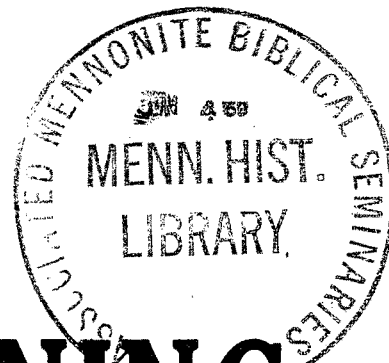


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Psalm 133

A Song of degrees of David

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

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that

went down to the skirts of his garments;

As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

The Lights of Home

Henry Souder Jr.

Home.

There it is . . . rising in the dear, familiar lines of always.

In this life is the mist . . . though so thin . . . gray, black, stacked, torn, piled high . . . backgrounded.

Home.

It's beautiful! Home is home because in its simple loveliness it glows. It's everything the children love.

Home.

Its radiance colors our horizon. Home lights our inner "all about" till life is in love . . . and, though on earth, in home we live.

God made this Home for always. He reached into the fondest wishes of that perfect day, and built Home around His heart.

". . . how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty!"

Because He is God, nothing is too hard for Him.

He knows what it means to love another. He has implanted those deep desires that twine around home.

It was His idea, the little ones. Again, He is the one that blazes the imprint of love so indelibly in the heart it is forever.

Together again? Yes. More real than yesterday! Enduring, cozy, glorious.

Together is for always, Truth's enduring dreams in rich reality.

The home-filled, heart-happy household has a glowing description of a beautiful thousand years.

". . . in the last days it shall come

to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains . . ."

In round figures, today Zion stands poised at 2550 feet above the blue of the sea. Surveying the mount where once the temple stood, Moriah stands at 2440. Our mind climbs eastward again on Olivet to a summit of 2665 feet.

Looking east, the mind has a thrilling view.

Only the majestic sweep of God's hand could have created this out-over symphony of beauty. The mind surges into awesome distance in depth. Deep, way down, out over . . . over 3900 feet, being actually below sea level.

God has selected the site for that glorious, thousand-year experience. He will build its hometown for the tender ties of together.

Yet together is for always!

Tomorrow will be fair and pleasant.

But first evening must come . . . evening with its raging shadows . . . its breaking storm . . . its shattered debris.

"And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it."

Though the clouds show in our mind, colorful rays may play God's own evening song upon them.

The dark legend of Communism has chosen to involve itself in the Middle East. It seems that the marshalling of nations is being spawned in the dark waters today!

Iraq is the land where once was ancient Babylon. It is the land of two rivers, Tigris and Euphrates. Historic Iraq is being shaded by dark lands of the north. Iran is in danger, is being planned against. Syria has dark spots, dangerous leanings.

In rounded figures, the Soviet Union has 2,500,000 Jews. Poland: 80,000. Over 200,000 reside in Hungary. Roumania has some 300,000.

But news is that red satellite Roumania has granted permission for Jews to leave. A tax is demanded. Living quarters, though being left, must be redecorated. The little the leaving Jew is granted to take in money is reduced to a meagre poverty.

There is evident the Soviet Union and Hungary will leave the Jew go.

The nations will boil, for the Arab is jealous and hates. The economy of finances for Israel will be further hit. Soviet **checker players of peoples** know this. A report is that Krushchev, with the Jews in a small area, thinks he can use the Arabs to exterminate them!

But the Light of God shines in all its wondrous loveliness, when evening approaches.

What glory will unfold when He comes on the clouds! What colorful splendor will span the heavens!

"And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west,"

Olivet . . . mount of His sorrows.

A family circle had been broken . . . a loved one taken from their midst. Lazarus was dead. Once then Jesus wept. Brokenhearted with the misery of man, the flooded tear rolled down a cheek of compassion.

Only a little later, He had come down Olivet's slopes. Jerusalem was just ahead. Yet near or on this Olivet, He beheld the city and wept. A beautiful heart of compassion! How oft would He have tenderly gathered and they would not!

Then came that crushing climax when He was sorrowful, even unto death. He cried with tears and strong crying . . . and was heard. Here is compassion all glorious. From that garden of sorrows, wafted on breezes divine, flowed beautiful submission.

"and there shall be a very great valley;"

The Grand Canyon of Tomorrow!

