



# Lighthouse of Iowa

*Keeping in touch with Iowa's Churches of Christ*

February 2018

## “The Fatherless” and the Church

*Psalms 10*

“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.”

~ *The Apostle James (James 1:27 KJV)*

We understand the latter part of James’ definition of “pure religion” quite well, that is, to keep ourselves “unspotted from the world”. A repentant soul is the path to light, liberty, peace, and “joy unspeakable”.

But the visiting of the fatherless and widows in their affliction takes a bit more consideration. How often do we get that opportunity? Do we even think about it that often?

Well some brethren not only think about visiting the fatherless, but went as far as to bring them into their homes—permanently.

Through adoption, some of our brethren have taken the fatherless into their homes and are raising them and loving them as their own.

Rodney and Aléna Ingle at the Martensdale congregation have adopted not one child, or two, but four. And are in process of possibly adopting a fifth child who is living with the family now!



Rodney and Aléna Ingle and family in Judge McLellan’s court room immediately after adopting their fourth child, Keturah Violet, affectionately called, “Tutu” on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Rodney and Aléna did not rush into adoption. They were married four years before they adopted any children. But it was always something Aléna had in her heart. Rodney explained how they prayed for these children and had to trust in Christ for this.

Today the Ingles are quite passionate about adoption for another reason as well — the need of so many children for a good home. Explaining some of the sad and desperate circumstances many children are in, Rodney said, “*It is such a blessing to give children a chance to be normal. The places we pulled them out of were not.*”

And indeed some are in very dangerous situations. According to the Children’s Bureau of the U.S.

Department of Health & Human Services’ 2016 Child Maltreatment report, child protective services investigated cases involving nearly 3½ million children. Of that, 676,000 children were found to

be victims of neglect, physical and sexual abuse. And as a result, 1,750 have died.

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/cm2016.pdf>

Rodney described how adopting a child can be a frustrating journey, especially dealing with the courts.

“*I will not leave you fatherless, but I will come to you.*”

~ *John 14:18 Geneva Bible*

“*Dealing with the court system is a very difficult and emotional journey. You must be very patient because there is a lot of ‘yes, no, yes, no’ from the courts.*”

But on any Sunday morning at Martensdale, you can see it was all worth it. Laughter and children’s voices after worship fill the room adding to the congregation’s distinct personality.

“*Adoption is a very positive situation.*” Rodney says. “*It is not a burden. It opens your eyes to how much love is needed in the world.*”



## Chariton

**Meeting times:** Sundays: 10:00 a.m. (no evening services)  
**Location:** 15<sup>th</sup> & Roland, Chariton, Iowa  
**For information call:** Albert Schreck (641) 535-2381 or Brian Schreck (641) 535-2931

- It was a quiet month at Chariton. No news.
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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 / P.O. Box 57398, Pleasant Hill, IA 50327  
**For information call:** John McNeece (515) 263-9428

- We no longer have a mailbox at our building.

**Our new mailing address is:**

*Dean Avenue Church of Christ  
P. O. Box 57398  
Pleasant Hill, IA 50327*

- **Earl Allen's cancer surgery went well.** He is now at Valley View Village skilled care for rehab. He has had some complications with infections and fever, but hopefully is beginning to get better.
- **Neal Warren is at the Community Learning Center, Rm. 306, next to the VA Hospital** for rehab to get stronger. He will be there for approximately two more weeks.
- Peg Warren had her pacemaker replaced and is doing ok.

- Mary Lou Allen has been sick with a cold and cough but is better now.
- Karma Sharp has been sick with Influenza A.
- Glenn Meacham has the flu.
- **Visitors:**  
Tom Warren, Tisha Wells, Paxon and Aiden Boozell, Bill, Bryan, Max and Tally Charlier, Maddie Done and Valerie Hawthorne..

