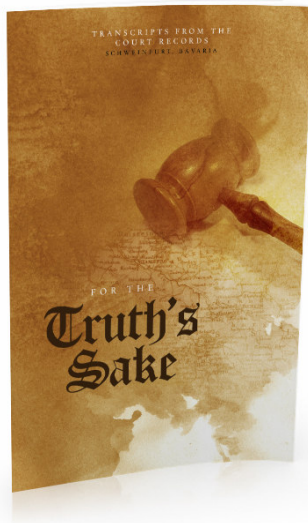


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...This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.  
Isaiah 54:17



## ***FOR THE TRUTH'S SAKE***

A newly republished booklet is soon to be released by the Heritage Center Foundation. *For the Truth's Sake* is a chronicle of transcripts from the court records of Schweinfurt, Bavaria, from 1850 to 1854, concerning the formation of a new Evangelical Baptist congregation by Andrew Braun and followers. Within the transcripts, the reader will find an inspiring confession of faith and will read an account of what happened when church authorities tried to force a young believing couple to have their infant baptized in the state church. Braun and his flock were persecuted to the point that they left their homeland of Germany and came

to America where freedom of religion was protected.

This 36 page booklet was originally published by Apostolic Christian Publishing Company of Syracuse, New York, and is now being resurrected for current readers of Apostolic Christian history. It should be available by November 1 at a price of \$4.00. To order your copy, call Heritage Press at 309-249-6281, or email [heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com), or order online from [www.melttheheart.com](http://www.melttheheart.com).

## **NEW TRANSLATION PROJECT IN PROGRESS**

The Heritage Center Foundation has undertaken a sizable project which involves translating Samuel Froehlich's Meditations on the Book of Matthew from Swiss High German to English. The 300 plus pages are being professionally translated by a brother in faith and will be checked for content and accuracy before being published. We are looking at possibly a year or more until completion. The scope of this project is generating a need for financial assistance from those who recognize the value of making this translation available. Anyone wishing to donate to the Matthew Translation Project may send contributions to The Heritage Center Foundation, c/o Fairview Haven, 605 N. Fourth St., Fairbury, IL 61739.

## South Side and North Side Church Baptismals



The baptismal on the left was used by the South Side Church from 1880 - 1949. The four handles were used to carry it from storage to the pump near the church. Weather was never a deterrent, and those who chose to be baptized in winter had to endure temperatures not much improved from when believers were baptized in Indian Creek prior to 1880.

The baptismal on the right was used by the North Side Church. Members recall that it was stored in the horse barns with the hearse, and that during inclement weather, baptisms were held in the dining room.

Signs placed inside the baptismals state:

In an effort to preserve a portion of the Heritage of our Precious Faith, it should be stressed that this baptismal is not to be regarded as an Idol or an Antique as vintage machinery;

but a reminder of the hardships and trials; as well as the many Souls that made their vows before these waters to seal their Faith in God and bring us to the comforts we take for granted today.

# Do you have . .

. . . inspirational experiences to share?

From World War I through the Vietnam Conflict, many Apostolic Christian brothers and friends were called to serve our country in the military. We know that what God calls us to, He will carry us through. The Heritage Center is seeking stories of God's providence that you may have experienced in the military. Did you suffer persecution for being a non-combatant? Was there a time that you know God's protecting hand is what brought you back to camp safely? If you have a faith-inspiring account that you are willing to share, please contact (309) 242-2257 or [heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com).

### Spiritual Breadcrumbs

"When one is richly satisfied at one time at the Lord's table with the bread that comes from heaven and gives life to the world, he should diligently set aside the remaining fragments for another time. This I have done here. My basket is small; others fill much larger ones. But in the end: 'He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.' (II Cor. 8:15) It all depends on faith."

This is the foreword to "Spiritual Breadcrumbs," a very early work that Froehlich wrote starting in 1829 when he was still active in the state church. This is an example of another Heritage Center translation project currently in progress.

## *Do you know. . .*

...which three famous classical composers wrote the music for the following *Zion's Harp* songs?

- 1) No. 87, "Faith's Confidence": While fear hints, 'There's something God will deny.'
- 2) No. 34, "The New Birth from Above": Glory be to God in heaven.
- 3) No. 29, "The Mediator": Great and priestly mediator (hint: melody of "Ode to Joy" in 2000 ed.) and No. 230, "Our Shepherd and King": All who have learned to know the Lord.

Our well-beloved *Zion's Harp* hymnal is considered a classic as the music and lyrics span a time frame of 500 years.

Order your copies of *Zion's Harp* a cappella hymns and accompanying historical booklets from Apostolic Christian Publications, [www.melttheheart.com](http://www.melttheheart.com), or other local suppliers. Ask for *Zion's Harp* CD's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Answers: 1) George F. Handel    2) Wolfgang Mozart    3) Ludwig van Beethoven

### **Mailing List**

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## *A Selection from History*

The following words were spoken by Bro. John Bahler (Rockville, CT) after reading Acts 10:

He was fully persuaded and convinced in his heart that Peter was not bringing him a personal message, something that originated within, but that he indeed was a servant of God and through the inspiration would deliver unto him Words of Life. Oh may God ever also fill us with that same thought as Cornelius – that as often as we gather together that we also come together and pray unto God that He might reveal His good Will and pleasure unto us, speak unto us through His servants – that we would not deceive ourselves, beloved, and possibly believe that now today we may hear something different. We do not wish to hear anything different, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified; but it is our heart's wish and desire, is it not, to be stirred up anew and afresh, to be reminded of our high and Heavenly calling, to be reminded of that Wondrous Love, that Love of God that manifested itself in Christ Jesus, His Son.

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**“The Gospel of Truth”**  
*Zion’s Harp #3, verses 1 and 2*

The heavens with God's praise resound;  
It reaches earth's remotest bound,  
Wheree'er our gaze is wending.  
Blest is the country, blest the clime,  
To which the Word of Life sublime  
Its light and truth is sending.  
Truthful, joyful, heart renewing,  
Sin subduing, Comfort spending,  
To the soul its glory lending.

Though all this world should pass away,  
The truthful Word of God will stay.  
It gives us bread from heaven,  
Illuminates our earthly course,  
Of strength and courage is the source.  
The humble now are given  
Knowledge, wisdom; Earth relenteth;  
Faith ascendeth pure, immortal,  
Out of death to heaven's portal.