How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand:

Psalm 139:17-18
A Heart for Worship

“As I think of thee a gentle rapture overwhelms the soul that thou dost love.”

How is your worship? Have the cares of this life overtaken your heart? Has your time been filled with the busyness of this life? If so, maybe today is a good time to stop and think of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; to count our blessings and lead our heart to worship.

In Ephesians 3:8, the Bible speaks of His unsearchable riches. When tapping in to this vast reservoir of truth we have a myriad of opportunities and ways to love Him and others.

As we recommit our lives to His service, may we ever be mindful of His grace, love and truth. Worship can and should be a way of life for us. Worship is much more than singing and praising Him on Sunday or listening to a sermon. It is the very act of everything we do and think each day, hour and minute.

“All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah”. Psalm 66:4

Rick Plattner & Jeff Grimm, Counseling Elders
The Faith of Jacob

Theme verse: “By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.”1

Jacob had weaknesses that caused him many difficulties and struggles throughout his spiritual journey. Nevertheless, as we study the biblical accounts concerning him, it is evident that his faith emerged victorious in the end. As Jacob’s faith grew he left us numerous lessons to apply to our own growth in faith.

Jacob and his brother Esau were twins born to Isaac and Rebekah. Although Esau was the first-born and should have inherited a double portion, he evidently did not hold his privilege in high esteem; he sold it to his brother Jacob for a bowl of stew. When Isaac was approaching death and ready to pass on the final blessings to his sons, Jacob, with the encouragement of his mother, acquired the blessing intended for Esau by deceiving his father Isaac.

Ostensibly, Jacob and his mother were successful in their endeavor. However, Jacob did not receive the blessing because of his deception. That which God had promised would have been given to Jacob if he and his mother had only possessed the faith to trust Him patiently. (Note David’s faith in waiting on God)2. God had already revealed His intentions to Rebekah regarding her two sons, “And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.”3. Their lack of belief at this point in their lives was in direct contrast to the exemplary faith of Jacob’s grandfather Abraham, “He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform”4. Jacob was soon to learn that interfering with God’s delivery of His promises only brought trouble and sorrow upon him.

As a result of his dishonesty, Jacob was forced to leave his family to avoid Esau’s threats. His father sent him to Padanaram, a daunting distance of over 400 miles through wilderness country. On the way, he had an amazing vision, “And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it”5. During the dream, he received the wonderful promise, “And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of”6.

Jacob’s response to this experience reveals his growing faith: “And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father’s house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God: And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God’s house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee”7. In doing so, Jacob had established a covenant with God by promising to serve Him after God first promised to keep him and be with him wherever he went. Furthermore, Jacob vowed to give tithes of all that God gave him, much as his grandfather Abraham did unto the priest Melchizedek.

Jacob did eventually find his way to Padanaram and

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Welcome one and all back into the assembly for this time to gather around God’s Holy Word. We’ve been so tremendously blessed already today with, “thus saith the Lord.” It’s such a privilege, isn’t it, that the Word of God is still speaking today? The word of God is present with us. The word of God is here.

Let’s turn into 1 Samuel here. This is such a special chapter – the third chapter, entitled The Call of Samuel. You’ll now this story well. We begin by reading, “The child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli,” so let’s just recall a little bit. (verse 1) Samuel was Hannah’s promised son because Hannah was barren for many years. Yearly she would go to the tabernacle and pray earnestly that God would give her a child. She promised God that she would give that child, should He grant her one, back to Him. She does so. She gives her Samuel, when he was weaned, to minister to God and to the high priest, Eli. It’s a mighty gift, isn’t it, moms?

We’ll conclude reading there with verse 10. There are few, maybe none, maybe no other moment in a mother’s life or in a father’s life that we’d want to steward more than the call of God on our children. Is that a fair statement? As I read this, I was so blessed. You know, Eli got it wrong twice. Eli got it wrong twice. “Child, your dreaming something; it’s not me. Go back to bed. I’m tired,” and then he wakes up to God’s call on this child and adds instruction and encouragement to go and to enquire of the Lord. And God mercifully called out to the child three times. I think in this moment, we get to celebrate the mercy of God both upon ignorant moms and dads, giving us some sort of perception into what’s going on spiritually with our children, a few meager words to share that might be helpful, and then God’s continual pursuit by name.

Young people, can I have your attention real quick? God’s going to call you. It’s going to be special. It’s going to be directed toward you. He’ll call you by your name. Take the advice of Eli and the advice of your folks, engage that calling. “Speak, Lord, I’m listening” is the simple instruction.

I don’t have too many more thoughts on the passage that we’ve read. It’s special, isn’t it? Just an encouragement – I remember talking to Bro. Frank Sauder about children and stewarding their coming to Christ. He gave me a little advice that I’ve never forgotten, and I’ll share it now as it seems pointed. He said, “When a woman is pregnant and she’s going to have a baby, a new birth, that birth very often is signaled by labor pains, sometimes Braxton hicks contractions, motion, movement. Whenever a husband and wife feel the kick of the womb, they’re excited. What are you excited about? A new birth is coming. It’s a sure sign that a new birth is coming. And he shared with me, “When you see the work of God in your children, is it the new birth? I don’t know, but if it’s motion at all, it’s a sign that new birth is coming, and that is something to rejoice in.” Moms and Dads, when we see the work of God in our children, we support it in every way. We support it and point our children to the new birth that is coming, or it might be the new birth that is happening. So here in this story, we see Eli navigating that with Samuel.

Let’s turn into the New Testament. Hebrews chapter 11 is well known as the faith chapter. Let’s begin at the beginning and potentially read the entire chapter, ending with the concluding remarks. This is an important chapter. I think within is a very important message, many messages. I will try to isolate one because it’s an unlikely group of people that’s being mentioned in this chapter. They were stoned. They were sawn asunder. They were tempted. They were slain. They wandered destitute. These are our
the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.” (vs. 18-25)

Just a few Sundays back, I briefly explained what the word hope means, and I’ll do it again. We use hope in our everday language with two aspects. One is an event that has not been realized or happened, but also an event with some sort of probabilistic chance in which it may or may not happen. I use the illustration of ice cream. We might say, “I hope we have ice cream this afternoon.” In our language that means there’s some sort of chance in which that may or may not happen. All of that means I can hope for it. According to the Bible, we can take the probabilistic side of that meaning and chuck it. It is a sure event that’s just not realized yet. That’s what hope means. The hope that we read about here is a sure reconciliation, a sure redemption. I’d like you to set that then next to the men and women we read about in Hebrews 11. That’s the hope that they walked in, the realization they had.

What is required for a person to live in hope? It’s patience. Does that make sense? You cannot live a life of hope without patience. That’s why patience is knit into the framework of what a believer does. We live patiently, and what does patiently mean?

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Ministry Program Updates

Seeking the Lord’s Direction as Dairy begins Production Phase

Haiti Dairy Committee

How is God glorified in missions? Is it the response of “Here I am, send me?” Is it when a soul opens their heart’s door to Jesus? Is it when the Spirit works in the daily lives of missionaries working with physical tasks?

We have seen all of this and more at Good Vision Farm in south Haiti. For years, the physical labors of constructing a farm from bare ground and building relationships with the people in the community took center stage. That, and a HarvestCall committee of brothers and sisters who wanted to see a dream of dairy production come to fruition if the Lord willed.

But now, cows ARE being milked at the Good Vision Farm. And cows from the community are being brought daily to the milking center. The planned dairy operation has begun.

So how do we learn to calibrate our expectations to God’s glory? How do we move from the first phase of construction to the second phase of production, in light of glorifying God? A question was asked of interested Haitian farmers early in the ministry, “God has blessed Haiti with sunshine, rain, fertile fields and cows, but you have no milk. Why?” This desire that God be glorified by alleviating despair and transforming hearts and minds through a discipleship ministry has been the driving passion of the Haiti Dairy program since its inception. That He might be glorified, we are learning to wait for the increase that comes only from Him.

Here are some of those areas where we are learning and waiting:

- Cows in the United States average over 7 gallons of milk production per day and often give much more than that. Since we began milking neighboring cows at Good Vision Farm, we are discovering that Haitian cows will probably average 1 gallon per day. The need for improving genetics is obvious but the best way to accomplish this is not.
- Other pasteurized milk sold in Haiti is imported and expensive. Orphanages, missionary families, and local community members are now enjoying

The Power of Christ

Proclaiming Christ and serving others is empty and worthless without the power of Christ filling both the proclaimer and the hearer. Paul warned Timothy that the last days would be perilous as men reject truth and become lovers of themselves. This self-love is often disguised as a form of godliness, lacking and denying the power of Christ. The power that Paul writes of is expressed in the Greek word dunamis. It is not a metaphorical power. It is very real, as evidenced by all the miracles of Jesus and the Apostles.

The power of Jesus was not only able to heal others but was also demonstrated in his life. It was the power to love the unlovable, forgive the vilest, endure unjust criticism, speak truth to lies, confront hypocrisy, and submit his own will to the will of the Father. It was the power to forgive those who nailed him to the cross — while he was hanging there in pain. Paul told the Romans that he was not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power (dunamis) of God unto salvation to everyone who believes.

By faith, the good news that we can be born again is not impotent. It carries real power to live in truth, love, and righteousness. To the Corinthians he writes that the preaching of the cross is foolishness to them...
the fresh taste of Good Vision Farm’s pasteurized milk. This milk is being sold for less than the imported milk and is locally produced.

- What is the correct balance between selling milk profitably and returning that money to the Haitian dairy farmers but also providing value priced milk for orphans?

God has often reaffirmed his blessing on this program. One such blessing is Ronald Maxis. “Maxi” as he is called, is the Good Vision Farm assistant and he has become an integral part of Good Vision Farm. His passion to serve his community, his insight as to how his community perceives the events at the farm, his willingness to support the mission, and his sincere love for the Lord have truly been an essential asset for progress at the farm.

Maxi has sought a visa from the US Embassy to visit the USA in order to participate in upcoming HarvestCall events. As of this writing, his June visa appointment was abruptly canceled and has not yet been rescheduled. It has always been in the Lord’s hands if he will be able to visit, and we remain prayerful for Maxi.

There will be a couple of opportunities to hear about the Haiti Dairy ministry. One is at the Proclaim and Serve conference in Roanoke on July 20 and another is at the 3rd Annual Good Vision Farm Benefit Dinner on Friday, July 26 near Rittman, Ohio.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Haiti Dairy Benefit dinner. Here are the details:

- **Date:** Friday, July 26
- **Time:** 5 pm Eastern Time
- **Location:** Kidron Community Park, 4434 Kidron Road in Dalton, Ohio (near Rittman).
- **Register:** [www.harvestcall.org/awareness-events](http://www.harvestcall.org/awareness-events).

There is no charge for this event but a free will offering will be requested.

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that perish, but to those of us who are saved, it is the power *(dunamis)* of God. The preaching of the cross is power. He further confirms that the kingdom of God is not in word but in power. Just talking about faith is insufficient. Utilizing the power that Christ has given us – each one as it has pleased him – we are able to put our self-love to death and live for the will of the Father.

Whether we share the gospel at home or abroad, we need have no shame nor fear. The power *(dunamis)* of Jesus is more than enough to radically transform lives. The power of Jesus transcends borders and language. It enables a pure heart, and fuels meekness, gentleness, and love. It takes pleasure in turning the other cheek. It rejoices in mercy and forgiveness. It is not ashamed of being different than the world around us. It rejoices in truth, not in iniquity.

Are you lacking power in life? Is it hard to love others? Do temptations lure you? Are you sick of putting on a false front? His strength *(dunamis)* is made perfect in weakness. Acknowledge your weakness. Confess your faults. Humble yourself before the mighty hand of God. Crucify yourself with Jesus for he was crucified in weakness but lives in the power of God. Then – by faith, proclaim and serve, glorifying God with the love that Jesus showed, through the *(dunamis)* from above – wherever you are!  

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*— by Mike Leman*
My first emotion: anger! My first response: blame! My first question: Why me? In the heat of the moment, this was my initial reaction. Then the Holy Spirit brought God’s Word to bear upon my present reality. It spoke straight to my need. It targeted my sinful response. It sliced to the core of my self-preservation and pride. And then it presented me with the beauty of a merciful and grace-filled response. Soaking on what was true led me to soberness, repentance, and asking: “How can I trust the Lord in this?” I want to be a woman of purity and of fruitfulness and of enduring hope to the very end of my life. That’s why I study God’s Word.

Studying God’s word has a purifying effect on the life of a believer. Hebrews describes God’s word as “quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword … a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (4:12) That means His Word is alive, at work in me, able to slice right through my inward thoughts, able to penetrate deep into my settled opinions, and skilled at passing judgment on my strongly held attitudes and mindsets. I desperately need that cleansing and discerning work in my heart if I desire purity. At the point of salvation, I am made pure by the imputed righteousness God gives me as I put my faith in Jesus’ atoning work on the cross. But my merciful Father continues to purify my heart in a sanctification process through the decades as I engage His Word and apply it to daily living with all of its joys and challenges.

Fruitful living requires a routine review of God’s word. The apostle Paul, in bolstering his young mentee Timothy, reminds him that “all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.” (2 Tim. 3:16-17) If I want to be a fruitful woman who is complete, thoroughly fitted and equipped to do good works, then I must back up to the beginning of the verse and apply the prerequisite statements. The criterion is to graciously receive His truthful teachings, His conviction of sin, and His fatherly discipline. If I want to be a woman who is prepared to serve, rather than insecure; ready to serve, rather than reluctant; and
disciplined to serve, rather than given to selfish desires, I must be a student of His Word.

Addressing the inner quality of enduring hope, the Apostle Paul writes: “for whatever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.” (Rom. 15:4) Life, by God’s design, sometimes tests our faith. If I want to be a woman who walks through tests with patience and endurance, hanging onto the hope that these trials are doing a good work in me and conforming me to the likeness of Jesus, then I must be a learner of His Word. There is no shortcut to a life of hope, but through patient endurance, standing on the truth that I can trust God’s goodness in all things.

Purification, fruitfulness, and resilient hope are anticipated outcomes of studying God’s word, but along the journey, the Lord continues to surprise me. No, I’m not surprised by all the interruptions and pressures that distract me from His word. No, I’m not amazed by how little I know … or can retain. No, I’m not startled by my persistent struggle with my flesh. But I am constantly surprised with the joy that results in a growing and maturing love relationship with the Lord. He finds joy in me, and I in Him! As I engage His word, I’m not just interacting with a passage of text, but I’m fellowshipping with my Father. These regular rendezvous engender a blessed assurance that I am His, and He is mine. I am kept and loved and have great worth in His sight. As I walk through my present season of life and look forward to the next, I aspire to purity, fruitfulness, and enduring hope, by the reading and heeding of God’s word. And along the journey, I’m surprised and deeply satisfied by His enduring, gentle love.

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ACCFS continues to develop resources to help women in their walk with the Lord. These resources can be found on our website at www.accounseling.org/women. If you would like more information, please contact ACCFS at (309)263-5536.
Apostolic Christian LifePoints

Kyle Streitmatter - Mission Communication Intern

“Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.” 1 Cor. 9:24-25

In these verses, Paul is using a metaphor to describe our spiritual lives: a race. A race is not a relaxing activity – it takes strength, determination, and endurance. Runners must be self-disciplined and train extensively before they are ready to compete. Athletes don’t just race to have fun – they are striving for a goal. Each one wants to come in first and win the gold medal.

On June 8, we saw this in action! A few athletes from right here at LifePoints participated in the Illinois Special Olympics summer games at Illinois State University. Our residents competed in the tennis/softball throws and many of the different racing divisions (motorized/non-motorized wheelchair, walker assisted). Each event was full of energy and enthusiasm. The smiles on their faces said it all!

The day was much like what Paul described in 1 Cor. 9 above. Our residents had to spend many months training for the race. They had to be disciplined enough to practice so that they would be ready to compete. In our own lives, we must exercise ourselves spiritually in prayer and studying God’s Word. We must discipline ourselves to resist those things that are harmful to our soul and focus on pursuing God.

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.” Hebrews 12:1

For those readers who have had the privilege to get to know our residents, you already know that they are such an example to us of how to run the spiritual race. While we were at the Olympic Games, they demonstrated this scripture in a beautiful way. If I were competing in a race, I would be prone to let the sin of bitterness or pride weigh me down if I didn’t manage to win. But the our residents did something different. They cheered and applauded everyone with a smile on their face – even if that someone received the gold medal instead of them. If they crossed the finish line first, they turned to cheer on those who were coming behind them. The residents

focused on the blessings of the day itself instead of whether they won or not – , choosing an attitude of love, joy, and gratitude.

When the competition was over, our athletes exited the track to receive their prize at the awards ceremony. After the triumphant music sounded, an announcer came on the loud speaker to give the names of those who had won the medals. The resident’s faces shone with joy as their award was placed around their neck and the crowd cheered for them.

Can you imagine what it will be like when we cross the finish line of our spiritual race? We cannot even fathom what it will be to hear glorious music of heaven and to hear our name proclaimed by the Savior as the winner of the eternal prize. What a sound to hear the heavenly hosts erupt in joy and celebration over another soul that has reached the goal! May this be our vision as we run to glorify God, following in the footsteps of our Lord and Savior.

Gateway Woods Apostolic Christian Children’s Home

Emily Fischer — Communications Administrative Assistant

In the summer of 2009, just behind the barn, you could find 3 things: a hut made out of grass clippings, a puddle with a single occupant (an imported
fish from the pond just across the campus), and houseparent kids. This was the creation of brothers Cooper and Connor Beer, who had equal amounts of energy and imagination that ran wild all summer long.

Nearly 10 years later, we have welcomed Cooper back to Gateway Woods as the Summer Volunteer Coordinator for 2019! For the last 2 years, Cooper has been away at college, studying the dramatic arts.

“I love the potential that the Lord has given us to spread His truth through storytelling, music, stage, and so forth. I also love working with young people and helping them become more passionate and devoted followers of Jesus.”

Cooper spent a summer doing just that – leading a group of young actors that traveled all over the Midwest, sharing the Gospel through story and song, and always pointing to Christ. Cooper is a natural leader with great organizational abilities. This summer has been a great opportunity to learn and grow his communication and time management skills.

He’s enjoying being back in Leo and being able to build relationships with the Gateway Woods residents again. “I’m excited to be gaining valuable experience in a ministry that seeks, above all, to honor Christ and show His love to the world!”

**News:**

We thank Bro. John & Sis. Teresa Hartter and Bro. Luke & Sis. Shari Tucker for their time as houseparents.

We are excited to welcome the following new staff to Gateway:

- Sis. Kelly Fink (LARC Systems Coordinator)
- Bro. Quinn & Sis. Sarah Fiechter (Houseparents)
- Bro. Kyle Isch (Science Teacher)
- Sis. Margie Dawson (English Teacher)
- Sis. Sierra Parker (Community Advocate Support)
- Sis. Charity Fischer (Gateway Farms Summer Assistant)

Summer is upon us and that means there are lots of volunteering opportunities at Gateway Woods! If you are interested in giving your time and talents, please contact Cooper Beer, our new Summer Volunteer Coordinator, at vol.coordinator@gatewaywoods.org or via phone at 260.627.2159.

Please pray for us as we continue renovations and prepare to offer transitional housing to young adults leaving Gateway Woods. WillowBridge transitional housing is a new branch of the LARC initiative that can provide up to 9 young people housing and ongoing community support to help them prepare for independent living. Please visit our website for more information: gatewaywoods.org/willowbridge.

Mark your calendars for the Auction on August 3. If you would like to donate a new item please contact Jon Ringger at jon.ringger@gatewaywoods.org.

We currently have these openings at Gateway Woods: Community Advocate Support, Teacher, Assistant Houseparent, and Houseparent Couples. For more information, please see our ad in this month’s edition of The Silver Lining or visit the Careers page on our website at gatewaywoods.org/careers. We trust that God will provide qualified, mature brothers and sisters who will serve Him in a ministry that is ‘Turning Lives Around’.

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 gatewaywoods.org and our Facebook page at facebook.com/gatewaywoods often for updates, and make sure that you are on our mailing list. If you would like be added to our mailing list, please contact us at 888.443.4283 or send an email to info@gatewaywoods.org. Finally, if you
would like to receive a monthly email detailing how the work at Gateway Woods is bringing help and healing to those in need, please consider joining our Restoring Hope email list. You can do so at gatewaywoods.org/newsletter or by emailing jon.ringger@gatewaywoods.org.

**Arizona, Phoenix**

*Marge Lindenbaum*

“And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, an a chrysolite; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.”

