

Lighthouse of Iowa

March 2014

Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? ...Matthew 7:3

LOVE SEES BEYOND THE FLAWS. There's always a breeze from the hills around my home, but this morning it was a bitter wind. When I returned from my morning walk with my dog Kate, my face was sore from the frigid gusts. "March!" I said in disgust.

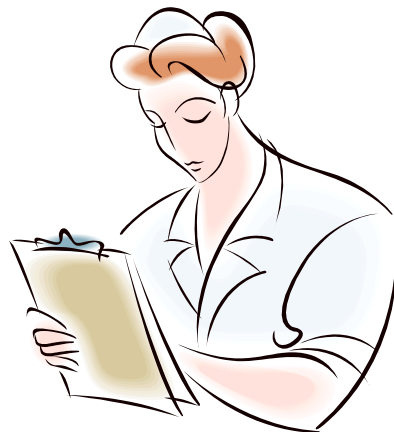


But then I realized that the sun was shining brightly and I could see a few trees about to bud. The air was clear and the view was lovely. And there I was, denouncing it all because the wind was blowing.

We do the same to each other sometimes. Some little mannerism annoys us, blinding us to all that is lovable. I'm

thinking of how many little things Christ managed to overlook in His friends and followers: Peter's boastfulness, Martha's fussiness, Thomas' questions, Nicodemus' caution, Zacchaeus' tendency to withdraw, and so many others.

I'm thinking, too, of Wilma, a woman I knew for several years, yet didn't know at all until recently. Frankly, I avoided Wilma because she had a loud, irritating laugh that made people turn and stare. It embarrassed me to be seen with her.



One Sunday, when I was visiting a friend in the hospital, I was surprised to see Wilma in my friend's room, wearing a nurse's uniform. I knew she had been a nurse before she was married, but I thought she'd retired to bring up her

children. And there it was, that laugh. But my friend didn't seem to notice it, and when Wilma left the room she said, "What a lovely woman!"

Then she told me that almost every Sunday Wilma volunteered to fill in for any nurse who had young children at home. "My children are grown now," Wilma had told my friend. "But I remember how hard it was to be away from them when they were small."

That was the day I really got to know Wilma. And since then I just don't seem to notice how she laughs. All I see is a lovely person I am very grateful to call my friend.

Lord Jesus, make our love blind to the little things that come between us.---

PHYLLIS HOBE

"We are prone to put our thumb on the scale when weighing the faults of others."

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

Carl Bennett was in the hospital for a few days with pneumonia and fluid on the lungs. He is home but is very short of breath.

Norm Riekens will be having his other hand operated on. They are just waiting for it to be scheduled.

Wade Stanley was with us February 9th.

Visitors this month were Brett Jackson, Chantelle Schreck, Gerry Fenton, Ashley Schreck, Teresa and Vanessa Groves, and Rodney and Alena Ingle and baby.

March Birthdays

- 5 – Ethan Schreck
- 23 – Evelyn Bennett
- 25 – Norm Riekens



March Anniversary

- 19 – Albert & Jeanette 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

We were saddened by the death of Juanita Coe, sister of Earl Allen.

Carson Warren, brother of Don, Neal, and Carroll Warren and Marilyn McClurg, recently passed away in San Antonio, Texas.

Pam Climpson has been recovering from aches, pain, and bruising from falling off a ladder at work.

Skip and Risa Schamel and Neal and Peg Warren have been on cruises.

Peter Hawthorne was able to come to services on Sunday,

February 23rd, accompanied by Frances and daughter, Valerie Hawthorne.

We visited and sang for Maxine Phipps.

Visitors this month were: Tom and Diane Collier, Jake McClung, David Ingle, Tierra Dilks, Rodney and Alena Ingle and Theron, Kirsten Done, and Grayson Plummer.

Zach and Jenna Wheeler visited on Sunday, February 23rd, and Zach gave our morning lesson.

Ill this month were: Pam Climpson, Donna Meek, Mary

Lou Allen, Earl Allen, Mike Warren, Glenn Meacham, and Chloe Prenosil.

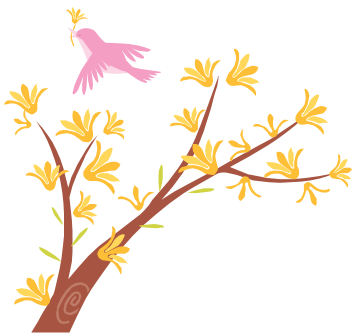
March Birthdays

- 11 – Donna Meek
- 14 – Peter Hawthorne
- 15 – Mike Warren
- 16 – Neal Warren
- 26 – Don Warren
- 29 – Greg Head
- 30 – Roberta Milinsky



March Anniversary

- 11 – Larry & Janice Sellers



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

John Lee gave informative lessons on February 1st and 2nd. Topics were “Having Hope,” “Encouraging One Another,” and “Satan’s Schemes.” We enjoyed pizza on Saturday evening and a soup luncheon on the 2nd.

We are always happy to see some students from Northwest Missouri State University in

Maryville, who come to worship with us.


Visitors this month were Linda Lou Taylor and Darrel Barnes from Springfield, Missouri. They were here visiting her mother and brothers. Logan Wilhs attended services with the Eddie Crum family.

March Birthdays

7 – Jean Negley

8 – Molly Gilmore

18 – Jacob Rine



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

The ITBS will be held at the Martensdale church building at 5:00 on Saturday, March 8. Jay Graham will be leading the study.

