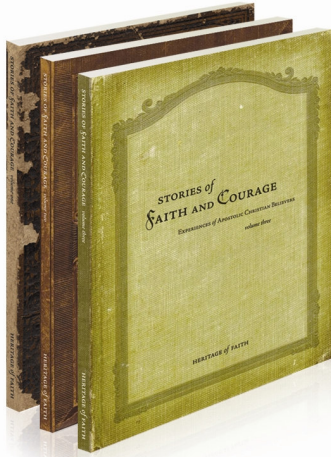


# HERITAGE CENTER FOUNDATION

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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



## **VOLUME 3 OF STORIES OF FAITH AND COURAGE, EXPERIENCES OF APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN BELIEVERS**

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**STORIES OF FAITH AND COURAGE VOL. 3**  
*Experiences of Apostolic Christian Believers*

### **New Items in the Heritage Center**

- Newly-translated letter written by Bro. Joseph Bella to Bro. Samuel Froehlich
- Old, beautiful veils from Croghan-Naumburg
- Extensive thesis paper on the history of the *Zion's Harp*
- The Apostolic Christian Statement of Faith in Braille

Thank you to the gracious donor who gave a new copier to the Heritage Center! Visitors can now make copies of our many historical documents to read and enjoy at home.

### **Own a Piece of History**

The HCF has an excess of German *Zion's Harps* and *Heft* "long book" hymnbooks. Both German books were used exclusively in Apostolic Christian churches until English translations were published. If you are interested in obtaining one, contact Sally Fehr.

### **Monetary Help Needed**

*Stories of Faith and Courage* have been well received by the brotherhood, and there have been numerous requests for more of the same. As we near completion of Volume 3, we realize it will take substantial money to publish the first printing. Also the supply of Volume 1 books is nearly depleted, and further printing of this title is necessary to keep it available. Projected dollar amounts needed for the printing of both of these books is approximately \$15,000. Money given to this cause is put back into the printing of future volumes and historical materials. If you feel so moved to give towards this worthy cause, checks can be made out to Heritage Center Foundation, c/o Sally Fehr, 605 N. Fourth Street, Fairbury, IL 61739. Your donations are tax deductible and are very much appreciated.

### **Where is the Heritage Center?**

The HCF is located in the basement of Fairview Haven Nursing Home (Fairview Suites) at 605 N. Fourth St. in Fairbury. Enter in the north doors facing the church, take the elevator to the basement and it is three doors down on the right.

# Do you have . . .

## Historic Sermons Project

The Heritage Center is beginning to collect sermons of deceased ministers from America or Europe, which we plan to organize in a searchable database in digital format. The database will include both text as well as audio files. At the present time, we would like to begin by collecting printed sermons in any language. Non-English sermons will be translated as time permits and as translators are available. Collected sermons will be scanned using OCR software in order to put the sermons in a searchable format. In the future, visitors to the Heritage Center will be able to select sermons for printing or copying to a CD for reading at home. Please send **COPIES ONLY** of any sermons you might be willing to share to:

Heritage Center Foundation, c/o Sally Fehr, 605 N. Fourth Street, Fairbury, IL 61739

Please include as much information for each sermon as you know, including the minister, date, church, and special event if applicable (i.e. funeral service). Sermons may also be scanned and e-mailed to: [jstoller@fairpoint.net](mailto:jstoller@fairpoint.net). (PDF format only, please).

The Heritage Center Foundation has various historical items which would be interesting to display but are too delicate to be handled. If you have **glass display cases** that you would be willing to donate or if you would like to make a contribution towards the purchase of some, please contact Crystal Streitmatter at (309) 676 - 3122 or [cjstreit@mtco.com](mailto:cjstreit@mtco.com).



The HCF has Zion's Harps in four foreign languages:  
German, Romanian, Serbian,  
and Hungarian

A Statement of Faith printed in Braille has recently been donated to the Heritage Center. ***A Zion's Harp in Braille*** is also available. This unique book would take up about 4 feet of shelf-space and costs \$200 to print. If you would be interested in donating funds to purchase this rare item, please contact Sally Fehr.