*Rev. 21:19-20*

Recently, I joined a Rock and Mineral Club with my grandson, who has been a rockhound since he was very young. I never thought much about rocks until he made me start to pay attention. So far, we have gone searching for fluorescent rocks in the dark using UV lights (successful), panning for gold (not so much) and volunteering to help with some museum cleanups, which rewarded us with several beautiful crystal pieces that were deemed not museum quality. I am finding rocks fascinating, and convincing evidence of the reality, the creativity and consistency of our Creator. When I look at the various layers and striations of the rocks we are collecting, I wonder whether the New Jerusalem is modeled after the original planet earth. There are not many specimens that are purely one type of gem or mineral. They are a conglomerate of multiple distinct types. When reading about mining, we find the greatest success was a result of finding a vein or ribbon of ore running underground. Originally, the planet consisted of one land mass surrounded by seas (Gen. 1:6-10), with waters underneath. Fast forward six chapters to Genesis 7:11, “… in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened”. This eruption continued for 150 days until, in Genesis 8:2, the fountains were stopped. The flood was a violent, catastrophic event that changed the face of the earth and brought the lower levels of the land up to the top. There are many more than 12 types of minerals, and I find it interesting there is a mineral classification system called the Dana System that identifies eight classifications of minerals, then has a class, “mineraloid”, that covers those that do not fit into one of the other eight classes (https://www.rocksandminerals4u.com/mineral_classification.html). We all learned in science class there are three types of rocks, igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary. Now, I’m no scientist and I certainly cannot claim math as my forte. But it appears to me all the rocks and minerals may fall into 12 categories (8 +1+3). So, imagine with me the continents all together in one place, with layers of rocks and minerals over a body of water and surrounded by more water, when suddenly the waters below burst out, Spreading out the land, pushing up mountains and creating valleys and larger

**Alabama, Athens**

*Krissy Moore*

ALive was a wonderful weekend of fellowship and encouragement. We appreciate everyone who made the effort to be with us during this event. We are looking forward to next year! We also enjoyed having volunteers for VBS this month and appreciate the effort they put into working with our kids over the week. We pray for many blessings on you all for your efforts!

We were blessed to have many stop through on their way to their final destinations this past month. We enjoyed meeting Bro. Scott, Sis. Sarah Manz (Junction, OH) and their children as they were passing through. We also appreciated Bro. Jim and Sis. Diana Butikofer and their family (Iowa City, IA) stopping by during VBS. Thank you to Bro. Brian and Sis. Jacki Huber (Francesville, IN) for spending your Father’s Day weekend with us sharing the Word.

As always, we would love to have y’all visit, even if you’re traveling through for the evening! For our guest house accommodations, please call Sis. Rebekah Klaus at (815) 674-5411.
gaps between the land masses, flowing upward while the heavens unleash their waters downward for 150 days, until the entire earth is covered in water. If the earth was created with layers, as we read the New Jerusalem is, they would have been stretched, broken mixed up and set down in completely different order and position, but with many layers and “ribbons” intact, even after all that. I believe we see evidence of this event everywhere on the earth, despite what is taught in the institutions of “higher” learning. And it is evident in the many beautiful specimens of rocks we have inspected and collected so far, and I look forward to discovering more of God’s truth as we learn and collect more. There are fossils of sea creatures on the tops of the highest mountains. I have a LOT to learn, and I plan to enjoy the lesson and learn new things about our wonderful Creator and all He has done.

“Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth.” Job 12:15

It was good to have Bro. Nick Gutwein (Sis. Suzanne, West LaFayette) back with us for a short time. We appreciate his service both on the pulpit and in facilitating a Vision meeting. Our congregation enjoyed a presentation by one of our members who is preparing to serve on a mission to the Caucasus Mountains to help bring the Word to the unreached and underserved.

We learned a lot and will be praying her and her team through this important work.

In Vacation Bible School, we learned about the beautiful history of several hymns, and the lives of their writers. It was an educational and enjoyable time. We appreciate the time and effort put in by Bros. Neil Widmer and Nick Waibel in presenting the lessons to us.

I think we are now at that point where things slow down for a bit as families take vacations and we try and spend the days mostly indoors, out of the heat.

**Arizona, Prescott**

**Autumn Rokey**

“...and the seeds which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word’s sake, immediately they are offended” Mark 4:16-17.

Again, if we look at the parable of the sower and seed in the light of our Christian walk, do we have deep enough roots to sustain and withstand the trials of life that will come? Jesus says that in Him we can have peace, but we “shall [also] have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world”. John 16:33. Do we hold tighter to our faith even when we can’t hear God and don’t see the goodness of His plan? In our jobs, finding our purpose in life, grieving through sickness or the loss of loved ones, how do we cling to God when our faith is weak? It seems easier to list all of the trials and so much harder to write an answer. And then when Jesus says be of good cheer do we bitterly laugh at God? How can I be cheerful and joyful in sorrow? But Jesus simply says He has overcome. Rely on Him. The pain isn’t taken away. The problems are not answered. Maybe more than anything, Jesus wants us to realize He is the Comforter, the Solution, the Life Giver when we only see despair.

We are excited that Bro. David and Sis. Holly Mueller and their daughters from Forrest, IL are moving to Prescott! Please pray that they move safely across the country and have a good transition to their new home this month.

We were thankful for Elder Bro. Herbie Knochel (Sis. Laurie, Phoenix, AZ) for joining us in worship this month.

**Arizona, Tucson**

**Dean and Jackie Knobloch**

We were blessed to have Bro. Clint Schmidt (Sis. Magdalena, Winthrop, MN) visit and preach the Holy Word. We thank them for their service to our small congregation.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Glo Bauer (Bro. Don) and their family for the loss of their brother, Bro. Alan Herman of Peoria, IL. May God comfort them and ever be near.

The Sunday School children will be taking a break for the summer and will resume classes in August.
Elder Bro. Ben Wiegand (Philadelphia) was with us for our annual business meeting and for the Memorandum. He has been a faithful servant to our congregation and we are thankful for his love and direction.

We have elected Bro. Gary Fehr as Sunday School superintendent, Bro. Joe Tabor as trustee and Bro. Dean Knobloch as usher. We thank all who have served and who will serve in the many positions needed to support our church.

Our congregation again pleads for your prayerful support and ask that you consider relocating to our area to be a part of a small church. We are dedicated in serving God and our community and would love to be blessed with a few more workers in the vineyard.

California, Los Angeles/Altadena
Kali Sauder

“For all the promises of God in [Jesus] are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.” 2 Cor. 1:20-22

The church family is a wonderful community for the celebration of important milestones! God is glorified as we come together giving thanks for His faithful presence in our lives. We proclaim that all the promises of God in Jesus Christ are Yes! And Amen!

Congratulations to Caleb Klotzle (Bro. Dave and Sis. Janelle) on his high school graduation. We continue to lift you up in prayer as you journey into the plans God has for you!

We also celebrate 50 years of marriage between Bro. Doug and Sis. Sandy Aberle! Praise the One who establishes us, anoints us to His holy calling, seals and fills us with His Spirit.

California, San Diego
Sarah Fulop

It's summer time, a season of bustling activity and warm sunny days. That is when June gloom doesn't get in the way. Our summer services are often small as most families go on vacation. However, we thank God for this season of rest and travel. We also were able to show appreciation for the godly fathers present in so many of our lives. Most of all, we give thanks to our heavenly Father whose love never wavers and whose mercies have no end.

San Diego was honored to welcome a new family into our small fold. Bro. Corbin and Sis. Katie Stoller drove many miles from Latty, OH to plant new roots in Escondido, CA with their three kids: Cameron (15), Tori (13) and Josiah (9). We especially thank Bro. Philip and Bro. Brian who flew out and drove the moving trucks across the many miles to California. Bro. Corbin is starting a new position at Palomar Hospital in Escondido. Our prayers are with the Stollers in their transition, but are confident they will be lights and examples of Christ in the new community God has planted them in.

Come join us September 1 for the baptisms of Ashlyn Petrovic, Matthew Fulop and Jayden Grimm. We praise God for His wonderful grace and ask that He guide us and protect us in the coming month.

Our hearts also go out the Huette family for the loss of Sis. Rose Huette. Sis. Rose lived in the San Diego area for many years. We will miss her presence, but rejoice that she is living in peace in heaven.

“From the rising of sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!” Psalms 113:3

Colorado, Denver
Tess Leman

Greetings of love from Colorado!

“What joy I have what peace is mine
As I my All to Thee resign!
Redemption, Lord,
Thou didst achieve;
My Jesus I will never leave!”
Trust and Confidence,
Hymns of Zion, #259

This month we were blessed to host a Single Group Invite. The theme verse was “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 3:28.

Brothers Matt Knapp (Sis. Dana, Peach Tree City, GA) and Paul Zimmerman (Sis. Loretta, Forrest, IL) spoke compellingly, urging the
group to unity to Christ and with one-another. Thank you to the group of young people as well as the ministers for your willingness to travel and share love. Also, we thank our local church and Single Group for all the planning and work. It was an edifying weekend!

We also want to thank our other visiting ministers: Bros. Scott Aberle (Sis. Dorine, Washington, IL), Randy Kellenberger (Sis. Karen, Kansas City, KS), Ned Stoller (Sis. Heidi, Alto, MI) and Nick Waibel (Sis. Sandra, Francesville, IN). We are thankful for the love you shared with our church family!

We wish you a blessed start to summer, living a life resigned to the One capable of carrying us!

Connecticut, Rockville
Julie Bauman, Heidi Beutel

“Haste and seek your soul’s salvation; Heed the word of God today!” Zion’s Harp #52

Kim O’Keeffe (niece of Sis. Ricki Whitman & Sis. Linda Leite) has answered the call and is seeking Him in repentance. We rejoice with the angels and pray special blessings upon Kim as she begins this wonderful journey.

Summer is upon us in New England and along with the warm weather the season of many visitors has begun. It is a wonderful opportunity to rekindle Christian friendships as well as establish new ones. Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Dan Kilgus (Sis. Jenna, Remington, IN); Bro. Troy Metzger (Sis. Gwen, Lester, IA); Bro. Adam Luginbuhl (Sis. Jami, Philadelphia, PA); Bro. Warren Schlatter (Sis. Cindy, Junction, OH).

We were thankful for the visit from Elder Bros. Curt Frank (Sis. Lila, LaCrosse, IN); Duane Farney (Sis. Karen, Croghan, NY); Mark Masters (Sis. Jeanine, Mansfield, OH) & Ben Wiegand (Sis. Michelle, Philadelphia, PA) the weekend of May 18 & 19.

We will continue to be prayerful for Ministering Bro. Brent & Sis Naomi Walder as they prepare for his interview with the Elder Body in August for position of Ordained Deacon.

“I am Jesus’ little lamb. Happy all day long I am.” The Children’s Harp #15.

Layla Jean Giroux was welcomed into this world on May 22. Excited parents are Brady & Jess Giroux, thankful grandparents are Bro. Mark & Robin Luginbuhl, & great-grandma Sis. Alma Luginbuhl. Big brother Rowan is happy to have a little sister to love and dote on.

While one family rejoiced in the addition of a new daughter to love, another family mourned the loss of their mother, grandmother, & great-grandmother. Sis. Helen Luginbuhl passed into eternity on May 27. Her children: Marvin (Rose), Jayne (Brian Webb), & Sis. Deb (Bro. Ken Crary) along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren said their earthly goodbyes while having a hope of knowing their mother was safe in the arms of Jesus.

Sis. Glenna Moser has spent some time in the hospital. We lift her, her dear husband, Bro. Ben, their children and their grandchildren up in prayer.

“Tell me the story of Jesus; Write on my heart every word; Tell me the story most precious, Sweetest that ever was heard.” The Children’s Harp #84

Father’s Day weekend the Sunday School hosted their annual picnic to wrap up the end of yet another Sunday School term. The sun shone, the breezes blew, and wonderful fellowship was had by all. It is such a blessing to see our future church spending time together with their fellow classmates and building lifelong friendships. That Sunday marked the transition to a new Sunday School year. It was such a joy to see the pre-schoolers come to class for the first time, the anticipation on their faces and excitement of being ‘grown-up’ enough to join the big kids. With that joy were mixed emotions as we watched our children move up to the higher grades feeling as though time is flying, yet being thankful we live in the day of Grace. Our high school graduates and students finishing Bible Class this year are as follows: Isaac Bahler, Nihal Baiju, Devon Bocynsky, Ruth Campbell, Michael Dombek, Michael Fehr, Justin Frenette, Colin Garrow, Nicole Grasso, Elsa Hoffman, Luke Kloter, Kyle Lanz, Marissa LaPlante, Joshua Luginbuhl, Sis. Naomi Luginbuhl, Julia Schillinger, Dani Tracey, Noah Welti, & Katriona Zahner. We pray a special blessing on these young
adults as they make plans for the next steps in life and that the seeds that were sown in Sunday School and at home will grow and produce fruit for the Lord.

**District of Columbia, Washington**

**Henrietta Meyer**

This month we were excited to welcome back returning caretakers, Bro. Andy, Sis. Cyndi and Caydi Figel from Sardis, OH. There are still a few months this year with no caretaker. If you feel led to support one of our small churches, being caretakers here would be a wonderful way to do so. If you are interested and are free to spend 3-4 weeks in the DC area, please contact Sis. Doreen Steffen at dkgsteffen@gmail.com or 302-540-6574.

Our big news this month is Sis. Crystal Tyler has moved to this area for a new job. We are very glad to welcome her to our congregation.

Our ministers this month were Elder Bro. Ken Indermuhle (Sis. Linda, Sardis, OH), Bro. Matt Feucht (Sis. Jennifer, Roanoke, IL), Bro. Brad Wiegand (Sis. Deanna, Rockville, CT) and Bro. Craig Stickling (Sis. Jacki, Peoria, IL). Other visitors were from Sardis, OH, and Elgin, IL. We are thankful for visitors and for them letting us know they are coming.

If you are planning to visit Washington, D.C. area for vacation or business, please contact Sis. Henrietta Meyer at 703 904-8301 or hmeyer2831@gmail.com for assistance and to let us know how many to expect for Sunday services.

**Florida, Fort Lauderdale**

**Renee Mangold**

We were grateful to have three visiting ministers this past month. Visiting and sharing God’s word with us were Bro. Mark Zimmerman (Sis. Cheryl, Eureka, IL); Bro. Virgil Kaeb (Sis. Suellen, Sarasota, FL) and Bro. Preston Kaehr (Bluffton North, IN). We pray they will be blessed for their efforts.

Sis. Helen Luginbuhl of Rittman passed away on May 27. Sis. Dorothy Sauder of Roanoke passed away on June 4. Both Helen and Dorothy spent many years and winters as part of our church family. Our prayers of comfort and peace go out to their families. We will miss them very much.

We were blessed to host a great group of friends for an Invite Weekend June 8 and 9. We enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship, worship, a service project and delicious food. Thanks to all who traveled the miles to come.

We are sad to say goodbye to Bro. Stuart Kilgus as he moves back to Forrest. We so enjoyed having him be a part of our church family. Pray for God’s continued blessing and guidance on his journey.

**Florida, Fort Myers**

**Mary Masters**

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Brad Stoller (Sis. Amanda) Eureka, IL, and Bro. Curt Rassi (Sis. Kathy) Tremont, IL. We thank these couples for serving us and joining us in fellowship.

We have been enjoying a Bible study on the book of Galatians this summer. There has been some very enlightening and interesting discussion as we consider the content of this letter written by the apostle Paul. We try to put ourselves in the position that the Galatian people seemed to be in and think about how we may have received this letter. We know that the Christian faith was in the infant stages at that time and may have seemed a foreign concept to these people that Paul was writing to. Many of these people were used to rituals and rules as a means of salvation. Before we criticize anyone in the Bible, we must explore the background of the time and situation that they were living in. I often think of the saying, “there but by the grace of God go I.”

In years past, my husband and I have attended large churches. For the past 18 years, we find ourselves in a small congregation. When we attended larger churches, I never thought about what it would be like to attend a church with a small number of people. For those of you who attend larger churches, I would like to give you a glimpse of what it is like to be a part of a small church. A song leader, may excuse himself after the song service to teach Sunday school or run the sound system.
A Sunday school teacher may find themselves teaching a class of 3-4 children all of different ages or have a class of 20. A kitchen worker may find themselves making coffee, setting out food, setting tables, and doing the cleanup. A trustee may find themselves running the sound system, checking that the temperature is right, and calling the repair man if needed. Each and every person is very important in a small church and wears many hats at times. We become a close-knit family throughout the summer months and each one is vital to ensure that things go smoothly. We thank each one who visits, especially in the summer time.

Florida, Sarasota
Sandra Kaeb

Once again, we were blessed to have Bro. Jeff Fisher (Sis. Gloria, Fort Scott KS) teach us from God’s word.

As our prayers for Sis. Sandee Price continue, we are thankful to hear she is on the road to recovery. We were blessed to have Bro. John Huber (Sis. Bev, Francesville, IN) give us a presentation on HarvestCall followed by refreshments. We rejoice to see that the work they are called to do is impacting so many lives for God’s kingdom. May they continue to feel our prayers and God’s blessings.

Many from our congregation traveled to Jamaica on a mission trip. Prayers were for safe travels and thankful for the experiences they made.

Noblest Blessing
“When at times we face disasters, that are more then we can bear. There is strength of heart and comfort, to be found in simple prayer. Just a moment of communion, in the arms of God’s embrace, Is a treasure of salvation, from the heartaches that we face. He will calm our racing passions, that are born of growing fears. And restore the strength that wavers, in the throes of grief and tears. But his dearest, noblest blessings, for each prayer that we intone. Is the way he lifts each burden that we cannot bear alone.” - Michel Dubino

Haiti, Bonne Fin - Hospital Lumiere
Rick and Komari Aberle

Greetings of Christian love from Bonne Fin. Summer often brings furloughs for the missionaries at Hospital Lumiere. The Aberle family and Sis. Carrie Stoller have spent time in the United States this past month.

We are thankful that Sis. Trinity Walder will be joining our missionary family as a Teacher Aide for the 2019-2020 School Year. Sis. Trinity’s parents, Bro. Mike and Sis. Susie, serve as missionaries in Les Cayes.

The hospital received a small orthopedic team in the month of May.

We are sorry to share that once again, the political climate in Haiti has worsened over the past several weeks and we again are seeing widespread protests throughout the country. Please continue to pray for peace, safety and God’s love to be felt by all people in Haiti.

Haiti, Les Cayes
Mike & Susie Walder

Just as there is a real spiritual battle raging all around us—although mostly unseen—this year we have seen the effects of rioting and fighting here in Haiti. With just a few days left before our yearly departure, there was another week of manifestations around the country. Political infighting, power struggles and inflation continue to agitate the unrest here. With rapidly rising prices for staples like rice and gasoline, people are struggling to eat, so we nearly emptied our pantry and freezer before we left. Granted, the empty shelves could also have been the result of good planning! I caught my wife packing some boxes for workers and nearby families/friends. We find it is a blessing to have enough to share. (Not letting the left hand know what the right was doing, I packed a few myself.)

We want to thank everyone for their Sunday School or VBS collections, as well as the various sewing groups and relief gatherings that work together to produce so many things to send to Haiti. It is a blessing to see all the generous donations coming down on containers every year!

We distribute hundreds and hundreds of school kits, hygiene kits and teacher kits, as well
as sewing kits, layettes, handmade quilts and dresses, used clothes, and shoes, and Bibles and Bible story books. Then there is the food. We see thousands of buckets of rice and different kinds of beans or noodles, in addition to canned meat, pass through here. The wood pallets that boxes are packed onto are reused easily, and every bucket is useful to someone. Praise God!

It is a big job at times to keep all the donations flowing and not get backed up...because we know that another container will soon follow! May God bless each and every one for their heart for the poor.

**Illinois, Bloomington-Normal**

*Wendy Zimmerman, Sara Anliker*

These past few months have brought many changes for our church family, some joyous occasions such as births, weddings and graduations. There have also been times of struggle and sadness with deaths, illness and surgeries. We pray for those in stressful situations and find comfort in “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.” Hebrews 12:2.

Following the Sunday morning service on June 2, we were blessed to hear the Sunday School’s scripture memory program. Each class recited scriptures that they had worked on memorizing throughout the year.

We praise God for how He continues to work in hearts! We are thankful that Annika Feucht has made a public profession of her faith in Christ. Annika’s parents are Bro. Andy and Sis. Brooke Feucht.

On June 9, Bro. Alec Gramm was married to Sis. Abbie Kuntz in Gridley. Their parents are Sis. LuAnn Gramm and Bro. Richard and Sis. RaeJean Kuntz (Gridley, IL). We rejoice with them and pray for the Lord’s blessing over them as they begin their life together.

Arwyn Joy was welcomed into the family of Bro. Scott and Sis. Jenae Herrmann on May 18. She joins older brother, Brecken. Grandparents are Bro. Dean and Sis. Dawn Herrmann (Princeville, IL) and Bro. Jim and Sis. Jeanette Lavallier (Gridley, IL).

This past month has also brought sadness as we mourn our Sis. Rose Huette who passed away on June 3. We extend our sympathies to her family. We also extend our sympathy and prayers to Sis. Barb Brim and Sis. Kathy Finley, at the passing of their mother, Sis. Dorothy Sauder (Roanoke, IL).

We are excited for our Bible Class students who traveled to Jamaica to serve the communities there and pray for safe travels and that everyone involved will grow in their relationships with Jesus!

**Illinois, Bradford**

*Becky Endress, Lana Wiegand*

We are blessed by our ministers who willingly share the Word week after week. They appreciate the treat of having visitors come and share this work, as do we, the listeners. We thank ministering Bros. Nathan Rassi (Sis. Michelle, St. Louis, MO), Brandon Emch (Sis. Maria, Kansas City, MO), and Neil Stoller (Sis. Luann, Princeville, IL) who visited this month.

We are sorry to report that Sis. Donna Nenadov (Bro. Philip) suffered an accident while working at home, resulting in the loss of a finger. We pray for her and her family as she recovers and learns to adjust. We also pray for Bro. Ed Ehnle (Sis. Verla) who is currently in the hospital because of COPD.

Late June brings the Sunday school picnic, the culmination of a year of instruction and service by our teaching brothers and sisters. May God bless all who have served our students, and may grace and joyful purpose attend those who have been added to the staff for the upcoming year: Bros. Tyler Endress (Sis. Leah) and Loren Stoller (Sis. Lena), and Sis. Elise Joos (Bro. John).

