

Lighthouse of Iowa

February 2014

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray...

Luke 18:1

Even though it was seven years old, our shiny "new" van was a vast improvement over our battered fourteen-year-old four-wheel-drive utility vehicle. It started, even in cold weather, never stalled when turning, and shifted into reverse without complaint. It never leaked oil or smelled of gasoline. The radio, tape deck, and air conditioner all worked. I could even haul my three children, plus a friend, each in comfort. With its glossy paint and an uncracked windshield, we nicknamed the handsome van Silver Belle.



I had been enjoying Silver Belle for a week or two when I noticed I no longer prayed while I was driving. While I owned the older vehicle, I had invariably started my morning with petitions: *Lord, please let her start! God, don't let me get stuck in the driveway! Lord, let that noise be something harmless and that gas smell be from somewhere else!* After the old vehicle grudgingly sputtered to life on the ninth or tenth attempt, I would mutter a quick prayer of thanksgiving, then head to my substitute-teaching job, continuing to pray about other matters. Now that I drove a vehicle that started, I forgot to pray at all!

I've had to jump-start my prayer life. Instead of asking my heavenly Father for help when I buckle my seat belt, I remember to say, "Thank You, Lord, for a safe vehicle." Most days I can easily think of more

blessings to acknowledge: my healthy children; the day's work; the dramatic Wyoming vistas on the way to school. I still ask God for help when I need it, but I try to remember to say thank You even when I don't need to say please.

Lord, let me always be grateful for answered prayer.

GAIL THORELL SCHILLING

Another Look

A critic's job is easy,

It's not hard to criticize—

*But when you're on the
"taking" end,*

That's where the trouble lies,

For it's often hard to see ourselves

In someone else's eyes....

So, when you are corrected,

Don't take it as a blow,

But take correction graciously,

For in your heart you know

The better person you become,

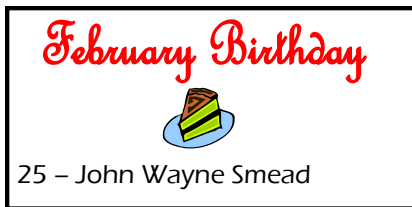
The closer to God you grow!

—ALICE JOYCE DAVIDSON

Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa
For information call—Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Visitors this month were Gerry Fenton, friend of Ashley Schreck, and Bruce, Sue, and Leah 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

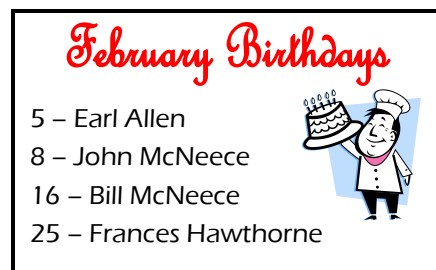
David, Marla, and Kara Fetters visited Alissa Garbi and family in Blue Springs, Missouri. Alissa gave birth to Caden Eli, who weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces. They are doing well.

Risa and Skip Schamel are in Florida for a couple months visiting Jamie Hayes (Risa's son) and vacationing.

Visitors this month were: Jake McClung (friend of Kara Fetters); Jayme Plummer and children, Madison, Kirsten and Grayson (daughter and grandchildren of Bill and Shirley McNeece); and Mike and Tracy Penick.

Ill this month: Mike Warren, Bill and Shirley McNeece, Mary Lou Allen,

Donna Meek, and Margaret Warren.



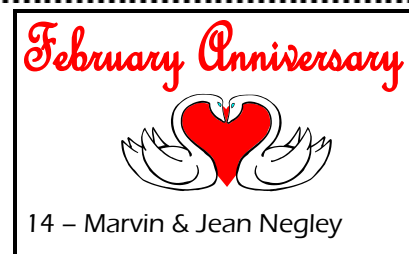
Fairview

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

Visitors this month have been: Ashley Schreck, Jake Tjaden, and Shelley James.

We have some from our group traveling, all going to warmer and sunny places to visit. IMAGINE THAT!