Dream-beautied distance in depth . . . down, down, down . . . out over and beyond . . .

And on God's selected site, with this magnificent view, His own live.

The chimes of the fountain . . . the cool, crystal beauty of the water-falls . . . the far off beauty . . . the charm of hometown . . . all is so lovely, and we shall be satisfied.

The sorrows of Olivet will be in the past . . .

We, too, have lingered in His footsteps. We have walked through the woods when they are empty and long. Time's familiar rooms become more and more only a pilgrim's passing place. We have felt the pangs of the city.

All life must somehow be sweetened by that perfumed submission from His sorrow in the garden.

" . . . and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee."

Time is lonely, loved one, since you went away . . . it took a part of the heart . . . but there we live and breathe . . . and somehow "the" irregular cut pieces, we know, will piece together into more than we can know.

Somehow, without quite fully realizing, the "here" and "home" becomes more surely **where home is**.

The real scene changes . . .

We leave the unfamiliar, the roads, the testing . . . we see people . . . yes . . . YES! . . . it really is . . . where cherished hopes have nestled through the vanishing years . . . yes, it really is real . . . how happy we shall be.

Oh, sweet joy of hope that wraps up our fondest dreams into sure fulfillment!

Forever as young as eternity!



NEWS



BLUFFTON

On Sunday, Jan. 18, 1959 Bro. Richard Reimschisel and Sister Elaine Stultz were united in marriage.

Bro. Truman Gerber was united in marriage at Rittman, Ohio to Sister Mary Ellen Maibach on Sunday, Feb. 22, 1959.

Bro. Joel Souder and Bro. John Bollier of Leo visited our church on Sunday, March 22.

Bro. and Sister Leonard Bertsch are the parents of a son, born Sunday, March 22.

Bro. and Sister Orville Ringger visited the Mansfield church on Sunday, March 22.

Sunday school singing program was held on Sunday evening, March 29.

Robert and Roger Reimschisel, twins, were baptized on April 5.

Sunday evening, April 12, Bro. and Sister Noah Shrock from Oak-

ville, Iowa, Bro. Otto Norr, Joel Souder, John Bollier and many others from Leo, Bro. Ervin Stoller and other members from Latty, Henry Manz and other members from Paulding visited our church.

Bro. and Sister Will Stettner visited our church on Sunday, April 19.

Many relatives and friends went to Mansfield, Ohio due to the death of Bro. Elmer Gilliom, on Sunday April 19. Included were Bro. and Sister Sam Aeschliman; Sister Aeschliman is a sister to Bro. Gilliom. Funeral services were held on Monday, 1 p.m.

Funeral services were held on Friday, May 1st for Sister Marie Hurt, age 53. She passed away after having two strokes.

Bro. Silas Leuthold and Lowell Stoller and many others from Princville, Ill. visited our church on Sunday, May 3rd.

CISSNA PARK**Reporter: Dale Eisenmann**

Bob Walder entered the service on March 23 and is now stationed at Fort Sam Houston.

Our dear old Brother Jacob Rinkenberger was laid to rest on April 3. He passed away after suffering many years of poor health.

On April 5 Everett Hari was proved and baptized by Brother Josh Broquard.

Funeral services were held on April 6 for Sister Katie Genzel, who had spent her last years in the Nursing Home in Peoria.

Sister Lois Hodel of here and Brother Andre Neihouser of Francesville, Indiana were united in marriage on April 12 by Brother Fred Grimm of Taylor, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bauer became the parents of their first daughter, Christine Marie, on April 12. A son, Stanley Jack, was born to Brother Jack and Sister Rosemary Reckhemmer on April 20, and to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Stock was born a daughter, Dianne Marie, on April 20.

On May 3 another soul was added to the fold. Beverly Seggebruch was proved and baptized by Brother Josh Broquard.

Visiting ministers in recent months were Brother Uriel Gehring, Elgin, Iowa on March 29; Brother Joe Zimmerman, Roanoke, Illinois on April 5; and Brother John Rokey, Goodfield, Illinois on May 17. We appreciated each of these visits very much.

We are very happy for John and Clara Kaufmann, who have recently given their hearts to the Lord.

