

# Lighthouse of Iowa

March 2012

EVERYONE WAS AMAZED AND GAVE PRAISE TO GOD. THEY WERE FILLED WITH AWE AND SAID, "WE HAVE SEEN REMARKABLE THINGS TODAY." *Luke 5:26 (NIV)*



I commute about thirty-five miles each way to work. For years it was the same each day. It got to the point where I could tell exactly where I was by the tree or house or turnoff I was passing at the time. I knew every inch of that road.

Maybe that's why I was so startled one morning by a sign that had appeared overnight on the side of the landfill. **PREPARE TO BE AMAZED**, it said. Nothing else, just that, in white letters on a blue background. A couple of miles down the road, another sign. Then another and another—six identical signs in a stretch of about ten miles. **PREPARE TO BE AMAZED.**

All day long I couldn't get those mysterious signs out of my head. Their message had me noticing other things too. Did the sun always reflect off that barn? Were the trunks of those trees always such a beautiful shade of brown? Did that colleague always have such a broad smile? Did I always get this excited about my work? When I drove home, the signs were gone.

But they'd already done their work.

Now I commute to work every day along a new highway. When everything starts looking the same, I put a sticky note on the dashboard: **PREPARE TO BE AMAZED.** On those days I see signs of God's presence that I have either missed or simply not appreciated. And that, I think is pretty amazing.

*Give me eyes to see this day, God, Your work and presence in the people and places of my life, especially those I may have overlooked.*

---JEFF JAPINGA

## *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors,  
He made their tiny wings.*

*The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning,  
That brightens up the sky,*

*The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one.*

*The tall trees in the greenwood,  
The meadows where we play,  
The rushes by the water,  
We gather every day.*

*He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell,  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.*

*Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895*

# 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 Egdome, (641)932-5686 or Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Chantelle Schreck has completed her bachelors' degree in accounting at AIB and has accepted a position as Accounting Specialist with Belin McCormick P.C.

Carl and Evelyn Bennett's great-granddaughter, Kinley, had urinary tract

reconstructive surgery and is now recovering at home.

Also, Carl's sister, Doris Johnson, has a tumor that has spread from her lung into her spine and Evelyn's brother-in-law, Dale Hull, has been placed in a nursing home in Indianola.

### March Birthdays

- 5 – Ethan Schreck
- 9 – Barbara Fetters
- 23 – Evelyn Bennett
- 25 – Norm Riekens



### March Anniversaries

- 17 – Clarence & Deloris Van Egdome
- 19 – Albert & Jeanette 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

There was great rejoicing on January 31<sup>st</sup>, when Pam Conn confessed Jesus as the Son of God and her Savior and was baptized. Her three sons with other family members and co-workers also attended to witness this joyous event. Pam has started chemotherapy and despite feeling ill and other side effects, she inspires us all.

Frances Hawthorne reports that Peter is progressing well at Younkers Rehab, Rm. 404. His medical team hopes he may be released in two weeks to either a skilled care rehab or home. Their daughter, Valerie Hawthorne of Silver Spring, Maryland, has taken extended leave from her job to work part-time by computer in Des Moines to support her parents.

Madison Dunn, granddaughter of Shirley McNeece, fell from a tree and a stick was forced up into her leg. The stick was removed in ER, but the

wound became infected and when X-rayed, another 2 inches of the stick was found still in her leg. Shirley flew down to Texas to help out. Madison is improving.

Brady Coe was able to come back to Des Moines Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup>, after several procedures on his heart in Iowa City. He is feeling some better and they are hopeful this will put off the immediate need for a heart transplant.

Lillian Bartlett is in Mercy Hospital, Rm. 611, for an infection. When released, she will be going to a rehab facility.

David Fetters' stepmother, Ercell Fetters, is having chemotherapy for leukemia. She and Keith are in Texas near her family. David's aunt Nola Dawson, his mother's sister, died.

Donna Meek hit her head and had to have nine staples.

