

Lighthouse of Iowa

February 2011

From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. —Galatians 6:17

I had wanted a pickup truck for a long time. Not since my younger days had I had the joy of throwing things into the back of a vehicle to my heart's content.

The pickup I finally acquired is great—inside the cab is as comfortable as a car. But the other day, looking at it carefully, I found myself mourning the scratches on its shiny finish and remembering how sleek and lovely it used to be.

But more important than the scars are the precious moments of pleasure that truck has given me. I remember the trip to the county



dump with my grandson, Mitchell, as big an adventure for him as a space trip. He had never seen thousands of shore birds gathered for a free lunch on the county landfill. I also remember all those trips running errands for the widow next door, and hauling old appliances away and replacing

them with new ones for my wife Joan. The more I looked at those scratches, the more they began to look like love marks!

Like my hard-working pickup, I myself have often been left with dents or scratches from trying to help others. Thanks withheld after favors given, or financial help left unrepaid. But I don't think God wants me to be resentful. I think He wants me to stick with the "hauling," and trust Him to turn the scars into "love marks."

Are you keeping some wounds open by focusing on the hurts? Why not just "stick to the hauling" and leave the rest to God?

Lord, help me today to serve with love, and bring the dents and scratches to You for healing.

—Wally Metts

BE A FRIEND

Be a friend. You don't need money:

Just a disposition sunny;

Just the wish to help another

Get along some way or another;

Just a kindly hand extended

Out to one who's befriended;

Just the will to give or lend,

This will make you someone's friend.



Be a friend. You don't need glory.

Friendship is a simple story.

Pass by trifling errors blindly,

Cheer the youth who's bravely trying,

Pity him who's sadly sighing;

Just a little labor spend

On the duties of a friend.

Be a friend. The pay is bigger
(Though not written by a figure)

Than is earned by people clever
In what's merely self-endeavor.

You'll have friends instead of
neighbors

For the profits of your labors;

You'll be richer in the end

Than a prince, if you're a friend.

Edgar A. Guest

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

Norm and Mary Jo Riekens are still in southern Texas.

Some of our members who have had various illnesses this

past month are Barb Feters, Doug Feters, Carl Bennett, Carol Smead, and Chantelle Schreck.

<p>February Birthdays 25 – John Wayne Smead</p> 
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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

Ron Van Egdome went to Iowa City, but the stem cell procedure was postponed due to cancer cells that had grown larger. He is now undergoing daily chemo for four weeks before they go to Iowa City again. He and Jean have been attending church services and keeping in relatively good spirits. Keep your prayers going for them.

John and Donna McNeece motored to Burlington, Iowa, to attend the funeral for his sister-in-law, Delores McNeece, on January 12th.

Don Warren has been doing very well with an occasional setback. Don and Margaret's son, Mike, has been driving them to and from church services. The recent heavy snowfall has kept many members at home.

Frances Hawthorne was notified by family in Hannibal, Missouri, that the wife of her middle brother, James Watson, had died of a heart attack. She had fallen down the stairs of her home in November, and underwent surgery in Columbia, Missouri.

Visitors in January included Ralph and Laura Ford and son, Drew, from Bolingbrook, Illinois. Laura is the daughter of Margo and the late Dale Suddeth. Other January visitors included Jessie Reiser, and Madalie and Kirsten Nome of Austin, Texas.

David Feters was absent on January 23rd because he had accompanied his daughter, Alissa (Feters) Garbi to Houston, Texas. She was en route to Hawaii, where she is moving since her husband is