Announcement was made here on May 17 of the approaching marriage of Sister Christa Roth of Burlington, Oklahoma and Brother Glen Moser of Roanoke, Illinois. Christa has been coming to church here on Sundays while attending school at Normal.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Two of our friends: Earl Steffen,

son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Steffen, Johnny Steffen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnathan Steffen, have repented and found peace with God. We wish them the Blessing of the Lord.

Sister Joan Schmidgal was announced to Bro. Dale Sauder of Tremont, Illinois on the 22nd of Feb. The marriage date is set for the 26th of April.

Sister Betty Haas was announced to Bro. Johnny Claus of Roanoke, Ill. on Easter Sunday March 29th. The Wedding date is set for the 31st of May.

Sister Lorraine Schambach was announced to Bro. Leland Zimmerman of Eureka, Ill. on the 19th of April.

We were happy to have Bro. Jesse Schrock of Congerville, Ill. with us Wednesday night on the 1st of April for midweek services.

FAIRBURY**Reporter: Joyce Huber**

Holy Communion services were held by Bros. Josh Broquard and Henry Kilgus on April 12.

Bro. and Sister Josh Broquard and many other local brothers and sisters had a blessed day April 26 in Burlington, Iowa.

Bro. Leroy Huber was guest minister here recently.

A new baby boy, Lem Edward, was born to Bro. and Sister Irvin Maurer on April 7, making them 3 boys.

Recent funeral services were held for Sister Mathilda Schlatter by Bro. Josh Broquard, for Christian Zehr by Bros. Andy Koehl and Joe Kaisner, for Sister Anna Scharlach by Bro. Sam Kilgus, and for Bertha Sutter.

FORREST**Reporter: Ken Schneider**

Births: A son, Scott Allan, born to Brother Allan and Sister Carolyn Zimmerman on March 14.

A daughter, Cherry Jo, born to Brother Wayne and Sister Judith Anliker on April 25.

Recent visiting ministers were Bro.

Sam Aeschliman on March 15 for evening services and Bro. Elmer Witzig on April 5.

Special items of general interest: On April 12, the young Brothers and Sisters spent the Sunday with us, also on May 3, the young Brothers and Sisters and also Brother and Sister Lee Eisenmann from Fort Wayne, Ind. spent the Sunday with us. Also the Bible Class attended a Christian Endeavor at Morton on the 3rd of May.

Bro. Henry Kilgus spent the Sundays of April 19 and 26 with the churches in Alabama.

FRANCESVILLE

Reporter: Herman Wuethrichs'

Visit: We had a very blessed visit from Bro. and Sis. Noah Schrock, and also many other ministers.

Births: Elmer and Peg Bucher, a daughter; Willie and Hilda Stefan, a daughter; Frank and Katherine Lockhart, a son; and Melvin and Margaret Leman, a daughter.

Injured: Grandma (Katie) Pelsy is able to attend church with us again, after a couple months absence. She hurt her shoulder in a fall. We are thankful to God she could recover from her pain. Grandma is 98 years old.

GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jess Emch

Sister Lydia Kloetzle has returned home from New Martinsville, W. Va., where she spent several weeks caring for her sister (Sister Emma Berger).

The Frank Emch's returned home after spending about two months vacationing in Florida. Bro. and Sister Jesse Emch returned home after spending several weeks vacationing in Florida and a week visiting their children in the New England States. They also spent Sunday April 19 in Union City, New Jersey.

Sister Caroline Emch spent the week-end of February 22 in Rittman, Ohio where she visited the Chas.

Winklers who had a baby boy born to them.

Also Sister Louisa Lance spent sometime in Rittman caring for the Mother and baby. The Carl Gassers spent a weekend visiting their daughter Evelyn and family in Syracuse, N. Y.

Sister Anna Enyart and husband spent the week of May 17 visiting their son Franklin, who lives in Ft. Wayne, Ind. They were at the Leo Church for Sunday Service.

Sister Emma Tochtenhagen has been ill for several months with a stroke.

Sister Eva Emch has been in the hospital for several weeks with complications.

Bro. Lorentz Emch is able to come to Church again after being stricken ill while holding Church Services on Sunday April 5.

Sister Blanche Baun has not attended Church for several months due to illness.

Sister Fanny Schubach from New Martinsville, W. Va. has been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Ed. Games of Brookfield, Ohio who has been ill and is confined to the home for sometime.

