

# Lighthouse of Iowa

February 2016

*And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant.*

---Matthew 20:27

During the Revolutionary War, an officer dressed in civilian clothes noticed a group of soldiers repairing a fortification. The men were exhausted but the non-com in charge just shouted orders. When asked by the officer why he didn't help, he responded, "Sir, I am a corporal!"

The stranger began working alongside the men. When the job was completed he turned to the corporal and said, "Next time you have a job like this and not enough men to do it, go to your commander-in-chief, and I will come and help you *again*." Only then did the corporal recognize the man as General George Washington.

Countless times each day, we get to choose how we will act. In my work as a physician, it's tempting for me to feel important by making demands on those whose jobs are under mine in the medical hierarchy. But I've found that working *with*

people—soliciting their help, listening to their opinions--- rather than just giving orders and expecting blind obedience will get the task done more efficiently and keep morale high.



This month as we celebrate Washington's birthday, let's think back not just two hundred years, but two thousand years to a King Who also gave us an example. He, too, chose to be a servant among us, not a ruler among servants. And we can choose to follow His example.

*Lord Jesus, remind us that we are most like You when we serve. Help me to be a worthy servant of Yours today.*

---Scott Harrison

## **Pleasant Hill Weekend Study with Wade Stanley**

**February 20 - 21, 2016**

### **Topic: Islam**

Saturday, Feb. 20  
7 p.m.; Refreshments  
served afterward.

Sunday, Feb. 21  
9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Potluck dinner served  
between services Sunday.  
Short song service for  
children Sunday afternoon.

All local congregations  
are welcome to attend!



# Chariton

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

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

For information call—Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Our meeting time on Sunday morning is now 10:00-11:30.

Jeanette Schreck had heart valve replacement surgery on January 7<sup>th</sup>. She is recovering at home but is still unable to do much.

Norm and Mary Jo Riekens had two of their

grand-daughters visit them for a few days. Ali and her husband, Bobby, and Gentry and her boyfriend, Zach, were visiting from California.

Visitors at services this past month were Travis and Jenika Schreck, Bruce and Sue Schreck, and Teresa Groves.

*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

David, Marla, and Kara Feters traveled to Kansas City to visit Alissa Garbi and family.

Yvonne Coe's sister, Marilyn Helmick, passed away from cancer. Also, Yvonne's grandson, David Chamberlain, is continuing chemo treatment for cancer. Please remember Yvonne.

John and Donna McNeece have an infant great-granddaughter who is failing to thrive with several health

problems. Please pray for her. Her grandmother is Linda (McNeece) Bauman.

The swelling behind Neal Warren's eye has shrunk quite a bit. His vision hasn't improved, but may be because of a cataract. He may have cataract surgery.

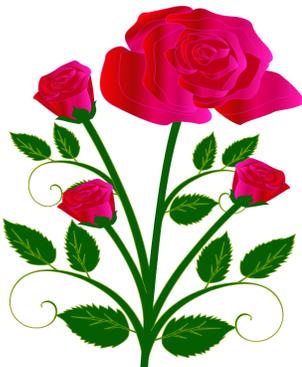
Visitors: Jaclyn Chamberlain; Kamryn Aswegan; Madden Sharp; Ryleigh Rowe; Bill, Bryan, and Max Charlier; and Aiden, Preston, and Paxon Boozell.

Ill: David Feters, Glenn Meacham, Frank Meek, Brett Dobberke, Don James, John McNeece, Earl Allen, Jan Sellers, and Risa Schamel.

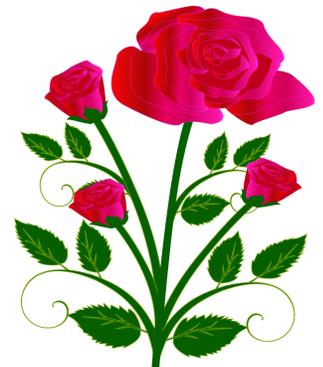
*February Birthdays*



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



# Hello February.



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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

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John Lee was with us this past weekend, and we enjoyed his lessons and the chance to fellowship with him!

*February Anniservary*



14 – Marvin & Jean Negley

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# Martensdale

Meeting Times—Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Location—10985 44<sup>th</sup> 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

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Our dear sister Marlene (Dingus) Soard passed away on January 7<sup>th</sup> at the age of 61. There was a short memorial service for her January 10<sup>th</sup> after our morning worship service, and this summer her ashes will be interred in the Dingus Family Cemetery in Martin, Kentucky. Please continue to keep her husband Jerry and son Joshua in your prayers.

