



Lighthouse of Iowa

Keeping in touch with Iowa's Churches of Christ

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Reminisce ~ Iowa Church of Christ 1943

World War II was still going on when I graduated from Knoxville High School—that was 1943. On graduation night I was introduced to another high school graduate from Pleasantville, Iowa—Vern Ingle.

The war had caused a scarcity of food items because 'troops' had to be fed. Each citizen of the USA was issued ration books with colored stamps for the purchase of food; red stamps for meat, blue stamps for canned vegetables and fruit. There were also sugar stamps and a stamp for leather shoes.

At that time it was really not a good idea to fall in love with a boy who was ready for the draft, and as my Dad said, who lived in the opposite end of Marion County! Why my dad's concern? Gasoline was also rationed. But Vern's dad had a "C" gasoline card because he was a farmer and they could manage to keep gas in the car---a 1937 Ford.

Love blossomed, especially since he went to church. I wanted a family that went to church. (My dad chose not to go.) My parents were OK with Saturday night dates because Vern had a younger sister. Vern took me home Sunday afternoon.

The Object of overnight stays was to introduce me to the Church of Christ at Vandalia where a handful of Saints worshipped in a rural school house. School desks and seats were the pews.

I was shown an entirely new concept of Christianity than I had ever known existed! These saints used only the Bible for study material---not printed quarterlies that had lifted a scripture or two to emphasize a point for each Sunday's lesson.

Everyone was a stranger to me at Vandalia, but before I left that day, all fifteen or so people had greeted me with open arms and invited me back. I was smitten!

When we arrived that first day, Vern's mother placed contents of the basket she was carrying, the emblems for the Lord's table, upon the teacher's desk. The circle of pie crust and grape juice were covered with a white linen cloth. I knew little about or the significance of communion.

Soon Noma ('Noma' was her actual name) and her small red headed daughter entered the classroom going directly to the cupboard removing hymnals and bibles. She handed each person a hymnal. One of the men greeted the group, thanking the Lord in prayer for a beautiful day. Never a word was said about the Sabbath.

Russell stood up front and directed us to turn to a certain page in our Sacred Selections hymnal. I wondered, "Where's the piano?" But the men and women sang in beautiful harmony. Lovely!

Thanks to Vern's dad's "C" ration stamps, we had dates including Saturday night stays at his parent's home so I could attend church services the next day.

The young people's classroom was downstairs in the furnace room. We studied from the Bible learning things that I never know existed in that 'new-to-me' book. Included in study I learned about a church that God talked about and had created. About Jesus and the parables; to respect the elderly; how to treat each other, and much more.

These humble and kind souls didn't beg for money or come to your door begging for money to support functions of the church. Rather they admonished to "give as they had been prospered". If a farmer had a crop failure, he wasn't expected to rob his needed expense account for an offering on the Lord's Day.

In a short time I had been invited into many homes for a tasty home-cooked meal! Some homes were

sparsely furnished; others had conveniences. Hospitality was not only preached but practiced.

Most people in those days had 'Victory Gardens' and vegetables could be found growing in most front yards because of the war.

Vern enlisted in the Army and was shipped overseas. His parents saw to it that I could continue to attend church services twice a month.

I chose to be baptized one day after a longer than usual Bible class (mainly because I kept asking questions!) I answered the Gospel call that day and was baptized in the Des Moines River near Swan, Iowa. I was so excited that I tried to evangelize the world. My nose got bumped many times!

When Vern returned from the war we were married in Texas. I used my last 'shoe stamp' so he could buy a pair of nice shoes for our wedding. We

eventually went to live on the family farm in 1949 —living in an old farm house.

Soon I became tired of the wooden wanes coting in two of the rooms and had it removed. Beneath it were old newspapers that had been used in the plaster for installation. Of course I read them, and to my amazement, I came across my maternal grandmother's obituary in one of those papers! She had died in 1909. But as I read on I came to another unexpected piece of family history. From the obituary I discovered that Grandma Martha had been a member of the Church of Christ at Green Top, Missouri! Now of course the question lingers in my mind—did Grandma Martha make it to Heaven?

*Nora Lee Ingle
Pleasant Hill Church of Christ*

Chariton

Meeting times: Sundays: 10:00 a.m. (no evening services)

Location: 15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

For information call: Albert Schreck (641) 535-2381 or Brian Schreck (641) 535-2931

- Carl Bennett spent a few days in the hospital and has now been moved to a nursing home in Albia. His address is:

Oakwood Specialty Care
Room 41
200 16th Ave. E.
Albia, IA 52531

- Norm Riekens had hip replacement surgery on July 5 and is recovering at home. He was able to attend services the past two Sundays.

- Deloris VanEgdom was happy to have most of her family home for a day this past month.
- Lynn Faulkner was a visitor on the 23rd.

August Birthdays

- ★ 4 - Deloris VanEgdom
- ★ 14- Carl Bennett

August Anniversaries

- None

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

- We sang for Mary Lou Allen at their home in Valley View Village. **Mary Lou has recently moved into the infirmary's memory care unit in Room 128.** She and Earl are still adjusting. She has had two bad falls since moving there. Prayers and cards for Mary Lou and Earl would be appreciated as they make this big transition.
- **Neal Warren was taken to the hospital by ambulance with a fever and severe headache.** It was determined to be part of his Parkinson's. His blood pressure was stabilized, and his headache lessened, and he was able to go home.
- Shawn Head traveled to Salt Lake City for his work at the Iowa State Fairgrounds.
- Pam Climpson was stung by a hornet in her lip which caused a lot of pain and swelling.

