



# Lighthouse of Iowa

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

April 2018

## “Righteousness always shines in a dark world”

*Philippians 2:13-15 / John 3:17-19*

Despite all the different countries and cultures in the world, each with their own mix of religions, politics, and philosophies— too many to count; there are actually only two civilizations in the world, two races of people, whose world views are quite different from each other.

They are *the righteous* and *the wicked*—those that serve God, and those that serve Him not. All of humanity is a ‘citizen’ of one or the other. (*Malachi 3:18*)

The epic confrontation between Cain and Abel appears to be when mankind went his two separate ways. Abel serving God according to God’s will (bringing a blood sacrifice) and Cain serving God according to his own carnal will (offering “*the fruit of the ground*”).

(*Genesis 4*)

Obviously a blood sacrifice was what God commanded and Cain’s offering violated that command. God never said to offer what Cain decided to offer. (Not unlike musical instruments in worship today.)

God counseled Cain for his good; but to no avail. For after Cain spoke with Abel, he rose up and killed him. “*And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.*” (*1 John 3:12*)

Mankind now walked on two paths in complete opposition to each other.

### Sons of God and the Children of Men

As we enter the days of Noah, these two peoples, the sons of God and the children of men, appear to be well established as separate societies.

But it was not long before the righteous began to yield and to mix. For when “*the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, they took wives for themselves of all whom they had chosen.*” (*Genesis 6*)

This did not bring good results.

After the sons of God saw the daughters of men, it was only four verses later that God issues His judgement to destroy man from off the face of the earth!

The children from these unions did not result in a righteous people, but quite the opposite. They became the mighty and famous men of the world, very wicked, whose “*every imagination of the thoughts in their heart was only evil continually.*”

These are also referred to as *giants* in some translations, and as the *Nephilims* in others, meaning *the fallen*, as in *fallen away from God*. They are also referenced as *the violent ones*, which makes sense as we read, “*Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence.*”

So how did the fallen, violent, and wicked men now dominate the earth?

### What happened to the sons of God?

Where did the righteous go? They failed to instill their righteousness in the next generation and vanished off the face of the earth!

### Noah—“the [last] light of the world”

With things as dark as they could be, there was one man who remained a faithful son of God. That one man was Noah.

“*Noah was a just and upright man in his time: and Noah walked with God.*”

(*Genesis 6:9*)

He was quite a man! Imagine living in that fallen race and still teaching the gospel of his time. He was “*a preacher of righteousness*” in a violent, bloody, and rebellious world. (*1 Peter 2:5*)

And as a result, immediately after God said He will destroy man off the face of the earth, we read, “*But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.*” (*Genesis 6:8*)

Noah was the Apostle Peter of his day, showing mankind the ONE WAY to salvation. “*Hear, believe, repent, confess, and get in the boat!*”

Unfortunately, 3000 did not obey Noah’s call to repentance, but only his three sons— their wives, and mom.

### Children of God in A. D. 2018

To what purpose did God show us this?

So that *New Testament sons of God* can diligently follow this *Old Testament father and mentor* heeding “*the warnings of God*” of things we haven’t seen as yet, e.g., the end of the world, passing through death, and standing before the Judgement Seat.

“*For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*”

(*Romans 15:4*)

Are we a light in this dark world? Are we ‘*preachers of righteousness*’ refusing to be silent? (*Jeremiah 20:9*) If not, we best get started. For “*our time is short.*” And I believe it is starting to rain.



## 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

- Evelyn Bennett's son, Duane, passed away March 14 after a short battle with cancer. He resided in Mexico, MO.
- Jeanette Schreck had lithotripsy on a kidney stone and is recovering from some side effects of the procedure.

### April Birthdays

- None

### April Anniversaries

- None
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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

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*Dean Avenue and Martensdale are hosting our **Spring Meeting** this year on Sat March 31<sup>st</sup> @ 3pm. and Sun April 1<sup>st</sup>.*

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- Please remember Mary Lou Allen. She has fallen a few times and is being treated for an allergy reaction that has affected her eyes.

