Metzger (Sis. Mariann), Sis. Twyla Bajema (Elder Bro. Rod) and Bro. Art Metzger (Kristy).

Laura Molitor (Bob and Carol) recently graduated from Kirkwood Community College. We wish her much success in her future endeavors.

There with the angels singing,  
 In heaven we shall roam,  
 With gratitude proclaiming  
 We've reached the soul's bright  
 home.  
*Zion's Harp #139*

After enduring several months of pain and suffering, Bro. Eugene Nester passed away on July 6 at the age of 81 years. We extend our love and sympathy to his faithful wife, Sis. Shirley, and children: Bro. Paul and Sis. Marie Sauder (Morris North), Bro. Byron and Sis. Anita Fehr (West Bend, IA), Bro. Phil and Sis. Charlotte Waldbeser (Elgin, IA), Bro. Seth and Sis. Lori Miller and Bro. Willis and Sis. JoAnn Nester and a sister, Sis. Ruth Nester. May God provide comfort to this family.

*Notes of Thanks:*

We want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, memorials and food during and since our mother's illness and passing. May God bless you for your deeds of kindness.

*The family of Sis. Laoretta Knobloch*

We want to express our sincere gratitude for the many kind and generous ways you have helped our family since Kendon's heart trans-

plant. Three months ago, we could not imagine how the details could be worked out for the mountain that was before us. God's Almighty hand has worked all things in His perfect time. We have a deep love and appreciation for each of you for the physical, spiritual and financial support that you have given us. You have been a wonderful witness of God's love, and our prayer is that He will bless you richly for the love you have shared with us. Thank you for the continued prayers.

*Bro. Marti and Sis. Martha Knoblock*

*Riley, Kary Ann, Kendon, Kortlin, Kyra and Rowyn*

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### **IOWA, OAKVILLE** **Sharla Wiegand**

On June 24, Bro. Travis and Sis. Kenna Frank welcomed a new bundle from Heaven when Ava Brielle was born into their family. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Brad and Sis. Teresa Kellenberger (Sabetha, KS) and Bro. Curt and Sis. Kathy Frank.

Mariah Jeanette joined the family of Bro. Clinton, Sis. Kyrstin and Macy Wagenbach on July 9. Mariah's grandparents are Bro. Kevin and Sis. Denise Kilgus (Forest, IL) and Bro. Jerry and Sis. Bonnie Wagenbach, Jr.

The engagement of Sis. Lanae Frank and Bro. Joel Hartman was made known on July 10. Their parents are Bro. Curt and Sis. Kathy Frank and Bro. John and Sis. Rosemary Hartman (Fairbury, IL).

On July 3, Bro. Matt Steffen (Princeville IL) visited us and preached the Word. May God bless him for his labors on our behalf.

### **IOWA, WEST BEND**

**Janet Fehr**  
**Leona Fehr**

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

*III John 1:4*

The angels in heaven are certainly rejoicing over the good number of converts recently in West Bend! We pray that each one may be blessed with the Lord's nearness in building their "house" on the firm foundation of Christ.

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

*Psalms 127:3*

It was a blessing to hear of the arrival of Toban Joel, son of Bro. Jordon and Sis. Ann Grimm. Toban, born June 23, is welcomed home by his brothers, Nathan, Nolan, Colman, Creytan, Logan and Ledan, along with grandparents, Elder Bro. Wayne and Sis. Rose Grimm and Bro. Dennis and Sis. Judy Fehr.

We have had a number of individuals spending time in the hospital this month, including Daniel (Missy) Wise, Kurt Metzger, Sherry (James) Schmidt, and Sis. Ruth Sigsbee who remains in the hospital at the time of this writing. Sis. Denise (Bro. Karl) Fehr was also hospitalized and our prayers are with them as restrictions have been given in care of her unborn child.

Sis. Judy (Bro. Dennis) Fehr and Sis. Phyllis Banwart were surgery patients. We are thankful both surgeries went well and they are regaining their strength with time.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Anita and Bro. Byron Fehr when her father, Bro. Eugene Nester (Sis.

Shirley) from Lester, IA, passed away on July 6. May God fill each hurting heart with His peace.

We were privileged to have Bro. Mike Ursu (Sis. Barb, Kitchener, ON) with us on July 10. No matter who the messenger may be, it is always wonderful to sit under the sound of the Word spoken through God's Spirit, and we thank Bro. Mike for his service to the Lord.

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### **JAPAN, TOKYO** **Jana Klaus**

Schools have finally reached summer break time in the midst of many hot, steamy days here in mid-July. Our Sunday School children were blessed to enjoy a day outing to the mountains of Hachioji, picnicking in the gorgeous setting of evergreens towering up to a cloudless deep blue sky and then managing to easily get drenched in water play in a pond. Normally, they would play in the cool mountain river, but this year, it just happened to be only days after a huge typhoon dumped inches of rain causing rivers to swell to a dangerous level. Afterwards, they all headed back to the church for a curry rice supper, games, Bible time and overnight stay on rented futons. We heartily thank Sis. Marie Inoue who diligently organizes this event each summer. We are thankful that just the week before, she and Elder Bro. Akito, son Koichi and daughter, Sis. Ayako, were able to return safely from a family trip to Yosemite National Park in California, where they had met up with their other son, Bro. Makoto and Sis. Anna (Indianapolis, IN). A few others are traveling overseas this summer, and we pray for safe and blessed travels.

Please continue to pray for the people of Japan. Bro. Andrew Klaus

recently shared this update from his relief work up in the tsunami ravaged region:

“And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.” John 4:37. And “I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.”

*I Cor. 3:6-7.*

“There has been a lot of sowing going on in vast Tohoku region for the last 4 months. Of the many people being met and talked to, and the literally tens of thousands of Bibles and tracts that are being passed out by hundreds or thousands of workers, many souls are hearing about the Word of God for the first time. Others are hearing about it a second or third time, and the seeds planted in the past are getting watered.

Almost 3 weeks ago I visited a shelter at Utatsu Jr High School (Minamisanriku) for the first time with another volunteer. It was during the day, so the able-bodied people and children were all away working or in school. We talked to a few of the older ladies there, and gave out a few Bibles and tracts, and had a prayer with one of them, Grandma Miura. As the work is so vast, I did not expect to see these ladies again. However, the next week I was forwarded an email by a fellow staffer who had been forwarded the email from another Christian group who happened to visit that shelter the next day, and they found Grandma Miura happily reading her Bible. They asked her where she got it, and she said that someone had visited the day before and given it to her. They could water the seeds that

had been planted by explaining to her more deeply about faith in God. So the next week we visited the shelter and talked with her again. When a few others started gathering around, Grandma Miura started telling the other ladies about what a wonderful book the Bible is, and they in turn asked for one, so we gave them each a Bible, too. We visited the shelter again last week, and although Grandma Miura was gone (she recently moved into temporary housing), we found another older lady, Grandma Abe, who had her Bible filled with bookmarks of places that she had been reading, and a couple of others had their Bibles placed right by their beds. God was using His Word to speak to them.

God is using people to both plant and water, but we know that it is only His Spirit that can work in their hearts, and only He can give the harvest."

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**KANSAS, BERN**  
**Sheri Edelman**  
**Jill Meyer**

Word of Life, the fountain flowing purely from the throne above  
Life and strength to him imparting,  
who accepts the Word in love...

*Zion's Harp #176*

Summertime travels have blessed us with visiting ministers. We thank Bros. Mike Ursu (Sis. Barb; Kitchener, Ontario), Chris Kuenzi (Sis. Mary; Silverton) and Dana Indermuhle (Sis. Joy; Sardis) for sharing that Word of Life with us.

...who from our mother's arms  
has blest us on our way...

*Zion's Harp #236*

We are thankful for new babies

brought to church in the arms of their mothers and fathers. Bro. Myreon and Sis. Lori Menold welcomed Harrison James on June 27. Harrison is also welcomed by his brothers, Colin and Lincoln, and his grandparents, Bro. James and Sis. Lou Menold and Elder Bro. John and Sis. Connie Lehman.

Bristol Louise joined the family of Bro. Terry and Sis. Dayra Menold on July 19. Bristol's excited siblings are Norea, Madison, Lucas and Lyndsey. Her grandparents are Bro. James and Sis. Lou Menold and Bro. James and Sis. Karol Meyer.

We are also anxious to meet little Jakub Liam, who was born to Clint and Eva Meyer on May 12 in Prague, Czech Republic. Happy first-time grandparents are Bro. Steve and Sis. Kaye Meyer. We wish each of these families God's blessings as they raise their precious heritage.

Our congratulations are extended to Kevin Rokey (Bro. Morris and Sis. Arlinda) and Lisa Cross who have announced their engagement and are planning a wedding on September 17.

The annual Sunday School Picnic was held July 17 and Sunday School will have a vacation for the month of August. We wish to express our gratitude to the teachers for all the labors of love they extend to the youth of our church and to the students for their eagerness to learn about the Lord and His Word each week.

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**KANSAS, FORT SCOTT**  
**Martin Hohulin Sr.**

Typical June days were rare this month as we seem to have skipped spring and went straight into the dog days of summer. Temperatures of 100 degrees were not uncommon, and we had less than an inch of rain.

This month was a reminder of how dependent we are on God's blessings.