### February Birthdays

- ★ 05 Earl Allen
- ★ 08 Johnie McNeece
- ★ 16 Bill McNeece
- ★ 25 Frances Hawthorne

### February Anniversaries

- None
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## Fairview

**Meeting times:** Sundays: 10:00 a.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** 1001 S. 22<sup>nd</sup> St, Clarinda, Iowa 51632  
**For information call:** Richard Negley (712)542-3728 or Marvin Negley (712)542-2792

- Richard Negley had carpal tunnel surgery.
- Jean Negley had back surgery this month.

- Marvin & Jean Negley spent a few days in Ouray, Colorado traveling especially to watch their grandson Luke participate in Ice Climbing competition.

**February Birthdays**

- None

**February Anniversaries**

- None

## 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) 681-0279

**All are welcome to join us for two weekend meetings:**

- ★ *Saturday February 10 and Sunday, February 11 as we will be hosting a meeting with **Tad Morris on Paid Preacher/Paid Evangelist.** We will meet Saturday at 7:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM with a basket dinner between.*
- ★ *Saturday March 3rd and Sunday March 4th **Jeremy Morris** will be giving a series of lessons on **Evolution.** We will meet on Saturday at 7:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM with a basket dinner between.*

- Maddy Hermon traveled to Oklahoma for her fiancé, **Ayden Twadell's, graduation from boot camp.** Please keep Ayden in your prayers as he begins medic training.
- It was good to have Marc, Ginger, Shea, Gabriel and Nick Hermon and Kayley Zimmerman worship with us.
- Mark and Cindy Morris attended services on their way home to Kansas City.
- Jordan Bown worshipped with us while visiting.

- Tiffany Parker's mom Paula and sister Kimberly spent a weekend visiting with Tiffany.
- Tanner George and Dick and Phyllis Bown traveled to the Kansas City area to visit family.
- Allen Bown had radio frequency ablation done on some nerves in his back which successfully helped alleviate his back pain.
- Wendy Hounsom had surgery on her shoulder on January 22. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Adam and Cassidy Purdy and Kirk and Bethany Ford worshipped with us while they were home visiting family.
- Mike and Tracy Penick enjoyed a cruise to the Caribbean.

**February Birthdays**

- ★ 18 Tiffiany Parker

**February Anniversaries**

- ★ February 9 – Allen & Teresa Bown
- ★ February 20 -- Bill & Wendy Hounson

## 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, Mike Warner (515) 967-4529.

- **Brandon Ingle was recognized by the National Society of Collegiate of Leadership and Success at UNI. He has a 4.0 grade average.**

- **Get Well Soon**  
Diamond and Dominique Blackman, Wanda Burkman, Tim Brady, Nora Lee Ingle, Nathan

Williamson, Julene Pappan, Pritchard family, Troy Brand and Marje Turnquist have all been sick. Joyce Ingle, Mary Alice Fillman, Margaret Franklin Have also been sick.

- Please keep Kathy King in prayers, as she heals from a fall.
- Brian and Angela West of Indianola were visitors.
- Bruce and Suzanne Harvey have been in Florida visiting with Bruce's aunt.
- Tom, Fred, Jason and Theresa Brady have vacationed in Ariz. They have returned home safely.
- Cindy and Mark Morris visited with Nora Lee Ingle and took her to see her sister Frances Kirkwood in Knoxville recently.
- Kayley Zimmerman's mom was visiting from Colo.
- Mike and Shirley Warner are vacationing in Hawaii.

- Larry and Bev Brady are vacationing in Florida for a couple of weeks.
- Pam Sorensen was in Kansas visiting Erica and family.
- Chip and Jennifer Albright and girls were in Chicago visiting.

