



# Lighthouse of Iowa

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

March 2022

## *But who does Jesus say He is? And why did He come?*

by Glen D. Owens

We're familiar with the two epic questions Christ asked His Apostles regarding His identify: "*Whom do men say that I am?*"

This would lead them to easily report what they heard. They answered, "*John the Baptist; some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets.*"

After listening to their responses, He asks the big question: "*But whom say ye that I am?*"

It was Peter who appears to answer with little to no hesitation saying with all confidence, "*Thou art the Christ. The Son of the living God.*"

### **Understanding the Christ**

Jesus labored tirelessly to give mankind an understanding of who He is. He taught on the vanity of this short and temporary life and the way to obtain eternal life. He did that by teaching His disciple exactly who He is.

Our individual destiny is determined by how I perceive and understand Who Christ is.

So who better to ask than Christ Himself? Who does Jesus say He is? And why did He come?

### **Who are You?**

***I am the good shepherd:*** *the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. ~ John 10*

***I am the way, the truth, and the life:*** *no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. ~ John 14*

***I am the living bread which came down from heaven:*** *if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever. ~ John 6*

***I am the resurrection, and the life:*** *he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. ~ John 11*

***I am the light of the world.*** *He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. ~ John 8*

***I am the door:*** *by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. ~ John 10*

***I am the true vine,*** *he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. ~ John 15*

*He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, **I am the Son of God.** ~ Matthew 27*

### **Why did You come?**

***For judgment I am come into this world,*** *that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. ~ John 9*

***I am come that they might have life,*** *and that they might have it more abundantly. ~ John 10*

*Think not that **I am come** to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to **fulfil.** -Matthew 5*

*Think not that **I am come to send** peace into the earth, but **the sword.** ~ Matthew 10*

***I am come to send fire on the earth;*** *and what will I, if it be already kindled? ~ Luke 12*

***For I am come to set a man at variance*** *against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. ~ Matthew 10*

***I am come to be a light into the world,*** *that whosoever believeth in me, should not abide in darkness. ~ John 12*

**For this purpose the Son of God was manifested,** that he might destroy the works of the devil. ~ 1 John 3

**What about us?**

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you.** ~ John 14

And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again, and receive you unto myself;** that where I am, there ye may be also. ~ John 14

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and **him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.** ~ John 6

If ye shall **ask any thing in my name, I will do it.** ~ John 14

No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and **I will raise [you] up at the last day.** ~ John 6

**I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.** ~ John 14



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## Chariton

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

**Location:** Call for information.

**For information call:** Albert Schreck (641) 535-2381 or Brian Schreck (641) 203-2137

☆ Quiet month at Chariton.



**March Birthdays**

- None

**March Anniversaries**

- None

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## Dean Avenue

**Meeting times:** Sundays: 9:30 a.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 6:30 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

- Visitors this month were: Elsie Chapman, Brita, Charlie & Maverick Head, Paxson Boozell and Shawn Head

**March Birthdays:**

- ☆ 12 Brita Head
- ☆ 29 Greg Head
- ☆ 30 Roberta Melinsky

**March 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

- “Been a pretty quiet month.”

### March Birthdays

- None

### March Anniversary

- None

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## Martensdale

**Meeting Times:** Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** 10985 44th Lane, Prole, Iowa (1.5 miles east of Martensdale, IA on Hwy. 92)  
**For information call:** Duane Proudfit (515) 961-4470 or Mike Penick (515) 681-0279

- Phyllis Bown had her second round of chemo. It makes her very sick. Please keep her and Dick in your prayers. Their daughter, Cindy Stanley has been staying with them to help out.
- Zach Wheeler’s grandmother passed Feb 16.
- Rodney and Elena and family visited KC.

### March Birthdays

- ☆ 07 – Courtney Tegtmeyer
- ☆ 10 – Tom Collier
- ☆ 18 – Dave Henderson
- ☆ 20 – Rusty Bown
- ☆ 23 – Charlie Decker

### March Anniversaries

- ☆ Dave & Christy Henderson – March 14, 2009
- ☆ Dick & Phyllis Bown – March 27, 1965

## Pleasant Hill

**Meeting Times:** Sundays: 9:30 a.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** 5091 E. University, Pleasant Hill, Iowa

**Website:** [pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org](http://pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org)