Sis. Betty Lemons has been unable to attend church for several Sundays due to a knee injury. We miss her and pray for her recovery.

Two reunions with ties to our area are scheduled for July. The Silas and Lydia (Steiner) Hohulin reunion will take place in the Denver, CO, area to be followed the next week by the Nicholas Marti reunion in Lamar, MO. Silas Hohulin and his father, Tim Hohulin, both lived and farmed in the Fort Scott area during their lifetimes. We hope to attend both reunions and enjoy the fellowship. Bro. Tim Roecker (Sis. Diane, Peoria, IL) will be conducting our Sunday service at the Hohulin Reunion.

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

"Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power... Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

*Psalms 150:1,6*

Whenever we look around us at the sun, moon and stars, the trees, the song birds and animals. All the beauty that God places here for our pleasure truly deserves our praise, but most of all, the giving of His only Son to die for our sin on that cruel cross that we might live with Him forever in eternity if we so choose, is far beyond comprehending and our praise for Him should never cease. We are a richly blessed people.

Twenty-seven young ladies and five young adults from the Kansas and Denver, CO, churches met in Ki-

owa the weekend of June 19 for Kanorado, a weekend that brings members and non-members together to fellowship and share the love of God. The girls camped and fellowshiped Friday and Saturday, then joined us at the church on Sunday. We hope it was as much a blessing for the girls as it was for us.

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

*Zion's Harp #237*

Bro. Joel Rinkenberger and Sis. Stephanie Bahr (Bro. Jeff and Sis. Janice) were married in the Apostolic Christian Church on the CVE Campus in Magdalena, Mexico, on the weekend of June 5, and were in Kiowa for a reception on July 23. It is our prayer that God will bless their marriage in Him, and their work for His glory in Magdalena, or wherever He may lead them in the future.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Bro. Curtis and Sis. Caroline Kaufman (Tucson, AZ) and Bro. John and Sis. Lori Baumgartner (Bern, KS) for sharing two separate Sundays with us this past month. We appreciate the love and fellowship of those who give of their time to go out of their way to come to Kiowa.

Sis. Helen Murrow and Staci Stewart (Bro. Kelly and Sis. Jenny) were hospital patients this month, but we are thankful that they are both doing much better.

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**KANSAS**  
**LAMONT-GRIDLEY**  
**Sarah Somerhalder**

We appreciated ministering Bro. David Hartter (Sis. Beth, Sabetha, KS) assembling with our congregation and bringing forth the truth of

the Gospel. May the Lord bless him for his labors of love in our behalf.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our hospital surgical patients. Sis. Dorene Metzger was to undergo surgery to put stints in, but we are so thankful there was not enough damage to do so. Bro. Glen Anliker (Sis. Lorean) was under the care of a surgeon for his fifth heart device implant. Both want to thank everyone who remembered them in prayer.

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

I am so glad that our Father in  
Heaven  
Tells of His love in the Book He has  
giv'n,  
Wonderful things in the Bible I see;  
This is the dearest, that Jesus loves  
me.

Tho' I forget Him and wander away,  
Still He doth love me wherever I  
stray;  
Back to His dear loving arms would I  
flee,  
When I remember that Jesus loves  
me.

Chorus:  
I am so glad that Jesus loves me,  
Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me;  
I am so glad that Jesus loves me,  
Jesus loves even me.

Bro. Kaleb and Sis. Angela Beyer welcome little Eden Alexis into their family circle. She is lovingly welcomed home by her siblings, Taygen, Boston and Keyston. Grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Donna Edelman of the Bern, KS, congregation and Bro. Martin and Sis. Karen Beyer. Bro. Brad and Sis. Teresa Kellenberger welcome a granddaughter, Ava, into their family circle. Ava is the daughter of Bro. Travis and Sis. Kenna Frank of the

Oakville, IA, congregation. May God grant each of these families wisdom as they raise their young families.

It is always a blessing to have ministers visit us from time to time. We appreciate Bro. John Baumgartner (Sis. Lori, Bern, KS) and Bro. Merlin Meyer (Sis. Marilyn, Lester, IA) being with us this past month. During the week on a Wednesday evening we were blessed to have Bro. Mike Ursu (Sis. Barb, Kitchener, Ontario) with us.

We express our deepest sympathy in the passing of Sis. Ellen Hertzels' (Elder Bro. Gerry) mother, Joyce Plattner of Sabetha. May God grant them strength and courage in the days ahead.

We were saddened at the sudden passing of our Bro. Gordon Huber. Our heartfelt love and sympathy is extended to the family. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Sharlyn Huber, and children: Brooke Francessi (Vince) of San Fransico, CA, Tyler (Whitney) of Winter Park, CO, Sis. Brianna of Aurora, CO, and Trenton of the home. Bro. Gordon's siblings are Sis. Karen Beyer (Bro. Martin), Bro. Eric (Sis. Marcel) of Aurora, CO, and David of London, England; and step-mother, Sis. Janette Huber of Morris, MN. May God give each one strength as they face the days ahead.

Our hospital patients this month were Sis. LaVonne Aberle (Bro. Roger) and Bro. Erik Hertzels (Sis. Shelli). May God give them strength and healing.

The annual summer all-church potluck picnic was July 8. We are thankful to be able to visit and be among our church family. It was a blessed and beautiful evening.

We will be lifting our Elders up in prayer who will meet for the Elder

Conference this month.

Our single group hosted company on the 4th of July weekend. May God be with them as they walk the faithful path of life.

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

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### KANSAS, WICHITA Emma Miller

As is true for most of us, we in Kansas must deal with the weather regardless of what we get. The July temperatures this year have been 100 plus degrees. Those of us who planted tomatoes usually are enjoying them by the Fourth of July. So far this year, I have harvested 3 tomatoes.

The Art and Gussie Wulssleger family held their reunion during the Fourth of July weekend. Many of them came to our morning service on July 3. The Raymond Banwart families from Ft. Scott had also enjoyed a family reunion and stopped to worship with us on their way home. Those of us who are the regular few who gather weekly were uplifted by the special guests. It would be a blessing to have our benches filled every time we meet.

Our numbers are getting smaller. Shawnda Reimchisel has moved to a group home in McPherson, Kansas. She told her mother that she liked living there.

Then on June 24, our dear retired minister, Bro. Al Langhofer, departed from his world of suffering and entered the kingdom he longed

for. Funeral services were June 28.

Bro. Al and Sis. Judy's children and their spouses survive with the exception of Jocelyn's husband, Dick Peyton. Others include Steve and wife Jeanie; Marty and wife Lavilla; Eric and wife Cindy; Mary and husband Bruce Stoller; Melissa and husband Rocky Giltner; and Bob and wife Misty.

As many are aware, Steve Langhofer had been injured in a serious accident. We praised the Lord when we saw him come into church without his crutches or his wheelchair the Sunday following his father's funeral.

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### KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON Barb Huber

"And now, little children, abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming."

*I John 2:28*

We look forward to His coming. What a day that will be when we see Christ face to face. What a glorious day that will be! In our faith, we are blessed with a "fellowship" which is but a foretaste of "that glorious day" which we will experience if we have been true and faithful.

This past month, we were blessed by the "fellowship" of God's willing servants, Elder Bro. Bruce Endress (Sis. Elizabeth, Bradford, IL) and Bro. Glen Braker (Sis. Audrey, Princeville, IL) and their precious families. God spoke to us through His Word and Holy Spirit giving chastisement, encouragement, and nourishment for our undying souls. We thank you, dear ones, for all your efforts of love for the cause of Christ. May the Lord continue to bless and

reward you in your service for Him. Other visitors who came and worshipped with us were from Eureka, Fairbury, Forrest, and Roanoke, IL and Bluffton, IN. We even had some surprises. Your fellowship is always a blessing. We cherish the friendships we have made.

We covet your prayers for the church at Lexington at this time. We appreciate the support all the churches have given throughout the years for our small congregation. The Lord has been faithful during the 43 years we have been here. We praise Him and continue to trust Him, but we are being very prayerful about some changes we feel need to be made. It is our prayer that God will reveal His will to us and provide the needed grace to do His will. Without Him, we can do nothing, but with Him, all things are possible and we need not fear what is ahead. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

It's always a joy to have visitors and we welcome all who may be in our area or travelling through to worship with us. You may contact Bro. Lester Huber (859) 745-2541. Church services are held at 3938 Becknerville Rd., Winchester, KY. Directions to the church are in the 2010 minister's book.

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

“When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art

the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.”

*Matthew 16:13-17*

July marked the end of the school year, saying goodbye to the students for a few weeks until Vacation Bible School will once again fill the school and church to overflowing. This year's theme for VBS is the life of the Apostle Peter. VBS is scheduled in Ixtlan the week of July 23-27, and in Morelia the first week of August. Bro. Rudy and Sis. Rosario Troxel (LaCrosse, IN) came to Ixtlan to visit their family and help with VBS. During their stay they also traveled with their family to Barra Vieja to put on a week of VBS there. The Ixtlan church was blessed this month to have two groups of visitors from the sister church in Tecate, Mexico.