Bro. John Yergler and wife and Gerald Fiechter and family from Bluffton, Ind. spent Sunday February 22 with us. We enjoyed their visit very much.

Bro. Elmer Zollinger and family visited here on March 22, for which we were grateful.

We enjoyed having Bro. Forrest Ritzman and family with us on Sunday April 12.

Bro. Rudolph Graf was with us on Sunday April 19, who is always welcome as our Elder Bro.

We were happy to have the Robert Gassers, the Wm. Gassers, Richard Berry's and Dave Emch's of Rittman with us on Sunday May 3. We were also grateful to have them stay for our monthly song service.

Sunday May 17 was enjoyed very much as we had visiting with us, Bro.

Rudolph Graf from Akron, Bro. Ben Hartzler and family, Bro. and Sister Jno. Steiner and several other young sisters from Rittman; also Bro. and Sister Robert. Hartzler, Bro. Joel Beer and family of Mansfield.

We can be refreshed in spirit when the Lord brings fellow Brethren and friends into our midst.

LACROSSE

Reporter: Bert Bucher

A son was born to Donald and Gwen Bucher on April 12.

Sister Clara Ringger passed away suddenly on May 10th, after several months of illness. Her funeral services were conducted on May 13, by brother Al Fisher of Chicago.

Recent visiting ministers were Brother Al Fisher of Chicago April 12, Brother Noah Shrock of Oakville, Iowa, April 13. Brothers Fred Grimm and William Cottrell of Quincy, Ill. on April 19.

We are happy to have sister Lydia Marti assemble with us again. She has been absent several months due to illness.

We had communion services Sunday, May 17. Brother Theo Beer assisted Brother George Yergler.

Funeral Services were held for Mrs. Hilda Klein of LaGrange, Ill., Tuesday May 19, Bro. Herman Hueni conducted the services. She was a sister to John Heinold of Valparaiso, Indiana.

LATTY

Reporter: Mrs. Raymond

Klopfenstein

We were happy to take communion here on April 19. Visiting Elders were Bro. Noah Schrock and Bro. Sam Aeschliman. We had a blessed day.

Sister Lorine Stoller and Bro. Myron Hackenjos were united in marriage here on Sunday, April 26. They will live in Bluffton.

Brother Leroy Hartman was with us Sunday May 3, and we had a nice day.

MANSFIELD

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beer and Joel Beer spent Sunday, April 12 in Rittman.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Froelich and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Beery and children of Rittman visited our church Sunday, April 12.

Elmer Gilliom, aged 62 years, died April 17 after a long illness. Funeral services were by Henry Beer of Milford and John Yergler of Bluffton.

Barbara Lehman, aged 96 years, fell and broke her hip.

Mrs. Call Blumenschein is recuperating after an operation.

Theresa Stiefel of Germany visited her cousin, Mrs. Aaron Sauder, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sauder and family spent Sunday, April 12 in Milford.

We had a very blessed and joyful day Sunday, May 24, as Anna Sauder Hoffman gave her testimony and was baptized by our Elder Rudolf Graf. We rejoice with her, even as the angels in Heaven rejoice over every soul who surrenders to the Lord.

We also had many visitors from Latty, Junction, Bluffton, Elgin, Milford, Akron and Rittman. The evening was spent singing songs of Praise to God and was enjoyed by all.

A number of relatives and friends from here attended the funeral of Sister Bertha Norr. We all extend our sympathy to Brother Norr of Leo, Indiana.

MORTON

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

Burial services for the infant daughter of Bro. and Sister Donald Frintz were held April 28th.

Funeral services for Sister Emma Heiniger, 82, wife of Bro. Ben Heiniger, were held April 20.

A baby daughter was born March 26 to the Frances Rothers; A daughter April 18 to the Jack Hersteins; A son to the Eugene Witzigs May 19.

Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield

and Bro. Joe Klopfenstein of Gridley assisted with the baptism of Eileen Baum, Shirley Schmitgal, Mary Ann Weuthrich, Milton and Shirley Grimm, Robert Frank, Joe Brecher and Jim Winneger.

Our monthly singing was held at the church April 12 and May 17 and Christian Endeavor on May 3.

Funeral services were held for Sister Jacobina Beyer on May 3.