**Contacts:** Mike Warner 515-967-4529 / Marty Williamson 515-556-2394 / Marc Hermon 515- 554-3567

- **Nora Lee Ingle's son, Ned, passed away Feb 4.** Your prayers for the family's strength and comfort were greatly appreciated.
- **Nora Lee Ingle, Suzanne Harvey, Dave Ingle and Cindy Morris** could use the kingdom's continued encouragement and prayers. Nora Lee has been in the hospital since February 21 for infection in the heart and a temporary pacemaker was put in. Although her body is weak her spirit is strong. We thank the Lord for this living Tabitha and Barnabas!
- **Theresa Brady's father, Joe Medina, passed away February 12.** Please keep Theresa, Jason, Ryane, Alena, and all the Medina family in your prayers for comfort and peace. Special heartfelt love to Joe's wife, Sandy, and mother, Rose, who is still living in the same nursing home.
- **Wanda Burkman** was hospitalized this month. Wanda's heart was out of rhythm and her legs + body swelled as a result. She is now receiving care in Altoona Parkridge Nursing Home. Visitors and calls are welcomed!
- **Sophia George** had a genetic test at the U of I Hospital and Clinic. She was diagnosed with hyper mobility syndrome, which is the cause of many health issues. Pray for **Sophia** to be able to abide by the doctor's suggestions to keep her health concerns under control.
- **Randy Ingle** was off from work at AE for a few weeks but praise God his allergy doctor allowed him to return to work. We are grateful for all the time Randy has invested this past month painting in the toddler classroom with a Noah's Ark theme.
- **Larry & Bev Brady and Marje Turnquist** have enjoyed trips to Florida this month. **JC & Melanie Castro** continue to assist Melanie's mom and worship with saints in the VA area.
- **Shirley Warner** had second cataract eye surgery and recovered well.
- **Steve Thompson** has been suffering with back pain. Let's cheer him with phone calls or cards.
- **Kelly George** started physical therapy this month. Please pray for his healing; as well, pain to be manageable. Keep encouraging Allison too; they make a great team!
- **Kayley Hermon** went to the emergency room for a kidney stone. Baby HERmon is doing great but please pray for Kayley as kidney stones can reoccur.
- **Betty Warren** has been enduring a swollen leg this past month but has faithfully been worshipping with us on Sunday mornings.
- **ITBS went on our first missionary journey on February 26.** They started at the Pleasant Hill Church building & fasted on sugar cookies & pizza. In a four-hour window they delivered 11 care packages and sang to overjoyed & beloved brothers & sisters in Christ. There were no ship wrecks, no snake bites, & no one was thrown into jail. What a successful journey! Lord willing ITBS looks forward to Missionary Journey #2 on March 26. Gal 6:9-10.





**Effective March** we will resume  
the 3rd Sunday potluck schedule each month.



### March Birthdays

- ☆ 3/4 – Tim Brady
- ☆ 3/7 – Carly Suhr
- ☆ 3/10 – Susan Conner
- ☆ 3/10 – Chamille Laymon
- ☆ 3/11 – Gordon Laymon
- ☆ 3/11 – Henry Conner
- ☆ 3/15 – Ellie Wood

- ☆ 3/17 – Miles Wood
- ☆ 3/19 – Mike Brady
- ☆ 3/19 – Naomi Needham
- ☆ 3/20 – Bud Fillman
- ☆ 3/23 – Lowell Hermon
- ☆ 3/30 – Theresa Brady
- ☆ 3/31 – Allison George

### March Anniversaries

- ☆ 3/9 – Gordon & Chamille Laymon
- ☆ 3/11 – Bruce & Suzanne Harvey

## When Is The First Day Of Spring In 2022?

The first day of spring will occur on **Sunday, March 20, 2022, at 10:33 a.m. CDT** for those of us in the Northern Hemisphere, which is marked by the arrival of the **Vernal (Spring) Equinox**.

Traditionally, we celebrate the first day of spring on March 21, but astronomers and calendar manufacturers alike now say that the spring season starts on March 20th, in all time zones in North America. In 2020, spring fell on March 19th, the earliest first day of spring in 124 years!



# Vandalia

**Meeting Times:** Sunday: 9:45 a.m. and Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** 2.5 miles east of Runnells, Iowa on F70, then 1 mile north on 131st St.  
**For information call:** Greg Ingle (515) 994-2824 or Charles Ingle (515) 966-2537  
**Website:** <https://vandaliacoc.co>

- After morning services on Sunday, Feb. 6, the group visited Joy to sing several of her favorite songs together.
- Lynnette Dowdy attended a family birthday party in Missouri.
- Kelsey Fiorentin accepted a job at Mercy Hospital in the children's emergency ward.
- Melda Ingle's family had a 90th birthday party for her on Sunday, Feb. 27, complete with her favorite dessert---pies!
- Visitors this month were: Chelsie Rankin, Rick Russell, Jason and Autumn Dowdy and children Sterling, Hunter, Malachi, Gatlin, Shiloh, Aspen, and Matt and Dawn Mikus and children Cora and Austin.

*Thanks and love to those who were at the visitation, funeral and luncheon. Thanks most of all for the prayers.*

*Romans 8:26*

*~ Michael Cummings family ~*



### March Birthdays

- ☆ 4 Devon Ingle
- ☆ 19 Mariha Henle
- ☆ 22 Mason Burkman
- ☆ 22 Abigail Ingle
- ☆ 23 Sharon Cummings
- ☆ 29 Michael Cummings
- ☆ 29 Abbi Henle
- ☆ 29 Alan Klein

### March Anniversaries

- ☆ 23 James & Laura Dowdy

*On February 15,2022*

*Joy (Russell) Cummings passed away to be with her Heavenly Father.*

*We will miss her now, but join her later. The love and support we have received has been overwhelming.*

Copies of the *Lighthouse of Iowa* can be found at the following two Church websites:

**Vandalia Church of Christ:** <https://vandaliacoc.com/lighthouse-of-iowa.html>

**Pleasant Hill Church of Christ:** <http://www.pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org> - Lighthouse of Iowa

**Remember!**  
**Start Daylight Savings Time:**

**Sunday, March 13, 2022**  
**clocks are turned forward 1 hour.**

## Are you a 'Tidsoptimist'?

**Tidsoptimist** — Literally, a "time optimist". This is a person who is constantly late because they think they have more time than they actually do.

**Opacarophile** — This is one who is a lover of sunsets. 'opacare' which is Latin for dusk or sunset, and 'phile' which is Greek for love.

**Melomaniac** — This is a person with a great enthusiasm for music.

**Meraki** — This is a word that modern Greeks often use to describe doing something with soul, creativity, or love -- when you put "something of yourself" into what you're doing, whatever it may be.

**Novaturient** — This is desiring changes or alterations; seeking change in one's life, behavior, or situation; The feeling that pushes one to travel.

**Liberosis** — This is the desire to care less about things—to loosen your grip on your life. Desire to be more carefree.

**Agathokakological** — That is a person composed of good and evil. Is this what Paul meant in Romans 7? *"For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind."*