

Lighthouse of Iowa

February 2015

Freely ye have received, freely give. Matthew 10:8



I have to admit I was curious. So as the technician finished labeling my blood donation, I asked, "Is there any way to know where my blood is going?"

She smiled and shook her head. "Nope. The way it's separated into components, it could go to four different people in a month's time. You'll never know who you're helping, and they'll never know who helped them."

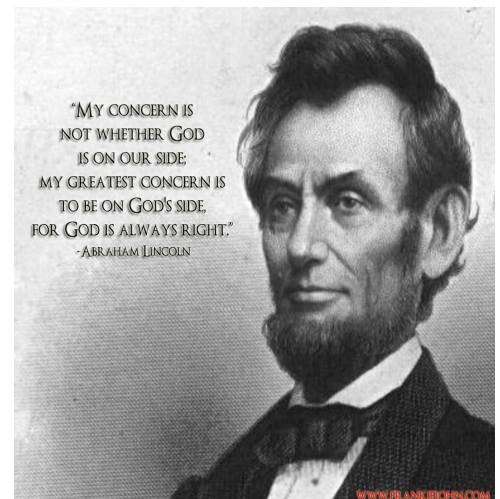
I thought back to my Bible study the previous

month. In a way, Jesus was an anonymous donor. A centurion told Jesus that his servant was very ill, so Jesus offered to go to the man's house and heal him. The soldier protested: "Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed" (Matthew 8:8, KJV). Astonished at the man's great faith, Jesus healed the servant in the selfsame hour. I wondered if the man ever knew Who made him well. I think the answer lies in the mysterious power of anonymous giving. Jesus asks us to give freely what we have received from God, so the satisfaction in giving quietly comes from merely passing on what God has given us. The ultimate Source, the true Giver, is God. I've received good health, so I like to give blood often. But you can be an anonymous donor in other ways, such as giving

clothing or toys to a homeless family shelter, or by leaving a bag of groceries at the door of a family from church or in your neighborhood who is struggling to make ends meet.

I'll never know if I've given a premature baby an extra chance at life, or helped a burn patient grow stronger, but it doesn't matter. I'm giving only what God first gave me. As the centurion's servant must have known, the real Giver of all life-affirming gifts is God.

Use me, Lord, to pass on Your love and care to a needy world.
Gina Bridgeman



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

Norm Riekens' mother, Lois Riekens, passed away January 6th. Her funeral was January 10th in Mason City. Our condolences go out to Norm, Mary Jo, and the rest of the family.


Albert and Jeanette Schreck; Brian, Tammy, and

Ethan Schreck; and Norm and Mary Jo Riekens attended the wedding of Travis Schreck and Jenika Welte on January 24th in Raytown, Missouri.

Andrew and Stephanie Hansen and children and Tasha Miller and her son, Caleb, have

attended with us this past month.

Several of our members are still fighting the cold/flu stuff.

February Birthday 

25 – John Wayne Smead

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

Kara Fetters visited in Kansas City and Excelsior Springs.


Risa and Skip Schamel are in Florida for two months.

Margaret Warren continues to decline with memory loss dementia. A sedative has been added to her medication to try

and help her sleep through the night and be awake more in the daytime.

Visitors: John Chapman, Kamryn Aswegan, Alexa Ferrel, and Jake McNeece.

Ill: Travis Head, Debbie Wilkins, and Conner Wilkins.

February Birthdays 

5 – Earl Allen
8 – John McNeece
16 – Bill McNeece
25 – Frances Hawthorne

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

We are so happy for Justin Head and Tracy Robinson, as they have recently become engaged. Tracy will graduate from ISU this spring, and they plan to be married later this year.

Our thoughts and prayers are with a member of our congregation as she deals with some family concerns.