Remember our meeting with Jay Graham on March 8th and 9th. Jay will speak at 7:00 Saturday evening with refreshments following the service. He will speak again on Sunday at 10:00 and 1:30, with a basket dinner between services.

Our visitors this month have been Rodney and Alena Ingle, Megan Stevens, Tyler and Travis Schreck, Miles

Wood, Cindy Stanley (Dick and Phyllis Bown’s daughter), and David Fetters, who gave the exhortation on February 16th.

Zach and Jenna Wheeler worshiped with the congregation at Dean Avenue February 23rd.

Drew Tegtmeyer helped at a race in Rolla, Missouri, and spent a few days there.

Mike and Tracy Penick are on a cruise with Neal and Peg Warren.

Dick Bown has been sick and having some back pain. Tests run so far have not

turned up anything. He will have more tests this week. Please keep Dick in your prayers.

March Birthdays

7 – Courtney Penick

18 – Dave Henderson

23 – Charlie Deckler



March Anniversaries

14 – Dave & Christy Henderson

27 – Dick & Phyllis Bown



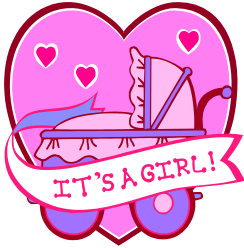


Pleasant Hill

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.



Audra Eloise Needham was born to Alex and Ryane on February 14th. She weighed seven pounds, six ounces, and was 20½ inches long. Grandparents are Jason and Theresa Brady, great-grandparents are Tom and Fred Brady, and great-great-grandmother is Audrey Brady.

Megan Stevens and Rodney and Alena Ingle visited at Martensdale, and Ryan Zinnel visited at Vandalia.

Those on the sick list were: Ava Brady, Shea and Gabby Hermon, and Dan and Sammy Pritchard. Nick Hermon has mono. Carly Felice had an appendectomy. She is feeling stronger every day and is back in school. Nels and

Marje Turnquist have been to church some. He has good days and bad days. Taylor Griffy (Ryan and Jamie's girl) had eye surgery.

Carson Warren (brother of Marilyn McClurg and Carroll, Don, and Neal Warren) passed away on February 19th. A memorial service was held on the 26th in Texas.

Tom and Fred Brady and Audrey returned home from Texas on February 25th.

ITBS will be at the Martensdale church on March 8th. Jay Graham will lead it. The April ITBS will be at Ryan and Jamie Ingle's home.

Randy Ingle and Kinnick took their grandmother, Nora Lee Ingle, to help her sister, Martha Shivvers, celebrate her 99th birthday in Pleasantville.

March Birthdays

- 3 – Jennifer Albright
- 4 – Tim Brady
- 5 – Erica Conner
- 7 – Carly Felice
- 10 – Susan Conner
- 17 – Miles Wood
- 19 – Mike Brady
- 20 – Bud Fillman
- 23 – Lowell Hermon
- 24 – Megan Stevens
- 25 – Karole Turner
- 27 – Jami Harvey
- 29 – Junior Barlow
- 30 – Teresa Brady
- 31 – Allison George



March Anniversaries



- 11 – Bruce & Suzanne Harvey



YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE

You have to believe in happiness,

Or happiness never comes.

I know that a bird chirps none the less

When all that he finds is crumbs.

You have to believe the buds will blow

Believe in the grass in the days of snow;

Ah, that's the reason the bird can sing—

On his darkest day he believes in Spring.

You have to believe in happiness—

It isn't an outward thing.

The Spring never makes the song, I guess,

As much as the song the Spring.

Aye, many a heart could find content

If it saw the joy on the road it went

The joy ahead when it had to grieve—

For the joy is there—but you have to believe.

Douglas Malloch

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

Lynnette Dowdy went to Qatar to visit her daughter and son-in-law, Matt and Dawn Mikus. She totally enjoyed viewing all the sights. Qatar is in the Middle East on the east side of Saudi Arabia. Matt is an engineer engaged in the building of a new area in downtown Doha (capitol of Qatar). This area is going to include some of the government buildings. While living there, Matt and Dawn are able to spend some free time traveling and sightseeing around the area, and Dawn does some tutoring.

Greg and Margaret Ingle were on the island of Maui in Hawaii February 12th to 20th, where Greg attended a medical conference for family practice with about 400 other doctors.

Needless to say, they had a very enjoyable time.

Doug Fiorentin underwent shoulder surgery and has spent some time healing. He is ready to start therapy soon and looks forward to being well and able to get back to work.

Among our visitors this month were: Rodney and Alena Ingle and children, Ryan Zinnel, Brooke Matson, and Vanessa Groves.

Melody and Mason Burkman spent a recent Sunday in Brookfield, Missouri. Jason and Staci Miller and Allison visited family in Carrollton, Missouri. Justin and Brittney Dowdy and Carson visited family in Indiana. James and Laura Dowdy visited family in Kentucky.

Lynnette Dowdy spent a few days in Indianapolis recently.

Our congregation enjoyed a recent Sunday evening singing with the residents of Altoona Nursing and Rehab Center.

March Birthdays

4 – Devon Ingle 

15 – Marvin Ingle

19 – Mariha Goode

21 – Nick Guthrie

22 – Mason Burkman

23 – Sharon Cummings

29 – Michael Cummings

29 – Alan Klein

March Anniservary



23 – James & Laura Dowdy

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Count your garden by the flowers, Count your nights by stars not shadows,

Never by the leaves that fall; Count your years with smiles, not tears,

Count your days by golden hours, Count your blessings, not your troubles,

Don't remember clouds at all. Count your age by friends, not years.

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