**February Birthdays**

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| ★ 3 Nick Conner      | ★ 5 Max Flickinger   |
| ★ 6 Marc Hermon      | ★ 12 Jake Brand      |
| ★ 14 Audra Needham   | ★ 15 Natalie Brady   |
| ★ 21 Josh Brady      | ★ 21 Cliff Van Vleet |
| ★ 23 Marje Turnquist | ★ 24 Sharon Mineart  |

**February Anniversaries**

- None

## 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 pleased to report the baptism of Micah Heartsill on Sunday January 14th.** He is the husband of Briana Klein Heartsill.
- The **construction work** of the addition of the church building is coming along well, and is said to be about **80% to completion.**
- We were not able to have our annual New Year's Eve party at the appropriate time because of the extreme cold, so we had a belated party the evening after the pot luck dinner on Sunday January 14th.
- We sang at Acura Health Care in Newton, where Dorothy VanMaanen is a resident.
- Also recently, we gathered at the Altoona Nursing and Rehab Center, where Walter Daugherty resides.

- Mary Ellen Goode had cataract surgery and is coming along fine.
- Bobbi Duckstein is scheduled to have a cornea transplant on Monday January 29th.
- Among our visitors were: Valerie Burkman, and Jason and Autumn Dowdy and family.

**February Birthdays**

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| ★ 2 Walter Daugherty  | ★ 8 Melda Ingle      |
| ★ 9 Bruce Fiorentin   | ★ 14 Rachael Henle   |
| ★ 16 Derek Ingle      | ★ 20 James Dowdy     |
| ★ 26 Amy Ingle        | ★ 27 Bobbi Duckstein |
| ★ 28 Briana Heartsill |                      |

**February Anniversaries**

- ★ 17 Brett & Lori Cole

## Baptism in America, A.D. 1638

Though it may have been pushed out of the curriculum in most schools today, *Bradford's History of the Plymouth Settlement* was required reading in most Early American history courses. While doing research for evidences of the Lord's Church in early American history, I came across an interesting account near the end of Bradford's journal regarding the Pilgrims' beliefs concerning sprinkling baptism—and a new preacher named Charles Chauncey who arrives at the Settlement believing baptism “*ought only to be done by dipping and putting the whole body under water, and that sprinkling was unlawful.*” Below is that interesting historic encounter.

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Excerpt written by William Bradford (1590-1657) regarding a controversy on Baptism among the Pilgrims, from

### Bradford's History of the Plymouth Settlement 1608 – 1650

(Original manuscript entitled “*Of Plymouth Plantation*”)

“I had forgotten to insert that the church here had in 1638 invited and sent for Mr. Charles Chauncey, a reverend, godly, and very learned man, who stayed till the latter part of 1645,—intending, after a trial, to choose him pastor, for the more convenient performance of the ministry, with Mr. John Rayner the teacher.

“But there occurred some differences about baptism; he holding that it ought only to be done by dipping and putting the whole body under water, and that sprinkling was unlawful.

“The church conceded that immersion, or dipping, was lawful, but not so convenient in this cold country. But they could now allow

that sprinkling, which nearly all the churches of Christ use to this day, was unlawful and merely a human invention.

“They were willing to yield to him as far as they could, and to allow him to practice according to his convictions, and granted that when he came to administer the ordinance, he might perform it in the way for any who so desired, provided he allowed Mr. Rayner, when requested, to baptize by sprinkling. But he said he could not yield to this.

“So the church procured some other ministers to discuss the point with him publicly, such as Mr. Ralph Partridge of Duxbury. But he was not satisfied; so the church sent to several other churches to ask their help and

advice in the matter, and with his will and consent sent them his arguments,—such as to the church of Boston in Massachusetts, to be communicated to other churches there; and to the churches of Connecticut and New Haven, and many others.

“They received very able answers from them and other learned ministers, who all concluded against him. Their answers are too long to give here. But Mr. Chauncey was not satisfied. They considered that everything that was proper had been done, so Mr. Chauncey, who had been almost three years here, removed to Scituate, where he is still a minister of the Church.”

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Charles Chauncey (Nov 5, 1592 – Feb 19, 1671) was an Anglo-American clergyman and president of Harvard 1654–1671

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