Everybody stay safe and cozy, and the next season is SPRING!



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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

Several of us rang in the New Year at the home of Dave and Christy Henderson. We had a fun evening of games and fellowship.

Rodney and Alena Ingle and their boys have worshiped with us several times this month. Other visitors this month have been Pam Deckler's cousin, Kathy, and husband, Charlie; Stephanie, Ada, and Allie Stephens; and Steve, Cerine, Isabelle, Amelia, and Maylee Proudfit.

Thanks to everyone who attended our meeting with Wade Stanley. It's always uplifting to see everyone and have the support of the local brethren!

Mark your calendar for March 8 and 9, when we will be hosting a meeting with Jay Graham. Jay will speak at 7:00 on Saturday evening with refreshments after services. He will speak again on Sunday at 10:00 and 1:30, with a basket dinner between services. He

will also lead the ITBS on Saturday, which will be held at the Martensdale church building at 5:00 p.m.



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.

Due to a fall in her home, Suzanne Harvey spent three days in ICU, and three days on the regular floor due to four broken ribs (one was broken in two places). The ribs are still healing, but she's glad to be able to go places now. **She thanks everyone** for prayers, cards, gifts, and other ways she and Bruce were supported and encouraged. The trip to warmer weather they were to have taken 13 hours after the fall had to be cancelled.

Dave Ingle had rotator cuff surgery and is doing well.

Pam Sorensen had surgery to remove a large bone spur

from her left heel. She is doing well and back to work.

Nels Turnquist is still fighting cancer. He is very weak. He was in the hospital for a few days and is now home. He is having good days and bad days. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Steve Thompson will be having retina surgery

It was reported that Marian Parrish fell and broke her hip. She is at her daughter Connie's.

Audrey Brady was in the hospital following a mini-stroke. She is home and doing well.

Jamie Ingle's grandmother, Bernice Evans, passed away. A memorial service was held in the Kansas City area on the 17th of January.

Among others on the sick list were: the Pritchard family, Alena Ingle, Kathy King, Sophia George, Randy Ingle, Carly Felice, and Sharon Stevens.

Megan Stevens, Rodney and Alena Ingle and baby attended the meeting at Martensdale. Some others also attended.

Matt Thompson is home after being in the service for

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eight years. Thank you for your service. Glad that you have arrived home safely!

Cody Shepard was visiting with Tyler Curtis.

Duane and Donna Needham and Sam and Tim McClung were visiting with Alex and Ryane Needham.

Tom and Fred Brady and Audrey Brady left for Texas and will spend some time there.

February Birthdays

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



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

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

Our visitors this past month were: Ryan Zinnell; Rodney and Alena Ingle and children; and D.D. and Donna Russell.

James and Shela Welte and children, Janel, Maverik, Malichi, Makale, Mundan, Jennady, Matyus, Malex, and Jadence, all of the Memphis, Missouri congregation, worshiped with us on January

26th. They were here visiting Allen and Shonya Klein and family.

Lynnette Dowdy spent a few days in Indianapolis.

Jason and Staci Miller and Allison spent a weekend in Carrollton, Missouri.

We sang with the residents at the Mitchellville Care Center on one Sunday evening.

February Birthdays

- 2 – Walter Daugherty
- 8 – Melda Ingle
- 9 – Bruce Fiorentin
- 16 – Derek Ingle
- 20 – James Dowdy
- 26 – Amy Ingle
- 27 – Bobbi Duckstein
- 28 – Briana Klein



February Anniversary

- 27 – Brett & Lori Cole



Three Gates

If you are tempted to reveal
a tale to you someone has told
about another, make it pass,
before you speak, three gates of gold,
these narrow gates:

First, "Is it true?"

Then, "Is it needful?"

In your mind give truthful answer.
And the next is last and narrowest,
"Is it kind?"
And if to reach your lips at last
it passes through these gateways three,
then you may tell the tale, nor fear
what the result of speech may be.

From the Arabian