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**MICHIGAN, ALTO**  
**Listyn Oesch**  
**Melissa Blough**

Vacation Bible School took place in June. The children spent the week learning about Moses and the Ten Commandments. This time is precious to the growth of our children, so we would like to take a moment to thank all of those involved in making a successful week. We pray the seeds have been planted and now God will continue to spread showers of love and truth in their tender hearts. Guest speakers during the week were Bro. Randy Gasser (Sis. Sue, Detroit, MI) and Bro. Jeff Waibel (Sis. Margo, Leo, IN). Our congregation was blessed by the service of these brothers.

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

*Proverbs 22:6*

New Sunday School teachers were voted in this month: Bro. Ed Sanders, Sis. Donna Oesch, Sis. Andrea Baumann, and Sis. Melissa Blough. We thank them for their willingness to serve. We would also like to acknowledge those teachers who have finished their terms: Sis. Gina Blough, Sis. Terri Huber, and Bro. Ron Erismann. Thank you for your faithfulness and dedication to these children. Also a thank you to Bro. Mike Baumann and Bro. Jake Gerst for their continual service.

The summer brings vacationers and our congregation is blessed by each visitor. Thank you for joining us during your travels. Special thanks to Bro. Craig Stickling (Sis. Jacqueline, Peoria, IL) for serving on the pulpit.

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**MICHIGAN, BAY CITY**  
**Sarah Knochel**  
**Janelle Ramseyer**

Vacation Bible School was held June 20-24. This year's theme was “Jesus, The Light of the World”. On Wednesday evening, Bro. Todd Stoller (Sis. Pam, Latty, OH) shared “Turning on the Light” and on Friday evening, Bro. Dennis Kaufmann (Sis. Bonnie, Bloomington, IL) spoke on “Walking in the Light”. It is such a blessing to work and interact with the students and to see their enthusiasm and desire to learn more about Christ. We pray that this desire would remain with them throughout their life.

“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, 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*

Bro. Jeff Waibel (Sis. Margo, Leo, IN) and Elder Bro. Dave Steffen (Sis. Linda, Elgin, IL) visited our congregation recently and ministered unto us. We appreciate their efforts and pray that God would be their rich Rewarder.

We are thankful to have Sis. Brooklynn Lehner back in Bay City. She had been worshipping with the Congerville congregation while attending school at Illinois State University.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jennifer Curtis and Sis. Emma Waibel as they both spent time in the hospital recently. We trust that God would continue to heal and provide all according to His will.

We also want to remember Sis. Laura Wieland and Sis. Edie Meier in the passing of their sister, Margaret Fierke. Margaret would often attend church with her sisters and her presence will be missed.

“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

*Philippians 4:19*

May the blessings of God rest with each one in the coming days.

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## MICHIGAN, DETROIT

**Manuela Denes  
Kay Rauhe**

Why is it that prayer sometimes feels like a passive approach, when truly it's the most aggressive approach? So with that in mind, we were encouraged to pray for everyone in our congregation, but focusing on two of our loved ones who would welcome our prayers—Sis.

Linda Shaw and Sis. Barbara Johnson. Let's be prayer warriors and remember them daily in our thoughts and in our prayers!

“...and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

*James 5:16*

We would like to convey a special thank you to visiting ministers, Bro. Justin Koch (Sis. Marcia; Washington, IL), Bro. Greg Stieglitz (Sis. Lisa; Indianapolis, IN), and Bro. Steve Stieglitz (Sis. Jane; Leo, IN) for sharing the Word so eloquently with us. It was certainly a joy to hear them and to gather strength and confidence to face the world with all of its challenges in the coming week.

We tearfully said goodbye to the Schrock family — Bro. Troy, Sis. Jennifer, and children, Navy, Merrit and Grey! They moved to Fort Wayne (Leo), IN, to pursue a job opportunity, and we will definitely miss their love, their smiles, their love for the Lord, and their constant joy! We are looking forward to them visiting us as often as possible. As you go from here to there, may God keep you in His care!

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadows of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. 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 23:4 and 6*

Another reason to be tearful was when we heard about the death of Sis. Martha Szilagyi whose constant love and encouraging words for

many years will be missed. However, there is a reason to rejoice because she is now with the Lord. Our deepest sympathy, continued prayers, and love to her children, Barbara and Don Jones, Donna Hellans, Gerry and Toni Szilagyi, and David and Mary Kathleen Szilagyi; her sister, Sis. Vi Barton (Bro. Jim); grandchildren; great grandchildren; and many other family members and friends who will miss her. May they all feel the Lord's peace and know the gentle comfort of His healing touch.

On July 16, we gathered to enjoy the fellowship, delicious dinner, and the great singing of our choir for the Detroit Church's 23rd Annual Choir Benefit for our Woodhaven Retirement Community. It always amazes us how the Lord blesses us each year as this worthwhile event just continues to be so successful. We want to graciously thank each and every one that attended and all of the volunteers that made this evening so wonderful! “O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth. Sing unto the Lord, bless His name: show forth His salvation from day to day.” (Psalm 96:1-2)

We joyfully welcomed Bro. Cloyce and Sis. Carol Gress from the West Bend, IA, congregation and pray that they feel the love and God's nearness as they worship and fellowship here!

We rejoiced with the wonderful news that Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Mary Kaisner were once again happy grandparents with the adoption of their precious granddaughter, Jenasia Kay Gerber. Her parents, Bro. Ked and Sis. Joanne, along with their family, were thrilled to have her home in Bluffton, IN. “And whoso shall receive one such little child in my

name receiveth me.” (Matthew 18:5)

“...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  
Timothy McMillan**

We began the month with I Sam. 15:22-23 – “And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to harken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness, is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king.” The Word of God stands true forever, thus we are warned that sacrifice, be it of time, money, or work, is not going to get us into heaven if we do not heed God’s Word. To be stubborn and believe we can ignore parts of the Word, or not be obedient to one section or another, can cause God to reject us. Let us pray all our Brethren follow God’s Word with obedience and submission to His ways!

We are always appreciative the Lord allows Brothers to visit and share God’s teachings with us. The Word was shared this month by Bro. Justin Koch (Sis. Marcia, Washington, IL), and Bro. Duane Metzger (Sis. Ruth, West Bend, IA). May it be that God’s rich rewards are shown through the preaching by our brothers.

We have those with milestones marked in life, as graduates from their studies. Brittany Schmidt (Darrin & Jackelyn Schmidt and Jan & Matt Giesen) and Haley

Messner (Jason and Nancy) mark a new era in their life as they move forward. We pray that all of us mark each day as an opportunity to graduate further for the Lord’s glory.

Emily Messner (Todd and Sis. Renee) gave a vow of marriage with Zach Stover (Scott and Connie Stover of Eagan, MN) this month as well. May the Lord guide them to His will as they grow together!

Our prayers go out to Bro. Dave Stewart (Sis. Diane) in the loss of his mother. We also are prayerful for Bro. Perry and Sis. Carol Virkler as Perry struggles with his health. We ask your prayers as well.

Our joy is lifted up with Bro. Matthew and Sis. Marty Saurer joining our congregation, as employment has brought Marty back to the twin cities metro. We also have joy in the adoption of Hanna by Jamie and Jodi Pelzel!

Yet the Lord is ever near us;  
He doth guide our vessel’s course;  
He would test our love and firmness,  
giving storm and wind its course.  
That our faith be shown in clearness,  
seemingly He hides His nearness;  
if we plead with fervent will;  
He will bid the sea be still.

*Zion’s Harp #94, vs. 2*

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**MINNESOTA, MORRIS  
Kim Feuchtenberger  
Susie Wulf**

We are thankful for the many visiting ministers that were with us for the provings and baptisms of Hermann and Hilda Kaiser along with their two sons, Benjamin and Ulrich, on June 26. Bro. Pat Zaugg (Sis. Julie) and Bro. Kevin Fehr (Sis. Lonnie), both of West Bend, IA; Bro. David Hartter (Sis. Beth, Sabetha, KS); Bro. Clint Schmidt (Sis. Magdalena, Winthrop, MN); Bro. Mike Ursu (Sis. Barb, Kitchener,

Canada); Bro. James Knapp (Sis. Lisa, Congerville, IL); and Bro. Gary Brown (Sis. Jane, Forrest, IL) were in attendance. We are thankful for the brethren that assisted on the pulpit including our retired Elder Bro. Art Nohl who helped Bro. Roy with the provings. Also visiting this month was Bro. Ted Luginbuhl (Sis. Stephanie, Smithville, OH). May God bless and provide for each of these brothers the pure and Holy Word of Life.

On July 7, Jacob Daniel was born to Bro. Quinn and Sis. Kristi Messner. Welcoming him home are Dawn, Brandi, Trent, Troy, Isaac, and Damon. July 12 brought the arrival of Lillie Mae. Parents are Bro. Alex and Sis. Myra Messner and sisters are Emma and Clara.

The engagement of Bro. Matt Wulf (Bro. Stan and Sis. Pam) to Sis. Tara Fehr (Bro. Randy and Sis. Lori, Morris North, MN) was made known. May they seek the Lord’s blessings and direction as they take this step in life.

Our converts, Jane Durkee and Lucy Wulf (Bro. Davis and Sis. Nancy), have found peace with God and man. May they continue to draw nigh to God, ever seeking to do His will.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family of Neil Joos as she passed away on June 18. May they seek God as their Guide and Comforter.