PEORIA

Reporter: Sister Jeanette M. Schini

Due to the illness of Bro. Dave Mangold who resigned Sunday April 19, our Elder now is Bro. Silas Leuthold.

Marie Dietrich, also Viola Tripplet and her son Wilbur, are our new converts. They have found peace and are awaiting baptism.

Bro. Joe Kaisner and his wife, also Bro. and Mrs. Carl Waibel of Forrest, Illinois visited some of the sick in our community March 31. They were Bro. Al Von Bergen, Bro. Michael Weyeneth and Sister Pauline Clauss.

Bro. Jim Hoerr and Bro. Leroy Hartman spent Sunday April 26 in Princeville. The other ministers from Peoria joined them in the evening at the Sam Keiser home for supper. as well as many others from Peoria.

Bro. Noah Schrock was our visiting minister the past month.

Our Hymm-sing was well attended on May 5. The Morton men's group had several selections.

Many of our young groups have been singing for the sick. It is much appreciated.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bertchhold, also a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Unsicker the past month.

We are thankful to have Bro. Michael Weyeneth in our midst again after being under doctor's care for a month.

Bro. Leroy Hartman spent Sunday May 3 in Latty, Ohio. Bro. Roy Sauder was in Tremont Sunday May 10. Bro. Michael Weyeneth was in

Eureka, Sunday May 19.

Bro. Andy Hernejahr passed away to be with the Lord Saturday May 2. His funeral was held at Roanoke, where he formally lived.

On Friday May 1, Bro. Henry and Sister Emma Leman of Peoria and Bro. Ben and Sister Hanna Schumacher of Roanoke visited Sister Percy Leman, who is temporarily confined at the Resthaven in Elgin, Illinois.

Bro. Emerson and Sister Margaret Kercher and sons Warren, Glen and James of Rockford, Illinois and of the Elgin, Illinois congregation were visitors of the Peoria congregation Sunday May 17.

Our Bible Class which was held every other Tuesday evening will discontinue for the summer to resume again in September.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

On April 12 Alfred and Virginia (Bauman) Streitmatter and Duane and Doreen (Zimmerman) Elsasser were added to the fold. Brother David Mangold of Roanoke assisted our Brother Silas Leuthold with the provings and baptisms. Brother Leroy Huber of Eureka was also with us. A blessed day was enjoyed by all the friends and relatives present.

Brothers Jim Hoerr and Hartman as well as many others from the Peoria congregation were with us April 26.

Brothers Silas Leuthold and Lowell Stoller and their wives spent May 10 in Bluffton, Indiana.

On April 19 the young folks from the Bible Classes of Tremont, Ill., and Taylor Missouri were with us. Their visit was enjoyed by the young folks. Our Bible Class spent the evening of May 3rd in Morton enjoying an evening of singing.

Many of our young folks were in Oakville, Iowa May 17.

A blessed evening was enjoyed May 22 when Brother Bob Miller, of Portland, Oregon came with his

family and conducted services.

We are happy to welcome home Brother Walter Herrmann and family and Brother Lavern Berchtold who have recently been discharged from army service. Brother Walter had been stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas and Brother Lavern in France. Brother Earl Grimm who had been stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas was recently sent to Fort Lewis, Washington.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stoller. They now have three daughters. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Duane Elasser. They have two daughters to welcome a little brother.

On May 10, the engagement of Sister Marie Rumbold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Rumbold, and Brother Ezra Knobloch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Knobloch of Lester, Iowa was made known.

Our aged Brother William Spahr has been unable to attend church for some time. We are glad to have Sister Lena Gehrig back with us. She has been unable to attend church for several months due to a heart condition. Sister Margaret Tanner is able to be out again following surgery but Sister Louise Herrmann and Sam Kieser are still shut in. Brother Rueben Feucht submitted to an emergency appendectomy and is recovering nicely.

Death came to the family of George Kieser when their wife and mother was called out of this life May 12. A week earlier she had fallen in her home and suffered a badly broken hip. She had to submit to surgery May 12 and never woke up. The family can feel comforted to know she wasn't afraid should it be she didn't wake up. In March Brother George and his wife, Maria, had observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Brother Joshua Broquard was here to assist with the services, which were May 15.

Our sympathy is extended to the Karl and Andrew Hanscher families

whose father passed from this life having attained a high age.

