

# Lighthouse of Iowa

January 2012

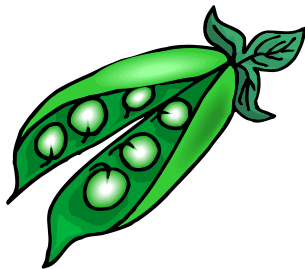
*For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*  
Galatians 6:7

Alabama is an agricultural state. Most homeowners have small vegetable gardens, and we look to our county services office for advice on planting and growing.

A New Year's greeting that our service sent suggested the way to plant a most successful garden this year. I plan to dig in and get mine started. Perhaps you'll want to do so, too.

Here, with a bit of paraphrasing, is the layout for planting:

Plant four rows of *peas* (p's)



Prayer  
Promptness  
Patience  
Preparation

Plant four rows of *squash*:



*Squash gossip*  
*Squash indifference*  
*Squash criticism*  
*Squash negative thinking*

Plant four rows of *turnips*  
(turn-ups)



*Turn up for church services*  
*Turn up whenever needed*  
*Turn up with friendly smile*  
*Turn up with determination*

to be a better person  
Cultivate well, keep saturated with love, and reap a harvest of peace and happiness. Lots of good luck in your garden this year!

*With Your gift of a brand new year, Lord, let me also freely plant seeds of love wherever I go.*

--- DRUE DUKE

## CHRISTIANITY —

is not a voice in the wilderness, but a life in the world. It is not an idea in the air but feet on the ground, going God's way. It is not an exotic to be kept under glass, but a hardy plant to bear twelve months of fruits in all kinds of weather. Fidelity to duty is its root and branch. Nothing we can say to the Lord, no calling Him by great or dear names, can take the place of the plain doing of His will. We may cry out about the beauty of eating bread with Him in His kingdom, but it is wasted breath and a rootless hope, unless we plow and plant in His kingdom here and now. To remember Him at His table and to forget Him at ours, is to have invested in bad securities. There is no substitute for plain, everyday goodness—

*Babcock*



# Chariton

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

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

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

**NOTE:** We will not have Wednesday evening services during the months of January, February, and March.

Clarence and Delores Van Egdome had their family

together the end of the month.

Norm and Mary Jo Riekens visited with Kathy Mackey and her family and also with Lynn Faulkner.

Albert and Jeanette Schreck

had several members of their family visit them during the past month.

**January Birthdays**  
 3 – Jeanette Schreck  
 13 – Mary Jo Riekens



# 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

Donna McNeece has recovered very well from her hip replacement and has even given up her cane.

Ron Sharp had surgery on his back to remove some debris and recovered well. His mother, Ruth Sharp, had total hip replacement surgery and said she feels better than before.

Jean Van Egdome announced that her sister, Heather Lockhart, has breast cancer. A lumpectomy will be performed and then radiation. She requested prayer for Heather.

Margaret Warren continues to endure health problems. She is very unsteady on her feet and has fallen several times. At this time, their son, Mike, is living with them, which is a tremendous help. Keep this faithful couple in your prayers.

Yvonne Coe's grandson, Brady Coe, is back home and feeling much better. Efforts to improve his heart condition have helped him. He works at Applebee's and they donated their tips from December 16<sup>th</sup> to Brady to help defray medical costs.

Others who have been ill during the month of December are Jean Van Egdome, Karma and Ron Sharp, and Lillian Bartlett. David Fetters had strep throat and Marla and Kara Fetters had bad colds.

David Fetters reported that his father, Keith Fetters, had fallen and broken his collarbone and shoulder. He is to keep his arm in a sling.


Mary Lou Allen announced that Dennis Ross, father-in-law to their son Brad, died and they

attended the funeral.

The Head family was traveling this month, Shawn Head went to Chicago, Peter and Frances Hawthorn spent some time with their daughter in Arizona, and the David Fetters' family went to Fort Dodge to visit family.

Visitors were Kim and Terry Lanc of Ottawa on the 25<sup>th</sup> to visit her sister Debbie Wilkins. Emily Dobberke has brought her friend, Jasmine, with her nearly every Sunday. She is a sweet addition.

**January Birthdays**  
 2 – Kennedy Prenosil  
 19 – Connor Wilkins  
 23 – Mary Lou Allen  
 28 – Debbie Wilkins



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



## 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

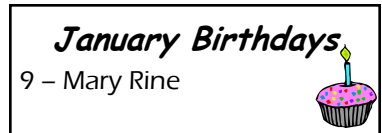
Lori and Gage Bryant; John, Deb and Madeline Negley all joined us for services as well as visiting with their parents/grandparents, Richard and Janet Negley.

Our prayers are with Wes Crum and we hope he gets to feeling better real soon!