*Note of Thanks:*

We would like to thank the Morris church for all they have done for us. We appreciate all the prayers, letters of encouragement and time that has been spent on our behalf. A very big thank you to all those who helped provide the food, gave of their time, and made our weekend



special.

We feel so indebted to you and pray God will richly bless you now and in the time to come.

*The Kaiser Family*

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**MINNESOTA  
MORRIS NORTH  
Wanda Gramm  
Lois Schmidgall**

“The harvest is truly great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest.”

*Luke 10:2*

We are called to be laborers; are we willing laborers?

Summer, what a busy season ... but we so enjoy those who have taken time to visit us at Morris North. Our visitors this month were from Winthrop, MN; West Bend, IA; Goodfield, IL; Akron, OH; Morris, MN; Bloomington, IL; Eureka, IL; Taylor, MO; Indianapolis, IN; Gridley, IL; Francesville, IN; Oakville, IA; Sabetha, KS.

Our prayers are with the Elder Brothers and ministers as they will soon be meeting at the Annual Brother Meeting. Their labors of love are very much appreciated and we pray that you will feel the Spirit's presence and that our faith can continue to grow in His true Spirit.

Ministering Brothers who have shared the Word this month with us are: Bro. Jed Rocke (Sis. Marsha, Goodfield, IL), Bro. Ron Palitto (Sis. Lynell, Akron, OH), Bro. Ken Wuethrich (Sis. Lyn, Indianapolis, IN), Elder Bro. Paul Messner (Sis. Jan, Winthrop, MN), and Bro. Matt Rassi (Sis. Bridget, Chicago, IL). Your labors are appreciated, please come back to visit us again.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Dale and Sis. Rachel Zeltwanger and family in the loss of her mother, Sis. Martha Rinkenberger. Also to Bro. Paul and Sis. Marie Sauder and family in the loss of her father, Bro. Gene Nester. We can be so thankful that we have the promises of our Heavenly Father that He will be with us through whatever trial that we may be facing.

Wednesday evening services have been established the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at our church in Morris North. We would welcome anyone who is in our area to join us for worship. Bro. Ken and Sis. Lyn Wuethrich were with us for midweek services. Thank you, Bro. Ken, for sharing the Word with us.

Our church family was invited to Bro. Adam and Sis. Christi Zeltwanger's home for a wonderful rib fest. After a great rib supper we enjoyed singing praises to our Lord. What a beautiful thing it is to sing praises. I just couldn't help but think of the time to come where we can sing for all eternity. What a great future we have if we are good laborers for our Lord.

July 8 was the wedding day for our special friends, Lindsey Gramm and Marcus Montana. Bro. Ted and Sis. Wanda Gramm are Lindsey's parents. We wish them God's blessings and love.

Noel Schieler has shown her love for others in giving her beautiful hair to Locks for Love. Her face was just shining to know that she was going to make someone else happy. Jesus reminds us that we need to become as little children so that we can enjoy heaven someday.

Our Sis. Alyssa Knobloch has moved from our congregation to the Oakville, IA, area. We miss her, but wish her God's blessings as she

starts her new job.

Let's go forth and be doers of the Word and not just hearers. God loves a cheerful giver; let's give to Him by helping others and being a true laborer in His field.

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**MINNESOTA, WINTHROP  
Lindsay Schmidt  
Heather Steiner**

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

*Proverbs 22:6*

We're thankful to have two little additions to our church. Russel and Amanda Miller welcomed little Colten James on April 25. Happy siblings are Lydia, Ava, and Brayden. David and Bethany Messner welcomed little Ruth Ann on May 19. Justin, Darren, and Eric are glad for a little sister. May God be with these parents as they raise their children to fear and know God.

“Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.”

*Psalms 34:11*

Sunday School has wrapped up for this school year. We're thankful to the teachers and students for their efforts this year. Bro. John Elder (Sis. Joleen) and Sis. Bethany Messner (Bro. David) have finished their terms—thank you! Teachers to begin their term in the fall are Bro. Brett Messner (Sis. Rebecca) and Sis. Heather Steiner. Substitute teachers will be Bro. Nick Schmidt (Sis. Julie) and Sis. Lindsay Schmidt. May God be with each teacher as they sow seeds in the tender hearts so that one day a mighty tree will grow.

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

*Proverbs 3:6*

We congratulate our high school graduates: Trey Stoll (Bro. Ed and Sis. Ginny), Bro. Landon Messner (Bro. Paul and Sis. Jan), Samantha Isaacson (Jerry and Melissa), and Sis. Emily Steiner (Bro. Glen and Sis. Rachel). We wish each one the best in their future and pray that the paths you choose are pleasing to God.

“Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;”

*Psalms 88:2*

Prayers followed our hospital and surgery patients this month: Bro. Darrel Schmidt (Darlene), Melvin Messner (Vernita), and Bro. Mike Messner (Sis. Joyce). We pray that God will continue to grant healing and strength to each of these loved ones.

“Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.”

*Psalms 119:160*

Each visitor in our small congregation is a huge blessing, and we have been blessed by many visitors this month! We were blessed to have a visiting minister stand up and bring forth God’s Word. We want to thank Bro. Erik Givens (Sis. Deb, Princeville, IL) for being willing to let the Spirit work in him and speak the truth in love. We hope that all would feel invited to include worship with us in your travelling plans. May God bless each one for your efforts.

## MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY

### **Brittany Fehr**

We are thankful for the safe arrival of two new babies in our congregation! Bro. Brent and Sis. Beth Kellenberger were blessed with another daughter, Moriah Grace. Moriah was also welcomed by big sisters, Amor and Kambria, and grandparents, Bro. Clarence and Sis. Louann Zobrist (Congerville, IL) and Bro. Randy and Sis. Karen Kellenberger. Also, first-time parents, Bro. Alan and Sis. Holly Banwart, welcomed Gideon Dean into their family; Gideon’s grandparents are Irene and the late Dean Banwart (West Bend, IA) and Don Wales and Sis. Carol Wales. May God richly bless these couples as they strive to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

Bro. Tom Leman (Sis. Marlene, Denver, CO) and Bro. Philip Shultz (Sis. Kelli, Burlington, IA) were our visiting ministers. We are thankful for their willingness to be used; may the Lord bless them for their labors.

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## MISSOURI, LAMAR

### **Venetta Banwart**

### **Rebecca Dotterer**

June 19 was the wedding date of our Sis. Mindy Braker (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Carol) to Bro. Ken Messner (Bro. Sid and Sis. Cheryl). We will miss Sis. Mindy, but trust that God will bless them as they make their home in Morris. We were also thankful to have many visitors here for the special occasion, including Elder Bro. Roy Koehl (Morris, MN) and ministering Bro. Beirne Messner (Morris, MN).

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## MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS

### **Kary Mangers**

“The Lord gave, and the Lord

hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”

*Job 1:21b*

We mourn with Bro. Nathan, Sis. Michelle, and their son Ashton Rassi. Their twin daughters, Amelia and Brooklyn, were taken to heaven before they ever breathed on this earth. Elder Bro. Kent Heimer, along with the St. Louis ministers, officiated at the graveside service that was held on July 23. Many family and friends were able to attend and show their love and support. May we lift them up in prayer during this difficult time.

“Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.”

*Romans 12:15*

While our hearts are heavy at the loss of life, the Lord gives us reasons to rejoice. Bro. Loren and Sis. Betsy Schrenk welcomed a new grandson, Micah Paul Miller, to their family on July 5. Parents are Josh and Rachel Miller of Quakertown, PA. Also Bro. Chris and Sis. Carla Wuethrich welcomed their first grandchild, Brielle Lanae Frank, to their family on May 29. Her parents are Bro. Brad and Sis. Meagan Frank of LaCrosse, IN. We pray for each of these families as they raise their children in the Lord.

We thank Bro. Dana and Sis. Leah Nieman and their family (Remington) for supporting and serving us for the June rotation. Bro. Craig and Sis. Terri Martin and family (Princeville) also joined us and brought us God’s Word. We also thank Bro. Greg (Sis. Carla) Rassi and Bro. Matthew (Sis. Bridget) Rassi, both of Chicago, for serving us from the pulpit while they were here supporting their son/brother, Na-

than and his family.

“Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

*I Thessalonians 5:16-18*

At this time our congregation seeks to be blessed in this grace and we pray for the fullness of your joy as you live in His will.

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### MISSOURI, TAYLOR Melissa Reiman

A new school year is starting and with that comes more responsibility. However, we all must remember to stay in our own studies with the Lord. As the years go by and we get older, our responsibilities as students of the Lord start to change and we are blessed to take on bigger challenges. The challenges that the Lord gives us helps us to grow strong and become better lights and examples for those around us. So are you being a good student to the Lord?

We would like to thank Bro. Ron Bollier (Sis. Edie, Indianapolis, IN) and Bro. Curt Kaufman (Sis. Caroline, Tuscan, AZ) for your willingness to come to Taylor and bring Christ's Word through Bible Study! Bro. Curt taught about finding peace in times of aloneness. He started by writing

GODISNOWHERE on the white board and asked what is said. Most everyone thought that it said, “God is no where”. However, if you read it again it really says “God is now here”! It is amazing to see how moving the space in between a word makes a big difference! He also talked about how our faith in Jesus Christ increases when we are able to spend some alone time with Him!