REMINGTON

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

Brother Al Fisher and others of Chicago visited our congregation on April 19, and on Sunday May 3 Bro. Bob Hueni and family spent the day with us. We are very thankful for these visits.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Frey are the parents of a daughter born on May 2.

On Sunday May 10 Brother Henry Kilgus and wife and Mr. and Mrs. John Kilgus of Forrest, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Roth of Fairbury and Brother Maurice Frank and family of Chicago spent the day with us and remained with us for our Mother's Day program in the evening.

Mabel Bahler is spending her vacation in Alabama to assist in the duties there.

A group of young people spent Sunday, May 17 in Cissna Park.

RITTMAN

Reporter: Mrs. Dale Hartzler

On April 7 a son, James Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Rufener, Jr. On May 7 a daughter, Karen Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hartzler. On May 10 a son, Dale Robert, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steiner. On May 14, a daughter, Ann Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Gasser. A daughter, Lou Ann, was also born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Young.

Our congregation mourned the death of our dear Brother George Walters, who was laid to rest on April 30.

Communion services were held Easter Sunday. Elder Brother Rudolph Graf assisted our Elder Brother Noah Bauman.

We were blest with the presence of Brother Delbert Indermuhle of Monroe Co. on April 26.

Two of our dear friends were proved on Saturday evening, April 25 and found worthy of baptism, which

took place on Sunday following. They are now Sister Tilas Indermuele and Sister Marjorie Zollinger. We wish them God's Blessings.

ROANOKE

Reporter: Sara Aeschleman

"Children"

I wash the dirt from little feet,
And as I wash, I pray,
"Lord, keep them ever pure and true
to walk the narrow way."
I wash the dirt from little hands,
And earnestly I ask,
"Lord, may they ever yielded be,
to do the humblest task."
I wash the dirt from little knees
And pray, "Lord may they be the
Place where victories are won
And orders sought from thee."
I scrub the clothes that soil so soon
And pray, "Lord, may her dress
Throughout eternal ages be,
Thy robe of righteousness.

Births: A daughter, Peggy Jean was born to Bro. Bob and Sis. Jean Luginbuhl on Tuesday April 21. A son, Joseph Wayne was born to Bro. Mel and Sis. Shirley Hohulin on Friday May 1. A son, Charles Lester was born to Bro. Lester and Sis. Lucille Fisher also on May 1.

Recent visiting ministers to our congregation were Bro. Albert Scheitlen of Elgin, Ill. and Bro. Harvey Heiniger of Oakville, which we greatly enjoyed.

The engagement and approaching marriage of Bro. Glenn Moser and Sis. Christa Roth from Burlington, Okla. was announced Sunday May 17.

Sis. Anna Sauder Sr. had the misfortune of falling in her basement and breaking her leg.

Also, Sis. Christina Fehr, who is making her home at the old folks home here in Roanoke, has been on the sick list for the past few weeks

"Trust"

"When nothing whereon to lean
remains,

When strongholds crumble to dust;
When nothing is sure but that God
still reigns,

That is just the time to trust.
"Tis better to walk by faith than
sight,

In this path of yours and mine;
And the pitch-black night, when
there's no light,
Is the time for our faith to shine.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Reporter: Ed Steiner

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Strahm are parents of their first child, a daughter, born April 5.

Bro. Dan Steiner and wife, with four of their children including Bro. Daniel Jr. of Tremont, Ill., spent Easter vacation with the Steiners and members at Sabetha. Daniel Jr. was home on a ten day leave from his service at Ft. Benj. Harrison, Indianapolis. This was Jr.'s first chance to visit his grandparents since his repentance and baptism. Their visit was very much enjoyed by all.

We are informed that the Apostolic Christian Old Folks Home will soon be started building at Sabetha.

Bro. Raymond Banwart and wife of West Bend, Iowa visited relatives and members at Sabetha April 12.

Bro. Will Strahm, 94 yrs. old and wife Emalie, are residing at the Kellenberger Convalescent Home here and Bro. Will had a bad fall and was taken to the hospital but was able to return to the Home after a week.

Will Brunner celebrated his 91st birthday April 5th.

Bro. Dan Steiner had surgery performed March 30, at Albert Lee, Minn. Latest report received April 17 says he is improving. We hope he will soon be able to return to his home here.