We had an excellent lesson on Biblical New Year Resolutions, with each letter in the word “resolutions” tied to scripture:

- R**, let us resolve to stay in the RACE, Heb. 12:1
- E**, let us resolve to stop making EXCUSES, Luke 14:16-24
- S**, let us resolve to be good SOLDIERS for Christ, 2 Tim. 2:3
- O**, let us resolve to keep our OBLIGATION to God, 2 Tim. 4:7 and Deut. 6:5
- L**, let us resolve to be united in LOVE, Eph. 5:1-2
- U**, let us resolve to be UNSELFISH, Matt. 16:24-27
- T**, let us resolve to use our TALENTS, Matt. 25:14-30

- I**, let us resolve to keep our INFLUENCE, Phil. 1:25-27
- O**, let us resolve to be ORDERLY, James 1:22-25
- N**, let us resolve to be a truly NEW person in Christ, 2 Cor. 5:17
- S**, let us resolve to SUPPORT this congregation.

February Anniservary 

14 – Marvin & Jean Negley

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

During the month of February we will be having a basket dinner and afternoon service on the first and third Sunday.

We will have a weekend meeting with Wade Stanley Saturday, March 7th, and Sunday, March 8th. The ITBS will be held before the meeting on Saturday. More details will be in next month's Lighthouse.

Allen Bown had surgery on his shoulder January 8th. The surgery went well and he is now

doing physical therapy. He also had a shot in his back on January 21st for a bulging disk. It will take a couple of weeks to know if the shot helped or not.

Fred Bown returned to services January 11th, after having hip pain. He is slowly improving.

Several of us traveled to the Kansas City area to attend the wedding of Travis Schreck and Jenika Welte.

Visitors this month have

been Rodney, Alena, Brenna, Theron, Hugh, and Baby Ingle; Stephanie, Ada, and Allie Stephens; Grace Fenton; Jacob Amos; Tom and Dianne Collier; Maddy Hermon; and Randy and Laura Teghtmeyer.



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.

An adoption party was held in December for the following:

♥ Brenna Ruth, Theron Jude, and Hughie Clinton. These are the children of Rodney and Alena (Brady) Ingle. Grandparents are Jason and Theresa Brady and Dave and Joyce Ingle; great-grandparents are Tom and Fred Brady and Nora Lee Ingle; and great-great-grandmother is Audrey Brady.

♥ Rylee Nicole and Taylor Naomi are children of Ryan and Jamie (Evans) Ingle. Grandparents are Dave and Joyce Ingle and Mr. and Mrs. James Evans; great-grandmother is Nora Lee Ingle.

Taylor Ingle, Randy and Theresa Ingle were sick.

Nora Lee Ingle had a blood clot and was on bed rest; she is

doing much better now.

Betty Warren fell and fractured a rib. She was in the hospital for a few days, but is home now.

Nick and Susan Conner welcomed a new son, William Nicholas, born January 2nd.

Nik Hermon attended at the Jay Street congregation in Colorado.

Steve and Nancy Brady, Jason and Theresa Brady, and Mary Gearhart all vacationed where it was warm.

Bruce and Suzanne Harvey are back from the south. Suzanne has been sick.

Joyce Ingle visited with her dad, Roy Whanger, and family in Missouri.

Maddy Hermon has worshiped at Martensdale.

Colin and Coni Hambrie from Alabama were visiting.

Wanda Burkman is recovering from balloon and minor sinus surgery.

Marje Turnquist will have a total reversal right shoulder arthroplasty replacement surgery on January 27th.

Mike and Shirley Warner left on January 26th for Florida for a few days.



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 are happy to announce the baptism of Jason Henle. He and Mariha Goode were united in marriage on January 1st. Congratulations! Jason is employed as a lineman for Indianola Municipal Utilities.

Pat Klingensmith continues to struggle with cancer. She is declining quickly and is under home hospice care. Please pray for the family.

Bonnie Harkins is recovering from replacement of her pacemaker.

Briana Klein is employed as a secretary for Representative Ted Glassman at our State Capitol.

Morgan Cummings is employed with Great Clips in Ankeny.

The Alan Klein family attended the wedding of Travis Schreck and Jenika Welte and worshiped at Lone Jack in Missouri.

We are always pleased to have Valerie Burkman join us for worship services.

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

- 17 – Brett & Lori Cole



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