- Risa Schamel has been having knee pain and has been having physical therapy.
- Visitors: Paxon Boozell, Tom Warren, Bill, Bryan Max and Tally Charlier.

August Birthdays

- ★ 2 - Shirley McNeece
- ★ 4 - Glenn Meacham
- ★ 18 - Maxine Phipps
- ★ 18 - Ron Sharp

August Anniversaries

- ★ Peter & Frances Hawthorne
- ★ Don & Cathy James
- ★ Johnie & Donna McNeece

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) 681-0279

- **Mark your calendars:** Martensdale will be hosting a weekend meeting with **Jay Graham** September 9th and 10th (Sat & Sun).
- Courtney Tegtmeyer traveled to Tennessee with her FCCLA students.
- Zech Hounsom spent two weeks in Colorado visiting family.

- We were blessed with several visitors Sunday morning July 30th. They were Dave, Joyce and Nora Lee Ingle; David and Barbara Landes and their granddaughter Regan; and a couple from Winterset.
- Maddy Hermon and Rodney and Alena Ingle and their family attended the Midwest Bible Campout.

- Jordan Bown was home visiting with family the week of July 4th.
- Pam Deckler has been traveling this month.
- Al Bown had an episode with vertigo. He is improving.
- Brenda Bown had a non-cancerous lump removed from her thigh. She's recovering well.
- Maddy Hermon attended the young people's study hosted by Smart Road.
- Finn Wheeler had a bad case of the hand, foot and mouth virus. He also had an allergic reaction to eggs.
- Bill and Wendy Hounsom traveled to Seattle for their oldest son's wedding.

- Theron, Hugh and Keturah Ingle have been sick.

August Birthdays

- ★ 13 -- Madison Hermon
- ★ 18 -- Mike Penick
- ★ 22 -- Garrett Weeks
- ★ 23 -- Duane Proudfit
- ★ 25 -- Malachi Wheeler

August Anniversaries

- None

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, Mike Warner (515) 967-4529.

- **Our Labor Day Week-end Meeting is fast approaching** Sept. 2nd and 3rd and breakfast on the 4th (Sat, Sun, & Mon).
- Linda Flickenger has been meeting with us, and has moved into an apartment in Altoona.
- **Those attending the Eminecee Meeting:**
Megan Stevens, Jamie Ingle; Rylee, Wes, Taylor and Patrick, Joyce Ingle, Kinnick Ingle, Marc and Ginger Hermon, Nick, Shea and Gabby, Lisa and Nathan Williamson Kelsey Zimmerman.
- Brandon Ingle was home for the week-end.
- Wanda Burkman has an infection in her foot and having trouble with medication.

- Nick Hermon and Kelsey Zimmerman are in Colorado visiting with her family.
- The Jarrod Ingle family from Anahium, California, Ned Ingle and local family members had dinner with Grandma Nora Lee during July 4th holiday.
- Mark and Cindy Morris attended the tractor show in Des Moines and also visited with Nora Lee.
- Bob and Marge Flack, and Betty Curtis spent some time with Ryan Curtis in Springville, Mo.
- Rosanne Van Vleet has been having some test.
- Marje Turnquist has been in Colorado visiting with son Ric and family.
- Steve and Nancy Brady are visiting with Marc and Susie McClurg.

- Jason Brady has sinus infection and Sophia George has had ear infection.
- Larry and Bev Brady, Mike and Cindy Brady spend some time at Lake of the Ozarks.
- Dave, Joyce and Nora Lee Ingle attended Martensdale Sunday morning July 30.
- Ryan and Jamie Ingle and family attended Vandalia.
- Bruce and Suzanne Harvey were visiting with son Matt and family in St. Louis area.

August Birthdays

- ★ 26 Amy Pritchard

August Anniversaries

- ★ 15 Troy and Dani Brand
- ★ 18 Keith and Connie Price
- ★ 19 Dave and Joyce Ingle
- ★ 25 Paul and Michele Zinnel
- ★ 27 Emily and Ben Wedemeyer

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

- **A Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Dr. Greg Ingle** at the annual Prairie Days event at Prairie City. Among his many achievements included the fact that he has been in his practice for 39 years. We congratulate him!
- Among those attending the Campout at Eminence, MO. were Justin and Brittney Dowdy, Carson and Lillian; Lynnette Dowdy; and Doug and Lisa Fiorentin and family. Lynnette and Brittney and children visited the Jason Dowdy family on their way home.
- James and Laura Dowdy and children visited family in KY.
- Bob and Sharon Cummings spent a weekend visiting friends in the Kansas area.
- Joy and Morgan Cummings were in Kansas City.
- Greg and Margaret Ingle spent a week at Clear Lake.
- Tim Burkman was in Kansas City for job related training. Derek Ingle attended job related training in Michigan.

- A 4th of July potluck picnic was held at the home of Charles and Angie Ingle, with a great time of fellowship and a spectacular fireworks display.
- Mary Ellen Goode underwent shoulder surgery and is coming along well. Nancy Clark spent a few days in the hospital, and is doing well.
- Among our visitors were; Charles and Dianna Ross; Roger Elam; Sue Schreck; Ryan and Jamie and family, and Vanessa Groves.
- A wedding shower for Destry Klein and Charity Ingle was given for their upcoming marriage.
- We sang with the residents at Altoona and Mitchellville Nursing Homes on recent Sunday evenings.

August Birthdays

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

August Aniversaries

- ★ 5—Derek & Amie Ingle
- ★ 14—Tim & Melody Burkman
- ★ 19—Marvin & Melda Ingle

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*Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him,
nor speak any more in His name."
But His word was in mine heart
as a burning fire shut up in my bones,
and I was weary with forbearing,
and I could not stay.*

~ Jeremiah 6:16