Our June HarvestCall Family Night brought all ages together to do projects benefiting others. While one group helped a local foster family with cleaning and organizing their facility, others gathered at church to assemble school kits, tie comforters, write cards to shut-ins, and decorate placemats. It is a pleasure to work together and to enjoy the energy and enthusiasm of the children.
Illinois, Champaign
Brent Young

We have many of our customary summer activities on the schedule, with much preparation underway. This past month has been a brief lull between the spring semester and the coming summer plans.

May God continue to bless our graduating seniors! This year we have five total: Seth Aberle (Bro. Shane & Sis. Sarah), Dawson Finch (Sam & Sis. Dawn), Harlan Kupferschmid (Bro. Corbin & Sis. Stephanie), Zachary Plattner (Bro. Darren & Sis. Sue), and Kaylie Travis (Andy & Kim).

We are very thankful to have a weekend of testimonies and baptisms coming up soon that will include Kirbi Eckerty, Dawson Finch, Harlan Kupferschmid, and Zachary Plattner.

Illinois, Chicago
Greg Rassi

We thank Bro. Andrew Rassi (Sis. Sandy, Morton, IL) for visiting and sharing the Word in May.

In early June we celebrated our last day of Sunday School with the Sunday School Picnic at a local park.

We also had the opportunity to serve an evening meal for a new family-focused ministry at a suburban homeless shelter. It is good to be reminded of the needs within our communities and how we can demonstrate the love of Christ to those who need the hope of salvation above all else.

Sis. Abbie Kuntz married Bro. Alec Gramm in Gridley on June 9. We will greatly miss her vibrant presence in Chicago, but we praise God for His work in their lives and look forward to how God will use them together in West Lafayette.

We rejoice with Bro. Chris and Sis. Carla Wuetrich as they announced the arrival of a new grandchild. Cora Marie was born on June 12 to Bro. Landon and Sis. Hannah Wuetrich of St. Louis. Bro. Levi and Sis. Kyann, Sis. Marissa, and Sis. Cambria of Chicago are excited to welcome their new niece.

Illinois, Cissna Park
Joan Rudin, Amber Stuckel

We can certainly say, “God is in control, and man is small when comparing ourselves to an all-powerful God.” It’s a blessing to be able to leave our struggles and our concerns in the hands of an all-knowing and an all-mighty God. Many of the farmers in our area, after a very delayed spring planting season because of frequent rains and wet fields, had beautiful weather last week when a lot of planting was completed. Thanks be to God. We have also had a number of episodes lately of tornado sightings and some damage, although no one has been hurt, and the damage has not been widespread. It is wonderful to rest in Him, and trust Him in all things!

Bro. Rod and Sis. Beth Steffen welcome the addition of 2 new grandchildren to their family within two weeks. Four siblings welcome Jubilee May to Brett and Olivia Steffen’s family. Six siblings welcome little Haven Rose into the Jeff and Gretchen Moser family. May God’s blessings go to each one as they enjoy these precious new additions.

Our hearts are saddened at the loss of Kyle Halley, 41-year-old son of Wally and Rhonda Kaufmann. Our sympathies are with Kyle’s family, as well as the many aunts, uncles, and cousins who attend our local congregation.

Sis. Lucille Knapp was recently hospitalized for a short time, and would appreciate prayers on her behalf.

We are thankful that Gordon Winger has expressed a desire to commit his life and heart to the Lord. He currently resides at Prairievlew Lutheran Nursing Home in Danforth, IL.

Congratulations go to Reagan Walder (Steve and Sis. Kathy) and his fiance, Beth Weston, of Danville, IL. We wish them many blessings in the future together.

Residents from Fairview Haven nursing home (Fairbury), along with a number of our local congregation, enjoyed the perfect spring day and the fellowship available at a “Picnic at the Park” here in Cissna.

Our church is busy, but blessed, this week to be involved in our yearly VBS activities. We trust our children (and all of us) will not be ashamed to “Stand Up for Jesus”. May the lessons and thoughts of the week become a part of our daily lives.
A special thank you goes to the visiting ministers who spoke on the following subjects to our High School students and Young Group: Bro. Dan Stoller (Sis. Deb, Remington, IN) “The Armor or God”, Bro. Josh Walder (Sis. Tina, Congerville, IL) “Spiritual Warfare”, Bro. Gary Maibach (Sis. Mary Ann, Smithville, OH) “What the Bible Says About War”. We also thank Bro. Zach Anderson (Sis. Karla, Congerville, IL), along with our local ministers for continually feeding us faithfully from the pulpit each time we attend church.

**Note of Thanks:**

Bro. Eric and Sis LouAnn Kaeb would like to thank everyone for the love, thoughts, and prayers since the May 23 tornado that went through their dairy. May God bless you. Thanking God for His protection the morning of the storm.

**Illinois, Congerville**

**Mary Knapp, Erica Steffen**

Bro. Daniel Currier’s engagement to Sis. Tory Herrmann (Princeville) was announced to our church. Their parents are Sis. Mary Currier (Art, dec.) and Bro. Dennis and Sis. Renee Herrmann of Princeville. We wish them God’s blessings as they plan their life together as one in the Lord.

Tim and Diana Currier welcomed a precious little girl to their family on June 10. Shanna Harmony is welcomed by Nathan, Justin, Trenton, Brianna, Rosanna, Lilyanna and Alianna, as well as grandmother Sis. Mary Currier. May they feel the Spirit’s nearness as they raise their children.

As always, we are thankful for the visiting ministers and their families who labored on our behalf this month. Bros. Justin Isch (Sis. Liz, Lamont), Ron Isch (Sis. Jane, Lamont), Brad Gudeman (Sis. Teresa, Bradford), and Jerry Wagenbach (Sis. Bonnie, Mediapolis).

During the first week of June, our Sunday School students enjoyed a week of Vacation Bible School. A special thanks goes to Bro. John Cottrell who came to share with the Junior High and High School students on Thursday evening.

To any Daddy

“There are little eyes upon you,
And they’re watching night and day;
There are little ears that quickly take in every word you say;
There are little hands all eager to do everything you do,
And a little boy who’s dreaming of the day he’ll be like you.
There’s a wide-eyed little fellow who believes you’re always right.
And his ears are always open and he watches day and night.
You are setting an example everyday in all you do
For the little boy who’s waiting to grow up to be like you.”

Author Unknown

“Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it:
except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.
It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows:
for so he giveth his beloved sleep.
Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.
As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.
Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.” Psalm 127

**Illinois, Elgin**

**Amy Gasser**

We are thankful for Sarah Schambach (Bro. Jason and Sis. Karen), who has found peace and is awaiting baptism.

We extend sympathy to those who have lost loved ones recently. Bro. Bill Gudeman passed away on May 19 at Highland Oaks. His funeral was on May 25. Surviving are his four children: Sis. Peggy (Bro. Don) Heiniger of Elgin, Bro. Brad (Sis. Teresa) Gudeman of Neponset, IL, Greg (Brenda) Gudeman of Elgin, and Sis. Lynette (Bro. Bob) Buckheister of Trabuco Canyon, CA; 14 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren. Sis. Ginny (Bro. Norm) Schock lost a sister, Cynthia Preiss, who passed away on June 7 in Westminster, CO.

On Sunday, June 9, following a potluck supper at the Fellowship Center, there was a farewell singing for two couples who will be relocating to different states. Bro. Bob & Sis. Jeanne Schambach will be moving to Phoenix, AZ. Bro. Chad &
Sis. Heather Heiniger and their two young daughters, Analiese and Adeline, will be moving to Sarasota, FL later this summer. We will miss them, but wish them God’s blessings as they make the transition to their new communities and church families.

**Illinois, Eureka**  
*Debra Blunier, Linda Rocke*

Thank you goes to all of our ministers. We pray that you will continue to be filled with God's Spirit, and that God will bless you with willing hearts to share the true Word. We always appreciate visiting ministers, too. This month they were Elder Bro. Randy Beer (Sis. Deb, Milford, IN), and Bro. Mark Wettstein (Sis. Karen, Lamar, MO).

There are three couples who are engaged and planning to be married in the near future. Ryan Zimmerman (Bro. Dale and Sis. Sue) is engaged to Allison Herr of Joliet. Her parents are Craig and Leslie Herr. Derek Hartter (Bro. Ron and Sis. Janet) is engaged to Miranda Williams of Pekin. Her parents are Brian Williams and Stephanie Fuller. Chase Wiegand (Bro. Andy and Sis. Vicky) is engaged to Paige Pollmann of Forrest. Her parents are Joe and Rhonda Pollman. We wish all of them God’s blessings and nearness in the future.

Bro. Keith (Sis. Nadine) Edelman has recently undergone surgery. May he sense God’s peace and rest in this time of healing, and soon be feeling well again.

Our church building is in need of some redecorating and repairs. We will not be having services for several weeks in the near future. These Sundays include July 14, 21, 28, and August 4. We appreciate the kind invitations from neighboring congregations to attend with them, and look forward to traveling to various churches to share fellowship and worship with our dear brethren.

**Illinois, Fairbury**  
*Janelle Stoller, Trish Steidinger*

Our youth gathered together the week of June 3-7 to receive good instruction and spend time in God’s word for Vacation Bible School. We are thankful for the visiting ministers who spoke to our older students. May God bless Bro. Wes Moser (Sis. Esther, Lester, IA), Bro. Paul Zimmerman (Sis. Loretta, Forrest, IL), and Bro. Nathan Walder (Sis. Denise, Cissna Park, IL) for taking the time to prepare a lesson and travel to encourage our young adults.

Other visiting ministers who shared God’s word this month were Bro. Dan Walder (Sis. Pam, Cissna Park, IL), Elder Bro. Kevin Ryan (Sis. Cheryl, Rockville, CT), Bro. James Fehr (Sis. Brenda, Tremont, IL) Bro. Jerry Wagenbach (Sis. Bonnie, Mediapolis, IA), and Bro. Gary Maibach (Sis. MaryAnn, Smithville, OH). We were encouraged by the preaching of the word and pray God will bless these brothers for laboring in His service.

God has been working in the heart of Mya Roth (Bro. Nic and Sis. Lori) and we wish her much grace as she surrenders her life to the Lord.

Our prayers are with Sis. Jeannette Bahler (late Bro. Ralph) as she mourns the loss of her son, Danny Bahler, who passed away June 18. May God’s comforting hand and the love and support of her church family carry her through this difficult time.

**Illinois, Forrest**  
*Carissa Knapp, Marsha Lanz*

We are thankful for Bros. Matt Zimmerman (Sis. Kim, St. Louis, MO), Matthew Kaisner (Sis. Jodi, Fairbury, IL), David Eisenmann (Sis. Jackie, Champaign, IL), and Elder Bro. John Wiegand (Sis. Jane, Silvertown, OR) for ministering this month. It is a blessing to have visitors and we appreciate their willingness in sharing God’s word.

We also want to thank Bro. Joe Gerber (Champaign, IL) for visiting us on a Wednesday evening and sharing the topical, “The Power of Prayer.”

Sis. Paulette Zimmerman has finished her term in Sunday School. We thank her for her years of service. Our prayers are with Sis. Vicki Mueller (Bro. Ron, Jr.) who has been selected to take her place.

Congratulations to Bro. Jordan and Sis. LaRae Zimmerman in the birth of their first child, Kasen West. Grandparents are Bro. Kent and Sis. Paulette Zimmerman and Bro. Dale and Sis. Lavonne Schumacher (Eureka, IL).

This month we enjoyed a Sunday evening picnic at the park.
hosted by our Sunday School. It was a blessed evening of good food, singing and fellowship together.

Vacation Bible School was also this month. We thank all the speakers who came and shared: Bros. Clark Stoller (Sis. Cindy, Gridley, IL), David Huette (Sis. Susan, Tremont, IL), Dana Nieman (Sis. Lea, Remington, IN), and Erik Givens (Sis. Debbie, Princeville, IL).

Our prayers and sympathies go to Sis. Jean Ricketts (Bro. Nick) in the passing of her sister, Dixie Radford, Topeka, KS.

We apologize for an error in our last month’s article. Bro. Jaylin and Sis. Molly Teubel’s baby Mira Jay’s maternal grandparents should have been identified as Bro. Bob and Sis. Lisa Hartman (Congerville, IL).

**Illinois, Goodfield**

**Judy Knapp, Amy Hinrichsen**

“And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.”

Ezekiel 34:26

If you live in Illinois, you will agree there has been a lot of rain this spring and early summer. Sometimes it is hard to be thankful for it, but we have many reasons to be thankful and praise God for all His goodness, rain or shine!

Bro. Clint and Sis. Sydnee Schumacher are rejoicing to welcome a beautiful baby girl, Navie Lou, born on May 27! Thankful grandparents are Bro. Dan and Sis. Heidi Schumacher (Goodfield, IL) and Bro. Marvin and Sis. Kim Reinhard (Bluffton, IN).

As summertime gets into full swing that means time for vacations and travel! The Bible class was blessed to travel to Sunset Gap, TN to help the people there. It was a wonderful mission trip! The young group travelled to San Diego, CA to help support our minister, Bro. Jedd Rocke (Sis. Marsha), during his rotation there and visit Bro. Mike and Sis. Amber and our church family there. We are thankful for the safe travels and the blessings received by all on these trips.

On May 31, the men of Goodfield enjoyed a wonderful evening and campout! It is an annual campout and the boys, young and old, always look forward to it. Thankfully the Lord provided a beautiful night for camping and everyone enjoyed the time together!

On June 12, our congregation was blessed by Ethel Finley’s reinstatement service. Bro. Kent Heimer (Sis. Jan, Taylor, MO) was able to be a part of this special evening. It was very encouraging for everyone! We are thankful to welcome our dear Sister Ethel!

Our Goodfield congregation was also blessed to have Bro. Bill Wettstein (Sis. Heidi, Eureka, IL) and Bro. Nick Waibel (Sis. Sandra, Francesville, IN) minister to us!

Silas McClure, the son of Bro. Austin and Sis. Rachel McClure, can use some prayers at this time. Silas is 5 years old and recently had a bad accident where he fell off his bike and fractured his right femur. He had surgery and now has to be in a wheelchair for 8 weeks to keep weight off his leg. The McClures’ are grateful for all the prayers, the love shown to Silas, and the acts of kindness to help cheer him up.

We are also prayerful for Bro. Mike and Sis. Lila Wirtz as their daughter, Katie, has been recently diagnosed with breast cancer. May the Lord be with her and her family during this challenging time.

In a recent sermon, we were reminded to let the Holy Spirit guide us and also be willing to be used as a vessel to spread the news of Jesus Christ! May the Lord help us to share when we have the opportunity!

**Illinois, Gridley**

**Perry Klopfenstein**

Bro. Tim Roecker of Peoria, spoke here early in June. His Wednesday night topic was on “Steven, Philip, Barnabas and the Early Church.” God bless him for his efforts.

Sis. Abbie Kuntz was married to Bro. Alec Gramm of West Lafayette. This took place on Sunday, June 9. Her parents are Bro. Richard and Sis. RaeJean Kuntz. His parents are Sis. Lou Ann Gramm and the Late Bro. Brad Gramm. We wish them God’s richest blessings in their future life together. Elder Nick Gutwein of West Lafayette, IN was here for the occasion. Other
ministers visiting were Bros. Matt and Greg Rassi of Chicago; and Bros. Dennis and Andy Kaufmann, and David Prevo of Bloomington.

Vacation Bible School was held during the week of June 17-21. Speakers were Bros. Kent Wiegand of Goodfield, Scott Aberle, Washington, Zach Anderson, Congerville, Mike Kaisner of Peoria, IL, and Bro. Eric Strassheim of Indianapolis, IN. May God bless them in these labors.

Bro. Terry Miller had surgery on June 19 in Chicago. May the Lord heal him.

Sis. Nancy Gould passed away on May 4, 2019 at the Restmor Home in Morton. She was the mother of Sis. Becky Funk. She had lived at Sunrise Manor briefly, but was a member of the church at Morton. She is survived by three children: Sis. Becky (Mark) Funk, Sis. Cindy (Jerry) Hann, and Jim Gould. She also had seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. May God grant peace to this family concerning their loss.

It is a pleasure to note that the corn and soybean crops are planted after a long period of planting delays due to near-record rains. By June 20, the crops began to flourish due to even more rain -- and plentiful sunshine. Man can till and plant, but it is God who gives the increase. Surely we thank Him for His mercy; and for His many and ongoing gifts to us.

**Illinois, Morton**

**Annette Tanner, Julie Bahr**

We have had a spiritually uplifting month beginning with a week of Vacation Bible School. Our three-year-old through eighth grade Sunday School students’ lessons followed the theme of Camp Solid Rock. The Bible Class and adults had speakers on the theme topic “Overcoming ‘Excusable’ Sin”. We were both convicted and encouraged by their teachings. “Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.” Romans 12:21. We thank the ministers who spoke on the following topics:

- Bro. Nathan Wiegand (Sis. Laura, Goodfield, IL) “Overcoming Discontentment”.
- Bro. Jonathan Hodel (Sis. Megan, Roanoke, IL) “Overcoming Anger”.
- Bro. Darren Plattner (Sis. Sue, Champaign, IL) “Overcoming Pride”.
- Bro. Scott Aberle (Sis. Dorine, Washington, IL) “Overcoming Unthankfulness”.
- Bro. James Fehr (Sis. Brenda, Tremont, IL) “Overcoming Unforgiveness”.

“This is the test of true devotion, To keep and hold fast to the Lord; And evermore without omission In all things to obey His Word. In small and unimportant matters, Yet to be careful and sincere, Not knowingly to faults consenting, However small they may appear.”

“Faithfulness in Small Things” Zion’s Harp #179

We extend our deepest sympathy to six families that have experienced both sorrow and joy as their loved ones have gone to their Heavenly Home.

May 17, two of our brothers finished their course here on earth. Bro. Keith Stevig, “104” is survived by his wife, Sis. Alice, and son, Larry (Barb) Stevig, Bloomington, IL. Bro. Ray Huette “93” leaves his wife, Viola, and daughter, Janet (Rob) Woodrow of Green Valley, IL.

May 25, Judi Brenkman was relieved of her suffering. Surviving are her children: Kelli Rasmussen, Morton; Bentley “B.J.” Rasmussen of Las Vegas, NV; and Brenda O’Donnell of St. Petersburg, FL. She was a sister of our Bro. Ted (Sis. Joyce) Hirstein.

May 26, our dear Sis. LaVerne Kaiser (late Bro. Harry) went to rest in the Lord. Surviving are three sons: Edward (Barbara) Kaiser, Allen (Brenda) Kaiser, Benjamin (Dendra) Kaiser all of Morton and three daughters: Sis. Marcia Kaiser, Mary (Dan) Farney both of Morton and Melinda (Brian) Stewart of East Peoria.

April 18, Joel and Evelyn Powley welcomed their tiny triplet daughters: Hazel, Rose and Stella. On May 31 at the age of six weeks and one day Stella Grace went safely to the arms of Jesus. Among their many grandparents is Kevin Babin of OshKosh, WI. Our Sis. Jackie Babin (late Bro. Ken) is their great-grandmother.

June 4, another dear sister, Sis. Lucille Schmidgall (late Bro.
Irvin) passed away. Surviving are her son, Terry Schmidgall, Lexington, TN; and daughter, Mary (Ken) Hiermeier, Washington, IL.

We thank Elder Bro. Tom Hoffman (Sis. Kathy, Roanoke, IL) for helping with Judi Brenkman’s funeral and Bro. David Huette (Sis. Susan, Tremont, IL) for having the service for his Aunt LaVerne Kaiser.

We want to take this opportunity to thank our Elder Bro. Ted Witzig, Sr., our Ordained Deacon Bro. Jeff Neihouser and Ministering Bros. Jon Zeller, Fred Funk, Ted Witzig, Jr., Jeremiah Psinas and Andrew Rassi for all of the time and effort they put forth not only with the pulpit ministry, but with all of the ways they serve the needs of our congregation, conducting services at Restmor, the prison ministry and speaking to our other Apostolic Christian congregations. Let’s remember to pray every day for them and their supportive families who sacrifice so much to serve us.

As our elder brothers prepare to meet for the Annual Conference being held in Goodfield, IL this year, may they feel surrounded by the prayers of their congregations and God’s direction, love and peace.

**Illinois, Peoria**

*Crystal Wettstein, Bonnie Bach*

Summer has come to the delight of our children. Most of us remember the excitement of having long summer days to enjoy playing outside with siblings and friends.

On June 2, the annual Sunday School picnic was enjoyed by our church! Then came the fun and learning of the week of Vacation Bible School! Our theme this year was “Paul’s Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth”. The older children and adults learned from ministers: Bro. Ted Witzig, Jr (Morton, IL), Bro. Erik Givens (Princeville, IL), Bro. Jonathan Hodel (Roanoke, IL) and Bro. Kaleb Beyer (Washington, IL).

We appreciate all who shared their time and talents to make the week a blessed one for all!

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Lois Herman in the passing of her husband, Bro. Allan. May God be with dear Sis. Lois, their children, and his siblings.

We wish many blessings to Bro. Billy Waibel (Bro. Matt and Sis. Lisa) on his engagement to Sis. Adrienne Metzger (Bro. Kurt and Sis. Koreen, Silverton, OR). May God be with them as they begin life’s journey together!