She is improving.

Donna McNeece had an EMG to determine the cause of pain in her hands and arms, but the test was negative. Please remember all of these mentioned in your prayers.

Others who have been on

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### March Birthdays

- 11 – Donna Meek
- 14 – Peter Hawthorne
- 15 – Mike Warren
- 16 – Neal Warren
- 17 – Lillian Bartlett
- 26 – Don Warren
- 29 – Greg Head
- 30 – Roberta Milinsky



### March Anniversaries



- 11 – Larry & Janice Sellers

# Dean Avenue

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the sick list this month are David Fetters, Jeannie Van Egdome, Frank Meek, Pam Climpson, Margaret Warren and Mike Warren.

Visitors this month included

Kenny Conn and his daughter, Brittany; Kim and Terry Lanc visiting Debbie and Connor Wilkins; Valerie Hawthorne; Barbara Thompson and Amy Thompson visiting Jeannie Van Egdome; and Shirley McNeece's grandsons, Aiden, Colton, and

Preston Boozell, and their mother Kristina Hilzer.

Fred and Marlene Bown attended services the 26<sup>th</sup> and Fred spoke for us. He gave us an excellent lesson on the mistakes of Jonah and his eventual success.

# 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

Mary Lou Madden and Elsie Negley were both able to join us for services several times in February. We are thankful when both these amazing ladies are able to join us!

Neil and Becky McCoy's granddaughter, Megan Steeve, is recovering from her surgery, and Nile McCoy (Neil's brother)

is making progress and improving daily following his health issues.

We enjoyed fellowship over the weekend of the 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, when John Lee presented lessons. Saturday evening's lesson was on "Forgiving," and Sunday morning on "The Holy Spirit." No one goes away from

one of John's visits hungry, for food or food for thought!

Our winter Floridians are enjoying good health, good fishing and nice weather!

### March Birthdays

- 7 – Jean Negley
- 8 – Molly Gilmore
- 18 – Jacob Rine



# Martensdale

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

Location—10985 44<sup>th</sup> Lane, Prole, Iowa (1.5 miles east of Martensdale, Iowa on Hwy. 92)

For information call—Duane Proudfit, (515)961-4470 or Mike Penick, (515)989-4165

Drew and Courtney Teghtmeyer spent a weekend in Missouri visiting family.

We had several visitors Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. David Fetters from the Dean Avenue congregation edified us with a lesson on "Examples." Mike and Tanner George from the Smart Road congregation worshiped with us, and Brian Salgado, Drew Teghtmeyer's cousin, spent the weekend with Drew and Courtney.

Fred and Marlene Bown worshiped with the Dean Avenue congregation on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Chantelle Schreck worshiped with us February 26<sup>th</sup>. She has graduated from college and is starting a new job. Until she gets settled into her own place she is staying with her aunt and uncle, Christy and Dave Henderson.

Dick and Phyllis Bown spent the weekend in Missouri

visiting their daughter Cindy Stanley and her family.

### March Birthdays

- 7 – Courtney Penick
- 18 – Dave Henderson
- 23 – Charlie Deckler



### March Anniversaries



- 14 – Dave & Christy Henderson
- 27 – Dick & Phyllis Bown

# 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 ♦ Website: [pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org](http://pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org)

For information call—Bob Flack, (515)262-7329; Lowell Hermon, (515)989-0727; or Mike Warner, (515)967-4529.

Larry and Bev Brady have both been sick. Bev also tore a ligament in her ankle. Bruce Harvey is having trouble with an eye; he will be having surgery March 6<sup>th</sup>, so please keep Bruce in your prayers. Others on the sick list were: Kinnick Ingle, Tammy Brady, Ava Brady, and Ryan Ingle. Lowell Hermon is having health problems; he will see an endocrinologist next week. Jason Brady had tooth surgery, and Cheree Stump has mono.

Dave and Joyce Ingle visited with Joyce's parents.

