

Lighthouse of Iowa

August 2016

And, behold, it was very good.... --Genesis 1:31

Sitting in the Alabama night at our family's cabin, I am astonished at the number of lightning bugs that twinkle in the dark. Tens of thousands fill the pine woods with a magic that is unforgettable.



I think of an interview I heard between a journalist and a business executive visiting from Japan. "And what surprises have you found in America?" the interviewer asked.

"That lightning bugs are free," the businessman answered. "In our country,

if you want lightning bugs in your garden, you must buy them and put them there yourself."

Lightning bugs are free, I find myself thinking as I soak up the lovely evening. Our daughter Keri dashes out into the night and comes back with a Mason jar filled with luminous light. She hands the jar to my husband David, who holds the jar up and marvels. Later, as our family takes our night walk down the causeway that bridges the lake, our son Brock scrapes and bows in comic fashion as we walk along. "Thank you, thank you," he says, pretending that the flashes of light come from photographers who crowd to photograph his greatness! We all laugh at his antics.

It strikes me as amazing, all the free things that come with the summer. The smells, the sounds, the

sights stretch out before us like a gift from God. Shouldn't we unwrap each day, turn it over in our hands, touch it, smell it, listen to what it has to say? And in all, give thanks, remembering that blue sky, birdsong, the fragrance of flowers, sunshine and showers, and, yes, lightning bugs are all free.

Father, Your summer show is truly amazing, but I so often forget to tune in. Help me be aware. I don't want to miss a single act of this grand performance.

---Pam Kidd



Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. (no evening services)

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

For information call—Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Doctors have determined that Mary Jo Riekens has damage to the retina in her eye. They are unable to repair it, so nothing further will be done.

Albert and Jeanette Schreck spent time visiting

family in Brookfield and Lee's Summit, Missouri. They attended services at both congregations while visiting.

August Birthdays



4 – Deloris Van Egdom

14 – Carl Bennett

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

Roberta Milinsky visited her aunt and attended church in Blockton, Iowa.

David Fetters visited family in Blue Springs, Missouri.

Risa and Skip Schamel took a motorcycle trip to South Dakota and Montana.

Betty Anderson, sister of Earl Allen, passed away.

Karma and Ron Sharp, Risa and Skip Schamel, and Debbie and Conner Wilkins are heading west on vacation, traveling through Colorado.

Debbie Wilkins is doing well after hip surgery.

Neal Warren missed a step and fell, injuring his head and face. He had a CAT scan and didn't have any additional injuries. Neal also

had cataract surgery on one eye, and it went well.

Brad Madison, birth father of Kara Fetters, is declining with his cancer. He now has a morphine pump for pain.

David Fetters has been experiencing chest pain and underwent an angiogram. He does not have any blockages, but an artery is embedded in a heart muscle. When the muscle contracts, it produces pain. David has an appointment with his cardiologist to see what can be done to correct this.

Ill: Shirley McNeece, David and Marla Fetters, Yvonne Coe, Mary Lou Allen, and Pam Climpson.

Visitors: Kara Fetters; Ruth Schell; Bobbi

Duckstein; Bob and Sharon Cummings; Kamryn Aswegan; Bill, Bryan, and Max Charlier; Aiden, Colton, Preston, and Paxon Boozell; Terrence, Luz, and Samuel Blanton; and Harold McNeece.

August Birthdays

2 – Shirley McNeece

4 – Glenn Meacham

18 – Maxine Phipps

18 – Ron Sharp



August Anniversaries



7 – Peter & Frances Hawthorne

9 – Don & Cathy James

25 – John & Donna McNeece

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

No news this month.

August Birthdays

6 – Andy Rine

21 – Bobbie Swisher



August Anniversary



17 – Neil & Becky McCoy

Martensdale

Meeting Times—Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Location—10985 44th 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

We are happy and rejoicing that on July 12th Dave Henderson decided to be baptized! Praise God!

We've been blessed with an abundance of visitors this month. Roger, Melissa, Ian, and Savannah Bown spent some time with Dick and Phyllis Bown the week before Dick's surgery. Stephanie, Ada, Allie, and Anna Stephens spent the 4th of July weekend with Mike and Tracy Penick. Brian Salgado was visiting Drew Teghtmeyer. Travis Schreck spent a weekend with Rodney and Alena Ingle. Hannah Clevenger was visiting Drew and Courtney Teghtmeyer. Adam Purdy

attended services with Cassidy Phillips. Reagan Klung attended services on July 3rd.

Dick Bown had knee replacement surgery on July 5th. He is doing well and returned to services July 24th. He plans to have his other knee replaced in September. Dick says "Thanks to everyone for the cards and prayers during my surgery and recovery. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated."