**Illinois, Princeville**

*Cherie White, Melinda Christ*

We were blessed to have visiting Elder Bro. Lynn Stiegglitz (Sis. Leona, Leo, IN) preach the word. May God bless him for sharing with our congregation.

Vacation Bible School was held June 3 through June 6. The children did activities and had Bible Study lessons on Dare to be a Daniel. The Bible class enjoyed speakers. Bro. Fred Witzig (Sis. Nancy, Washington, IL) taught about Joseph. Bro. Mark Dotterer (Sis. Kate, Eureka, IL) spoke about David.

“Standing by a purpose true, Heeding God’s command, Honor them, the faithful few! All hail to Daniel’s Band! Dare to be a Daniel, Dare to stand alone, Dare to have a purpose firm, Dare to make it known!” Tabernacle #333

We rejoice with Tagen Steidinger and his family as he has begun his walk with the Lord. He is the son of Bro. Chris and Sis. Carol Steidinger.

Bro. Sam and Sis. Mary Martin as well as Bro. Bill and Sis. Kathy Stoller celebrated their 45th wedding anniversaries. We wish them many healthy, blessed years ahead.

Another precious baby girl Jeana Joy was born to Bro. Kory and Sis. Brooke Wagenbach, Mediapolis, IA. Siblings are Shanna, Taya and Ruben. Happy grandparents are Bro. David and Sis. Crystal Streitmatter.

**Illinois, Roanoke**

*Barb Schwind, Judy Sauder*

Congratulations to Bro. Bill & Sis. Jeanne Leman on the birth of their granddaughter Kessler Story born May 16 to Mark & Laura Dugger of Morton, IL.

Dan Magnuson (Judy) died May 21. He was a brother-in-law to Bro. Wally & Sis. Faye Blunier.

On June 4, Sis. Dorothy Sauder passed away. Her survivors include her children: Sis. Barb Brim of Normal, IL; Judy (Larry) Hodel, Leawood, KS; Sis. Kathy Finley, Normal, IL; Bro. Tom (Sis.
Mary Sauder of Peoria, IL; and Ellen (Eric) Bachman of Roanoke, 10 grandchildren & 19 great grandchildren and two brothers: Robert Martin of Roanoke & Wayne Martin of Florida & a brother-in-law Bro. John Sauder of Roanoke. Sis. Dorothy was widowed for many years, but she lovingly cared for her children and others, as well as managed the local bank. May the Lord be near to both of these families.

May 25 was the wedding date for John Luginbuhl (Bro. Andy & Sis. Kim) and Kayla Kneip (Dan & Kristine) of Morton, IL. On June 8, Brett Janssen (Bro. Fred & Sis. Cheri) married Shannon Kilrow (John & Lisa) of Denver, CO. May God bless these marriages.

Our VBS was held June 3 - 7. On Monday, Bro. Andrew Rassi (Sis. Sandy, Morton, IL) spoke on “Abandoned with a Purpose: A Drifting Baby Was No Accident”, Jeremiah 29:11. Bro. Matthew Kaisner (Sis. Jodi, Fairbury, IL) shared “Called to Make a Difference: Don’t Ignore that Burning Bush”, Revelation 1:8 on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Bro. Rich Martin (Sis. Jackie, Gridley, IL) discussed “Courage to Face the Bully: Following God When It Gets Hard”, John 17:3. Bro. Ryan Hoerr (Sis. Joy, Princeville, IL) spoke on “Deliverance -Nothing But the Blood: A Deadly Night and God’s Protection Indeed”, John 8:36 on Thursday. Bro. Jeremiah Psinas (Morton, IL) completed our week with “God Will Make a Way: I Can Trust Him When I am Afraid”, Psalm 34:4. We thank these brothers for ministering to us as well as all the brothers and sisters who planned, taught, served refreshments, helped with crafts, led singing, and helped in other ways to bring the Word of God to our youth.

Our Bible Class traveled to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum the first weekend in June. Many of our Sunday School students attended Boys and Girls camps. We thank our brothers and sisters who served as counselors, kitchen help, with music, in program planning, etc.

We rejoiced on June 8-9 in the testimony and baptism of Elly Sauder (Bro. Brad & Sis. Jill). Ellie’s enthusiasm for her new life in Christ encouraged us all.

We thank visiting ministers: Bro. Erik Givens (Sis. Deb, Princeville, IL) and Bro. Joe Klotzle (Sis. Sue, Altadena, CA) for joining us June 8-9, Bro. Tom Schambach (Sis. Connie, Elgin) on June 16, and Bro. Jedd Rocke (Sis. Marsha, Goodfield, IL) on May 29 for the Sermon on the Mount Bible Study: “The Wise and the Foolish”, Matt. 7:24-29.

Our prayers are with the brothers who are assisting with drilling wells in Haiti, as well as with Sis. Hannah Lindberg, who is working at CVE in Magdalena, Mexico for 6 weeks and Sis. Rachel Sauder, who is serving in St. Louis and Kansas City with the traveling HarvestCall VBS team.

The past month insurance has been on the mind of many of us. Following many days of rain, area farmers worked feverishly, sometimes around the clock, to get their crops in the ground before the date for reduced crop insurance. My husband, Dave, who is retiring at the end of June, examined various health insurance plans. No one wants to be without health or crop insurance, but how much more important that we are covered for eternity! I am so thankful that Jesus paid the premium in full for our eternal insurance. I hope everyone will choose to be covered by the blood of Jesus—our eternal hope.

Note of Thanks:

A sincere thank you to all who helped us through the unexpected loss of our dear husband, father, and grandfather. Everything has been greatly appreciated. God bless you all!

The Jim Martin family

Illinois, Tremont

Debbie Aberle, Anita Koch

“Wisdom is the principal thing: therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.” Proverbs 4:7

We extend our congratulations and well wishes for the future to all our graduates! We pray that they will take the words in Proverbs to heart and seek God’s will for their lives.

Our prayers are with Laurie Trumbower and her girls as they said goodbye to their father, Chuck Trumbower. May they find
comfort in the Lord during this time of loss.

We are also praying for those who have spent time in the hospital recently: Sis. Erika Koch (Bro. Dirk), Bro. Marvin Frank (Sis. Donna) and Sis. Glenna Sauder (Bro. Earl).

Four little baby girls have arrived to bless our congregation! First-time parents, Bro. Jeff & Sis. Elizabeth Kaeb, welcomed Kinley Ann. Her grandparents are Bro. Dave & Sis. Barb Kaeb, Mark & Lelonie Luft (Pekin, IL) and Jimi & Michele Lawson (Pekin, IL). Bro. Brad & Sis. Sarah Huette, along with big sisters, Rosemary and Katherine, added Violet Grace to their family. Violet’s grandparents are Bro. Dave & Sis. Susan Huette and Bro. Doug & Sis. Cheri Frank.

Clara Lynn Baer has joined the family of Bro. David, Sis. Jenna, Henry, Jack and Ella. Her grandparents are Tom & Martha Baer and Ernie & Cherie Nattier, both of Tremont, IL. Bro. Don & Sis. Sandy Kaiser have a new granddaughter, Brynli Aliyah, born to Derek & Meaghan Kaiser. Brynli is also welcomed by older siblings Blayne and Kennedi.

We have been blessed with visiting ministers and greatly appreciate their willingness to serve. We thank Bro. Virgil Kaeb (Sis. Suellen, Sarasota, FL), Bro. John Bradle (Sis. Jill, Roanoke, IL) and Bro. Jeff Wiegand (Sis. Janel, Goodfield, IL). Bro. Jeff shared a Wednesday evening topical on “Understanding Fear”. It was a good reminder that we need to “fear God” but not to allow earthly fears to influence our peace and standing as God’s children.

We enjoyed hosting the Eureka congregation for a supper and singing on June 9. It was a blessed evening of fellowship and song. A sister sitting by me commented how beautiful the singing was and how much more so it will be in heaven. We are thankful for these times of encouragement!

Note of Thanks:

The family of Vernon Koch would like to extend our thanks to so many who reached out to us during Dad’s final weeks and passing. Whether it was a card, a phone call, a meal item or a personal visit, please know that it was welcomed and appreciated. May the Lord be your reward.

Illinois, Washington

Lily Pfaffmann, Michelle Braker

Truly we rejoice in the Lord’s work in bringing two lives together! On April 28, Bro. Clayton Leman (Bro. Herb and Sis. Lori) was united in holy matrimony to Sis. Jessica Sauder (Bro. Dave and Sis. Rachel) in Peoria, IL. The same day, Bro. Trent Wyss (Bro. Fred and Sis. Dianne) and Sis. Tiffany Waibel (Bro. Mike and Sis. Rosie) of Peoria announced their engagement! May He bless and keep them as they focus on Him first in their lives!

In the past few months a few in our church have experienced the loss of a family member. In April, Bro. Justin Koch’s (Sis. Marcia) father, Bro. Vernon Koch (formerly of Tremont) passed away. Sis. Evie Mogler (Bro. Randy) and Sis. Nancy Knapp’s mother, Sis. Wilma Blunier (formerly of Eureka), went to be with Jesus.

In May, Sis. Lucille Steffen (Remington, IN) mother of Bro. Scott Steffen (Sis. Marvella) passed away. May their hearts be comforted in their losses!

In June, our Sunday School participated in Vacation Bible School. The theme was: “T.E.A.C.H. …Teachable like Timothy, Enduring like Esther, Available like Abraham, Confident like Caleb, Hopeful like Hannah.” On Friday evening the students shared a few songs they learned before the all-church cookout.

Indiana, Bluffton

Suzie Fiechter, Liana Reinhard, Olivia Moser

We’ve just finished two action-packed weeks of Bible School! Around 500 students learned more about the God who loves them and died for their salvation. This included many children from our community and we are thankful for the privilege of sharing Jesus with them. Our theme was “What a Mighty God We Serve”. What a blessing to honor Him!

Our prayers continue for Bro. Jeff McAfee (Sis. Linda) and Bro. Dennis Klopfenstein (Sis. Carol) in their battles with cancer. We also lift up our Bro. Harold Meyer (Sis. Violet) as he has many health concerns.

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We praise God for calling Jori Steffen (Bro. Tom and Sis. Lynn), Isaac Steffen (Bro. Brian and Sis. Jesse) and Jason Oswalt to repentance.

God has drawn three couples to walk life’s path together. We rejoice with Bro. Josiah Steffen (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Jeanne) and Sis. Olivia Moser (Bro. Dave and Sis. Sheri), with Bro. Caleb Schwalbach (Jim and Dawn, dec.) and Sis. Whitney Kaehr (Bro. Brent and Sis. Allison) and with Bro. Brandon Kaehr (Bro. Brent and Sis. Allison) and Sis. Kaitlyn Pfister (Bro. Rich and Sis. Amber).

Bro. Jim Reinhard (Ruth, dec.) passed into eternity. He is survived by his children: Bro. Ed Reinhard, Herb (Martha) Reinhard, Tom (Sandy) Reinhard, Polly (Phil) Beer, and Lou Ann Reinhard. Also mourning their loss are his brother and sisters: Dan (Delores, dec.) Reinhard of Eureka, Betty (Carl, dec.) Macklin and Sis. Edna (Bro. Gene, dec.) Moser. We also extend our love and sympathy to Bro. Gary and Sis. Deb Garmon on the death of his sister, Judy.

Elder Bro. Lynn and Sis. Ronda Fiechter and Bro. Todd and Sis. Shelly Baller are rejoicing with the birth of their granddaughter, Ensley Kae to Bro. Troy and Sis. Alexa Fiechter of West Lafayette. Bro. Tim and Sis. Susie Tonner are thankful grandparents of Emmett Edward, born to Travis and Caitlin Tonner. Mayve Elizabeth has been gifted to Bro. Philip and Sis. JaNean Gerber. Grandparents are Bro. Tom and Sis. Lyn Steffen and Bro. Darryl and Sis. Jinny Gerber. Bro. Nate, Sis. Hannah and Bennett Zollinger welcomed Calla Jade to their family. Her grandparents are Bro. Rick and Sis. Beth Fiechter and Bro. Ken and Sis. Becky Zollinger of Smithville.

Thanks goes to Bro. Ron Kipfer for his presentation of “Does Persecution Stop the Church? Over 100 Million Chinese Christians say, No!” It was a timely reminder to remember our brothers and sisters living in varying levels of deprivation and persecution.

May we continue to glorify God in our thoughts, with our words and by our lives. What a mighty God we serve!!

“The mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof. Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.”

Psalm 50:1, 23

Indiana, Bluffton North
Tiffani Schladenhauffen, Rhonda Maller

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

Romans 12:15

We have both wept and rejoiced with our church family this past month.

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the families of Sis. Martha Reinhard, 100, who stepped into heaven on May 20 and Bro. Jerome Rauch (Sis. Virginia) who joined the heavenly choir on May 24. Martha’s children are a daughter, Ruth Ann (G. Stanley) Hood and two sons, Arlyn (Patty) Reinhard and Dave (Rita) Reinhard. Jerome is missed by his wife, Sis. Virginia, and children, daughter Sis. Cindy (Bro. Stan) Geisel, and sons, Bro. Jerry (Sis. Kathy) Rauch and Mike (Susan) Rauch.

We are also rejoicing with several families as they share glad tidings.

Bro. Mitch and Sis. Jenna welcome a precious baby daughter, Capri Everlee, born May 25. Kade and DaveNee are her happy siblings. Grandparents are Bro. Tony and Sis. Peg Fiechter and Sis. Sharon Imel.

Drew Frauhiger (Bro. Jesse and Sis. Janelle) and his cousin, Clay Frauhiger (Bro. Jeremy and Sis. Sally), have come to the Lord in repentance. We joyfully receive them into the family of God.

Bro. Gavin Kaehr and Sis. Hannan Aschliman shared wedding vows on May 26. We celebrate with them and wish them a joyful journey together with Christ.

Congratulations to our 2019 BN graduating seniors: Payton Beeks (Bro. John & Sis. Laura), Sis. Breann Frauhiger (Bro. Jeremy & Sis. Sally), Sis. JaNon Isch (Sis. Brittany), and Colton Yergler (Bro. Shawn & Sis. Mindy).

Our prayers traveled alongside Bro. Nick and Sis. Amber Steffen, who assisted in counseling global workers at an international counseling center.
in the Middle East from May 30–June 16; and Bro. Brandon and Sis. Megan Gerber, who shared their faith in Liberia from May 24–June 7, training pastors, students, and other lay people to use the Jesus Film Project products for evangelism.

Bro. Jeff and Sis. Val Leman welcome their missionary children home for a visit. Bro. Joe and Sis. Lisa Leman and Bro. Adam and Sis. Jenna Leman (Magdalena) and some of their children are visiting our congregation for several weeks.

What a Mighty God We Serve was this year’s VBS theme. More than 500 students from Bluffton Country and Bluffton North blessed us with songs of praise and Bible memory verses in their inspiring closing program. We thank directors, Sis. Erin Laukhuf (Bro. Darin) of Bluffton Country and Sis. Gwen Craighead (Bro. Jason) of Bluffton North, as well as all the teachers, and everyone else who helped.

Indiana, Francesville
Mildred Clauss, Jacki Huber

We thank Elder Bro. Dan Kilgus (Sis. Jenna, Remington IN) for assisting Bro. Randy Gudeman with the memorandum on a recent Wednesday evening. The words were read, “The vision of the Apostolic Christian Church is to be a body of believers, bound together by our love for Jesus and His Word, reflecting God’s love, grace and truth.” --Our prayer is to truly represent Jesus on this earth!

“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us; And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”
1 John 5:14 & 15.

A new little baby is surely a blessing from heaven, and we rejoice with Bro. Kirk and Sis. Erica Huber in the birth of Zander Michael, who was born on May 23. Zander’s grandparents are Bro. Mike and Sis. Donna Putt and Bro. Gene and Sis. Sherri Huber.

We are thankful to have visiting ministers. Bro. Kevin Schrock (Sis. Rachel, Congerville, IL) visited recently. May God bless him for sharing!!

We have missed Sis. Margaret Anliker (Bro. Chuck, dec.) who has lived in Florida in recent years, and has gone to be with Jesus. Our loving sympathy go to her sons: Kenneth (Terri) Anliker and Kurtis (Stephanie) Anliker. A daughter, Kathryn, preceded her in death. We also extend sympathy to the extended family.

Sis. Lucille Steffen (Remington) resided at Parkview Haven in Francesville for the last years of her life and has also passed into eternity. We will miss her sweet and encouraging presence and rejoice that she is with Jesus. We extend sympathy to her family!

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.”
Psalm 116:15

Indiana, Indianapolis
Edie Bollier, Kaylin Bollier

Indianapolis was blessed to be able to host another Spring Outreach. Many young people attended and served in the community.

Katie Mustard and Kenton Little were united in marriage on May 18. She is the daughter of Brian and Deann Mustard.

Our sympathies go out to Bro. Dan and Sis. Rebecca Gudeman in the loss of their father, Bro. Wendell Gudeman as well as Bro. J.R and Sis. Tiffany Sauder and Bro. Lance and Sis. Ashley Schwab who lost their grandfather. He will be greatly missed as he was a beloved elder and mentor to many for many years.

An ice cream party was held as a farewell for Bro. Chad and Sis. Heather Hoerr who will be moving to West Lafayette. We appreciate their service to our church and will really miss them!

Three graduates were honored at a Senior Breakfast and at Open Houses for Aubrey Standish, Sis. Ireland Beebe and Sis. Emmy Stiegitz. Their families came to celebrate with them. We enjoyed the ministry of Bro. Bob Beebe (Sis. Sue, South Bend, IN), Bro. Joshua Martinez (Sis. Keyna, South Bend, IN), Bro. Steve Stiegitz (Sis. Jane, Leo, IN) and Bro. Justin Koch (Sis. Marcia, Washington, IL).

An informative presentation was given to the church concerning the Midwest Food Bank and the opportunities it presents to serve.
The week of June 3-7 was our annual VBS. The children were enthusiastic to learn the songs and lessons and participate in activities each night.

On June 13, Brynlee Ashtyn Bollier was born to Bro. Daniel and Sis. Kaylin Bollier. She is welcomed by her sister Adalee as well as grandparents Bro. Jerry and Sis. Doreen Leuthold and Bro. Ron and Sis. Edie Bollier.

We are praying for our Sunday School group and their chaperones who are serving in Jamaica June 15-23.

New Sunday School teachers were announced for the coming year. We are thankful for their willingness to serve. They are: Bros. Mark Beebe, Scott Klopfenstein, Daniel Bollier, Evan Kaeb and Sis. Suzanne Graham, as well as Bro. Nick Hoerr as Assistant Superintendent. Our prayers are with them as they take on this important role.

Indiana, Leo

Jan Beer

With the frequent and abundant rain we have been receiving, it is easy to feel gloomy. Our dear Sis. Ruth Garman has been inundated with a different type of rain; the rain of sorrow. It was just a little less than a year ago that her husband passed away. A few months ago, her young adult grandson died from cancer. Her wheel-chair bound son, Bro. Gary, is facing another surgery soon. Now her dear daughter has passed away after a lingering illness. Sis. Ruth’s trust in God’s faithfulness and the prayers of her beloved church family have been her anchor in these storms.

The June 2 graduation open house for a nephew brought Bro. John Jackson (Sis. Peggy, Bay City, MI) and his family to Leo. He blessed us with preaching the True Word of God to us that day. Thank you, Bro. John, for your service to us.

Along with the angels in heaven, we rejoice at the news that Jasmine Lombard, daughter of Bro. Rob and Sis. Sierra Parker, has surrendered her life to Christ and wishes to walk in fellowship with us in the Apostolic Christian Church. Our prayers are with her as she awaits giving her testimony and then being baptized.

One of the blessings of having Gateway Woods in our community is the close relationships we form with the employees. Then they leave to follow the path God has for them! It was with delight that we welcomed Bro. Keith, Sis. Alisa Beyer and their daughters, Addie & Brynne, to our mid-week service on June 12. They gave us an update on the work they are involved with in Magdalena, MX, which was very enlightening. It was wonderful to be able to receive their smiles and hugs, and also, to learn how we can pray more effectively for them. Thank you so much for making time to visit us, Beyer family!

Another blessing of having Gateway Woods in our midst is that we often have newcomers to our church fellowship. Recently hired and assembling with us are a teacher, Sis. Margie Dawson (Columbus, OH), another teacher, Bro. Kyle (Sis. Lindsey) Isch, a Residential Case Manager, Bro. Toby Steidinger (Fairbury, IL) and House Parents Bro. Quinn & Sis. Sarah Fiechter and young daughter, Avi (Bluffton, IN). We welcome them and look forward to getting acquainted.

Saturday, June 15, was the wedding date for Austin Klopfenstein and Brittany Butler of Ft. Wayne. Bro. Loren & Sis. Rita Klopfenstein, Sis. Nancy Klopfenstein & Bro. Carl & Sis. Lydiann Wyss (Washington, IL) are the groom’s parents and grandparents. We ask God’s blessing on Austin and Brittany.