Bro. Joe Stoller and wife Lula returned home April 10th after spending the winter at Phoenix, Ariz.

Bro. Joe Zimmerman and wife and Bro. Lewis Zimmerman and wife of Roanoke, Ill. spent Sunday April 19

with the members and relatives at Sabetha, on their way home from Hot Springs, Ark.

Bro. Ben Aberle and wife, Mary Aberle, Alpling Aberle, Leota Grimm and Verna Strahm went to Morton to attend the funeral of Sister Emma Heiniger on April 20.

Bro. Gene Marti and Bro. Eli Meyer and their families spent Sunday April 19 at West Bend, Iowa.

Arthur Strahm and wife are parents of a baby boy April 21.

Bro. Menno Steiner returned to his home April 23 after 10 days in the hospital.

Visitors at Sabetha and Country Churches, were Alvie Meyer from Lester, Iowa, George Bruellman and wife, Harley Bruellman and wife from West Bend, Iowa, and Joe Rassi and wife from Roanoke, Ill. Sunday April 26.

Bro. Carl Hartman and wife visited at Ft. Scott, Kansas with relatives and members Sunday April 26.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

The Bible and Junior Bible classes went to Princeville, Ill. on April 19. They were accompanied by some of the teachers and their families.

A son, Brent William, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoerr on April 12th.

Bro. Fred and Sister Louise Grimm spent several days with their daughter and husband, Don and Judy Feller at Kouts, Ind.

Bro. Art Gudeman and Family of LaCrosse, Ind. visited us on Sunday May 3.

WICHITA, KANSAS

Reporter: Ann Greiner

Brother Tim Farney is improving, after being hospitalized due to a heart attack.

Timmy Wullschleger, small son of Bro. and sister Arthur Wullschleger, has been released from the hospital. He suffered a broken leg.

Others hospitalized from our Con-

gregation are Sister Roberta Farney, also Steven Langhofer, son of Bro. and Sister Al Langhofer, who underwent an appendectomy.

May 17, Brother Sam Anlicker of Lamont, Kansas and Bro. Roy Farney of Kiowa, Kansas spent the day with the Wichita congregation. Other visitors were Sister Fred Luthi of Lamont, Bro. Glen Luthi of Sabetha, and Brother and Sister Sam Schrock of Kiowa.

WOLCOTT

Reporter: Arles Kropf

Our Sunday School children enjoyed a weiner roast on April 12 at the home of Bro. Vernon and Sister Arlene Schwab.

On April 15, Bro. Noah Shrock, Bro. George Yergler, and Bro. Philip Gutwein were with us for our regular mid-week services.

Bro. Irvin and Sister Dorothy Lehman and Bro. Verne and Sister Leona Lehman visited the Gridley congregation on April 19.

A number from here attended the funeral of Sister Clara Ringger at LaCrosse on May 13.

Sister Lillian Luthi has been unable to attend church for some time due to ill health.

LEO

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

Mid-week church services have been at the home of Brother William K'opfenstein Sr. who has been ill and not able to attend church.

On April 9th Loren Stoller of Latty, Ohio was here for Mid-week services.

April 16th the Services were at the home of Elmer Greuters of Waterloo, Indiana. He has been ill with an heart ailment.

The marriage of Carole Ann Pulfer, daughter of Lester Pulfer of Ft. Wayne, Ind., to David Larry Masel also of Ft. Wayne is planned for June 20, 1959.

Bertha Norr, wife of Brother Otto Norr, passed away May 14th at the

Park View Memorial Hospital in Ft. Wayne, Ind. Funeral Services were on Sunday, May 19th, with Brother Samuel Aschliman of Bluffton, Ind., officiating.

We loved her yes, we loved her
But Jesus loved her more
And sweetly He has called her
To yonder shining shore.

The Golden Gates were opened
A gentle voice said "Come"
And with fare-wells unspoken
She calmly entered home.

In Remembrance of our Mothers
who have gone before.

SLEEP MOTHER SLEEP

Home is so lonely since mother's not
there,
Dark is her room and vacant her
chair;
Angels have taken her out of our
care,
Still we recall our dear mother's
sweet pray'r.

While she is sleeping the seasons I
know,
Cover her grave with blossoms and
snow;
Snow on the bosom that sheltered
me so,
So cold and bleak are the north
winds that blow.

