

# Lighthouse of Iowa

September 2008

*A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance; but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.*

*Proverbs 15:13*

I keep markers bearing inspirational Bible verses in my Bible and in the devotional books I read each morning. One marker, however, is a cartoon, laminated to withstand endless readings. I found it years ago in a magazine I'd taken to lunch with me, planning to read while I waited for a friend.

It had been a downbeat morning. I awoke depressed. My husband Carl had already left for work so I poured coffee, flipped on the newscast and opened the morning paper. Both depressed me further. A sudden rainstorm made driving to town hazardous. Truckers splashed muddy water onto my windshield, and a driver pulled out from behind me, sped around and slammed on his



brakes. I was ready to give my friend an earful of the morning disasters. Then I opened the magazine.

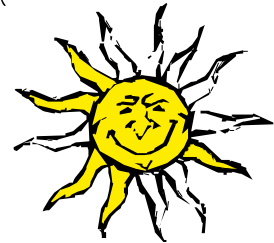
The cartoon before me depicted a motherly looking woman gazing down affectionately at her dog, a Springer Spaniel. "Thank you," she was saying, "for not talking about recession, inflation, the weather or your health." I got the message and chuckled. We had a pleasant lunch.

I'm sure you already have bookmarks bearing Bible verses. But could you perhaps find a place for this gentle reminder to spread sunshine instead of gloom? Perhaps you could write it under a snapshot of your favorite animal. I'm sure God would approve.

*Dear Heavenly Father, You give us so many wonderful gifts each day. Help us to keep our thoughts and our conversations on them.*

Aletha Jane Lindstrom

## Sunshine



*A Boston daily spoke one day, thus: "The day opened cloudy and cheerless, but about noon Phillips Brooks came downtown and then everything brightened up."*

*Many Christians are just like Phillips Brooks in this respect, and one such Christian is the author of "In the Service of the King." Always he radiated joy and gladness. Early in the first chapter he told how he deliberately made up his mind to do this. One day he was reading Gulliver's tale of the great inventor who had hit upon a device for extracting from cucumbers sunshine, which he then "stored away in bottles to be used in the home on dark days to light the house." As he thought on this story "the deacon's mission became clear: he would be the agent of the great inventor, a dispenser of bottled sunshine." So he set out to make his people*

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# Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m.

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

For information call—Clarence Van Egdorn, (641)932-5686 or Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Norm Riekens is scheduled to have his gallbladder removed on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Travis, Tyler and Leah Schreck and Vanessa Groves spent several days in early August with Albert and Jeanette Schreck.

## September Birthdays

29 – Carol Smead



## September Anniversaries

6 – Brian & Tammy Schreck



# Dean Avenue

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Location—2907 Dean Ave., Des Moines, Iowa

For information call—John McNeece, (515)263-9428 or Don Warren, (515)967-5650

We note the passing of our dear brother, Clark Welcher on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at his home. Clark was 88 years old. We all miss him and his heart-felt prayers. Our sympathies and prayers go out to Karla (Dwight) Fetters and Clark Dale Welcher and their families.

Donna Meek has returned home from the Carlisle Care Center and is doing better. Alna Meacham is home from the Pleasant Hill Care Center. She is weak a lot of the time, but made it to services Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for Alna. Several were ill this month. They were Margaret and Don Warren and Lillian Bartlett. Margaret Warren had cataract surgery on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for Margaret.

Worshiping with us on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> were Thomas and Ann Dennis, Mike and Angelina Warren and family, Stephanie and Joseph Warren, Valerie and

Spencer Burkman, and Jessica and Danielle Strable. Tom Dennis was our guest speaker that morning. Shawn Head was home visiting during the Iowa State Fair. Others worshiping with us during Fair time were Margaret Williams of Madrid, Iowa; David Warren of New York City; and Stephanie Reading. Lowell, Niki, and Maddy Hermon worshiped with us on Sunday evening, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Jan and Larry Sellers, along with Courtney Trotter and Kennady Prenosil went to Michigan to a softball tournament. Mary Dobberke and family were traveling the last part of July. Bill and Shirley McNeece went camping at Red Rock Lake for a few days. John and Donna McNeece traveled to Missouri for several days. Roberta Milinsky was at Tent Chapel on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

## September Birthdays

7 – Elsie LeMar



21 – Juanita Coe

## September Anniversaries

2 – Greg & Linda Head



4 – Chad & Amy Prenosil

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*Sorry to be late with expressing our gratitude but we sincerely thank all members of various congregations who attended our 80<sup>th</sup> and 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday celebration in May. Special thanks to Dean Avenue congregation and those who participated on the program. It is great living in a world of believers and followers of God, who loves and sustains each of us! God bless you always and keep you in the special circle of His love and care.*  
 Peter & Francis Hawthorne  
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# Fairview

Meeting time—Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Location—22nd & Orange St., Clarinda, Iowa

For information call—Richard Negley, (712)542-3728 or Marvin Negley, (712)542-2972

Visitors with us on July 27<sup>th</sup> were Mike and Shirley Warner of Altoona; Shannon Schiebel and daughter, Marissa of Newton; and John, Deb, and Madeline Negley of Riverside, Iowa. Mike gave a talk titled "Savor." Mary Lou Madden was able to attend services. This was her first time back for several weeks.