Father’s Day, June 16, was an exceptional day for our church family. With a myriad of emotions, including humility, gratitude, thankfulness, praise to God and joy, we shared the one-year anniversary of the accident involving our Bros. Jason (Sis. Joy) Kilgus, Mike (Sis. Denise) Klopfenstein & Joe (Sis. Heather) Beer. We are witnesses of a miracle with the recovery of these dear young fathers. Bros. Jason & Mike report no lasting effects of their life-threatening injuries and are back at their normal work routines. Bro. Joe deals with pain and limited use of his right hand, but trusts God will continue to provide for him, his family and his fledgling renovation business.
Satan despises this display of God’s control and provision, so he is using the ugliness of the legal battle involved with insurance claims to try to disturb the peace of these brothers and their spouses. As always, your prayers are needed and appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

Our local minister, Bro. Jeff Waibel, delivered a thought-provoking, enlightening Father’s Day message on Sunday morning. Our afternoon service was spent in hearing the process and outcome of our recent minister search. It was interesting to hear the details of the process and why the decision was made to add two brothers to the Leo pulpit ministry. With very strong support, our dear Bro. Brian Wenninger (Sis. Mackenzie Scarbrough) and dear Bro. Jason Huber (Sis. Joy Gutwein) are chosen. The Wenninger children are Breanna, Meagan, Bella, Malachi and Madelyn.

Jayla and Jacki complete the Huber family. Our love and prayers are with them all as they embrace this work the Lord has given them to do.

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!” Matt. 7:11

We thank God for all His gifts!

Indiana, Remington

Jenni Honegger, Marcella Tyler

Bro. Stan Schambach (Sis. Norma, Prescott, AZ) and Bro. Brian Waibel (Sis. Wendy, Champaign, IL) were visiting ministers one Sunday. Bro. Roger Gasser with ACCFS presented a topical Bible study titled, “Fear: Where God Wants to Meet Us” one Wednesday evening. We are thankful to all three brothers for their efforts and for their fellowship!

We also were privileged to learn and grow throughout the week of VBS this month about the topic “God Is Our Refuge” hosted by the Wolcott church. Many thanks go to Bro. Ned Bahler (Sis. Anna, Fairbury, IL – Arks in the Bible), Bro. Todd Stoller (Sis. Pam, Latty, OH – Walking with God in a Wicked World), Bro. Matthew Rassi (Sis. Bridget, Chicago, IL – God’s Covenant with Man), Bro. Ryan Bertsch (Sis. Jessica, Bluffton North, IN – Historical Evidence of the Arks), and Bro. Dana Indermuhle (Sis. Joy, Sardis, OH – Are You in the Ark?) for sharing with us and to all the Wolcott brothers and sisters who worked to make it a blessed week!

We are excited and thankful to announce the engagement of Bro. Kenny Graf (Bro. Todd and Sis. Lydia, Akron, OH) to Sis. Sophie Getz (Bro. Jason and Sis. Sara)!

We were thankful to be able to celebrate several graduations this past month. Samuel Getz (Bro. Jason and Sis. Sara) and Rustin Schambach (Bro. Alan and Sis. Sarah) both graduated from high school. Bro. Grant Knobloch (Bro. Neil and Sis. June) graduated from
Purdue. We pray for each of these young men that they can seek the guidance of God as they take their next steps!

We say goodbye to Bro. Grant Knobloch (Bro. Neil and Sis. June) as he has accepted employment in the Quad Cities area and will be relocating there. We have been thankful for Bro. Grant’s faithful example in our young group through the years. We pray that God will continue to guide him as he starts this new path of life. We look forward to him visiting “back home” often!

As one leaves, another moves in! We welcome Bro. Josh Strahm (Elder Bro. Bradley and Sis. Michelle, Bern, KS) back as he relocates to Remington for employment. Bro. Josh spent last summer with us for an internship. We are thankful to have him back in a more permanent position. We pray he feels the love and welcome of our church!

Our prayers go out to the family of our dear Sis. Lucille Steffen who passed away this past month. She is survived by her children: Wayne Steffen (Judy, Fishers, IN), Elaine Perry (Ted, Flushing, MI), Roger Steffen (Vicki, Rensselaer, IN), Virgene Gabisch (Brooksville, FL), Bro. Scott Steffen (Sis. Marvela, Washington, IL), and Luann Pauley (Douglas, Bargersville, IN); 22 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren; her sister Sis. Marilyn Bahler (Bro. Elmer); and two brothers: Bro. Eldon Getz (Sis. Charlene) and Ron Getz (Jean, Lafayette, IN). Sis. Lucille had been living at the nursing home in Francesville for several years, but she always had a positive outlook and stayed faithful right up until the end. She will be missed greatly.

As we honored our earthly fathers on Father’s Day this past Sunday, we were encouraged to remember also our church fathers and how many of our current blessings we owe to their past diligence. Let’s remember to lift all of our fathers up in prayer to our Father in Heaven!

Indiana, South Bend
Joshua Martinez

“And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.”
Psalm 40:3

Bailie Lehman and Ryan Olsen were united in marriage on May 25. We wish them God’s blessings as they begin their walk together. Bailie’s parents are Bro. Don and Sis. Jill Lehman.

We also congratulate high school graduate Kenneth Schlatter (Bro. Otto and Sis. DeAnn) as he prepares to attend Ball State University this fall.

We joyfully learned that our convert Ava Kupferschmid (Bro. Garrett and Sis. Bethany) has found peace with God and man and looks forward to baptism.

We appreciate the special ministry of our Sunday School teachers. We prayerfully encourage newly-elected teachers Sisters Becky Langhofer (Bro. Brad) & Bethany Kupferschmid (Bro. Garrett). We thank outgoing teachers Sisters Sue Beebe (Bro. Bob), Samantha Gramm (Bro. Rich) and Keyna Martinez (Bro. Joshua) for their faithful service.

“The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.” Numbers 6:24-26

Indiana, Valparaiso
Sherry Meiss

Our verse for the month is:
Hebrews 10:23, “Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (For He is faithful who promised.”

We would like to give our thanks to Bro. Joel Troxel (Sis. Amy and family, LaCrosse, IN) for coming to minister while Bro. Tim Bucher was traveling at the end of May. How special it is to have brothers in Christ and brothers-in-law on the pulpit together. God’s love and compassion shines through your hearts to us all.

A Happy Father’s Day to all our earthly fathers. It doesn’t matter whether you have children of your own or no children, you are an example of God’s love. Let us glorify our heavenly Father who is worthy of ALL our praise!

The LaCrosse Church had their vacation Bible school this past week and we were all invited. The ministers gave good messages each night and the children were
blessed as well. Thank you for the invite and warm greetings go back to you all. 

The Valparaiso Church will be hosting the Fort Sam and Camp Picker reunion this year. The date is on July 27. We are looking forward to having you. 

Our dear Bro. Bob and Sis. Marguerite Hoerr have moved to Rittenhouse in Michigan City, IN. They would so much love to hear from you if it lays on your heart to send them a note. Their address is: 4300 Cleveland Ave, Rm. 116, Michigan City, IN 46360.

We have had a couple landmark birthdays this past month. Birthday blessings go to Sis. Leona Bucher and Bro. Garry Bucher. May God’s blessings continue to pour over you both.

Just a thought, if you are making summer plans to visit Lake Michigan, we are very close and would love to have you come and worship with us.

Pray for Bro. Tim Bucher to continue to heal from a blood clot in his lung and for the prevention of anymore. Don’t forget each other as well.

**Indiana, West Lafayette**

**Libby Wahl**

With joy, we welcomed Bro. Steve Young (Sis. April) into the family of God on June 2. Bro. Steve and Sis. April have three children; the older two are students at Purdue. It was wonderful to have the support of visiting ministers Elder Bro. Randy Gudeman (Sis. Becky), Bros. Brian Huber (Sis. Jackie) and Chad Huber (Sis. Pam) all of Francesville, IN and Bro. Jeff Neihouser (Sis. Sue, Morton, IL).

Torin Edmund Kaufman, the third son of devoted parents Sam and Kaitlin (Bahler) Kaufman, arrived safely on June 6.

Bro. Alec Gramm wed Sis. Abbie Kuntz on June 9 in Gridley, IL. We rejoice with them as they make their home together here in Lafayette. Welcome, Sis. Abbie.

Paul’s Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth was the interactive theme of a well-attended and supported Vacation Bible School. We trust the goal of engaging the children in Christian history will be good seed.

Sunday School will take a break the month of July this year and resume August 4.

An all-men, small group Bible study has started for the summer using The Calvary Road by Roy Hession. We are grateful so many have an interest and desire to grow together.

Our prayers go with Sis. Sydney Leman who has located to St. Marten’s in the Caribbean for employment.

Pray also for Bro. Drew Waldbeser who is completing his internship here and relocating back to Atlanta for employment.

I had just gotten in my car this morning on my way to my part time job when I got a call… a 69 year-old first cousin left this world the previous night through a brain aneurysm. This left me quite emotional and trying to identify the triggers. I decided it is my own mortality that is showing itself more clearly. It is just too easy in our culture to get hung up on the non-essentials of life.

“Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilled.
Grace, grace, God’s grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God’s grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!” -J.H. Johnston

**Indiana, Wolcott**

**Luann Gerber, Teresa Earney**

God has been present and blessed our little congregation this past month!

On May 25, Valerie Edelman (Bro. Kip and Sis. Donita) was married to Derrek Dalman. We pray God will richly bless this union! The next day, Valerie’s brother, Seth, gave his testimony and was baptized. We were all richly blessed listening to the Lord’s work in his life and we joyously welcome him as a brother in church! Bro. Rick Plattner (Sis. Mary Ann, Fairbury) was here for this special occasion.

On May 29, Bro. Roger Gasser spoke on “Fear” at our Remington/Wolcott Bible Study. We are thankful for these brothers that are willing to travel here to share with us!
Sunday, June 2, Calista Kyburz (Bro. Phillip and Sis. Sasha) graduated from high school. May God be near her as she begins a new path in her life.

This past week was our Remington/Wolcott VBS at Wolcott. It is always a busy week, but we are always showered with blessings! Our theme was "God Is Our Refuge". Bro. Ned Bahler (Sis. Anna, Fairbury) spoke to us about Arks in the Bible; Bro. Todd Stoller (Sis. Pam, Latty) spoke about Walking with God in a Wicked World; Bro. Matthew Rassi (Sis. Bridget, Chicago) spoke on God’s Covenant with Man; Bro. Ryan Bertsch (Sis. Jessica, Bluffton North) spoke on Historical Evidence of the Arks; Bro. Dana Indermuhle (Sis. Joy, Sardis) finished up the week with Are You in the Ark?

Sis. Shirley Furrer (Bro. Irv) has been hospitalized this week. Marie Blume (Bro. Derek & Sis. Theresa) had another follow-up surgery from her accident in February. Sis. Nancy Christopher suffered a mild stroke. We consider it a privilege to be prayer warriors and are so very thankful to hear they are all doing better!

Iowa, Bloomfield
Kendra Schlatter

We were happy to witness the marriage of Olivia Knobloch (Bro. Virgil and Sis. Katrina) and Joel Funk (Bro. Brad and Sis. Laura, Garden Grove, IA). We wish them God’s richest blessings as they walk this path of life together.

Visiting ministers this past month were Bro. Dana Nieman (Sis. Lea, Remington, IN), Bro. Curt Walter (Sis. Elizabeth, Mansfield, OH), and Bro. Brad Funk (Sis. Laura, Garden Grove, IA). We thank them all for their efforts.

We were saddened to hear the loss of Carolyn Teubel (Sis. Wilma Teubel’s daughter-in-law and Bro. Paul and Sis. Charlotte’s sister-in-law). We are keeping the family in our thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

Iowa, Burlington
Marilyn Anderson, Elaine Eisenmann

Our Sunday School election was held on June 2. Bro. Mahlon Steiner and Sis. Mandy Pfeiff were elected to be the new teachers. Special thank you goes to Bro. Michael Steiner and Sis. Monica Eisenmann who finished their terms.

On June 9, the Sunday School picnic was held at Perkins Park. A blessed evening of food, fellowship, singing and games was enjoyed by young and old alike.

Vacation Bible School was held June 10-14 at the Fellowship Center. We’re thankful for all the volunteers who work together helping with the teaching and making lasting memories for the children.

On June 12, our Elder Bro. Jon Schmidgall (Sis. Julie, Mediapolis) read and expounded the Memorandum to us. May he be blessed for his time with us

Bro. Dale Frank (Sis. Tina, Mediapolis) shared the word with us this past month also.

Iowa, Elgin
Maria Rocke

Bro. Jim and Sis. Marcy Knobloch have a new grandson to hold and cherish. Tripp Asher was born to Sam and Kirstin Anderson and big brother Theo of Cedar Rapids, IA.

We will miss having Bro. Doug and Sis. Tami Schupbach and little Jonathan in our Elgin church. They recently moved to Illinois and will be attending in Forrest. They’ve been a blessing to us these past few years. May God continue to bless and provide for them.

We thank Bro. Jim Butikofer (Sis. Diana, Iowa City, IA) for his labors from the pulpit while visiting. May God be his reward.

Iowa, Garden Grove
Laura Funk

Greetings from south central Iowa! At the last writing we were having ample rain showers. Today we are thankful it is raining!!

Graduating from High School this year is Anna Lester, daughter of Bro. Duane and Sis. Sara Lester.

Serving Holy Communion were Elder Bro. Doug Schock and Ordained Deacon Bro. Brad Funk. A very solemn occasion where we reflect on the Savior’s death and His saving power.

Visiting ministers this month include Bro. Kevin Fehr (Sis. Lonnie, West Bend, IA), Bro. Tyler Joos (Sis. Tonya, Bradford, IL) and Elder Doug Schock (Sis. Clara, Bloomfield, IA). Many loved ones accompanied these
brothers, renewing and making new friendships. May God bless you for your efforts.

We remembered our fathers this month. I wonder what our lives would be like if our fathers had not kept the Faith?

Exchanging wedding vows outdoors in God’s creation were Joel Funk and Olivia Knobloch. Parents are Bro. Brad and Sis. Laura Funk and Bro. Virgil and Katrina Knobloch of Bloomfield, IA. We pray for God’s nearness and guidance as they take this step in their lives.

**Iowa, Iowa City**

*Diana Butikofer*

Congratulations to Ron and Sis. Audrey Landherr on the birth of another grandson. Wyatt Douglas was born June 4 to Josh and Heidi Hydeman.

We thank Bro. Jesse Snodgrass, Bro. Luke Gerst (Sis. Michelle), Sis. Anelyse Gerst, and Sis. Renae Snodgrass for teaching our Sunday School students this past year, and will continue to pray for them following their re-election.

We are thankful Bro. Dallas Massner (Sis. Christy, Burlington, IA) visited and ministered to us recently. May the Lord bless him for his willing service.

**Iowa, Lester**

*Audrey Metzger, Kristi Knobloch*

In a year in which spring seemed nearly absent, the summer is upon us with all its varied activities. The late-planted fields seem to be thriving despite the delays from a cold, wet spring and all are enjoying the beautiful weather of the past month. Cattle are moved to pasture. Gardens sprout with early flowers and vegetables. It gives us renewed hope to remember God’s hand providing for us!

Likewise, new babies give us a sense of hope any day of the year! Marlee Sue was born to Brad and Paula Bergman on May 28. She is lovingly adored by big brother Miles as well as her maternal grandparents, Bro. Tony and Sis. Pam Bosch. We wish them God’s guidance and blessings as they raise their precious little family.

Our congregation was privileged to host the annual Youth Fellowship weekend on June 8-9, for high school students from West Bend, Iowa City, Bloomfield and Elgin, IA, and Winthrop, Morris, Morris North, and Minneapolis, MN, along with our own Bible Class. The theme this year was “Where He Leads, I’ll Follow.” Bro. Zach Anderson (Sis. Karla, Congerville, IL) was the guest speaker. His inspiring message was appreciated by all. Also visiting that weekend were Elder Bro. Wayne Grimm (Sis. Rose, West Bend, IA), Elder Bro. Duane Rocke (Sis. Bonnie, Minneapolis, MN), Elder Bro. Lowell Moser (Sis. Karen, Morris, MN) and Bro. Adam Zeltwanger (Sis. Christy, Morris North, MN). We appreciate the presence and support of each of them, along with their pulpit service in this opportunity for our beloved youth.

Bro. Dallas Massner (Sis. Christy, Burlington, IA) also brought God’s word to us on June 16. We thank them all for joining us and welcome them back anytime!

On Sunday, June 16, we were made aware that Bro. Mark Leuthold (Sis. Lee) was chosen, through much prayerful consideration and with much support, to serve in our ministry. We ask God to lead Bro. Mark and Sis. Lee and their family as they embark on this new journey, trusting in Him to provide grace for each step of the way.

We were blessed to hear the Spring Memorandum on Wednesday evening, June 19. We can be thankful to have our Elder Body keeping watch for our denomination and seeking God’s will in making decisions based on godly doctrine.

We ask for prayers for the recovery of those who spent time in the hospital this past month: Meredith Moser (Bro. Kent & Sis. Elyse), as well as Bro. Mark Metzger (Sis. Audrey). Also, Nancy Metzger (Arlyn) remains hospitalized at the time of this writing and needs our prayers for all the challenges ahead of her. Please remember them and all those battling chronic illness.

(Ernie), who passed away June 10, in Indiana. Sharon was such a lovely person and will be missed by all her family and friends. May God provide the comfort in knowing He alone can make us whole again.

Construction has begun on the new HarvestCall facility on our church grounds. We hope this building will serve its intended purpose...to allow us to share of our abundance with God’s people who do not have the same material goods that we have been privileged to enjoy, and to ease the hardships that some must endure, while sharing His goodness with them.

Iowa, Mediapolis

Janet Lanz, Tami Lanz

We are thankful for our visiting ministers this past month and for their willingness to stand and share God’s word. They were Elder Bro. Rod Bajema (Sis. Sue, Lester, IA), Bro. Greg Fehr (Sis. Denise, West Bend, IA), Bro. Paul Zimmerman (Sis. Loretta, Forrest, IL), Bro. Michael Wagenbach (Sis. Erica, Wolcott, IN), and Bro. Nathan Walder (Sis. Denise, Cissna Park, IL).

We are always thankful for the blessing of new life in the form of sweet little bundles of joy. Bro. Jason and Sis. Kelsey Banwart have adopted a sweet little girl, Brooklyn Grace, into their hearts and home. Also welcoming Brooklyn into the family is big brother, Brock. Grandparents are Bro. Kent and Sis. Beth Banwart (West Bend, IA) and Bro. Tom and Sis. Mary Lanz.

Another little girl, Jeana Joy, was welcomed into the family of Bro. Kory and Sis. Brooke Wagenbach. Siblings are Shanna, Taya, and Ruben. Grandparents are Bro. Jerry and Sis. Bonnie Wagenbach and Bro. David and Sis. Crystal Streitmatter (Princeville, IL).

We wish God’s blessings upon Austin Lanz and Jessica Ewart, as they were joined together in marriage on June 8. Parents are Bro. Monte and Sis. Kelly Lanz and Dan and Jen Ewart.

Always special to hear is the announcement a soul has found peace with God and man. We are thankful Lori Hardin has found peace and we wish her God’s continued nearness as she goes forward.

We want to extend a warm welcome to Bro. Justin Birkner (Bro. Jeff and Sis. Angie), originally from Bloomfield, IA, as he has moved here for a job and makes his home here.

We voted on Sunday school teachers for the next term and they are: Bro. Brian Schmidgall, Bro. Eric Wuthrich, Bro. Kent Schmidgall, Sis. Kyrstyn Wagenbach, and Sis. Sally Schmidgall. We want to thank those who have finished their term, and are grateful for the time they have spent teaching our youth of the Lord.

We finished up our week of Vacation Bible School. The preschool through sixth grade enjoyed the time spent learning, singing, and doing crafts. We enjoyed hearing them say their recitations and sing at their program at the end of the week. What a blessing to hear praises to our Lord and Savior coming from the mouths of these young souls.

As we have experienced severe weather, including tornadoes ripping through our area this past month, we are reminded how little control we as humans have. But we can be so thankful that God holds each day and each of us in His hands. He will take care of us through the good and the bad and provide blessings in each.

Iowa, West Bend

Karen Schmidt, Jenny Banwart

Rejoicing in God’s leading, Bro. Trinton Schmidt (Bro. Ted and Sis. Kelly) is engaged to Sis. Laura Fehr (Bro. Mark and Sis. Janet). May God bless and be near them as they prepare to be married and become one in the Lord.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Art and Sis. Eula Mogler in the loss of his sister, Verlas Meyer (Sabetha, KS). Our sympathy also goes to Sis. Phyllis Banwart who experienced the loss of her sister, Sis. Barb Edelman (Sabetha, KS). May God provide comfort during this time.

As we rejoice in the freedom of our nation over Independence Day, let us also focus on the freedom we have been given through the shed blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”
St. John 8:36
Japan, Tokyo
Anna Inoue, Marie Inoue

We are now in the midst of our rainy season, very necessary for the rice crop, but we so appreciate intermittent sunny days to bright the landscape.

This month we received with great joy our Elder and his wife, Bro. Mark and Sis. Bev Bahr of our Detroit (MI) church. In our local church we partook of Communion as we read 1 Corinthians 12: 24-26. “Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. This is the new testament in my blood: this do ye as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.” We were thankful that Bro. Teruo Sanada who resides in a care home could join us for the service.

During the week Bro. Mark and Sis Bev and others could travel to Kyushu, the southern island, and meet our Sister Iwama, 94, originally from Shioda church, and Sister Kido, originally from Tokyo church who live there. We were also able to share Communion with them.

The Bahr’s could spend a Sunday in each church and enjoy much fellowship with brethren and friends during the week. They leave a dear family and churches behind to come and visit us, and we appreciate the time and counseling they give. May the Lord bless them richly.