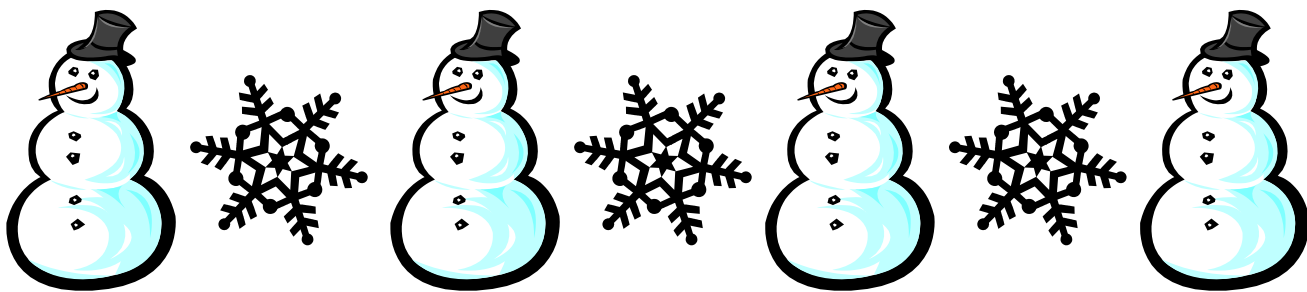
stationed there with the military.

Alna Meacham attended services on January 23rd, which was her 90th birthday. Mary Lou Allen celebrated her 81st birthday the same day.

Elsie Le Mar wants everyone to know how much she appreciates all the prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits.

Our annual spring meeting at Dean Avenue will be held April 23-24, 2011.

<p>February Birthdays 5 – Earl Allen 5 – Danielle Strable 8 – John McNeece 16 – Bill McNeece 25 – Frances Hawthorne</p> 
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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

Bobbi Swisher has done very well since her hip replacement surgery. She and Jack are residing at their Florida home for the winter.

Darlene Marsh was transferred from a hospital in Omaha to Elm Heights Care Center in Shenandoah on January 14th. Her health continued to decline and she died peacefully Sunday evening, January 23rd. Visitation and funeral services were held at the Fairview Church of Christ, in Clarinda, Iowa, on Friday afternoon, January 28. Richard Negley was the song leader and Jean Negley attended to the Memory Register. Burial services were held at Memory Cemetery in New Market, Iowa. Darlene had diligently attended church

services and church activities at the Fairview Church of Christ. She was an inspiration and a friend to all of us. We will certainly miss her, but she left with us a legacy of faith that we will always remember. Sympathy is extended to her family; daughter Mary Rine and husband Jim, and their family.

Jewell Warner was to have carpal tunnel surgery on January 26th, but this procedure has been rescheduled for February 2nd.

Mary Lou Madden had a surgery/procedure done on Friday, January 28th. The surgeon was successful in finding the problem that has been causing her stomach discomfort and indigestion.

With new medicine, she is hopeful that she will feel much better, and maybe even gain some weight!

Visitors at church January 30th were Paul and Dasha Negley and daughter, Timber, of Urbandale, Iowa. Members of Darlene Marsh's family with us were granddaughter and great grandchildren, Amy Mays and two children of Polk City, Iowa; and sisters, Bethene Huss of San Diego, California, and Nancy Abbott of Melcher, Iowa.

February Anniversaries



14 – Marvin & Jean Negley

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

Steve and Cerine Proudfit and their girls worshiped with us on January 2nd. They were in the area over the New Year's holiday spending time with Duane and Mary Proudfit.

Phyllis Bown spent much of the month of January helping Dennis and Cindy Stanley and their three sons. Cindy is undergoing treatments for colon cancer. Dick went down to be with them on weekends.

Drew Tegtmeyer and Courtney Penick spent a couple weekends in the Kansas City area spending time with family.

Tracy Penick spent the weekend of January 16th with Kyle and Stephanie Stephens.

Charlie Deckler has been attending services with his wife, Pam.

Marlene S. Bown (Fred's wife) had surgery on January 19th to remove a large non-cancerous tumor from her

brain. They were also able to remove another small tumor close to the large one. Marlene went home on January 24th, but developed an infection and had to return to the hospital on the 25th. She returned home again on
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February Birthdays

27 – Elena Rodriguez



February Anniversaries

9 – Allen & Teresa Bown



Martensdale

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January 28th and is continuing to recuperate at home. Marlene was diagnosed with stage 2 uterine cancer and will undergo a hysterectomy and gall bladder removal sometime in March when she has regained her strength. Marlene's address is 10958 44th Lane, Prole, IA 50229.