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, a couple from Japan accompanied Marvin and Jean Negley to services. Others with us that day

were Jon, Amy, and Micah Schmidt of Sioux Center, Iowa.

A surprise birthday party was held on August 21<sup>st</sup> for Bobbi Swisher at her home. Her three daughters hosted it. Attending were: Mary Lou Madden, Jewell Warner, Darlene Marsh, Mary Rine, Judy Madden, and Tammie Driftmier.

Elsie Negley fell in her studio apartment at Ehler House. Luckily, no bones were broken. She is stiff and sore.

We hope she will feel better very soon.

Visitors on August 24<sup>th</sup> were Shirley Warner of Altoona, and her daughter Carlene Thompson from Bedford, Iowa. They were accompanied by Jewell Warner.

## September Birthdays

- 22 – Amy Mays
- 24 – Tammie Driftmier
- 28 – Amy Schmidt



# Martensdale

Meeting Times—Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m.

Location—439 Hwy. 92 (1.5 miles east of Martensdale, Iowa)

For information call—Duane Proudfit, (515)961-4470

After a study with Rick Sparks on the qualifications of elders and deacons, Rick worshiped with us on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and installed Mike Penick as an elder at our congregation. Peg and Neal Warren, Mike's mother and father-in-law; and Stephanie and Kyle Stephens, Mike's daughter and son-in-law, worshiped with us that morning as well as several other visitors.

Jonathan Duckstein and his new wife, Aurora, were in Iowa for a few days visiting family, and they worshiped with us on July 27<sup>th</sup>. A reception in honor of their recent marriage was held for them at the Vandalia Church of Christ building on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Jonathan is in the Marines and

is currently stationed in California. Jonathan's brother, Aaron, and his wife Sarah and children also worshiped with us that morning.

Our condolences go out to Jerry, Marlene and Joshua Soard. Marlene's sister who lived in Kentucky recently passed away.

Fred Bown had his gallbladder removed August 19<sup>th</sup>. He is continuing to recover.

Bill and Marilyn Ford came up from Lee's Summit, Missouri to attend the Iowa State Fair with Al and Marlene Bown, and visit their aunt, Mildred Hermon.

Steve and Cerine Proudfit and girls from the Murray Road congregation

in Lee's Summit, Missouri, worshiped with us while in the area visiting Steve's parents, Duane and Mary Proudfit.

Other visitors this month have been Lowell Hermon; Sharon, Justin, and Megan Stevens, all from the Pleasant Hill congregation; Dave Henderson, a friend of Christy Phillips; Pam Deckler from Indianola; and Bill, Marta and Garrett Weeks from St. Mary's.

## September Birthdays

- 9 – Brenda Bown
- 17 – Zach Wheeler
- 28 – Dick Bown



## September Anniversaries

- 24 – Mike & Tracy Penick



# Pleasant Hill

Meeting Times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Location—5091 E. University, Pleasant Hill, Iowa

For information call—Bob Flack, (515)262-7329 or Lowell Hermon, (515)989-0727

Mildred Hermon spent a couple of days in the hospital. She is home and doing well.

Robert White's father was in the hospital, but is now home.

Mike and Shirley Warner's great nephew, Brandon, had his 10<sup>th</sup> surgery. The doctor said the tumor was everywhere again and they removed the hearing implant, and did more restructuring of the bone. Please keep him in your prayers.

Marilyn McClurg had back surgery August 11<sup>th</sup> at Mercy Hospital. She is doing well. She is currently at Mercy Capitol for rehabilitation.

Others who were on the sick list were Carroll and Betty Warren, Suzanne Harvey, and Jake Brand.

Niko Felice was at Mayo Clinic having tests run to see why he was having frequent fainting spells.

Jamie Evans was visiting with the Ingle family. Marian Parrish's grandson was visiting. Jill McClurg has been visiting family for the month. Marc McClurg was also visiting family. Margo Suddeth and daughter and family were back to visit family. Steve Wood was visiting with his son Miles and the Zinnel family. Kaylee and Jackson, cousins of the Curtises were visiting. Don and Wanda Burkman have been visiting. Mark and Cindy Morris were back visiting with family.

Bruce and Suzanne Harvey;

Ginger, Maddy and Shea Hermon were in the St. Louis area visiting with Matt, Kelly, Blake and Alexia Harvey.