Kansas, Bern
Sheri Edelman, Tiffany Menold

May

Our High School graduates this year were Cheyan Rokey (Bro. Mike and Sis. Sue), Kate Strahm (Bro. Brad and Sis. Michelle), Norea Menold (Bro. Terry and Sis. Dayra), and Gabe Meyer (Bro. Richard and Sis. Joni). Graduating from college were Bro. Josh Strahm, Bro. Ryan Strahm, and Bro. Ryan Steffen. We wish them all God’s blessings and guidance in their future!

Our prayers are with Bro. Rod and Sis. Joleen Edelman as they grieve the loss of Rod’s mother, Sis. Barb Edelman (Sabetha, KS).

Visiting ministers this month were Elder Bro. Jay Luthi (Sis. Jane, Lamont, KS), Bro. Aaron Luthi (Sis. Maria, Lamont, KS), and Bro. Zach Anderson (Sis. Karla, Congerville, IL). We thank these brothers for their ministry.

Bern hosted the Midwest Regional Minister Forum at the end of May. It was a blessing for our Church family!

June

At the beginning of June our Sunday School students had the opportunity to attend Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year was “Traveling God’s Way”. It is our prayer that the lessons they learned will be a seed in their heart that will someday sprout into abundant life for Jesus!

Visiting ministers for the month of June were Bro. Matt Zimmerman (Sis. Kim, St. Louis, MO), Bro. Brandon Emch (Sis. Maria, Kansas City, MO), Bro. Tim Lehman (Sis. Amber, Taylor, MO), Bro. Quinton Snyder (Sis. Heather, Taylor, MO), and Bro. Wayne Hartzler (Sis. Camille, Rittman, OH). Again, we thank these visiting ministers for their labor of love on our behalf!

Kansas, Kiowa
Millicent Frieden, Janice Bahr

“There shall be showers of blessing” Ezekiel 34:26. A Blessing??? Really? Oh, NO…. not more rain! Not again! Seems we mortals have a hard time being satisfied. Perhaps God should just give up on some of us. Rain on a parched and dry thirsty land in August is a most welcome sight for this part of the country; but in June? When farmers are trying feverishly to get their yearly wheat harvest in the grain bins? After having record-breaking amounts of rainfall for a month? Not so much. But wait just a minute!

The rain is the same, no matter in August or in June. And the Giver is the same, no matter in August or in June. So then what is the difference here? Could it be what is in the farmer’s heart? Could it be that his heart reflects his gratitude or lack thereof toward his Maker? Could it be that he is considering the harvest at hand to be HIS harvest? HIS wheat? HIS yearly income? Or could we possibly say that it is “God that giveth the increase” 1 Corinthians 3:7. If all belongs to God in the first place, and He is the Giver of every good and perfect gift …
James 1:17, then YES, indeed! We can joyfully say, “there shall be showers of blessing!” Really!!

New babies seem really hard to come by here in our little congregation; but nonetheless we have 2 sets of new grandparents to report, which is almost as good! Little Avery Ryan made her appearance on June 10, arriving to bless the home of Vanndy and Monica Frieden of Kansas City, MO. She has one big brother, Wesley, to welcome her home. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Larry and Sis. Millie Frieden.

Arriving on June 20 was a bundle of joy for Bro. Jake and Sis. Tifani Leman of Denver, CO, a sweet little girl named Maya Sage. She was welcomed home by two big brothers, Connor and Cyrus. Her maternal grandparents are Bro. Jeff and Sis. Janice Bahr.

The amazing thing about these two tiny little girls is that they share the same great-great grandparents: the late Bro. Sam and Sis. Lydia Bahr formerly of Gridley, KS! How proud and pleased they must be to see their descendants being raised in Christian homes and taught about Jesus and His plan of Salvation!

Kansas, Sabetha
Brenda Nenadov, Leanna Hartter

We are rejoicing with Payton Strahm (Bro. Tom and Sis. Carrie) as he has answered the call of repentance from God. May he feel the prayers of the church as he seeks out God’s will in his life.

It is always a blessing to have Bro. Rick and Sis. Komari Aberle and their family home for a few weeks on furlough. We enjoyed spending an evening together for potluck and hearing an update from them on their work in the mission field in Haiti.

Our hearts are saddened in the loss of our Sis. Barbara Edelman. We continue to pray for her family, Randy (Cindy), Bro. Rodney (Sis. Joleen), Sis. Pam (Stan) Wulf, Brad (Teresa) and her siblings, which include her sister, Sis. Cheryl Metzger of our congregation.

“Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.”
Romans 12:15

Lana Kaster has expressed she is at peace with God and man. We look forward to hearing her testimony of faith and witnessing her baptism in the future.

We enjoyed our annual Sunday School picnic on June 8. As another term comes to an end, we are thankful for our teachers and appreciate their love for the children and their time spent in teaching our youth.

We had a beautiful weekend as we heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptisms of three dear souls. They were Sis. Maddie Edelman (Bro. Steven and Sis. Kelly), Sis. Laura Nenadov (Bro. Mark and Sis. Brenda) and Sis. Mary Hartter (Bro. James and Sis. Sandy). May they continue to serve God faithfully each day.

Visiting ministers for the weekend were Elder Bro. Trent Meiss (Sis. Lucy, Eureka, IL), Bro. Scott Schambach (Sis. Hope, Elgin, IL), Bro. Dana Indermuhle (Sis. Joy, Sardis, OH), Bro. Justin Isch (Sis. Liz, Lamont, KS) and Bro. Ron Isch (Sis. Jane, Lamont, KS).
Other visiting ministers we had this month were Bros. Randy Kellenberger (Sis. Karen, Kansas City, MO), Seth Hartter (Sis. Brenda, Burlington, IA), Mark Dotterer (Sis. Kate, Eureka, IL) and John Baumgartner (Sis. Lori, Bern, KS). We appreciate their efforts and ask the Lord to bless them for their service.

Mexico, Ixtlán

Ruth Gerber

“For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.”

Genesis 18:19

Thank God for the faithful men that have kept His Word and lived it and taught it! We are blessed because of each one of you!

This past week, we were privileged to have our Elder Bro. Mike Leman (Denver) visiting us. Sunday’s message was from 1 Corinthians 4. There were many helpful teachings expounded on, but we appreciated the focus on Christ and the way His power can be seen when our flesh is crucified.

We also appreciated Bro. John Huber’s (West Lafayette) visit and participation in the Father’s Day event with Colegio de las Américas. After taking part in the father/children games, Bro. John shared with around 30 dads on the importance of patience and kindness in their parenting endeavors. We trust God will use the truths shared to draw more families to Him.

We are thankful for the many willing families that came to help in our annual cleaning this past month and for Bro. Carlos Hernandez’s organization. It was a productive time and an enjoyable afternoon with water games for the children outside and pizza for everyone.

Sis. Berta de Gonzalez and her family request prayer support for her nephew Mauricio Torres. He was badly burned in an accident with gunpowder and has been taken to Guadalajara for treatment. We trust God’s merciful hand will be with the entire family at this time.

We have also been asked to pray for the health of Sis. Luz Brenes (de Aviña) and Griselda Magaña (Jose and Aurora).

México, Magdalena

Laura Aviña

On June 1, our church family celebrated the marriage of Bro. Jason Grassi (Sis. Cheryl and the late Bro. John Grassi, Peoria, IL) and Sis. Georgina Aquino (Ricardo Aquino and Rebeca Nuñez, Morelos, MX). May God bless them as they build their life together on the foundation of Jesus Christ! We also pray for their travels this summer in the USA. Thanks to our Bro. Steph Baner (Sis. Donna Lou, Gridley, IL) as he took part in the wedding service.

Summer here always begins with a warm welcome to the CVE volunteers and The Fatted Calf interns who come to spend their vacation with us. This year, CVE volunteers are Dylan Steidinger (Peoria, IL), Isaac Jones (Morton, IL), Amanda Virkler (Rockville, CT), Brittney Lanz (Mediapolis, IA), Arika Nuest (Latty, OH), Hannah Lindberg (Roanoke, IL), Jayla Wettstein (Minneapolis, MN), and Sara Knapp (Goodfield, IL). The Fatted Calf interns are Carson Sleep, Dawson Carter, Mary Sarah Sauber, April Hamilton, Mandy Hasselbring, and McKenna Moffit. We pray the experience can be a blessing for us and for them and that God would use it to strengthen their relationship with Him!

We are also thankful to welcome Bro. Scott Kieser who has returned from language school in southern Mexico.

Our prayers are with our Sis. Amalia Nuñez as she undergoes surgery on June 26 to remove a tumor. We pray that God would be merciful with the diagnosis, any necessary treatment, and that He would provide complete healing.

With many of our congregation traveling this summer, we say a prayer for their blessing and safety and wish to thank all of our loved ones who welcome and host the travelers all across the continent!

“Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”

Eph. 3:21

The ages continue and we are thankful to see Christ glorified in the lives of His people!
Michigan, Alto  
Renee Steffen, Heidi Kaeb

Greetings of love because of our precious Lord and Savior. May each day begin with praise and adoration to our Heavenly Father for all He has blessed us with.

Our prayers have been answered for Bro. Paul Jackson and Harry Erickson as they are both back in church and healing from recent surgeries. We give glory to God for this provision and healing.

Congratulations to Bro. Martin and Sis. Michele Blough as they are thankful and excited to announce the birth of a new grandson, Ethan Noah Schrock (Peter and Melissa). Sis. Gina Blough experienced a special blessing as little Ethan was born two weeks early, making it possible for her to meet her nephew before she left for Ethiopia. Once again, many prayers were answered.

We want to welcome Bro. Joe Metz from Gridley who is working in Kalamazoo for the summer and will worship with us when he can.

The following poem was inspired by something I witnessed this past Sunday. The two little girls I mention were playing in front of me and I had no idea they were listening. This was truly a lesson learned for me as I realized that our youth ARE hearing the Truth each week even when it appears that they are not paying attention. My heart was so touched as I thought about how I was continually taught each week when my parents brought me to church. I pray each soul who was blessed with parents who faithfully took them to church remembers to thank Jehovah God for this immense blessing.

“Out of the mouths of little ones who speak what they believe, even if they don’t understand an impression it can leave. As we listened Sunday afternoon, to the minister expound on the Word, he shared how in Christ’s time they found it difficult to believe everything they saw or heard. When asked if a man claimed to be God, would you think that it is so? Two little girls in the bench ahead firmly shook their heads and said NO! Although I quietly chuckled I had something new to learn, even these children, full of faith, have been taught early on to discern.” -ibG.res

Michigan, Bay City  
Sarah Knochel

We are thankful that Bro. Jeff Waibel (Sis. Margo, Leo, IN) traveled to Bay City the weekend of June 9 and ministered to us. We pray that God would continue to bless his efforts.

Our Vacation Bible School was held June 17-21. VBS is a great blessing for our small congregation as so many of us have the opportunity to work together to provide a ministry for our students and children from the community. In addition to our daytime programs, we were blessed to have Bro. Justin Koch, (Sis. Marcia, Washington, IL) and Bro. Matt Feucht (Sis. Jennifer, Roanoke, IL) present topical studies on Wednesday and Friday evenings. Bro. Justin’s topic was And Jesus Says Come. Bro. Matt’s topic was Heaven Bound: The Christian Journey.

We rejoice with Morris and Betty Wieland as they were announced as having peace with God and man. We look forward to their testimonies and baptisms in the near future.

Prayers for healing have been offered for Betty Wieland (Morris) and Sis. Lois Wieland. We pray that God would continually be with both of them in their time of need.

“Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.” Psalm 127:3

We are thankful for the safe arrival of Harrison Joseph Schmidt. He was welcomed by parents, Michael & Tiffany. His older siblings are Trinity and Casen. Harrison’s grandparents are Mike and Sis. Cheryl Schmidt.

Michigan, Detroit  
Krista Wieland

So the school year is out for most of us and the kids have completed another grade. It’s a little scary for this mom who will be sending her daughter to high school next year. I mean, it seems as if yesterday she was riding her Dora, the explorer tricycle. Although it wasn’t really riding - it was peddling a couple steps,
honking the horn, and stopping to pick up a random leaf, acorn or stick to put in her little basket. Ride, honk, stop, pick up an acorn and repeat. My goal as a parent was to get around the block. That makes sense, right? However, this was not the goal in my toddler’s mind. She was enjoying every minute along the way and didn’t care if we reached the end of the street or not. It reminds me of how we as people have all these plans and goals in life and sometimes we don’t appreciate the current moment God has put us in. We will only be in this moment once. Along that line, we all have expectations and there is nothing wrong with this. I have had plenty, trust me. However, many of my expectations did not go as planned. God had something planned that was far more valuable and taught me more in life than my own goals and expectations ever would have.

We had a number of visiting ministers who were with us for our Sunday worship this past month: Bro. Mike Kaisner from Peoria, IL, Bro. Rick Kaisner from Chicago, IL, Bro. Joe Gerber from Champaign, IL and Bro. Quinton Snyder from Taylor, MO. We thank each of them and their families for being with us and sharing the Word.

On Wednesday nights our minister team has been taking us through a topical study of the minor prophets. We appreciate their efforts in teaching us and look forward to the upcoming studies.

**Minnesota, Minneapolis**

*Brenda Messner, Renee Messner*

Love and greetings from Minneapolis. How wonderful is your summer weather? Praise God, ours here has been fabulous, just what a gardener loves! God has blessed us with an abundance of rain and now the sunshine is exactly what the plants need! Also, time spent and nurturing helps a garden grow, or the weeds take over.

Just as we must spend time nurturing our faith, reading God’s word and our prayer life should focus on Him. Do not let the cares and distractions of this world take our minds off Jesus and His promise.

“But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Matt. 6:20-21

We are pleased to welcome Sis. Noel Schieler (Bro. Keith & Sis. Jodi) who attends Illinois State University. She is originally from Morris North. We are glad she’s back in the state, so she can worship with us while she is working at Olympus Corporation of the Americas for a summer internship.

We thank Bro. Adrian Rocke, for sharing about his recent experiences from his trip to Israel.

Our congregation was blessed with visiting ministers: Bro. Alan Schambach (Sis. Sarah, Remington, IN) and Bro. Brian Waibel (Sis. Wendy, Champaign, IL). We are so appreciative of these brothers traveling to Minnesota for family, friends, and fellowship.

**Minnesota, Morris**

*Ashley Knobloch, Brianna Wulf*

We appreciated the labors of Bro. Adam Zeltwanger (Sis. Christy, Morris North, MN), Bro. Scott Schafer (Sis. Gigi, South Bend, IN), and Bro. Damon Knobloch (Sis. Stephanie, Morris North, MN) on our behalf this month. It’s always a blessing to fellowship with those of like-mind and faith whether they are from far or near!

We congratulate several graduates this month and wish them the best in their future endeavors. Staci Nohl (Bro. Ben and Sis. Kristi Furrer) and Bailee Jurgens (Jeff and Stephanie) graduated from high school. Sis. Leah Steiner (Bro. Jeff and Sis.
Jill), Bro. Trent Wulf (Stan and Sis. Pam), and convert Benjamin Koehl (Bro. Eric and Sis. Kim) all graduated from college and moved back to the area for employment. We are glad to have them back home!

We were blessed to hear the testimony and witness the baptism of our new brother in faith, Christoph Werner. It’s always so encouraging and sobering to hear that confession of faith and vow to remain true until one’s last breath. May we not lose that zeal we had when we were first baptized and continue to strive each and every day for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus! We were thankful Bro. Kevin Ryan (Sis. Cheryl, Rockville, CT) was able to be with us for this special weekend and for his labors on our behalf.

As we remember our earthly fathers on a special day this month let us seek to please our Heavenly Father who has blessed us so abundantly!

“Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.” John 15:8-9

Minnesota, Morris North
Kay Feuchtenberger,
Natalie Feuchtenberger

“And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.” Romans 13:11

As we look forward into busy summer months, how important it is for us to remember to stay “awake” spiritually. I found this verse so encouraging as the world continues to be tossed about with pain and evil. Our day is coming. Let’s not sleep, or get distracted.

Our Sunday School classes were blessed to spend time at VBS in June. We are thankful for teachers and others who pour their efforts into our children.

We sent our prayers and a piece of our hearts to Illinois this month as we said goodbye to Bro. Tim and Sis Jeanne Esterling. While it is hard to say goodbye, we are happy that they will be much closer to their family. We are thankful for all of the years of love and sacrifices they have put into our church family.

Our prayers and well wishes go with our graduating seniors as they begin a new chapter in their lives. Congratulations to Harrison Zeltwanger (Bro. Adam and Sis. Kristy), Hailey Mattson (Bro. Mark and Sis. Lori) and Tracy Feuchtenberger, (Bro. DWayne and Sis. Kay).

We have rejoiced and celebrated with two young couples on their wedding days. Our prayers for blessed and joy-filled marriages go with Preston and Katie Moser and Clinton and Shanda Edmunds. Preston is the son of Bro. Doug and the late Sis. Dawn Moser. Shanda is the daughter of Bro. DWayne and Sis. Kay Feuchtenberger.

We are also thankful for our visiting ministers this month, Bro. Troy Metzger (Sis. Gwen, Lester, IA), as well as our Elder Bro. Earl Ringger (Sis. Dixie, Gridley, IL).

Minnesota, Winthrop
Julie Schmidt, Ginny Stoll

We were blessed by visiting ministers that helped share God’s Word this month: Elder Bro. Ron Messner (Sis. Pam, Washington, IL) and Bro. Damon Knobloch (Sis. Stephanie, Morris North, MN).

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge…” Prov. 1:7

High school graduates: Kenadee Isaacson (Jerry and Melissa), Benji Steiner (Bro. Glen and Sis. Rachel), and Max Bartels (Jay and Sis. Amy) are thankful to be done with high school and are looking forward to the next chapter in life.

Many of us were able to help celebrate the June 8 wedding of Leighton Messner & Janaye Martin. Leighton is the son of Elder Bro. Paul and Sis. Jan Messner. We wish them God’s blessing and direction in their new life together.

Many thanks go to the Lester, IA congregation for hosting the Youth Fellowship weekend. Our Bible Class students enjoyed themselves and rekindled friendships.

Our hearts go out to Bro. Ken Messner and Sis. Dorothy Jacobson and families in the loss of their sister and aunt, Maryann Ohland, from Michigan.

We are thankful God has provided healing for surgery patients Bro. Marvin Messner, and Sis. Brenda Messner (Bro. Jerry).
Missouri, Taylor
Tami Pflum

Our church family has had an eventful month with many highs and lows, but through it all, we have been blessed to see the Hand of God working in and through His people. We often are quick to come with petitions to our Father, but Elder Bro. Kent Heimer warned us of the “10 Leper Syndrome”, where only one returned with a thankful heart. In light of all the answered prayers we have witnessed this month, Bro. Kent called for an afternoon of praise, where we spent time hearing some of the detailed ways God had protected and provided, and then offered up prayers of praise as a congregation for the many great things He has done in our community in recent weeks. What a blessing it was to turn our perspective from petition to praise!

We had five high school graduates this year: Bennett Sutter (Bro. Kim & Sis. Vonette), Dennis Smith (foster son of Sis. Shelly Hoerr), Emily Knapp (Kevin & Jen Knapp and Mindy Knapp), Mallory Pflum (Bro. Keith & Sis. Tami), and Trevin Steidinger (Bro. Rick & Sis. Kim). The graduation reception at church was a memorable one, as everyone was sent to the basement during a tornado warning. Thankfully, the area was spared, but we know there have been others who have suffered catastrophic loss due to tornadoes and flooding this spring/summer and our hearts go out to them, including some in our congregation whose fields have been covered by floodwater.

The Mississippi River in Quincy, IL has been above flood stage since March 15, and is currently predicted to remain there until at least the last week of June. On May 30, the levees in the Fabius River Drainage District (FRDD) were holding strong and in solid condition, until a breeched levee just to our north created a tremendous current, causing one of our levees to suddenly erode. This rapid erosion placed the FRDD levee in serious danger of failing, prompting officials to evacuate the West Quincy/Taylor river bottoms. Within five hours of the plea for help packing up belongings, all the houses had been fully evacuated. At the same time, valiant efforts were being made to repair and save the levee. Although in the beginning it hadn’t seemed there was any chance it would hold, throughout the night, God worked a miracle and the floodwaters were held back. He even sent a rainbow that evening to remind us of His Promises and Presence. Bro. Roger Sutter, who serves as President of the FRDD, later gave all glory to God for the “Miracle at Durgen’s Creek”, quoting Psalms 136:4; “To Him Who alone doeth great wonders”. As he said, “[God put] the right people in the right place, at the right time, with the right resources.” When updating the church about the events of that night, Bro. Roger began with, “Emotions run much deeper than the water.” How true! As a church family, we have experienced many deep emotions as we witnessed what it truly means to be a Body, each one doing their part, while all working together for God’s glory and honor.

During a recent sermon, we read the story of Jonah. When Jonah ran from God, boarding a ship to Tarshish, the Lord sent a raging storm to get his attention. Even the idol-worshipping sailors on board the ship recognized Who had sent the storm, and that it was judgment for disobedience. Later, when Jonah finally warned the Ninevites of God’s coming judgment, the people of that wicked city recognized their sinfulness and immediately repented. We were challenged to consider; is God possibly trying to get our attention with all this extreme weather and, if so, are we listening? May we humbly repent for the collective sins of our country, just like the Ninevites did!