Traveling this month:

- Ron and Karma Sharp traveled through New Orleans to Georgia. **On the way, they hit two deer and badly damaged their rental car.** Luckily, they escaped with only cuts and bruises.
- Shirley McNeece and Maddie Done traveled to Texas for spring break to visit family.

- Roberta Milinsky is traveling to the French Riviera to go on a river cruise.

Sick members this month:

- Emily Dobberke, Risa Schamel, Debbie Wilkins and Mary Lou Allen.
- Visitors: Tom Warren, Bill, Bryan, Max and Tally Charlier, Preston Boozell and Maddie Done.

### April Birthdays

- ★ 06 Shawn Head
- ★ 09 Donna McNeece
- ★ 18 Pam Climpson
- ★ 19 Peg Warren

### April Anniversaries

- ★ 27 Bill & Shirley McNeece
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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

April 2018

- **Worshiping with us this past month were :**
  - Jon and Amy Schmidt and family, and
  - Van and Molly Gilmore and Girls.
- **We have had some travelers this month:**
  - Richard and Janet Negley spent time in Boise, Idaho visiting with all their children;
  - Shari and husband Jerry Cowger of Twin Falls, ID.
  - Lori Bryant of Kansas City
  - John Negley of Iowa City. Granddaughter Savannah and husband Erik Valencia and (4) great grandchildren.

- Also traveling over spring break are Marvin & Jean Negley taking the Japanese exchange student and her host sister to New York City and Washington D.C., exposing them to many historical sites. This is Marvin and Jean's 26th year of this kind of trip

**April Birthdays**

- ★ 9 - Mary Smith

**April Anniversaries**

- ★ 19 - 61st - Richard & Janet Negley
- ★ 25 - 70th - Jack & Bobbi Swisher

## 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

- Thank you to everyone who attended our meeting with Jeremy Morris!
- Dave and Christy Henderson; Teresa Bown; Tanner George; Drew Tegtmeyer and Tiffany Parker have all been to Missouri this month to visit family.
- Tom and Dianne Collier spent a weekend visiting friends in Minnesota.

- Visitors this month have been Nick Hermon and Tad Morris.

**April Birthdays**

- ★ 11 – Marta Weeks
- ★ 26 -- Bill Hounsom
- ★ 29 -- Marlene Bown

**April Anniversaries**

- ★ 14 – Duane & Mary Proudfit

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

- **Ellie Mae Wood arrived on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:05 p.m. to Miles and Kelsey Wood. She weighed 8 lbs 8 ozs and 20 inches long.** She was welcomed home by big sister Ryleigh and big brother Jedidiah. Kim Butcher and Megan Hartman came to meet there granddaughter and niece.

- Connie Price has started chemo on March 15<sup>th</sup> and will have a chemo treatment every 3 weeks until the end of June. She has adenocarcinoma cancer with carcinomatosis. After chemo the doctor will re-evaluate everything. She is having problems sleeping so please keep her in your prayers.

- Suzanne Ingle fell and broke another rib and hit her head. She is bruised and feeling pretty down. They are doing some test to see why she keeps falling.
- Keith Price has been fighting pneumonia. He went back to the doctor on March 20 and needed another prescription to hopefully clear it up. Since his cancer treatment last year he still has good days and bad days.
- Steve Thompson (Shirley and Mike's) son is having test on colon.
- Mike and Shirley Warner's son had a scan and there are several concerns. Please keep him in your prayers. His name is Steve Thompson.
- Brandon Ingle was home visiting with family.
- Julene and Scott Pappan headed south for spring break.

- Marje Turnquist has returned home after visiting with daughter Amy Reeves and family for 7 weeks in Florida.
- Joyce Ingle went to visit with her dad and brothers in Mo.  
Kathy King is doing some better.