Her loving eyes were oft dimmed
with sad tears,
Guiding our feet thru long weary
years;
Planning our future while reading
God's word.
Faithful and true admonitions we
heard.

Mother sleep, your trials are o'er,
Sweet be the rest you have needed
before:
We loved you, but God loved you
more,

For he called you to that bright
happy shore.

IMMANUEL'S LAND

The sands of time are sinking,
The dawn of heaven breaks.
The summer morn I've sighed for—
The fair, sweet morn awakes.
Dark, dark hath been the midnight,
But day-spring is at hand,
And glory—glory dwelleth
In Immanuel's land.

I've wrestled on t'ward heaven,
'Gainst storm and wind and tide,
Now, like a weary trav'ler
That leaneth on his guide,
Amid the shades of evening,
While sinks life's lingering sand,
I hail the glory dawning,
From Immanuel's land.

Deep waters crossed life's path-way;
The hedge of thorns was sharp.
Now these lie all behind me—
O! for a well-tuned harp!
O, to join the hallelujah
With yon triumphant band!
Who sing where glory dwelleth,
In Immanuel's land.

When We Reach a Quiet Dwelling

When we reach a quiet dwelling
On the strong eternal hills,
And our praise to Him is swelling,
Who the vast creation fills:
When the paths of prayer and duty
And affliction all are trod,
And we wake and see the beauty
Of our Saviour and our God:

With the light of resurrection,
When our chang-ed bodies glow,
And we gain the full perfection
Of the bliss begun below;
When the life that flesh obscureth
In each radiant form shall shine,
And the joy that aye endureth
Flashes forth in beams divine:

Yes! we surely shall remember
How He quickened us from death:
How He fanned the dying ember

With His Spirit's glowing breath
We shall read the tender meaning
Of the sorrows and alarms
As we trod the desert, leaning
On His everlasting arms.

"But when perfection comes, what is imperfect will be set aside. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned just like a child. When I became a man, I laid aside my childish ways. For now we see a dim reflection in a looking-glass, But then we shall see face to face, Now what I know is imperfect, But then I shall know perfectly, as God knows me. And so these three, faith, hope, and love, endure, But the greatest of them is love."

Old friends, old scenes, will lovelier be,
As more of heaven in each we see;
Some softening gleam of love and prayer
Shall dawn on every cross and care.
The trivial round, the common task,
Will furnish all we ought to ask:
Room to deny ourselves, a road
To bring us daily nearer God.

These words were written
by the author of the words
of the beautiful hymn
Sun of My Soul.

There are certain critical times in which the success of a church may hang in the balance. Divine strategy has chosen a line of Truth that must be held. No church can long endure if it does not stand fast here. The enemy attempts to soften the stand of the church with false reasoning. The thoughts may appear small and harmless, but there is death planted in their purpose. The loss of those who surrender may be heart-breaking, but the defenders' valor means that the principles of the gospel will not perish from this church.

Burrowing deep with wilely rea-

soning, the enemy places an explosive charge near the line of Truth. With devastating fury the falsehood is told that Right is not right, but wrong. The real victims of this tragedy are those who failed to follow divine advice, thus openly exposing themselves to enemy fire. They fail to hear love's plea to acknowledge their wrong and return. They follow the deadly dangerous error of persistently relying on their own sense of direction. Those safely entrenched in the right position, though ridiculed and persecuted, are ever safe from harm.

The dark hours of this world come before Dawn. The roar of the enemy and his ferocious attacks fill the way with tribulation. His savagery persecutes the church, lashing his hatred in cruel stripes. He does his worst, even imprisoning God's people to every visible way out. But he has no power to capture the Citadel where hope is anchored. There, in the glowing Light of eternity, the tired and worn prisoner may live in the hope of the glory of a never-ending eternity.

Enslaved man groans in a darkness horrible and fantastic in cruelty. Under the lighted dome of heavenly freedom the congregation of the righteous and the assembly of the elders meet. If a helping hand is extended to suffering and down-trodden hearts, this united body is delegated to lay hold on divine power and grace. But in this vast world, with the correct course one in a maze of possibilities, what should be done? Prayer, individual and united, is the key that opens the way. It sets the machinery in motion that shakes the fortresses of darkness and brings to broken man the peace and joy of heavenly Light.

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