As a church family, we have also had reason to praise God for new life. On May 1, a sweet granddaughter, Lake Wren (Dave & Kara Coleman), was welcomed to the family by Bro. Fred & Sis. Kathy Eberhardt. Bro. Chad & Sis. Lisa Massner became first-time grandparents on May 8, with the birth of Caden Seth (Bro. Seth & Sis. Courtney Miller, Fairbury). And on June 3, Brody Eugene Gottman was born to Jeff & Amber Gottman and welcomed home by siblings: Gabbie,
Graysen, & Brayden. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Jim & Sis. Sally Gottman, Debbie Curless, and Ron & Viv Hatesohl.

Thank you goes to Bro. Rick Kaisner (Sis. Michelle, Chicago, IL) for leading us in a fascinating study of the Gospels on June 5 and to our local ministers for leading us through the life of Joseph the past six weeks.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the family of Sis. Lucille Schmidgall (Bro. Irvin, deceased) from Morton, IL, who passed away June 4. Sis. Lucille had been living in Quincy, at the Illinois Veterans’ Home for many years.

We also have had opportunity to pray for Bro. Donnie Hoerr (Sis. Elaine) and Jonathan Wegman (Bro. Scott & Sis. Dawn) as they underwent surgery this month. Finally, many prayers have been offered up for Katie Grimm (Bro. Don & Sis. Tricia) and Mallory Pflum (Bro. Keith & Sis. Tami) following a serious automobile accident they suffered on their way to Senior High Girls’ Camp. Mallory was treated and released, but Katie was airlifted to a trauma center where she underwent back surgery. We are thankful she is home now, but prayers are being continually offered for a full recovery as she heals. As a congregation, we praise the Lord for sparing the lives of both girls in an accident that could have had a very different outcome, had it not been for countless instances of Divine Intervention!

**Announcement:**

The Taylor Apostolic Christian Church will be celebrating 100 years on the weekend of August 17-18, 2019. Activities are planned for Saturday afternoon with a meal at 5:00 p.m. and an evening program after that. Regular church services are planned for Sunday. (see page 65)

A history of the Taylor Apostolic Christian Church has been compiled by Sis. Eleanor Yackley. To place an order for this book or to make a reservation for Saturday dinner or Sunday lunch, please contact Sis. Eleanor at 573-393-2230 or eyackley@gmail.com. All are welcome to share memories on Facebook at “Taylor AC Centennial 2019”.

**New York, Croghan/Naumburg**

*Karen Farney*

My, how fast time comes and goes. It seems like I was just sitting and writing my article for the Silver Lining for last month, and now again I am sitting and writing this month’s article.

“And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.”

*St. Matthew 24:22*

On Wednesday evening May 22, we gathered to hear the spring memorandum. We’re thankful for the labors our dear elders are doing to navigate us through the time in which we live.

As Memorial Day is a day of remembrance of those who have served our country and those who have gone on before, who have kept the faith for oncoming generations, we especially remember what our Lord and Savior did for all mankind that we might inherit life eternal.

We’re thankful for our visitors this past month that came to serve and support us.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who were hospitalized this past month. Sis. Rachel Snyder is still hospitalized. Sis. Barb Ebersol is back home recovering.

Thoughts and prayers were with David (Deborah) and son Jason Schneider, as on June 8 we had a committal service for David’s mom, Imelda Schneider. We thank Elder Bro. Vic Bauman (Sis Brenda, Smithville, OH) for the message Sunday morning, and for helping in the afternoon to serve Holy Communion on June 9.

Our church grieved for the loss of our beloved Sis. Doris Steiner (widow of Elder Bro. Norbert Steiner) who passed away Monday June 10. She was 99 years old. Our thoughts and prayers are with her two daughters, Terri Hoch (Richard) of Lowville, Brenda MacDonald (John) of Bennington, VT; her four grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Elder Bro. Norbert passed away very unexpectedly while still in service, in April of 1989. Ministering Bro. Mark Hoffman (Sis. Luella, Clarendon, VT) was here and assisted in the funeral service.
“In sorrow and pain Thy trust do retain In Jesus the merciful Saviour.” The Best Refuge, Zion’s Harp #46

Ohio, Akron
Joelle Indermuhle

We were blessed by the service of several visiting ministers this month. Thanks to Bro. Joel Troxel (Sis. Amy, LaCrosse), Bro. Tom Bolliger (Sis. Jane, Tremont), and Bro. Matthew Kaisner (Sis. Jodi, Fairbury) for sharing God’s Word.

Ruben Hegedus (Bro. Sandor and Sis. Gyongyi), Bethany Gal (Bro. George and Sis. Tina) and LaNae Schar (Bro. Tim and Sis. Joanne) have found God’s peace and look forward to baptism. We are thankful to see God’s work converting souls.

Ohio, Columbus
Nancy Banks

Farming has certainly become the topic of headlines in the last two months and it’s about time! We can only hope as this season of rain continues, that an awareness of the struggles of the American farmer will educate those who take their food and farm products for granted. We had the privilege of raising our children on the farm where they learned that a good work ethic can bring about the desired result in raising crops or animals, but only through faith can we trust that “…the Lord will grant the increase.” We have lost many dairy farms this year in our county and my heart breaks for those who have to sell their herds to consolidate lingering debt because of low milk prices. May we remember to pray for the farmers each and every day.

We had the pleasure of having many visiting ministers this month. Bro. Tim Ramsier (Sis. Jonell, Rittman, OH), Bro. Sam Schlatter (Sis. Linda, Junction, OH), Bro. Marvin Zollinger (Sis. Pam, Rittman, OH), Bro. Brian Pallito (Sis. Lisa, Akron, OH), Bro. Brian Huber (Sis. Jacki, Francesville, IN) and Bro Curt Walter (Sis. Elizabeth, Mansfield, OH) have assisted Bro. John on the pulpit and we are thankful for their willingness.

Sis. Julia Grimm was our high school graduate that was honored at a special breakfast June 2. We wish Sis. Julia God’s blessings as she continues her college education at Otterbein College. We are thankful that she will remain in the Columbus area.

Ohio, Junction
Elizabeth Manz

Due to a temporary job assignment, Bro. Alan and Sis. Minnie Manz have relocated to the McAllen, TX area for several months. We will miss them during this time, and pray that their time down in Texas will be a blessing. We look forward to them returning home in November, Lord willing.

We gathered for the spring Memorandum on May 22. Elder Bro. Tony was assisted by our local ministers in reading the letter.

Our convert, Joel Schneider (Bro. Michael and Sis. Jodi), has found peace with God. We look forward to his testimony and baptism in the near future.

We rejoice with Josh and Daniele Porter as they were married on June 15. May God bless and direct them as they go forward in life together.

Sis. Carolyn Spangler (Bro. Jim) and Matt Monti had surgeries this month. Both are recovering well, praise God!

We extend our sympathies to Sis. Donna Manz (Bro. Bob) as her sister-in-law, Carolyn Teubel (Bloomfield, IA), passed away this month. Bro. Jim Spangler’s (Sis. Carolyn) sister-in-law, Marie Spangler (Oakwood, OH), also passed away. We pray that God will give special comfort to both of these families.

Ohio, Latty
Angie Klopfenstein, Carmen Stoller

Congratulations and God’s blessings to our high school graduates. They are: Bro. Jacob Klopfenstein (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Cherry), Gracie Laukhuf (Bro. Chris and Sis. Rachel), Josiah Linder (Jim and Sis. Jane), Levi Manz (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Jennifer), Sis. Adrienne Rosswurm (Bro. Bruce and Sis. Amy), Sadie Sinn (Bro. Tim and Sis. Marlene), Trae Sinn (Josh and Sis. Chrissy), Haleigh Stoller (Bro. Todd and Sis. Pam), and Sis. Lucy Stoller (Bro. Ben and Sis. Kendra).

Our church is rejoicing with Terry and Patty Offerle as they have surrendered their hearts to
the Lord in humble repentance. May they feel our love and prayers.

We are thankful that our converts Chelsea Sinn (Bro. Kurt and Sis. Lisa) and Tyler Sinn (Bro. Mark and Sis. Diane) have professed peace with God and man and are awaiting baptism. Bro. Nolan and Sis. Brooke Sinn are first-time parents to Bowen Walter born May 20. May God bless this couple as they welcome their little one into their hearts and home. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Todd and Sis. Janet Sinn and Bro. Dale and Sis. Lavonne Schumacher (Eureka, IL).

We bid farewell to Bro. Corbin and Sis. Katie Stoller and their children as they relocate to San Diego, CA. We also want to welcome Bro. John and Sis. Sierra Rosswurm as they relocate to our church in Latty. May God be ever near these two families during these transitions.

Thank you to Bro. Clark Stoller (Sis. Cindy, Gridley, IL) and Bro. Brett Lanz (Sis. Renee, Rittman, OH) for ministering the Word this month. We also want to thank the ministering brothers who spoke to our Bible class during VBS this month. May God bless Bro. Clark Stoller (Sis. Cindy, Gridley, IL), Bro. Craig Stickling (Sis. Jackie, Peoria, IL), Bro. Paul Zimmerman (Sis. Loretta, Forrest, IL), and Bro. Erik Givens, (Sis. Debbie, Princeville, IL).

Our prayers and sympathies are with Mark and Laura Spangler on the death of his mother, Marie Spangler.

**Ohio, Mansfield**

**Katie Miller**

Our thoughts are with Theresia Milner and Bro. Fred Domka (Sis. Connie) who have received medical care recently. We pray for peace and healing.

We’re grateful for everyone who worked to make this year’s Vacation Bible School an encouraging week. Each evening, Sunday School students gathered for a lesson and craft while the adults gathered for a topical presentation. We extend a special thank you to the ministers who served us, including Bro. Bryon Palitto (Sis. Lisa, Akron, OH) for “Spiritual Navigation”, Bro. Jerry Bauman (Sis. Martha, Rittman, OH) for “Peter: The Apostle”, Bro. Michael Schneider (Sis. Jodi, Junction, OH) for the Wednesday evening church service, and Bro. Mark Masters (Sis. Jeannine) for “Strengthening Our Resilience”. We trust God will bless the seeds of faith which have been sown!

**Ohio, Rittman**

**Julie Steiner, Maria Beery**

“Now thank we all our God with Heart and Hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, In whom the world rejoices, Who from our mother’s arms Has blest us on our way With countless gifts or love, And still is ours today.”

Zion’s Harp # 236

We are thankful for the ministers who visited our congregation this month. We trust God will bless Bro. Ryan Schock (Sis. Melanie, Bloomfield), Bro. Nathan Rassi (Sis. Michelle, St. Louis), Bro. Chet Manz (Sis. Jenny, Toledo), and Bro. Nathaniel Ramsey (Sis. April, Mansfield) for serving us.

We rejoice with our new convert, Kylie Miller, and pray God will be near her during her repentance.

Michael Hartzler (Bro. Jeff and Sis. Bev) and Courtney Pinner (Ed and Lynn) were united in marriage in Connecticut. Congratulations and God’s blessings to you!

We have several new babies to report. Bro. Ken and Sis. Brenda Gasser welcomed Camryn Brielle to their family. She joins older siblings Jenna, Allison, and Brock. Grandparents are Bro. Jerry and Sis. Ellen Gasser and Bro. Joe and Sis. Mim Stoller. Tucker Owen was born to first-time parents, Bro. Owen and Sis. Carissa Stoller (Smithville). Grandparents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Lorie Riggenbach and Bro. Jeff and Sis. Millie Stoller (Smithville). Bro. Don and Sis. Carol Powell are thankful for the safe arrival of another grandson, Easton David. Easton is welcomed by his parents, Stephen and Vindy Powell, and older siblings, Gavin and Savannah. Twin girls, Averie Elizabeth and Alison Sue, joined the family of Bro. Aaron and Sis. Becky Bauman (Smithville). They will be loved by their big sisters, Lauren, Sierra, Claire, and Olivia, and grandparents, Sis. Diana Raifsnider and Bro. Vic and Sis. Brenda Bauman (Smithville).

Our Sunday School students enjoyed a week of Vacation Bible
School this month. We appreciate each one who gave their time on behalf of our youth!

Ohio, Sardis
Renee Blough, Doris Miller

A graduation breakfast was held for Bro. Thad Indermuhle (Bro. Dana & Sis. Joy) to recognize his graduation from high school. We are thankful that Bro. Thad has chosen to allow God to lead in his life. Zion’s Harp #159 comes to mind as this was a favorite of his great-grandfather, Bro. Delbert Indermuhle, and certainly can be applied to all our lives. Completing eighth grade are Kolton Dotterer (Bro. Bob & Sis. Laura), Caydi Figel (Bro. Andy & Sis. Cyndi), and Leah Hartzler (Bro. Eric & Sis. Jami).

It was a blessing to hear the testimony of faith of Sis. Kate Dotterer and witness the burying of her old life in the baptismal waters. It is good reminder to us all to be thankful for the grace of God as we reflect on our own conversion experiences. “Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.” Jude 1:31 Thank you Bro. Greg Lehman (Sis. Mary Beth, Wolcott, IN) for being here to assist in the work and minister on Sunday.

Our Sunday school students enjoyed spending time together at the annual picnic. Special thanks goes to Bro. Andy Fetzer (Sis. Elizabeth, Smithville, OH) for speaking to us about prophecy, and for ministering on Sunday. We are thankful for those who are willing to exhort one another. “…and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” Hebrews 10:25

The Spring Memorandum from the elders was shared with the congregation. A look at the past, present, and future reveals that the world is changing around us, but how thankful we can be that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. May God, our heavenly Shepherd, direct our dear elder brothers as they diligently strive to be faithful under-shepherds.

Ohio, Smithville
Millie Stoller, Connie Maletich

We were blessed this month with several visiting ministers who came to proclaim the Word of God. A heartfelt thanks goes to elder Bro. Wayne Hartzler (Sis. Camille, Rittman, OH), Bro. Marvin Hartzler (Sis. Sue, Rittman, OH), Bro. Bob Riggenbach (Sis. Lorie, Rittman, OH), Bro. Tim Ramsier (Sis. Jonell, Rittman, OH), Bro. Bryon Palitto (Sis. Lisa, Akron, OH), Bro. Lucas Frank (Sis. Crystal, Detroit, MI) and Bro. Mark Ramsier (Sis. Alice, Sardis, OH) for giving of themselves.

First-time parents, Bro. Owen and Sis. Carissa Stoller, welcomed Tucker Owen into their family. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Jeff and Sis. Millie Stoller and Bro. Bob and Sis. Lorie Riggenbach (Rittman, OH). Averie Elizabeth and Alison Sue brought a double blessing to the home of Bro. Aaron and Sis. Becky Bauman. Sisters Lauren, Sierra, Claire and Olivia and grandparents Bro. Vic and Sis. Brenda Bauman and Sis. Diana Raifsneider (Doug, dec., Rittman, OH) are also thrilled at the arrival of these little twins.

Cousins Tucker Stoller (Bro. Owen and Sis. Carissa) and Stenson Zollinger (Bro. Tim and Sis. Crystal) both spent time at Akron Children’s Hospital this month. We are thankful that Stenson is feeling better and continue to pray for little Tucker as he awaits a heart surgery.

Dinold Grabriel from Haiti is furthering his education in our area and has been assembling with us. We rejoice that he has heeded the call of God and was baptized into the fold.

Sis. Helen Luginbuhl (Bro. Roy, dec.) peacefully passed from this life into eternity. She leaves behind her children: Marvin Luginbuhl (Rose), Jayne Webb (Brian) and Sis. Deb Crary (Bro. Ken). Bro. Jim Ramsier also went to meet the Savior. Grieving his loss are his wife, Sis. Dorothy; his children: Sis. Sue Steiner (Bro. Mark), Kathy Strother (Kevin) and Michael Ramsier (Tina); and his sister-in-law, Sis. Inez (Bro. Bob, dec.) Ramsier.

Ohio, Toledo
Rebekah Witzig, Brooke Harmon

This month we were blessed to have visiting minister Bro. Randy Gasser (Sis. Sue, Detroit,
MI) serve us from the pulpit. We also greatly appreciated the Gasser family serving us lunch. May God bless them for their service to the Toledo church both physically and spiritually!

Our congregation continues to be prayerful as we go through the necessary steps in preparation to build a new church. We are grateful for all the hours put in behind the scenes, and trust God will continue to bless this process.

If your travels bring you to the Toledo area this summer, we invite you to worship with us on Sunday or Thursday evening!

**Ontario, Kitchener**

*RoseLynn Metzger*

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

Greetings to one and all! We hope you had a blessed Easter, remembering what our Savior has done for us, providing the ultimate sacrifice!

In April, we had willing ministers come serve us! On Good Friday, Bro. Warren Schlatter (Sis. Cindy, Junction, OH) came to minister to us. Moving onto May 11, the ladies enjoyed a breakfast out together at a local restaurant. The same weekend, Bro. Chad Leman (Sis. Kim, Fairbury, IL) and their family travelled to minister to us. Their oldest son, Bro. Milan Leman, will be spending the next 3 months here in Kitchener as he completes an internship with Wallenstein Equipment Inc. We welcome him and are excited for the time he is here! On May 19, Bro. Jesse Bedolla (Sis. Bonnie, Livonia, MI) was our visiting minister. That evening, a few from our congregation enjoyed fellowship at the Detroit Homecoming Pizza Dinner and Singing hosted by our brethren in Livonia, MI.

The following weekend, the visiting ministers were Bro. Adrian Strahm (Sis. Harriet, Bern, KS), Bro. Todd Graff (Sis. Lydia, Akron, OH), and Bro. Fred Dietz (Sis. Shanna, Elgin, IL). Words cannot express how much it means when others are willing to come and spend a weekend with us. We would like to extend a heartfelt thankyou to all those who have stopped by! To everyone, be blessed!

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.” Jer. 29:11

**Oregon, Portland**

*Louisa Gallup*

We had the privilege and blessing of having several out of state ministers bringing us the Word recently. We appreciate them signing up for the Portland minister rotation and traveling out west. We were glad to be able to have some fellowship together at a picnic or church meal. Our thanks goes to Bro. Matt Steffen (Sis. Deanna, Princeville, IL), Bro. Randy Mogler (Sis. Evie, Washington, IL) and Bro. Ned Stoller (Sis. Heidi, Alto, MI).

We are thankful also for the local minister support from Silverton OR: Bro. Don Sinn (Sis. Linda) and Bro. Harvey Kuenzi (Sis. Jennifer). Local song leader support is not taken for granted either. We thank them as well.

Elder Bro. John Wiegand (Sis. Jane, Silverton, OR) had a Communion Exhortation service for us recently. His labors are appreciated.

**Oregon, Silverton**

*Lorraine Kuenzi, Teresa Tribbett*

We are excited to announce the engagement of two couples this month: Bro. Nelson Sinn (Bro. Tom and Sis. Edith) to Sis. Teresa Tribbett (Bro. Mark and Sis. Anne-Marie) and Bro. Billy Waibel (Bro. Matt and Sis. Lisa from Peoria, IL) from Phoenix, AZ to Sis. Adrienne Metzger (Bro. Kurt and Sis. Koreen). May God draw each couple closer to Him and to each other as they grow together in love.

May 19, we celebrated our high school graduates with a potluck and singing. There were five who graduate this year: Byron Kuenzi (Bro. Harvey and Sis. Jennifer), Hunter Meissner (Ron and Michelle), Kassandra Stadel (Bro. Nick and Lori), Katie Sinn (Bro. Tom and Sis. Edith), and Collin Zollinger (Bro. Jim and Sis. Tresa).

We are prayerful that God will direct their future endeavors and ultimately draw them into a relationship with Him.

Hannah Kraft’s (Austin) grandmother, Betty Krebs--
Brennan, recently passed away. The family would appreciate your prayerful support during this time.

Thank you goes to Bro. Fred and Sis. Nancy Witzig from Washington, IL, for sharing in Bible class weekend this year! Many special memories were made. It was a blessing to the whole congregation to see the interaction with the high school students as well as hear the Gospel preached and listen to a special presentation by Bro. Fred. May God richly bless your efforts.

Sis. Carol Wackerle (Bro. Greg) would appreciate your prayers as she continues to heal from her recent kidney transplant.

We were blessed to hold dedication services for our newly-remodeled church building on June 2. We appreciated all who came to show support! We especially appreciate Elder Bro. Kevin Ryan (Sis. Cheryl, Rockville, CT), and ministering Bros. Dana Indermuhle (Sis. Joy, Sardis, OH), Todd Graf (Sis. Lydia, Akron, OH) and Jerry Bauman (Sis. Martha, Rittman OH) for being with us. The thought was expressed that while different individuals worked on different parts of the church building, in the end, our individuality blends into one building to the glory of God. Certainly we want to give God the glory and praise for how He has blessed our project. While we sincerely appreciate the many individuals who have given time and effort to our church. All glory goes to God. Great things He hath done!

Also visiting us this month was Bro. Doug Wagenbach (Sis. Lillian, San Diego, CA). We appreciated his efforts to bring the Word to us.

Another blessing we have received this month is Collin Bruce Lanz, born to Bro. Tyler and Sis. Mallory. Excited siblings are Cameron and Ashtyn. Thankful grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Kay Lanz and Bro. Bruce and Sis. Amy Rosswurm (Latty, OH).

May 26 was the wedding day of Raj Singh and Breanna Lanz (Bro. John and Sis. Kay). We wish the new couple God’s richest blessings as they begin their lives together.

**Tennessee, Nashville**

**Mike Fritz**

It was with joy and thankfulness we were able to witness the baptism of our new brother and sister in Christ, Bro. Jeremy and Sis. Jillian Bradbury. We pray the Lord will continue to bless and direct them as they seek to serve Him in love and sincerity.