Mary Lou Madden and Elsie Negley have both been able to attend services this month. Jewell Warner continues to battle with headaches and we miss seeing her.

Our group was saddened by the death of Anne Ritson on December 15<sup>th</sup>. While we know

she is no longer suffering, her family and church family will miss her greatly.



## 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 or Mike Penick, (515)989-4165

Thanks to everyone who attended our weekend meeting with Wade Stanley. We had a good turn out and an edifying weekend!

Drew and Courtney Teghtmeyer attended a marriage enrichment class held at the Smart Road congregation.

Mike and Tracy Penick spent a weekend taking care of their granddaughter, Ada

Stephens.

Joel, Aubrey, and Zoey Morris spent the weekend with Drew and Courtney Teghtmeyer. Drew and Joel did some deer hunting.

Allen Bown had a tooth pulled and encountered some complications which required him to have oral surgery two days later. He returns to the surgeon later this month to see

if the surgery was successful.

Kyle Bown was in a car accident on December 11<sup>th</sup>, and rolled his car. He was blessed to walk away with no injuries.

On December 18<sup>th</sup>, Fred and Marlene Bown worshiped in Davenport on their way to Chicago.

Our visitors on December 25<sup>th</sup> were Joe Duckstein, Tanner George and Megan Stevens.

## 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.

Mike and Cindy Brady enjoyed a cruise earlier this month.

Rodney and Alena Ingle attended the meeting with Wade Stanley at Martensdale. Several attend on Saturday evening as well.

Larry, Bev, Tammy, and Christina Brady traveled to UNI to see Tyler Brady in his annual holiday chorus concert. This is his third year performing with the group and he will be going on the European tour with them in May. Tyler has also made the

Dean's List each semester he has been attending UNI.

Randy, Theresa, Brandon, Kinnick, and Joyce Ingle were at Roy and Ruth Whangers' for the holiday.

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# Pleasant Hill

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Ryan and Jamie Ingle and Elijah were visiting with Jamie's family in the Kansas City area.

Chip, Jennifer, Lily, and Annie Albright were visiting Chip's family.

Rodney and Alena Ingle are vacationing in Florida.

Tom, Fred, and Audrey Brady left for Texas for a month. Bud and Mary Fillman will leave after the first of the year.

Suzanne Harvey had a reaction to some medicine she was taking.

Marilyn McClurg had her

other cataract surgery. She is doing well.

Ashten Brady had a gastric flu. She is better now.

Bev Hayes had bronchitis.

Niko Felice suffered a torn calf muscle.

Steve Thompson had back surgery at Mayo Clinic. He is feeling better.

Ava Brady and Cheree Stump were on the sick list.

Mike and Tanner George were visiting family.

Zach and Jenna Wheeler have visited several times this month.

Chantelle and Ashley Schreck have also visited

several times this month.

We are glad to have Vernon McClurg back after a long bout with his foot.

## *January Birthdays*

- 1 – Denise Drake
- 2 – Ann Casey
- 8 – Tim Casey
- 15 – Erika Turner
- 15 – Taylor Turner
- 28 – Tom Brady
- 31 – Doug Bown



## *January Anniversaries*



- 8 – Rosanne & Cliff Van Vleet

# 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

Our visitors during the past month were: Hubert and Glenna Colyn; Troy and Dani Brand, Sydney, Jake, and Jaden; Kevin Waits; Denise Drake and sons, Max and Jack; Brandon Benzhof and nieces, Hayle and Alexis; Amanda Gayle; and Kelly and Allison George, Brady, Carson, and Sophia.

Lynnette Dowdy spent a week in Indianapolis. Marvin and Melda Ingle, Lynnette, Lisa Fiorentin, and Charles Ingle attended funeral services for Ed Hoover in Indiana. Marvin and Melda, Lynnette, Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, and Justin and Brittney Dowdy attended

funeral services for Wilma Dowdy in Indiana a short time later.

Richard Goode recently underwent gastric surgery related to a hernia and spent two weeks in the hospital.

Doug Fiorentin was sent to Tennessee for some extra job training. Derek Ingle also was sent to Chicago for extra job training.

Thirteen ladies gathered at the home of Ruth Schell on a recent Saturday for a social time where they had soup, and enjoyed seeing her knitting machines, rug looms, etc.

Amy Ingle's mother, Pam Skinner, has been diagnosed

with cancer. Please pray for the family.

A baby shower was held recently for the upcoming birth of Emma, daughter of Devon and Erin Ingle.

Justin and Brittney Dowdy spent the holiday visiting family in Indianapolis.

Bobbi Duckstein and Ruth Schell attended the Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> session with Wade Stanley at Martensdale.

We sang with the residents of Mitchellville Care Center on a Sunday evening recently.

## *January Birthdays*

- 5 – Mary Ellen Goode
- 19 – Richard Goode