Hallelujah! We rejoice with the

angels with a new convert. Rebecca Reinbeck (Bro. Adam and Sis. Kate) has turned her heart towards the Lord! We offer all of our support during her repentance and her new walk with the Lord.

We had one person in the hospital this month, Bro. Dan Sutter (Sis. Tina). We are thankful that he is doing better and is now back home!

It is so wonderful to hear the cry of a newborn baby! Bro. Jay and Sis. Jackie Braker celebrate the birth of their baby boy, Rio D Braker! Grandparents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Marge Braker (Roanoke, IL) and Elder Bro. Kent and Sis. Jan Heimer.

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### NEW YORK CROGHAN-NAUMBURG Hope Graves

We enjoyed a beautiful weekend on July 9 when a bus load of visitors came from our Akron, OH, congregation. Saturday was spent working together to complete several jobs in our church cemetery. We appreciated all of the many hands that were able to get all of the work done by the end of the day. Included in the bus trip were ministering Bros. Victor Bauman (Sis. Brenda, Smithville, OH) and Steven Pamer (Sis. Arliss, Akron, OH). Also visiting us for the weekend was ministering Bro. Chad Leman (Sis. Kim, Kitchener, Ontario). We thank each one for their labors and for fellowshiping with us. It was a very blessed weekend for everyone.

On Wednesday evening, July 13, we were blessed to have ministering Bro. Ken Eisenmann (Sis. Sharon) with us to share the Word from Cissna Park, IL.

Our prayers have been with our ministering Bro. Jacob Kuntz who broke his leg and needed to have surgery. We are thankful he is again

able to preach God's Word to us. We also send our prayers out to Bro. Jacob Farney who injured his hand at work. We pray for continued healing for both of these brothers.

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### OHIO, AKRON Erika Gal

We look forward to the proving and baptism of our convert, Steven Greenbank, on August 27-28. We trust he can feel our prayers and support.

We are happy to welcome two new baby boys into our congregation. Cameron Paul was born to Bro. Justin and Sis. Lisa Gherian on June 27. He is welcomed home by his siblings, Reagan and Cole. His grandparents are Bro. Steve and Sis. Jenee Rufener (Rittman) and Sis. Sharon (late Bro. Paul) Gherian.

Grant Thomas joined the family of Bro. Andy and Sis. Mary Steidl on June 26. His excited siblings are Mya, Naomi, Gwen, and Amos. His grandparents are Bro. Jerry and Sis. Martha Bauman (Rittman) and Bro. Don and Sis. Nan Steidl. May God provide for and bless these dear families and precious children.

With sorrow in our hearts, we bid farewell to our Bro. George Fulop. Bro. George is survived by his wife of 52 years, Sis. Katherine (Steidl) Fulop; his children, Mary Fulop-Storrer, Susan Soto, Frank (Elizabeth) Fulop, John (Cay) Fulop, Paul (Joanne) Fulop, and Katherine (Gary) Chamberlain.

We were blessed to have Bro. Gene Lehman (Sis. Verna, Wolcott, IN) and Bro. Glen Braker (Sis. Audrey, Princeville) with us this month. May God continue to bless each of them in their labours.

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

We were thankful to have visiting ministers the past few weeks. Bro. Fred and Sis. Connie Domka (Mansfield, OH) were with us for a Wednesday evening service. Bro. Warren and Sis. Cindy Schlatter (Junction, OH) were also with us for a midweek service. Bro. Jerry and Sis. Martha Bauman (Rittman, OH) joined us for a weekend and Bro. Bill and Sis. Miriam Brake (Sardis, OH) were with us another weekend.

We wish Bro. Matthew and Sis. Marti Saurer God's blessings as they have moved to Minneapolis, MN.

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

Our congregation was blessed with several babies this month. Symon Pierre was born on July 2 to Bro. Sam and Sis. Shelby Manz. Symon joins siblings, Elyse, Tytus, and Myrriah. Grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Connie Manz, and Bro. Walter and Sis. Renee Sinn (Latty). On July 19, Katelynn Marie was born to Shawn and Katie Hurd. Kyla is excited to have a little sister. Grandparents are Bro. Pete and Sis. Helen Hurd, and Wilbur and Dianne Klopfenstein (Silverton, OR).

Another precious child was born on July 12. Benjamin Lee lived for a short time that day, and was laid to rest July 15. Our hearts break for Bro. Michael and Sis. Jodi Schneider, as this child joins other longed-for children laid to rest by the family. Benjamin was preceded in death by his brothers, Levi and Joshua. Siblings are Joel, Lathan, Thad and Lynelle; grandparents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Sandra Schneider, and Bro. Larry and Sis. Shirley Ifft, all of Forrest. Our prayers go to the

family during this time of grieving.

We were thankful to have several visiting ministers this month: Bros. Tim Ramsier (Sis. Joni, Smithville); Mark Ramsier (Sis. Alice, Sardis); Bob Dotterer (Sis. Laura, Sardis); Curt Walter (Sis. Elizabeth, Mansfield); Gary Sinn (Sis. Paulette, Latty); and Earl Beery (Sis. Suzy, Rittman).

Sis. Tami Manz (Bro. Les and Sis. Karen) was announced for marriage to Bro. Brad Hartzler (Bro. Jeff and Sis. Bev) of Rittman. We wish them many blessings during their time of engagement.

**OHIO, LATTY****Carmen Eisenmann  
Mindy Stoller**

We were blessed this month to be able to have our annual Vacation Bible School for the children. It was a wonderful week and the children put on a charming program for the church on the last day. We are so thankful for all of our children and their smiling faces!

We wish to thank Bro. Dale Wulf (Sis. Becky, Lester, IA) and Bro. Mike Rinkenberger (Sis. Pat, Congerville, IL) for preaching the Word to us this month. What a blessing to be able to hear the unchanging Truth from week to week! May God bless them for their efforts.

**OHIO, MANSFIELD****Tami Griffey**

Our prayers and love are with several in our congregation who have been hospitalized recently including: Bro. Phillip Keiper, Sis. Becky Vent, and Sis. Marcella Sauder. May God grant healing according to His will.

We were blessed with visiting ministers recently including: Bro. Bernie Messner (Sis. Joyce, Morris,

MN); Bro. Mike Rinkenberger (Sis. Pat, Congerville, IL); and Elder Bro. Bill Schlatter (Sis. Emily, Junction, OH). May God bless each one for their labors of love on our behalf.

The Sunday School Picnic was held July 10. We appreciate all the efforts that went into making a special day of memories for our youth. There were activities for the Sunday School students, a covered dish supper, and a time of fellowship and singing.

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Nathan Sabo of Sarasota, FL. May his family sense the closeness of God's Holy Spirit during this difficult time. Our prayers and heart-felt sympathy are extended to Nathan's family: especially his wife and children, Sheila, Nathan, Heidi, Douglas and Clara; parents, Bro. Doug and Sis. Linda Sabo; siblings, Jeremy and Melissa Miller, Jeff Sabo and Chris Sabo; and grandparents, Bro. Joe and Sis. Betty Pamer and Dorothy Spiker.

"I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and He gave ear unto me."

*Psalm 77:1*

"He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds."

*Psalm 147:3*

The wise man built his house upon a rock,  
And the rains came tumbling down.  
The rains came down and the floods came up,  
But the house on the rock stood firm.

The foolish man built his house upon the sand,  
And the rains came tumbling down.  
The rains came down and the floods came up,  
And the house on the sand fell flat.  
So build your life on the Lord Jesus

Christ,  
And the blessings will come down.  
The blessings come down as your  
prayers go up,  
So build your life on the Lord.  
*The Children's Harp #92*

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**OHIO, RITTMAN**  
**Jenny Rupp**  
**Marge Stoller**

“Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.”

*Psalm 119:73*

First-time grandparents are Frank and Ginny Hilty as they welcomed twin granddaughters into their family. Becca Ruth and Leah Jo were born to Dan and Ashley Hilty on June 24. Then on June 28, little Cameron Paul joined the family of Bro. Justin and Sis. Lisa Gherian (Akron, OH). Reagan and Cole are happy for a new sibling. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Steve and Sis. Jenee` Rufener. Paternal grandparents are Sis. Sharon Gherian (Bro. Paul, dec., Akron, OH). May God provide for these dear children as time unfolds, both in body and soul.

The marriage of Josh Burns and Ashley Bauman took place on July 2. Their parents are Bro. Doug and Sis. Dianna Bauman and Jim and Micki Burns of Copley, OH. We wish them God's blessing on their marriage.

“There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.”

*Luke 15:10*

We rejoice with our friend, Matthew J. Steiner (Bro. Matt and Sis. Gail), as he has turned to the Lord in repentance. May he feel God's abun-

dant grace at this important time of his life.

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Noah Lee Shipe as his beloved wife, Leona, passed away June 21. His children are Bill (Laura) Shipe, Paul Shipe, Debbie Greegor, and Linda (Larry) Covey, Sr.

We also extend our love and sympathy to the family of Andrew Woyat who passed away June 29 at the age of 47. He leaves his wife, Marne, and daughters, Drew, Kylie and Maci. His beloved parents are Ronald and Jeannette Woyat. Surely “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble”. (Psalm 46:1)

After spending several months in the hospital and other care facilities, our dear Sis. Joann Widmer (Bro. Bob) was able to return home. We are so grateful. Our many prayers were answered. Also spending time in the hospital was Sis. Jody Widmer (Bro. Brad). May the Lord bless them and restore them both back to health.