We were blessed by the loving efforts of several visiting ministers in the past month, including Elder Bro. Tom Waldbeser (Sis. Sue; Peachtree City, GA), Bro. Daron Price (Sis. Monica; Athens, AL), Bro. Matthew Russi (Sis. Bridget; Chicago, IL), Bro. Byron Stoller (Sis. Carol; Gridley, IL), Elder Bro. Dave Graf (Sis. Barb; Akron, OH), and Bro. Matthew Kaisner (Sis. Jodi; Fairbury, IL).

We have also appreciated the opportunity to fellowship with visitors from Peachtree City, GA; Fairbury, Gridley, and Roanoke, IL; Francesville, IN; and Akron, OH; as well as some local visitors.

If you are traveling to or through the Nashville area, please plan to fellowship and worship with us. We meet for worship every Sunday. Please contact us ahead of time to confirm our schedule. Contacts are Bro. Mike & Sis. Monica Fritz, 615.866.5543, fritzmb.family@gmail.com; Bro. Jeff & Sis. Cynde Stoller,
309.530.5760, cyndelynnstoller@gmail.com; or Bro. Jordan & Sis. Emily Fritz, 615.852.9109, jordanmfritz@gmail.com.

Texas, Austin/Bastrop

Candace Meiss

We send our Love and Greetings from Austin/Bastrop

Once again as I sit at our kitchen table with the morning sunbeams scattering through the trees, I am reminded of His great faithfulness and mercy.

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”, a song our Phoenix choir often sang comes to mind. “Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changes not, Thy compassions, they fail not, as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be. Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness; Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided-Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!”

We had a wonderful week of VBS! It was held in the morning at Stoney Point Park and in the evening at church with an additional evening VBS in Stoney Point with approximately 40-50 students attending each day. We are so very thankful for all the visiting teachers from Indiana, Ohio, Georgia and Illinois. They did such an amazing job. The gospel was preached, and souls were reached. We were blessed from the Word on Wednesday evening as part of our VBS activities as Elder Bro. Mike Leman from Denver presented a topical Bible Study for all adults.

We also bid farewell to our sweet Dakota Bazzell as she moved to El Paso to continue her education, continue in the Army reserves and get settled in an apt with her husband. We enjoyed having her here for the summer and she will be missed. We wish her the best and will continue to lift her up in prayer.

“Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessing all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness, morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided-Greats Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!”

We are so thankful for our visitors and encourage everyone passing through to stop and worship with us! Please refer to our minister's directory for directions and contacts.

Texas, Dallas-Ft. Worth

Sheena Pelsy

“Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go, Anywhere He leads me in this world below; Anywhere without Him dearest joys would fade; Anywhere with Jesus I am not afraid.” Anywhere with Jesus, Hymns of Zion #179

On our first Sunday of the month, we welcomed new faces as well as said goodbye to a familiar one. Sis. Heather will be missed by the Dallas church as she moves overseas at the end of July to do linguistic work. She has lived in Dallas for 3 ½ years for schooling.

Bro. Mark Steffen (Sis. Stacey, Phoenix, AZ) and three of their children, Emma, Joshua, and Ella, also followed God’s call for them to move to the Dallas area back in May. We are blessed to have new faces in our church and welcome the Steffen family with open arms.

Bro. Leland Plattner (Sis. Mary Zapata, TX) was also with us for Sunday services and blessed us with the Word of God.
Many of us in life have endured some type of journey where we are taken away from what is comfortable and familiar to a place that is unfamiliar and uncomfortable. Whether we choose these journeys or they happen suddenly, as believers in Christ, we are able to endure those journeys with hope and confidence in Jesus. The hymn “Anywhere with Jesus” perfectly captures what it is like to have full faith in Jesus wherever we are called. The music Daniel Towner wrote for this song was inspired by one of Dwight L. Moody’s sermons that proclaimed a Christian could go anywhere without fear because Christ was always by his side. After presenting the music to Jessie Brown, she later came up with the words that wholeheartedly embrace this theme.

We are thankful for the Steffen family as they trusted in the Lord’s direction when moving to Texas and thankful to see our Sis. Heather fulfill her journey as she moves overseas for work. The journeys we travel aren’t guaranteed to be easy or without pain, but we are guaranteed that Jesus will be with us the whole way.

Services are being held every 2nd and 4th Sunday. If you plan to visit or want to call ahead to verify services, call Bro. Adam Graf (330-590-7086).

Vermont, Clarendon
Nathan Reutter

This past month we have enjoyed much. A few members of the Fairbury and Forrest, IL young groups came to visit. We are finishing a school year with one high school graduate, our son Lucas Reutter. We remembered Christ’s suffering at Communion. Our souls were filled to overflowing with God’s goodness to us in both the mundane passages of life and the unique opportunities that occur just frequently enough to be especially meaningful.

Our visiting ministers included Bro. Warren Zahner (Sis. Bonnie, Rockville, CT), Bro. Brent Walder (Sis. Naomi, Rockville, CT), Bro. Jon Zahner (Sis. Amy, Rockville, CT), Bro. Kevin Ryan (Sis. Cheryl, Rockville, CT), and Bro. Jerry Isch (Sis. Linda, Philadelphia, PA). As is obvious, most of our ministers and their wives came from Rockville, CT. We want to especially thank the Rockville church for lending their ministers to support our Bro. Mark Hoffman. We also thank Bro. Jerry and Sis. Linda for traveling the many miles to participate in worship with us. Thanks go to all of them and especially thanks goes to God.

God bless each of you this month with His special presence.

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If You Only Knew

1. Have you prayed for a loved one struggling hard with pain? You asked the Lord for healing, but that healing never came. And in spite of all your efforts, the good Lord called them Home. It’s hard to let go when you’re trying to hold on.

2. Now you’re down in the valley looking up to the sky And you’re praying “Lord, you know what’s best, but I don’t understand why.” If you could hear your loved one speaking now to you, They’d say, “You wouldn’t be grieving if you only knew.”

3. To be absent from the body is present with the Lord I’m in the arms of Jesus now, and I’m not suffering anymore. Hand in hand we’ll stroll together down Heaven’s avenue. We’re having a big celebration if you only knew.

CHORUS

If you only knew I’m just going Home. Your prayers have been answered, my sickness is gone. Things look much better from Heaven's view. The Son always shines, we’re having a time, If you only knew.

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Things look much better from Heaven’s view. The Son always shines, we’re having a time, If you only knew.
Business Manager Job Opportunity

The Apostolic Christian Home of Eureka has an opening for a Business Manager. This key position is responsible for the accounting functions of the Home. Below is a listing of the primary job functions and qualifications. Please prayerfully consider this special opportunity to serve our elderly. Interested individuals should submit a resume and application to Kim Joos, Administrator. Applications can be found on our website at www.each.org.

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- Responsible for accounting functions including accounts receivable, accounts payable and payroll systems.
- Serves as Compliance Officer and HIPAA Privacy and Security Officer.
- Responsible for facility IT functions including ongoing trouble shooting and recommendations for hardware and software updates.
- Serves as Acting Administrator in the absence of the Administrator.

Business Manager Qualifications

- Bachelor’s degree in Accounting or Business Administration.
- Experience in accounting field is preferred.
- Knowledge of IT systems.
- Ability to make independent decisions when circumstances warrant such actions.
- Possess the ability to deal tactfully with personnel, residents, family members, visitors, government agencies and the general public.
- Ability to work harmoniously with and supervise professional and non-professional personnel.
- Ability to plan, organize, develop, implement, and interpret the programs, goals, objectives, policies and procedures, etc., that are necessary for providing quality resident care and maintaining a sound operation.
- Trustworthy
- Team player
- Compassionate
- Open communicator
- Self-motivated
- Flexible strong leadership skills
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**Haiti Awareness Tour**

If you would like to meet the missionaries and see the ministries of CCCD, Deaf Can! Coffee, and En Gedi House in person, but do not have the desire to participate on a short-term team, please consider our new Awareness Tour. This is a quick trip that gives interested parties the opportunity to meet our missionary families, learn more about our Jamaica ministry as well as other outreach supported by HarvestCall. The trip will be over a weekend and include worshiping with a deaf congregation.

To learn more, Email or Call: Kent Mogler at 612-360-4361 or moglerkent@gmail.com
Haiti Awareness Tours

If you’d like to see the ministry of Hospital Lumiere and other Haiti projects in person, but do not have the time or desire to participate in a week-long work team, please consider our Awareness Tours. These are quick trips that give you the opportunity to meet our missionary families, learn more about the hospital, see the completed renovations and work in process, and visit some of the other HarvestCall ministries in southern Haiti. The remaining Awareness Tour for 2019 is scheduled for Sept. 28-Oct. 2.

To learn more, contact:
Rich Bertschi at 309.467.2351
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Haiti, Bonne Fin
Construction Teams

The Hospital Lumiere renovation program continues to restore and improve the facility to an environment that honors God and provides an atmosphere that contributes to the wellbeing of the hospital staff, our patients and their families.

Hospital Lumiere has an ongoing need for maintenance and/or construction teams and especially for skilled electricians. Rather than listing predetermined dates and asking people to fit into them, if a team, or individual, is interested in coming, they should contact the Hospital Administrator to discuss possible dates and available projects.

Hospital Administrator Bro. Rick Aberle
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in the Medical Field

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**NURSE:** Support and mentor Haitian nursing staff, engage in patient care

There are many needs for medical professionals to serve the patients and Haitian staff including those listed above. If you are led to the mission field but your skill set and qualifications are not a good match for the positions listed above, please contact us. There is flexibility on requirements listed as well as job descriptions and qualifications. Many times, the role that is filled can be developed to fit the gifts of each applicant.

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Terms of Service

- Live on the CVE campus in the homes of the children being cared for.
- Language, culture and caregiver training will be provided.

Candidate selection, preparation, training, sending and supporting will be conducted using HarvestCall's established Outreach Policies and Procedures.

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A caregiver assistant responsibilities include: Support or provide spiritual leadership and training for the children; support the caregiver in providing for the daily physical, social and emotional needs of the children; continual pursuit of personal emotional and spiritual growth; continual professional growth as an assistant; administer discipline in love and using biblical principles in accordance with CVE policies; grow in cultural knowledge and sensitivity.

Terms of Service

- Live on or near the CVE campus, may include living in the home of the children being cared for
- Language, culture and caregiver training will be provided.

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The responsibilities could include: Support the caregiver in providing care for children; accounting support; drive church and/or school routes; prepare meals and support meal prep for work teams; work with livestock; teach work related skills to the children.

**Terms of Service**

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The Faith of Jacob
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subsequently to the house of Laban, his mother’s brother. Jacob served Laban for twenty years; fourteen to marry his two daughters and six more for his cattle. Laban and Jacob had a very strained relationship. Laban changed his wages frequently, and despite that, Jacob acquired much of Laban’s flocks and herds. At length, God told Jacob, “… Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee”.

As Jacob began his journey homeward, he was met by angelic messengers, and subsequently sent his own messengers to Esau, seeking mercy. Upon the messenger’s return, he was greatly alarmed to learn that his brother was coming to meet him with four-hundred men. Fearing the worst, Jacob first sought God in earnest prayer, and then prepared a gift of livestock with the hope of appeasing Esau’s wrath. That night, Jacob had yet another awe-inspiring experience. An angel of God appeared to him, and he wrestled all night with the angel—Continued from pg. 3—until receiving the blessing he desired. Because of his persistence, the angel changed his name from Jacob to Israel, “And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob (Supplanter), but Israel (Prince of God): for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed”.

In essence, God was telling Jacob, “Because thou hast power with God, thou shalt also prevail with men”. His faith renewed, Jacob met his brother with miraculous results, “And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept”.

When facing his many struggles, Jacob learned to seek a close fellowship with God, and his faith grew until he was transformed into a chosen instrument of the Lord. In fulfillment of God’s earlier promise, Jacob’s sons became the twelve tribes of Israel, “All these are the twelve tribes of Israel: and this is it that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them”. In addition, Jesus referred to Jacob very favorably in the New Testament, “And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven”.

Finally, many consider Jacob’s prophecy of the “Prince of Peace” descending from his son Judah as the culmination of his faith, “The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be”. In like manner as Jacob, we can overcome in our own trials by consistently seeking God’s help and grace through faith. We can also experience a lifelong journey of growing in faith as we diligently pursue God.

Endnotes:
1 Hebrews 11:21
2 1 Samuel 24:10
3 Genesis 25:23
4 Romans 4:20-21
5 Genesis 28:12
6 Genesis 28:13-15
7 Genesis 28:20-22
8 Genesis 31:3
9 Genesis 32:28
10 Genesis 33:4
11 James 4:8
12 Genesis 49:28
13 Matthew 8:11
14 Genesis 49:10
15 Hebrews 11:6
Monthly Sermon, continued

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It means “in waiting.” We are in waiting. And what are we waiting for? What was Abraham waiting for? What was Isaac waiting for? What about Moses and David and Jephthae and Rahab and all of these? They lived in the present reality of a hope, as the passage says, that promise was not realized to them. They lived out their days without their promise. It’s so fascinating, really.

Just take Abraham, for example: his whole life was spent struggling to have a child, and the promise was that he was going to be a granddaddy of a nation. He never experienced it. He was also promised land, like an inheritance. Do you know what he had to do when Sarah died? He had to go buy a piece of land from the neighboring community to bury her, because he didn’t have any land to himself. Never did Abraham enjoy his namesake promises, because he’s patient in waiting and he believed God in spite of all of that.

What we have here, I think Romans 8 articulates so well. We have things within us, some things that are crying out. This says “groaning” – “even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption,” waiting for this redemption of our body. (v. 23) And we’re saved by this hope. “But hope that is seen is not hope.” (v. 24) We don’t see the resolve. “For what a man seeth why doth he yet hope for?” (v. 24) But we have patience for it.

So, capital-P-Patience is when we resign the dissonance that we carry in this life, as not needing to be resolved here. Let’s give some examples, some pointed examples to fill that out. It could be an addict that realizes that they will never be free from the temptation that plagues them. That’s capital-P-Patience. That’s an inward groaning of redemption yet coming. It could be a spouse that realizes that marriage isn’t what I signed up for. That’s capital-P-Patience, a groaning for redemption that may not be experienced on this side of the grave. It might be a parent who struggles with the brokenness they see in their children, and you know well that your children will “walk with a limp” the rest of their life. That’s capital-P-Patience. Does that make sense? Capital-P-Patience.

There’s another reason why our hope is dim as believers: all of our perceived needs are being met by this temporal world. I repeat, all of your perceived needs are met by this temporal world. You’re not going to get to Oregon if that’s your mindset; there’s no reason to go there. I think Satan has sold us a bill of goods on this one.

We strive to get comfy. I might suggest to you that you see the inheritance and the hope of heaven that’s spelled out so clearly in Romans 8. We don’t see what these forebears had as imminent. We don’t see the brevity of this life. We don’t see that God’s reconciliation and God’s redemption is coming in a beautiful way, and this is where we are pilgrims.

If you were to stop any of those pilgrims that were maybe between St. Louis and Oregon, back when they did that, and you paused them midway in Kansas to ask them about their discomforts – and you might even offer a remedy – they would probably turn to you and say, “I’m not home yet; it’s not supposed to be comfortable here. I’m passing through.” So, our hope is dim when we don’t realize, when we don’t grab a hold of the eternity and the eternal perspective of heaven above.

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just need to re-evaluate, and I’m including myself in there. We need to re-evaluate what our needs are, don’t we? We have to re-evaluate what our needs are because when I realize my great needs and when I realize that this world offers no remedy for those great needs that I have, this is actually very good news. It sounds tragic, doesn’t it, for one to come to an understanding, a grasp that I have needs that will never be met here? But when we realize that I have deep, great needs that cannot be met here, then our eyes lift upward to where they will be met and where they will be cared for and where they will be resolved. I think in those moments, we’ll find ourselves very kin to Rahab, to Gideon, to Moses, to Abraham, to Isaac, and the rest who processed their suffering, who processed their temptations, who processed their difficulties thru the lens of God’s eternal promises.

Seeking the Lord’s Direction as Dairy begins Production Phase
Haiti Dairy Committee
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It is a blessing to see joy on a child’s face who has just drank some delicious chocolate milk from Good Vision Farm! As this ministry moves to find ways to sustain its business and spiritual progression, the committee covets prayers and wisdom to move in a direction that is God-honoring and peaceful.

— by LuAnn Troxel

The Seven “I Am’s” of Jesus Christ from John’s Gospel

1. I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John 6:35
2. 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
3. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. John 10:9
4. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. John 10:11
5. I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: John 11:25
6. I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6
7. I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. John 15:1
There’s a Church on the levee by the Fabby, No lovelier spot far around.

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Remembering Our Spiritual Heritage

This month’s Remembering focus will be on the last days of Samuel H. Froehlich. These excerpts are taken from “Apostolic Christian History, Volume I” by Herman Ruegger of Switzerland, published in the summer of 1947, at Goldbach, in the canton of Zurich.

Samuel Froehlich’s Last Days
Froehlich’s last sermon was delivered on Sunday, December 18, 1856 at Strasburg and was based on Isaiah 24:21-23. He had been zealous in ministry and outreach. He had started out with no members, and with diligence preached across the cantons of Switzerland, and exclaimed the gospel, stressing repentance, conversion, and becoming a new creature. As converts came, and were baptized, a new church was organized, separate from the Swiss Protestant State church, and its sole basis was the Scriptures. The church model he established was based on the Bible, and sound doctrine. His devotion to truth, and the devotion of his co-workers was blessed as 110 congregations were established in 35 years -- from nothing.

The toils of preaching often caused a weariness. He mentions the troubles of traveling. “When I reached a certain point of rest, and set up a dwelling, and suddenly a heavy storm struck and broke over my head, then I would have to take my pilgrim staff and go on. I do not regret our going out; we would and should not let anything frighten us, and if all unite to praise God, then there is no enmity and no foreign spirit that can work among us. I know of nothing better. My soul is comforted in the Lord.

Death of Bro. Froehlich
Ruegger reports that Froehlich “closed his eyes in death” on January 15, 1857, at the age of 53 1/2 years. Ruegger thought his home-going was too early. His body took a toll from constant activity, from sickness, and constant persecution. Yet his work was indeed worthy, with all credit given to the Lord. He held up to 450 meetings a year. He was often so weak he had to be led to the pulpit. Yet, when beginning to preach, he was filled with joy and strength and could deliver a sermon with power. He annually wrote from two to three hundred letters, in duplicate, each year, and kept a diary.

Ruegger further explains, “The work was God’s. For that reason, it also prevailed after Froehlich’s death. As hard as his going was for the church, yet it no longer shook the foundation laid in Christ. The church lived on and was extended.”

His Burial
“The mortal remains of Samuel Froehlich were buried in Strasburg where he had taken refuge during the period of persecution. A plain gravestone, in the St. Helena Cemetery, which stands to this day, marks the end of his pilgrimage, where he laid down his wanderer’s staff. The home of the soul is above, in light. There he found that resting place which he could not find here. A faithful witness of Jesus Christ has gone home to rest, the rest that has no end. His living and dying was Christ.”

The Last Words of Bro. Samuel Froehlich
“I shall die, Lord my God. May Thou keep Thy holy ones from temptation which is in the world, that they may not perish, but abide in Thee, and give them eternal life. For the prince of this world is prepared with his whole power of darkness, and preachers of unrighteousness, who seek to destroy Thy work, and to mislead Thy elect. Thou knowest that I have not sought glory before men, but only to further Thy Name before all and have not been ashamed of Thee and have fought until this hour.”

-by Perry Klopfenstein
A Word from THE WORD - "GOSPEL"

The word “gospel” is very familiar to all Bible readers, as it occurs over 100 times in the New Testament. In fact, it is commonly described as “good news,” which is an adequate definition. But it has an interesting origin and a variety of uses in the Scriptures.

When used as a noun, the word “gospel” occurs 74 times and always refers to the message from God and His Son Jesus Christ. It is a translation of the Greek word euaggelion and is most accurately represented by the English phrase “good message.”

The first 4 books of the NT – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John – are rightly called the “Gospels” because of their record of the “good news” of Jesus’ birth, ministry, death, and resurrection. The angel Gabriel undoubtedly was referring to this “good news” when he announced to Mary, “I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.”

The Greek word euaggelion was originally used to denote a reward for good tidings. Later, the idea of a reward was dropped, and it came to stand for the “good news” itself. Our English word “evangelist” comes from this word, denoting one who teaches the gospel message.

One of the greatest aspects of the “good news” is that Jesus took on human form and came to earth to fulfill His God-ordained mission. Jesus frequently taught this “great message” in His ministry, using His teachings to explain the reasons why God sent Him to earth.

Good News – The Light of Faith will Dispel Darkness

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. John 12:46

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Good News – The Lost are Saved
And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, . . . For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. John 19:9-10

Good News – There is Abundant Life in Christ
I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10

Good News – Sinners are Called to Repentance
I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Luke 5:11

Good News – Believers can have Everlasting Life
For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Good News – God’s Plan was Completed
I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. John 17:4

Good News – Sin’s Ransom was Paid
Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28

Good News – The Devil’s Works were Destroyed
For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8

Good News – Jesus Gave Witness to the Truth
Jesus answered . . . To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. John 18:37

Good News – Jesus Fulfilled all the O.T. Prophecies
I am not come to destroy [the law], but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Matthew 5:17-18

-by Ron Heiniger
While going down life’s weary road
I’ll try to lift some traveler’s load
I’ll try to turn the night to day
Make flowers bloom along the way.