**April Birthdays**

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| ★ 2 Brandon Ingle    | ★ 10 Wanda Burkman     |
| ★ 2 Karla Fetters    | ★ 11 Bruce Harvey      |
| ★ 4 Ron Gearhart     | ★ 17 Melba Tingle      |
| ★ 7 Mary Fillman     | ★ 21 Lily Albright     |
| ★ 7 Rosanne VanVleet | ★ 26 Betty Warren      |
| ★ 8 Taylor Ingle     | ★ 26 Margaret Franklin |
| ★ 9 Annabel Albright | ★ 27 Rylee Ingle       |
| ★ 10 Ryane Needham   | ★ 30 Brady George      |

**April Anniversaries**

- ★ 5 Randy & Theresa Ingle

## 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

- Nancy Clark and Lynnette Dowdy attended the ladies' weekend Bible Study in Kansas City.
- A Ladies' Bible Study has begun, meeting every 2nd and 4th Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church building.
- Walter Daugherty had the misfortune of falling and broke his femur. He underwent surgery and is now recuperating back at the Altoona Nursing & Rehab Center.
- Bob Cummings recently suffered another stroke and has spent time in the hospital. He was later taken to Younkers Rehab undergoing therapy. He is expected to return home soon, but with continued therapy. He is doing better.
- It was good to have Richard Goode being able to return to services after his bout with pneumonia and bronchitis.
- Bobbi Duckstein is happy to report her eyesight is improving from her corneal transplant and is looking forward to being able to drive again.

- Alan and Shonya Klein and family attended services in Memphis, Missouri recently.
- Greg and Margaret Ingle spent a few days in Clear Lake.
- Jason and Staci Miller and children visited family in Carrollton, Missouri..
- **Among our visitors were:** Sue Schreck; Valerie Burkman; Vanessa Groves; and Amanda, Seth, Lorraine, Jessilynn, and Megan Martin, all of Lawrence, Kansas.

**April Birthdays**

- ★ 2 Brett Henle
- ★ 6 Margaret Ingle
- ★ 8 Pam Skinner
- ★ 17 Aryana Klein

**April Anniversaries**

- ★ 15 Devon & Erin Ingle

# Understanding Charity

## 1 Corinthians 13

*Live with Charity, for it bringeth light, joy, peace, and contentment to the heart.*

*Knowing that without Charity, all that I do for my salvation is in vain.*

### ♥ Charity suffereth long

- Love is patient (King James 1611)
- *Love suffreth long* (ESV 2001)
- Charity is patient (Tyndale 1534)
- Charity is patient (Wycliffe 1382)
- Charity is patient (Rheims 1582)

### ♥ and is kind

- and kind
- *and is courteous*
- it is benign
- is kind

### ♥ charity envieth not

- love does not envy
- *love envieth not*
- charity envieth not
- charity envieth not

### ♥ charity vaunteth not itself

- or boast;
- *love doth not frowardly*
- it doeth not wickedly
- dealeth not perversely

### ♥ is not puffed up

- it is not arrogant
- *swelleth not*
- it is not blown with pride
- is not puffed up

### ♥ Doth not behave itself unseemly

- or rude. [nor foolish]
- *dealeth not dishonestly*
- it is not covetous [of worships]
- Is not ambitious

### ♥ seeketh not her own

- It does not insist on its own way
- *seeketh not her own*
- it seeketh not those things that be her own
- seeketh not her own

### ♥ is not easily provoked

- it is not irritable
- *is not provoked to anger*
- it is not stirred to wrath
- is not provoked to anger

### ♥ thinketh no evil

- nor resentful
- *thinketh not evil*
- it thinketh not evil
- thinketh no evil

### ♥ Rejoiceth not in iniquity

- it does not rejoice at wrongdoing
- *rejoyseth not in iniquity*
- it joyeth not in wickedness
- Rejoiceth not in iniquity

### ♥ but rejoiceth in the truth

- but rejoices with the truth
- *but rejoyseth in ye truth*
- forsooth it joyeth together with truth
- but rejoiceth with the truth

### ♥ Beareth all things

- love bears all things
- *suffreth all things*
- it suffereth all things
- beareth all things

### ♥ Believeth all things

- believes all things
- *believeth all things*
- it believeth all things
- believeth all things

### ♥ Hopeth all things

- hopes all things
- *hopeth all things*
- it hopeth all things
- hopeth all things

### ♥ Endureth all things

- endures all things
- *endureth in all things*
- it sustaineth all things
- endureth all things

### ♥ Charity never faileth.

- Love never ends.
- *love falleth never away.*
- charity falleth never down.
- charity never falleth away.

*And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is Charity.*