We were blessed to have Bro. Joe Dotterer (Sis. Rose, Bloomfield, IA) on the pulpit with us recently. We appreciate the labors of our ministering brothers so much. May the Lord reward them richly.

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

We were blessed with many visitors as we made our annual journey up the hill to the little white church in West Virginia for our New Martinsville memorial service. We thank everyone for their efforts in coming to worship with us, and especially our visiting ministers for that weekend: retired Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler (Sis. Frances, Wolcott, IN), Bro. Dale Banwart (Sis. Melissa, Congerville, IL), Bro. Wayne

Wiegand (Sis. Rosemary, Goodfield, IL), and Bro. Matthew Rassi (Sis. Bridget, Chicago, IL).

I am Jesus' little lamb;  
Therefore glad at heart I am:  
My good Shepherd watches o'er me  
And He tenderly cares for me,  
Knows me, loves me e'er the same,  
Even calls me by my name.

*The Children's Harp #13*

Carson Glen joined the family of Bro. Joel and Sis. Heidi Beard on June 23, and he was also joyfully welcomed by big siblings, Loren, Katie, Luke, Leah and Raelynn. Carson's grandparents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Dee Beard and Bro. Greg and Sis. Jill Stoller (Forrest, IL). May God grant this and all young families much love, wisdom and patience while nurturing these precious young children.

Countless thoughts and prayers have been uttered for the family of Bro. Bill and Sis. Miriam Brake at the loss of their son-in-law, Nathan Sabo. Our hearts and love especially go out to his wife, Sheila, his children, Nate, Heidi, Doug, and Clara, and his family from his childhood home in Sarasota, FL. We pray for the Great Comforter to bestow His healing and comfort upon them as only He can.

Recently hospitalized was little Colby Maibach (Bro. Garth and Sis. Hannah). It warmed our hearts to see him with us in church again, and we thank God for providing His healing powers.

Though the tears and sorrows often  
be thy food and daily drink;  
And thy sighs and lamentations  
with thy songs and praises link;  
Grief and envy press thy heart,  
and thy earthly goods depart;  
Zion, do not fear nor waver!  
Thou shalt see God's help and favor.

If with anguish thou art shaken,  
if men bind and torture thee,  
Thou wilt never be forsaken –  
think upon eternity!  
Stand in faith and do not fear,  
for thy Lord is ever near.  
Zion, let His hand direct thee;  
He will strengthen and protect thee!  
*Zion's Harp #38*

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### **OHIO, SMITHVILLE**

**Lydia Dotterer  
Gina Brake**

June 19 was the wedding date of Bro. Dan Zollinger and Sis. Olivia Ramsey (Mansfield). Bro. Dan's parents are Bro. John and Sis. Marge, and Sis. Olivia's parents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Laura. On July 2, Jerry Hartzler (Bro. Ken and Sis. Jane) and Cassie Machovina were married. Also this month, Deborah Rufener (Bro. Larry and Sis. Susan) and Benjamin Neal announced their engagement. We pray for God's blessings on each of these couples.

Boyd Nieman (Teri), Sis. Sharon Gasser (Bro. Ben), and Sis. Janette Blough have spent time in the hospital recently. Our prayers are with them and their families.

Bro. Lucas Frank (Sis. Crystal, Detroit) was in Smithville this month and assisted on the pulpit. May God bless each one who labors on behalf of the Gospel.

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### **OHIO, TOLEDO**

**Teresa Rywalski  
Deanna Manz**

"...Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

*Matthew 4:17*

How thankful we are that God continues to call souls to Him in repentance. We rejoice with Joe Croy

(Sis. Mary) as he has begun this most important step in life. We lift him up in prayer, and wish him much grace as he begins his walk with the Lord.

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### **OREGON, PORTLAND**

**Rebekah Jones**

We were thankful for visiting ministers this month. Bro. Chris Kuenzi (Sis. Mary, Silverton) shared the Word on Sunday with us. We were privileged to have Bro. Mike Ursu (Sis. Barb, Kitchener, Ontario) worship with us and preach on Wednesday night.

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### **OREGON, SILVERTON**

**Kris Luthi  
Deb Roth**

The last weekend in June was our annual Bible Class weekend. Bro. Earl and Sis. Suzie Beery traveled from Rittman, OH, to enjoy the time with our Bible Class students. We certainly appreciate their efforts and trust the Lord will add the increase.

Other visiting ministers this month included Bro. James Fehr (Sis. Brenda, Tremont, IL), Bro. Mike Ursu (Sis. Barb, Kitchener, ON), and Portland Bros. Wayne Fehr, Mike Leman and Ron Jones.

Our converts, Christina Sinn (Bro. Don and Sis. Linda) and Jenna Wiegand (Elder Bro. John and Sis. Jane), were announced for proving and baptism which we are looking forward to the weekend of October 1-2, Lord willing.

We enjoyed spending time with our students at the Sunday School picnic on Saturday, July 16, at the Willamette Mission State Park. We are thankful for our youth and we pray that the seeds that are sown in Sunday School will bring forth fruit.

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### **PENNSYLVANIA PHILADELPHIA**

**Emily Wiegand**

"And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake."

*I Thess. 5:12-13*

We had the privilege this month of having Bro. Loren Schrenk (Sis. Betsy, St Louis, MO) minister to us. It was a blessing for our congregation, as we remember we ought to "esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake". May God be his rich Rewarder.

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### **TENNESSEE, NASHVILLE**

**Mike and Monica Fritz**

We have been greatly blessed by God's Word, brought through the efforts of our recent visiting ministering brothers: Bros. Brandon Emch (Sis. Maria; Kansas City, MO), Warren Schlatter (Sis. Cindy; Junction, OH), and Bob Knochel (Sis. Rhonda; Bay City, MI). We are also thankful for the fellowship of brethren and friends visiting from Rockville, CT; Bradford, Eureka, Forrest, and Washington, IL; Bay City, MI; Kansas City, MO; and Columbus, Junction, and Latty, OH.

If you are traveling to or through the Nashville area, please plan to worship with us. The following churches are scheduled for services in the near future: Wolcott, IN (8/21); Goodfield, IL (8/28); Detroit, MI (9/4); Alto, MI (9/11); Peoria, IL (9/18); and Rittman, OH (9/25). If you plan to worship with us, please call ahead to confirm our schedule. Often we gather on Saturday eve-

nings for fellowship, and all are heartily welcome. Also, we typically meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. for singing or call-in services and would welcome any mid-week visitors. Contacts are Bro. Don and Sis. Faye Sauder, (615) 373-8928; Bro. Mike and Sis. Monica Fritz, (615) 866-5543 (fritzm.b.family@gmail.com); and Sis. Gwen Leuthold, (615) 356-5755.

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### TEXAS, AUSTIN

#### Serenity and Jasmine Ringger

Firmly seize, Firmly seize,  
Brethren, take the Spirit's sword,  
Which is God's own Word of power.

If you keep it close at hand,  
Satan will before you cower,  
For he, when God's mighty sword he sees,

Turns and flees, Turns and flees.

*Zion's Harp #21, vs. 8*

We need to be so thankful for God's Word; we can hide it in our hearts to have it near when Satan comes to tempt us.

We appreciate the willingness of our visiting ministers: Elder Bro. Wayne Banwart (Champaign, IL), Bros. Dewayne Dill (Sis. LaRae, Minneapolis, MN), John Hartman (Sis. Rosemary, Fairbury, IL), Leland Plattner (Sis. Mary, Zapata,

TX), Steve Stieglitz (Sis. Jane, Leo, IN), and Todd Stoller (Sis. Pam, Latty, OH).

This month we had visitors from Rittman and McAllen. We hope to get many more visitors in the following months.

The following is the minister schedule for September: (4) Oakville, IA, (11) Junction, OH, (25) Alto, MI.

Please refer to the minister's directory for directions and contacts.

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### VERMONT, CLARENDON

#### Nathan and Miriam Reutter

The Sunday school is our delight.

We love it more and more;  
'tis here we learn to do the right  
and live forevermore.

We hear the truth, so pure and clear,  
of Jesus' love so sweet and dear;  
there we are taught to lift our eyes  
to Him who lives on high.

*Hymns of Zion #73*

This past month we had our annual Sunday school picnic. It was a beautiful day and we had a handful of families from CT that came to enjoy it with us. We're thankful for all the visitors we have had. Bro. Chad Leman (Sis. Kim, Kitchener, ON) and Bro. Dan Goric (Sis. Mary Lou, Rockville, CT) were here to minister the Word to us on July 3. Bro.

Stephen Baner (Sis. Donnalou, Gridley, IL) were with us on July 10. Bro. Todd Graf (Sis. Lydia, Akron, OH) and Bro. Tom Bahler (Sis. LaNae, Rockville, CT) were with us on July 17. May God richly bless these dear brothers, their wives and families for all the efforts made on our behalf.

If you are interested in fellowshiping with us here in Vermont, and would like information about service times and dates, please contact Bro. Chad and Sis. Jenny Virkler (802-293-2724). We treasure the fellowship of brethren and would welcome any visitors. Please contact us if you are planning on traveling in our area and would like to worship together.