Many of us rang in the new year at Dave and Christy Henderson's. We enjoyed a fun evening of games, fellowship, and food.

Several of the ladies of our congregation met at the

home of Wendy Hounsom January 9<sup>th</sup>. We had a study and discussion on the woman in Proverbs 31.

We want to thank everyone who attended our weekend meeting with John Lee. It was good to spend the weekend with brethren.

We've had several visitors this month: Jared Groves and Tyler Schreck were visiting Rodney and Alena Ingle; Steve and Cerine Proudfit and their girls were visiting family; Pam Deckler's cousin, Kathy, spent some time with Pam; Bruce and Sue Schreck were in the area for Jeanette

Schreck's heart valve replacement surgery; Jordan Bown was home visiting; Miles and Kelsey Wood have been worshipping with us; Carrie Brigham and her kids, Regan, Camryn, and Ethan, attended services; and Randy and Laura Tegtmeyer were visiting Drew and Courtney.

*February Anniservaries*



9 – Allen & Teresa Bown

20 – Bill & Wendy Hounsom

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# 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.

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We will continue to have afternoon services starting at 1:00 p.m. through February.

Pam Sorensen was able to go home from the hospital. She will be having dialysis three times a week. She would enjoy phone calls.

Kelly and Allison George and family vacationed in California and have arrived home safe.

Nick Hermon, Ryan Zinnel, and Kayley Zimmerman are back home from traveling. Nick and Kayley will be headed back to school.

Tom and Fred Brady will be in Texas until the end of February.

Jason and Theresa Brady and Ryane and Audra Needham returned home from traveling to Arizona.

Marje Turnquist was visiting with her daughter, Suzanne Hicks, and family. She will be traveling to Florida to visit with daughter Amy Reeves and family for a month.

Pat Thompson, Kinnick Ingle, Betty Curtis, Diamond Blackman, the Dan Pritchard family, Allison George, Troy

Brand, Wanda Burkman, and Joyce Ingle have all been sick.

Kelsey Wood and daughter Ryleigh have relocated to Iowa to be with Miles.

Steve Thompson will have surgery, and Pat Thompson will have back surgery mid February.

Dani Brand had eye surgery.

Marty, Lisa, and Nathan Williamson and Miles and Kelsey Wood attended the meeting at Martensdale.

Sharon Mineart is vacationing in Mexico.



Evangelist Wade Stanley will continue the ITBS Church Leadership study on February 13, 2016 at Zach and Jenna Wheeler's home. Ages 13 through college age. Please bring your Bible and be ready to study the role of deacons at 4 p.m. Enjoy food, fellowship and fun until 8 p.m. If you are able, please bring a dessert and/or soda to share.



## February Birthdays

- 1 – Zoe Witherspoon
- 3 – Nick Conner
- 5 – Max Flickinger
- 6 – Marc Hermon
- 12 – Jake Brand
- 14 – Audra Needham
- 21 – Josh Brady
- 21 – Cliff Van Vleet
- 23 – Marje Turnquist
- 24 – Sharon Stevens



Another great opportunity on February 13 is "Meals From the Heartland." The meal packing event is from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at 357 Lincoln Street, West Des Moines. If you'd like to attend please contact Christy Henderson or Bethany Phillips. They will gladly sign you up!

# 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

We enjoyed our annual New Year's Eve party with food, games, and fellowship. We welcomed several guests who joined in the fun.

James and Laura Dowdy and Cole visited family in Kentucky.

Destry Klein spent a week in Oklahoma for a Leadership Training program.

Briana Klein is again employed as a Secretary/Clerk at the State Capitol during the Legislative session. She is also employed as a CNA at Mercy Hospital.

Doug Fiorentin spent a week of work training sessions in Dallas, Texas.

Richard Goode underwent outpatient surgery February 1<sup>st</sup> and is at home recovering.

Briana Klein spent a weekend at Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

Valerie Burkman has been meeting with us often.

## February Birthdays

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



## February Anniversary



- 17 – Brett & Lori Cole



## THE TEACHER

Lord, who am I to teach the way  
 To little children day by day,  
 So prone myself to go astray?

I teach them knowledge, but I know  
 How faint they flicker and how low  
 The candles of my knowledge glow.

I teach them power to will and do,  
 But only now to learn anew  
 My own great weakness thru and thru.

I teach them love for all mankind  
 And all God's creatures, but I find  
 My love comes lagging far behind.

Lord, if their guide I still must be,  
 Oh, let the little children see  
 The teacher leaning hard on Thee.

---Leslie Pinckney Hill