Thank you! Thank you! I feel so protected and blessed by our great God and the power and strength of so much love and so many prayers. Thank you also for the wonderful cards, visits, and encouragement.

Love you all! Marlene S. 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

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

Kathy King, daughter of Linda Oldham, placed her membership with us.

Troy and Dani Brand and family spent the holidays in Hawaii. They had a good time.

Bruce and Suzanne Harvey were in Florida visiting with Bruce's aunt. While in Florida they also enjoyed visiting with son Matt and family.

Betty Curtis and boys were out of town.

Tim and Tammy Brady went on a cruise.

Chip and Jennifer Albright and girls were in the Kansas

City area visiting with family.

Nels and Marje Turnquist were visiting with family in the St. Louis area.

Dan and Amy Pritchard and Josiah were in Fort Dodge visiting with Dan's family.

Vernon McClurg is able to be back at services. Brian and Jill McClurg from North Carolina, and Marc and Lindsey McClurg from Colorado were visiting with family. Other visitors during the past month were: Cindy Morris, Kevin Waits, Corbin Stretch, and Linda Flickinger.

Paul Zinnel had shoulder surgery. He is doing better.

Suzanne Harvey is having trouble with her legs. She will be going to a vein specialist this week. Keep her in your prayers.

David Ingle had rotator cuff surgery on January 26th. He is home and doing well.

Bud Fillman's mother passed away. Her funeral was January 15th. Bud and Mary Alice came back, only to find that someone had broken into their home and taken his truck and other things. They have gone back to Texas.

Wanda Burkman suffered the loss of her sister-in-law, Irene Jones, last October, and her brother, Donald Jones, in December. Betty George lost her mother, Luella Haner, earlier this month, and Theresa Ingle lost her grandmother. Our prayers are with all of these families.

Matt Thompson will be deployed on February 4th, and

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We thank everyone for your thoughtfulness in your prayers, cards, visits, food, and supplies during Vernon's surgeries and recuperation. Vernon is at home now and showing improvement. Our love to you all.

Vernon and Marilyn McClurg



Pleasant Hill

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he will be out to sea for at least six months. Please keep him in your prayers.

THANK YOU from Margaret Warren, JoAnne Wilson, and Beverly Hayes for the cards, prayers, and calls following the death of their Aunt Gladys. She was like a mother to them. Gladys was 103, years, 8 months, and 1 day old.

Cooking class will be at Nora Lee Ingle's on February 20th at 4:00 p.m.

February Birthdays

- 5 – Max Flickinger
- 6 – Marc Hermon
- 12 – Jake Brand
- 21 – Josh Brady
- 21 – Cliff Van Vleet
- 23 – Marje Turnquist
- 24 – Sharon Stevens



Iowa Traveling Bible Study (ITBS)

The next study will be
March 6 at Dan & Amy Pritchard's

April study: Ryan & Jamie Ingle's
Please check with hosts to see if they 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 131st St.
Website: vandaliacoc.com

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

We enjoyed our annual New Year's Eve party with plenty of food, fun, and games.

Bruce Fiorentin and Kelsey Knight announced their engagement. Congratulations!

Melody Burkman, Erin Ingle, and Mike and Joy Cummings went to Florida on a business trip.

Lynnette Dowdy spent a few days in Indiana early in the month and spent some time in Missouri with family.

Greg and Margaret Ingle attended the funeral of her uncle, C.W. Gifford, in

Centralia, Missouri.

Our visitors were Denise Drake, Kevin Waits, John Kelly, and Jason and Staci Miller.

We gathered at the Mitchellville Nursing Home for a songfest with the residents there on a recent Sunday evening.

Several of our ladies enjoyed getting together on a Saturday afternoon doing a craft project.

Mark your calendars to attend our annual weekend meeting on June 11-12, 2011.

February Birthdays

- 2 – Walter Daugherty
- 8 – Melda Ingle
- 9 – Bruce Fiorentin
- 16 – Derek Ingle
- 26 – Amy Ingle
- 27 – Bobbi Duckstein



February Anniversaries

- 17 – Brett & Lori Cole



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