Service times are as follows:

Mid-week services

(Please contact local brethren)

Sunday Morning Service

10:10 AM

(Sunday school held concurrently)

Sunday Afternoon Service

12:15 PM

*Mindy Stoller*

*419-399-4602*

*Please call in evenings*

### **Apostolic Christian Home of Roanoke Benefit Day Sale**

*Saturday, August 27*

*7 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*

*Located on the*

*Nursing Home grounds*

- \* Pancake-Sausage Breakfast
- \* Many food booths for lunch
- \* Live Auction
- \* Bake Sale
- \* Large Children's entertainment center



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saw someone close to the edge, to fall out of the boat we would probably pick up our pace a little bit and reach out and grab immediately, to try to help.

It says, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness Galatians 6:1. This is a very healthy thing we do one to another. How many of us have been benefactors of a brother or sister coming with a spiritual concern for us? They would express that in love and we could make a change. We think about how close we become to that brother or sister. It is just really a wonderful thing. Then we can all be benefactors together. We need to continue to practice that and help each other in love as we are our brother's keeper. There would be a time when we may be spiritual, and we see someone overtaken in a fault, and we can help right away. Not in a proud heart that we would never have a problem with whatever it would be or never have a weakness, or there would be no chance that we could have that same fault. We want to have the spirit of meekness. We don't want to be proud about that, otherwise we are going to end up in the same condition.

Probably all of us have had experience with pride, we can see just how damaging that is in our lives. We probably don't realize how much damage pride does in our lives. It's the force and motivation between all kinds of things that the human nature and the flesh would like to have. If we are tempted with the styles of today, if we think that we need to be more beautiful than how God has made us, we need to have our hair a certain way, we need to have our fingernails or toenails colored, or any kind of a thing like this, this would be pride in our lives. It would be

dissatisfaction with the way God has made us. Don't we appreciate the spirit of meekness and humility we can find in one another and the beautiful appearance? Surely God is pleased when He looks at you. If you struggle with those kinds of things, thinking about pride can help understand maybe a little bit better how God would look at some of those things.

If we see another that's struggling with those kinds of things, let's try to be grown up. It's hard, isn't it? Let's try to get over the bluntness that may come for the moment. There won't be long lasting hatred when such things come about and communications. The person that's fallen out of the boat is not going to come back and yell at us for trying to help them. The Apostle Paul was very positive here. There is great benefit loved ones. There is change that can be made if we are honest with each other.

It says, Bear ye one another's burdens v.2. Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin. Jesus can help us, to carry us through. Verse 2 and verse 5, call them complimentary verses in this chapter, and you have heard them spoken on many times, perhaps. It says For every man shall bear his own burden. v.5, and Bear ye one another's burdens v.2. Can those two things be true at the same time? When we think about it, it is so beautiful, isn't it. That each of us has in our hearts a desire to pick up our cross, to bear our own burden. What a comfort it is to know that we have brothers and sisters, the brethren looking on, then with a charge also given here, that we can help. It does go together very complimentary, when we think about it like we need to.

It says, fulfill the law of Christ. v.2. We could think about how Jesus lived when he was here. Did He care for others? Was He off in the entertainments of the day?

Was He serving the people? Was He serving others? He was healing, teaching and loving. We can do that likewise for our brother or sister.

It says, if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. v.3. There are so many different ways to do things in life. Probably not too many of us think the same. Probably, a couple of us think pretty much the same. But if we think we have the only way, even if it is some method to do something in the physical world, we are probably deceived.

We each have been born with a personality. Those that enjoy thinking about how people are and they may put different types of personalities, if you will, to names, and they've created a science in itself in studying these kinds of things. We would probably be deceived if we got caught up in that. When we work with one another it does seem that there is some benefit to understanding a little bit how others think of things. That helps in our humility, when we can think about someone else that may have a different way to do something, or a different opinion on a matter, it helps us to think that first of all, their ideas or opinions may be much more beneficial than mine.

I will often call an employee into my office because we have a decision to make. I will give them a three minute lecture on how an item needs to be done, and they will respond with one sentence, one comment completely different than what I said. I'll say, Okay, you go do it that way, and they leave. It is just amazing how wrong I can be at times. It is not necessarily always a matter of right and wrong, it's a matter of better or best. It is also a matter of how different people think. If you have someone you are communicating with, and they have a way



that they can see it would work, and you can come to an agreement with that, according to the Word, then they have a better heart going through that to know that they were able to be heard, and that there is support there given. There is a face to face conversation of working things out.

If we can stick to the truth of the Word, we can bear one another's burdens and there is good gain. When these matters come to be spiritual matters, there are times Loved Ones, we take a real good close look with the Word. Then we can share the Word with one another and we can make discernment, through Gods Spirit. That we can come away knowing the Truth. Collectively, then, we can be free.

"let every man prove his own work..." v.4. We think about the results of the decisions we make with one another, with a group, individually, were going to know, aren't we, if whatever we are doing has been a success. We are going to see how the methods work out. That then would be the proving of our own work.

We are taught to work and labor. I often wonder as we have decisions in life to make, sometimes we put a lot of effort in the decisions. We may make a list and list the pros and cons of different things that we need to do and we pray about that. That's all good and fine, but God also may be very interested in the effort that we put in. Is He willing to bless, no matter what decision made in little things in life, if you will, this way or that way, whether we use the hammer to pound the nail or the air gun. Of course He cares. Is He not more concerned with the effort that we are up and doing? That we are bearing our own burden, doing our own work? Then we can have rejoicing. We can have rejoicing in the service to the Lord, and not always looking to another. For every

man shall bear his own burden.

Thinking just a little about teaching of the Word, and I want to encourage you, Brothers. I have heard a lot of good things this weekend, a lot of good advice, a lot of good conversation on the Word, teaching of the Word. I just want to encourage all of you. You each have an opportunity to share the Word. The ministry of the Word is just one element of that. There are far, far more jobs to do, whether it be at home, at school, at work, or in Sunday school. In all the communications we have with one another, though, we can look into the Word and we can teach. It says, Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth. v.6. We have all probably had an experience of being with a group of people and it is common where the teacher does all the talking and asks for response from the class and there is silence. We sit in the class and we don't want to say anything, we don't want to say anything wrong and we may be a little nervous. But we were really encouraged here to express our concerns one to another and communicate. That we can know the hearts of each other, and that we can grow together. I just want to encourage us all to take heed to that and to continue to seek the truth. God will be faithful to reveal that to us.

There is caution given in our conversations that no matter how we speak one to another it is in kindness, in love and again it is in humility. We can phrase our words and our thoughts, and I tend to have a problem with this even in a public meeting. I don't say anything for most of the meeting and then I stand up at the end and give a big long speech that no one wants to hear and doesn't say anything anyway. That's probably not good. Let's try to pay attention and give our input according to the Word often and communi-

cate. So that when we do have an opportunity to speak it's not in a mode that were completely right and everybody else is wrong, and how dare they even think differently. That would not be the spirit of meekness.

If we think God does not understand us He has correction for us. He says, Be not deceived; God is not mocked v.7. We don't think that He hears and sees what we do? He says, whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. v.7. If we are out there as a business person and we are always trying to drive a hard bargain and trying to get the last penny, and negotiate things to the point where that becomes the most important in our life, we are going to reap the same, when we are on the other end of the business. It is going to come around. We are going to get a reputation, so we are going to reap what we sow.

So it is that this has a physical implication in our lives as we often find advice in the Bible for our physical walk. But then we think much more importantly of the spiritual walk, and how we reap what we sow. If we have a heart that is not fully focused on God, a heart that is not right with God, we can dress up in a suit and tie; we can come and act the part. Eventually what we are sowing is going to catch up with us. We are going to reap it. God is not mocked. The intent of our heart is so very important. It is pretty much a fact that the state of our heart, if not on God, is going to lead to sin. If we don't have our heart where it needs to be, we will find a way. We have these wonderful constraints in our life that help us to stay upon the way. But we will find a way out, and it will lead to sin if our heart is not fully converted, and have real desire to serve God.

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I've mentioned this often. Do you remember the story about the Elder Brother and the man that was held underneath the water when he asked how much he should desire the Word? He came up gasping for air and the Elder Brother asked how that felt. Do we have that much desire in our hearts to serve God with our whole heart, with our mind and our soul? It is important for us to think about that. If we can get our hearts right then these other things will fall in line that we struggle with, the flesh and the pride of life, and God can then add His blessing, as we will have good things sowed in our lives that have good ground to grow. We are almost to the growing season here, and we hope as the seeds go in the ground that they can die and then bring forth new life.

It says, For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. v.8. We were at provings a week ago, and getting to talking about the Holy Spirit. That is one thing a babe in Christ can hardly hide is the lack of un-

derstanding of the Holy Spirit. Just because of the time generally that has been spent in repentance. There is just not a full understanding of that Spirit. All of us can say that, can't we, that we are still growing in our understanding of what the Spirit really does to us. It is encouraging, that's why I mention it. It is a wonderful thing because we can all just listen, and say, just wait, just wait. He's a wonderful Spirit and He's never going to let you down. Every day of your life you'll learn to love Him more. We walk in the Spirit and that keeps us from the lust of the flesh. That's just a wonderful, wonderful thing. So I encourage you converts that you can grow in this and it just gets better all the time. When you're asked a question, you don't need to say that you have full understanding of the Holy Spirit. We just want to be cautioned that we don't want to grieve the Holy Spirit, the still small voice. We want to be quiet and listening and He'll lead us on the way. Just keep singing in the Spirit.