Nora Lee Ingle visited with daughter Cindy Morris and family.

Ryane Brady and Alex Needham were visiting with Ryane's family.

Kyle Bown was visiting. Tad and Joanne Morris, Joel, Aubrey and Zoe Morris were visiting with family.

Tim Brady is in Afghanistan, so please keep him in your prayers.

Nels and Marje Turnquist visited Marje's family in the St. Louis area. They will be spending a few days in Minnesota with their daughter Susie and family.

## Iowa Traveling Bible Study (ITBS)

The April 14 study will be at Ryan & Jamie Ingle's

May 5: Rodney & Alena Ingle's

Please check with host family to see if they would like you to bring any food.

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

### ▶ MARK YOUR CALENDARS ◀

**June 17-22**

Wade Stanley will speak on Sunday and will have VBS Monday-Friday of that week.

### March Birthdays

- 3 – Jennifer Albright
- 4 – Tim Brady
- 5 – Erica Conner
- 7 – Carly Felice
- 10 – Susan Conner
- 17 – Miles Wood
- 19 – Mike Brady
- 20 – Bud Fillman
- 23 – Lowell Hermon
- 24 – Megan Stevens
- 25 – Karole Turner
- 27 – Jami Harvey
- 29 – Junior Barlow
- 30 – Teresa Brady
- 31 – Allison George



### March Anniversaries

- 11 – Bruce & Suzanne Harvey



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# 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.  
Website: vandaliacoc.com

For information call—Greg Ingle, (515)994-2824 or Charles Ingle, (515)966-2537

We were very happy to welcome the Klein family, as Alan, Shonya, Briana, and Destry placed their membership with us. They recently moved from Lancaster, Missouri to Newton, where Alan is employed by Alliant Energy. Their other children are Easton, Kiana and Tyrell.

Some of our visitors during the month were: Kristina Salter, Ally, Patience, Ian, Ava, and Elyese, all of Kirksville, Missouri; Jason and Staci Miller; James Dowdy; Paul and Michelle Zinnel, and Ryan; Mary Gearhart; Kelly and Allison George, Brady, Carson, and Sophia; and Casey

Davenport.

We met at the Mitchellville Nursing Home on a recent Sunday evening to sing with the residents there.

A group of ladies gathered at the church building on a Friday evening for a baked potato supper, while the men enjoyed an evening of bowling in Monroe.

We received word that Bob Cummings of Bolivar, Pennsylvania, had suffered a stroke. He is father to Michael Cummings, Sarah Clark, and Katrina Cummings. They all went to visit him and report he is undergoing rehab and improving.

Justin and Brittney Dowdy spent several days vacationing in Key West and Naples, Florida.

Nancy Clark spent a weekend in Kansas City visiting Kathy Mackey.

Justin Dowdy spent a recent weekend in Indianapolis visiting family.

### March Birthdays

- 3 – Alan Klein
- 4 – Devon Ingle
- 15 – Marvin Ingle
- 19 – Mariha Goode
- 21 – Nick Guthrie
- 22 – Mason Burkman
- 29 – Michael Cummings
- 30 – Katrina Cummings



The golden moments quickly fly,  
Oh what joy! What a beautiful sky!  
Or maybe it's raining, that's lovely too;  
It helps bring the fruits of the earth to you.

Let's show Him we're thankful for this new day,  
Spread love and joy along our way,  
Give alms to the poor and visit the sick,  
Don't waste one minute, life goes so quick.

Now that the shadows of night are falling,  
And the birds to their mates have ceased their calling,  
Might it not be appropriate to say  
Thank you, dear Lord, just for this day?

Edith Feeley Denend

Another day be it sad or gay,  
God's greatest gift is each new day.  
Why were we chosen, allowed to stay  
Upon this earth for another day?  
Another chance to see our friends,  
Another chance to make amends,  
Another chance to see the sun,  
Truly we're lucky for we have won another day!