Tanner George, Maddy Hermon, and Bethany Phillips attended the Midwest Bible Campout in Eminence, Missouri.

Courtney Teghtmeyer traveled to San Diego for FCCLA.

Drew Teghtmeyer's maternal grandfather passed away. Our condolences to the family.

Wendy Hounsom has started her chemo treatments and she was also able to return to work. Please continue to keep Wendy and her family in your prayers.

Cassidy Phillips and Adam Purdy became engaged on July 12th. They're planning a December wedding. Congratulations to them!

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Martensdale

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Bethany Phillips had a tonsillectomy on July 20th. She was able to attend services the following Sunday and continues to recover.

Keith Owens and his friend, Rob, were in the area Wednesday, July 20th. Keith

gave an update on his work in Michigan and then a short lesson.

Allen Bown is scheduled to have his knees replaced in August—one on August 9th and the other on August 16th. Please keep him in your prayers.

August Birthdays

- 13 – Madison Hermon
- 18 – Mike Penick
- 22 – Garrett Weeks
- 23 – Duane Proudfit



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

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

Max and Jack Flickinger are visiting their dad in West Virginia.

Marge Turnquist has visited with son Rick and family. Marge also attended the Munger reunion.

Joyce, Brandon, and Kinnick Ingle; Marc and Ginger Hermon and family; Kayley Zimmerman; and Jake Brand attended the campout at Eminence, Missouri.

Scott and Julene Pappan and family were in Washington visiting with Scott's family.

Margaret Franklin was in Chicago helping with relatives.

Ryan and Jamie Ingle and family visited with relatives and friends in California.

Joyce and Kinnick Ingle visited with Roy Whanger on their way home from the

campout.

Megan Stevens visited with cousin Jordan Bown in Lee's Summit.

Brandon Ingle left on July 18th for boot camp. He will be gone for seven months.

Tom Brady's family enjoyed a weekend in Minnesota.

Brenda Bohall was diagnosed with stage 1 lung cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.

Nora Lee Ingle has a blood clot in her leg. She is doing better.

Bob and Marge Flack spent some time with grandson Ryan Curtis in Springfield, Missouri.

Sharon Mineart spent a few days at Lake of the Ozarks.

Larry, Bev, Mike, and Cindy Brady also spent some time at Lake of the Ozarks.


Dan and Amy Pritchard spent some time in Minnesota with Steve and Pat Thompson.

August Birthdays

- 4 – Carson George
- 6 – Marilyn McClurg
- 9 – Suzanne Harvey
- 11 – Danielle Brand
- 12 – Elijah Ingle
- 14 – Hadley Baird
- 14 – Troy Brand
- 17 – Tim Harvey
- 24 – Scott Pappan
- 24 – Taylor Harvey
- 25 – Cody Brady
- 25 – Jack Flickinger
- 26 – Amy Pritchard



August Anniversaries

- 15 – Troy & Dani Brand 
- 18 – Keith & Connie Price
- 19 – Dave & Joyce Ingle
- 25 – Paul & Michele Zinnel

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 131st St.
 Website: vandaliacoc.com

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

Charles and Angie Ingle, Charity and Lucas vacationed in Memphis, Tennessee, before attending the campout in Eminence, Missouri. Others attending the campout were: Justin and Brittney Dowdy and Carson; Lynnette Dowdy; Michael and Joy Cummings, Casady and Drew; Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, Trent and Nathan; Mason Burkman; and the Alan and Shonya Klein family.

Justin and Brittney Dowdy and Carson enjoyed some time in Branson, Missouri, following the campout.

Lori Cole vacationed in New York with some extended family.

James and Laura Dowdy and Cole visited relatives in

Kentucky.

Lynnette Dowdy visited Jason and Autumn Dowdy and family in Missouri.

Greg and Margaret Ingle; Devon and Erin Ingle, Emma and Abigail; and Derek and Amy Ingle, Brighton and Caleb spent time at Clear Lake.

Tim and Melody Burkman, Mason, Gavin, and Cameron vacationed in Florida.

Lynnette Dowdy, Justin and Brittney Dowdy and Carson attended a wedding in Indiana.

Bonnie Harkins continues to struggle with her health issues. Please keep praying for her.

Bruce Fiorentin is on a job assignment in Muscatine, Iowa.

Cheyenne Goode attended a family reunion in California.

Visitors were Valerie Burkman and Ryan and Jamie Ingle and family.

We sang with the residents at Mitchellville Care Center.

August Birthdays

- 13 – Ruth Schell
- 14 – Justin Dowdy
- 23 – Shonya Klein
- 25 – Trent Fiorentin
- 29 – Destry Klein



August Anniversaries



- 5 – Derek & Amy Ingle
- 14 – Tim & Melody Burkman
- 19 – Marvin & Melda Ingle



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