We often have the discussion with the music that we don't sing it just quite right, just quite like its

written. That use to really bother me, because I love music. That is not the important thing. We try to follow the leader. We try to sing it like it is written. But are we singing it in the Spirit? You can tell the difference. It is a wonderful thing as we come on Sunday morning and we sing according to the Spirit. The singing just gets better throughout the day. There's no earthly explanation for that. We don't stop and sit at lunch time and say, Okay now let's reconsider how long we are making our half notes. It just gets better and better, until we can sing on that great day. We talk a little bit about the songs we'll sing then; we talk a little bit about the song Jesus might have sung when he went out there to Gethsemane. We don't know what the song will be, but it will be full of praise. It says, Praise ye the Lord, Praise ye the Lord, Zions Harp, # 208. We look forward to that day, where we'll put away this flesh of corruption. We'll shout as we're passing through the air, Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer.

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Project	Year 2011	Coordinator	Capacity				
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Les Cayes FRW Vocational School	Dec 12-19	Rick Wuethrich 219-567-9488 rick@wuethrichfarms.com	4	Les Cayes MEBSH Construction	Mar 16-23	Rich Bertschi 309-467-2351 lemangm@mtco.com	12
Project	Year 2012	Coordinator	Capacity				
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Reynosa Medical	Oct 5-12	Cheryl Herrmann <a href="mailto:cherrmann@frontier.com">cherrmann@frontier.com</a>	Magdalena Construction	Nov 19-26	Rod Schmidt 303-774-7913 <a href="mailto:rschmidt@acosta.com">rschmidt@acosta.com</a>

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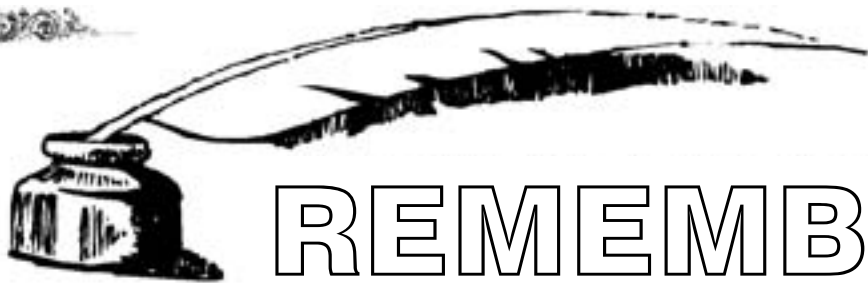
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As the Lord lays this opportunity to serve on your heart, please contact:

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# REMEMBERING

## *Our Spiritual Heritage*

*The concluding remarks of Elder Noah Schrock on church history at Phoenix, Arizona (which are brief) are giving way to subsequent data we were able to learn about this talk from ministering Bro. Ron Kipfer of Bluffton, Indiana, who was present at the talk. Also, biographical data on Bro. Noah is included.*

*Bro. Ron and some young, single brothers in faith from his local church had flown to Arizona over a semester break and were present to hear Bro. Noah talk on church history. According to his recollection, the talk was attended by now Elder Bro. Jon Kokanovich, who at that time was not yet a member in the church. Also, Bro. Loren Schrenk, later a minister for many years, was there. It was thought Bro. Noah spoke after a singing in Bro. Henry and Sis. Ora Schrenk's community gathering place in a mobile home park they owned.*

### **Noah Schrock 1892-1976**

The following are excerpts from *Marching To Zion*, pages 316-317, pertaining to the life of Elder Bro. Noah Schrock.

Noah Schrock, who was born August 29, 1892, near Congerville, Illinois — and later moved to Oakville, Iowa in 1916 — served in the ministry fifty-nine years. He was ordained

Elder at Oakville on May 10, 1940, and served until his death in April, 1976. During many years of service to the church, he was known as an orator with gifts from the Lord. During his era, his influence was perhaps as wide as anyone's in the church.

In addition to preaching and serving as Elder over many churches west of the Mississippi River, he was a meaningful force in the highest councils of the church. For several years he served in a leadership capacity in the Elder Body of the Apostolic Christian Church. He made many trips to Japan to assist the church's missionary efforts there. He also was instrumental in helping to establish a small congregation in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.

In addition to his church and farming duties, he served nineteen years as president of the Upper Mississippi Flood Control Association. He annually made trips to Washington, D. C., to testify before Congressional committees on requests for flood control appropriations that would help to protect the area's bottom land. In 1946, he was among those who suffered flooding losses — losing 125 head of cattle and 90 hogs.

On April 8, 1976, his funeral was held at Oakville, Twenty-seven Elders of the church from eight states con-

verged together in his home church nestled in the bluff adjoining the Mississippi River to pay their last respects to this beloved and respected church leader.

His esteem in the community was such that the Burlington Hawkeye sent a reporter to cover the funeral and burial service. A headline on page three of that publication's issue the next day read, "Shepherd Of The Flock Has Gone To Rest."

Bro. Noah was noted for his interest in the history of the church. He often would make historical presentations as he traveled to the various congregations he served. In his generation, it is quite likely he was as well informed as anyone concerning the history of the Apostolic Christian Church.

He was married to Sis. Hattie Lanz, originally from Rockville, Connecticut.

Bro. Noah was succeeded in the Eldership at Oakville by Bro. Edward M. Lanz, who had been ordained one year before his death.

*By Perry Klopfenstein*

# The Light Of Hope

## “Life At Its Best”

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

You and I are alive, living here on earth. In spite of the sovereignty of God, we have something to say about what kind of a life we live. Then the question arises, what kind of a life should we live? We would like to live life at its best but not everyone agrees on what is the best life.

One idea is to have enough money to buy anything you want and to do anything you want would be the best life. Another idea is that self-indulgence in everything you feel like doing would be the best life. However, it is possible to have either or both of these life styles and still be quite miserable.

What does the Bible say about life and how we are to live it? In Luke 12:15 Christ is quoted as saying, “For a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.” The Apostle Paul wrote in II Timothy 2:22, “Flee also youthful lusts.” Timothy was still young so Paul used the word “youthful,” but the exhortation applies to people of all ages. Evidently, neither great wealth nor self-indulgence is the answer to the living the best life.

Life at its best requires that we be at peace with ourselves and with God in our inner souls. Therefore, to repent and to become a follower of Jesus Christ is one step in experiencing life at its best. Thereby the fear of what lies beyond death and the grave is pretty much taken away.

The next important thing after becoming a follower of Jesus Christ, is to walk in the light or to abide in Christ. I John 1:7 reads, “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the

blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” Christ said in John 15:5, “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.”

I believe we can say that in order to live the abundant life we should abide in Christ and we should walk in the light. In order to do this we would do well to follow Paul’s advise in Romans 12:1 which reads, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” In order to present our bodies a living sacrifice I suggest that we all promise God that we will always take the path that brings Christ the most glory, regardless of personal will or desire in the matter. This helps us in making decisions.

I believe that life at its best is to have an appreciation of nature, to notice the flowers, the trees, and the sky. I believe it includes being friendly and having friends, brothers and sisters in Christ, whom we appreciate and love.

Having food, clothing, and shelter, and to be content therewith is important in having or living life at its best. It is also helpful not to have debts that you cannot pay. Debts that are more than covered by your assets don’t cause much concern.

To be amiable and easy to get along with helps us to live life at its best. Conflict and strife is one thing to avoid, as much as possible. Philippians 2:3 reads, “Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but

in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.”

It is important to have a good relationship with members of your family, and also with your church. Jesus said, Matthew 5:41, “And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.” This is an exhortation that we should not make an issue over something that does not need to be an issue. Do more than what you are compelled to do. I doubt that anyone who is determined to be a non-conformist will ever have the truly abundant life, or life at its best. Speaking of the abundant life, Jesus said in John 10:10, “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”

It takes effort to live life at its best. We need to have certain practices of prayer and Bible reading every day, pleasant and appropriate ways of greeting each other, a willingness to eat and drink what is good for us, and to be dedicated and consecrated to Christ.

This may not be true for everybody but for me, at least, life at its best includes going to bed early and arising early in the morning. There is something about getting a good start in the morning, with an exercise routine, which adds to life at its best, for me.

In the final analysis, it is the condition of our soul and what we are doing for eternity that contributes the most to living life at its best. It is also helpful to be forgiving and to use “Please,” and “Thank you,” frequently, with members of your immediate family.

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*This new birth must be accomplished  
Thro' baptism and God's Word;  
And if we do not oppose Him  
Soon it shall be seen and heard;*

*If His grace we do not banish,  
How all wickedness will vanish:  
For if God possess the heart,  
Sin and evil must depart.*

*Thus there will be manifested  
An entire change of heart,  
Which as will be seen and noticed,  
Holiness of life impart.  
Heart and mind and self renewing  
All the evil thoughts subduing,  
Faith and love will be the theme,  
And God's Spirit rule supreme.*