Tyler and Ryan Curtis went to Arkansas to visit with their grandparents.

Troy and Dani Brand and family were in the Kansas City area.

Chip and Jennifer Albright and girls were visiting Chip's family in Kansas.

Ryan Ingle and Elijah; and Jamie Evans were visiting at Vandalia.

Josh, Ashten, Ava and Alena Brady, and Rodney Ingle were in Illinois visiting.

Dan and Amy Pritchard and Matt Thompson have been back visiting with family. Matt is in the Navy stationed in South Carolina.

Marian Parrish is in Unionville, Missouri, visiting her daughter Connie. She will be going out east to visit her other daughter, Della, where she will have knee replacement surgery.

Tricia Brady graduated August 15<sup>th</sup> at Mercy College, where she received her degree as a registered nurse. She will be working at

Mercy Hospital in Des Moines on the Med/Surgical floor. Tricia is engaged to Ryan Baird of Des Moines. They are planning a fall wedding.

## September Birthdays

- 2-Pam Sorenson
- 6-Keith Price
- 7-Krista Franklin
- 10-Kina Franklin
- 13-Niko Felice
- 23-Shea Hermon
- 28-Theresa Ingle



## September Anniversaries

- 1-Tim & Tammy Brady
- 4-Marc & Ginger Hermon
- 10-Larry & Bev Brady
- 11-Mike & Karole Turner
- 12-Mike & Cindy Brady
- 15-Marty & Lisa Williamson
- 29-Ron & Mary Gearhart
- 29-Steve & Pat Thompson



## Iowa Teen Study (ITBS)

The Sept. study will be Sept. 6 at 5:00 p.m. at Mike & Shirley Warner's house.

Oct. study: Oct. 11 at Tim & Ann Casey's

Nov study: Nov 8 at Jason & Theresa Brady's

Please check with hostess to see if she would like you to bring any food.

If you have any questions, call Rodney Ingle at 515-669-0365.

# Vandalia

Meeting Times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m.  
Location—2.5 miles east of Runnells, Iowa on F70, then 1 mile north on 131<sup>st</sup> St.  
For information call—Greg Ingle, (515)994-2824 or Charles Ingle, (515)966-2537

Mike and Michelle Kirby and their son, Craig worshiped with us on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Lisa Fiorentin and Staci were in Carrollton, Missouri the weekend of July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Charles and Angie Ingle, Charity and Lucas vacationed in the Wisconsin Dells.

We were all happy to have Miriam Ross back with us after her time spent in Tennessee, caring for her son after back surgery. While there, she fell and fractured her knee, so is under doctor's care for that. She has been unable to attend services recently because of her knee and hip problems.

Devon and Erin Ingle vacationed in Clear Lake.

Melody Burkman, Mason, Gavin, and Cameron; and Staci Fiorentin were in Carrollton, Missouri during the weekend of August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Justin and Brittney Dowdy were in Indianapolis the

weekend of August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our visitors on August 10<sup>th</sup> were Michelle Kirby, Sam Peters, Ryan Ingle and Elijah, Jamie Evans, and Tanner Nelson.

Those who worshiped with us on August 17<sup>th</sup> included Michelle Kirby and her son and daughter-in-law, Kris and April Kirby from Indianapolis, James Finney of Indianola, and Jason Miller of Carrollton, Missouri.

Justin Dowdy will be taking an Internet class on accounting during this semester.

Randy and Theresa Ingle, Cheree and Brandon worshiped with us Wednesday evening August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Linda Christianson spent some time in Illinois visiting family.

Margaret Ingle and Staci Fiorentin were in Carrollton, Missouri the

weekend of August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Matt Clark reported that he and Sarah have sold their home in Prairie City and will be living temporarily with Matt's parents, Randy and Nancy Clark, while they build a new home in the area.

Miles Wood, Rodney Ingle, and Alena Brady worshiped with us Sunday evening, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

## September Birthdays

- 2 – Casady Cummings
- 4 – Robbie Guthrie
- 5 – Bob Patterson
- 8 – Charity Ingle
- 12 – Cameron Burkman
- 14 – Lisa Fiorentin
- 18 – Miriam Ross



## September Anniversaries

- 20 – Bob & Tonya Guthrie
- 24 – Dale & Dorothy Van Maanen



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laugh. "Counting the cost, he deliberately donned the motley....With a persistency that even now he feels a pride in, he determined never to desist till he

could say that he had had a laugh from every one of his people....Whatever else he may have left undone, he knows that in those first days he taught to many a sad heart the long forgotten trick of laughter

....Experience gives him courage to insist that when the sunshine is unbottled in the home of desolation, it discovers a heart of gold that was near to perishing in the shadow."

John T. Faris

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