A brother who has done research into the life and writings of Bro. Samuel Froehlich has recommended that the current translation of Froehlich's meditations on the Book of Matthew be compared with the original German to improve the English and then be printed. The Book of Matthew lays out much of the doctrine of our Apostolic Christian Church. If you would like to donate to this project, please contact Sally Fehr at (815) 692-3407 or [sfehr@fairviewhaven.org](mailto:sfehr@fairviewhaven.org)

## *Did you know. . .*

Long before our church used CD's or even cassette tapes, sermons were recorded on reel-to-reel tapes. What benefit were these if few people had reel-to-reel machines in their homes to play the tapes? One faithful Bradford brother would spend 2-3 evenings each week travelling to various shut-ins with his machine to play that Sunday's sermon. What a blessed way to spend time and bring God's Word to those in need!

### Heritage Center receives tax-exempt status

The Heritage Center Foundation is now an approved charity according to Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. tax code. All contributions of cash and non-cash items are deductible retroactive to November 29, 2006. Donations are greatly appreciated to cover postage and printing costs for various projects and to purchase and maintain library equipment and supplies. Receipts will be sent for all donations, regardless of the amount. Recent changes in the tax law now allow an individual to send a distribution from his or her IRA directly to a charity through the end of 2007, which may be utilized to satisfy the individual's required minimum distribution (RMD) for that year.

## *A selection from history*

The following words were written to a brother from Peoria, Illinois, in a letter by Bro. Samuel Froehlich on **March 31, 1855**:

Oh brother, there is nothing lovelier to behold than the image of God in newly born and created children of God. In such beautiful pictures we can behold and recognize God Himself in His love, friendliness, holiness as well as His own Son, who appeared in this world. Through His Spirit He is still appearing. Like a faded picture is restored, so is the image of God reflected in believers and saints, in whose number also you are included in Jesus Christ.

## Silver Lining Library Nearly Complete

Our sincere appreciation to those of you who have offered and/or sent Silver Lining issues. Thanks to all of you, our collection is now complete from 1963 to current, with the exception of two issues. We still need a November 1990 and November 1991 issue.

We have also received a few issues that are older than 1963. However, these are not in the best shape, so we would still appreciate your contacting us if you have any issues prior to 1963. Please contact Sally Fehr at [sfehr@fairviewhaven.org](mailto:sfehr@fairviewhaven.org) or (815) 692-3407 (home) or (815) 692-2572 (work).

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Because of the numerous phone calls and contacts about Silver Linings following our last appeal for back issues, I am concerned that I may have overlooked some offers and/or neglected to return some of your calls. If this is the case, it was completely unintentional and I apologize. Thanks for your efforts – and, if you still have some of the missing issues listed above, please contact me again. Thanks! –Sally

## Mailing List

If you know of someone who would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact:

Darcy Stoller  
(309) 242-2257  
[drstoller@juno.com](mailto:drstoller@juno.com)

If you would be willing to receive the newsletter in color via **email**, please contact the above email address. This would help reduce some of the production costs for our non-profit organization.

If you do not wish to receive future newsletters from the Heritage Center Foundation, you may remove your name by emailing or calling the phone number listed above.

**“THE HIGH PRIEST”**  
*Zion’s Harp #55, verses 1 and 7*

Lord Jesus, praise to Thee ascend,  
Thou strong help and foundation!  
Thy priesthood great will never end,  
Nor cease Thy blest salvation.  
Lord, Thou art he who answers pray’r,  
Relieves our fears and ev’ry care,  
If we in faith draw near Thee.

O treasure, bright with heav’nly ray,  
My heart holds Thy impression!  
O pearl, whose price no world can pay;  
Thou shalt be my possession!  
O gratifying heritage,  
O haven of my pilgrimage,  
Be mine through Jesus’ favor!

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