

Lighthouse of Iowa

July 2011

But eagerly desire the greater gifts...

1 CORINTHIANS 12:31 (NIV)

I'll admit: I was dreading my first camping trip. Shortly after Paul and I were married, he wanted to share with me his lifelong passion for outdoor living. But I had never gone camping and knew nothing about it. I knew what I liked, though, and that was a warm, soft bed, a clean bathroom, fresh water at the twist of my wrist and a fully stocked refrigerator. I couldn't imagine giving up all that, even for a weekend.

"Why do people do this?" I asked as we packed the truck, deciding what would fit and what would stay behind. "Do you really enjoy doing without all the comforts of home just to live in the woods for a couple of days?"

Paul smiled as though he'd heard the question

many times. "I wish you wouldn't think of camping as 'doing without.' I like to think of all the things we'll be 'doing with,'" he said.

"Such as?"

"Such as fresh air, millions of stars and all that quiet. Lots of good stuff you'll see."



He was right. I had been focusing so hard on what I thought I'd miss, I hadn't even thought about what I might gain. That first trip wasn't easy for me. But once I was relaxing in northern Arizona's cool pines, nothing important seemed to be missing and I discovered many new joys. Now,

relaxing under a night sky awash in stars, sleeping in the cool air, waking to a birdsong chorus outside my tent, and spending uninterrupted time with my husband and children are all things I look forward to "doing with" as I anticipate our next camping trip.

I've found the same thought works in other areas of my life, too. When I trust God, He surprises me with countless joys, and I discover how many riches I'm "doing with" each day of my life.

Lord, teach me to understand that in Your great generosity, You give all I truly need.

~GINA BRIDGEMAN



Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m.

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

For information call—Clarence Van Egdome, (641)932-5686 or Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

On June 5th, the ITBS group held a campout in Chariton with the young men conducting our services Sunday morning. It was very encouraging and we very much appreciated them being here. We had 63 people in attendance that morning.

Norm Riekens has a chip in his kneecap and will be wearing a brace for six weeks.

Carl and Evelyn Bennett

had their great-grandson, Elijah, with them at services on June 26th.

Clarence, Deloris, and Keith Van Egdome and Carol Smead attended the funeral of Alice Davis in Unionville, Missouri, on June 23rd. Alice was a sister to Deloris.

Keith Van Egdome of Dodgeville, Wisconsin, spent a couple days with his parents, Clarence

and Deloris and to attend the funeral of his aunt.

Clarence and Deloris Van Egdome, and Carol Smead went to Methodist Hospital on June 20th to spend the day with their son and brother, Garry Van Egdome.

July Birthdays

10 – John 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

John Lee headlined our Vacation Bible School that was held June 12-17, from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. Monday through Friday. Each night John brought a sermon. The next week he moved on to Pleasant Hill Church of Christ where he also headlined the Vacation Bible School plus a sermon each evening.

Margaret Warren, one of the VBS teachers, has been suffering from knee problems. The condition became worse, so she had to drop out of teaching after the second day. She has been treated by her doctor for the pain and swelling.

John McNeece spoke at the Martensdale congregation early in June.

Jean Van Egdome has been

ill suffering from migraine headaches. We miss her presence when she is absent. The last Sunday in June she was visiting with the Van Egdome family. Her brother-in-law, Garry, who is also suffering from cancer that has worsened, will not be receiving further chemo. Hospice will be making visits to him.

Shawn Head has moved back to Des Moines from Michigan. His family drove to Michigan to help him move last week.

The last Sunday of June, Fred Bown of the Martensdale congregation brought the morning sermon. His wife, Marlene, accompanied him. Afternoon services were held starting at 1:00 p.m. following

the monthly dinner. Afterwards some members motored to Prairie Hill care facility to sing for Maxine Phipps. Other visitors the same Sunday included Joel and Kate Melton and three sons from Janesville, Wisconsin, and Galen and Kathy Cobb from Houston, Texas. He is the brother of Marla Feters and Roberta Milinsky. Other visitors included Tina Hinckley, and Kenneth and Barbara Thompson.

July Birthdays

2 – Kamryn Aswegan

13 – Amy Prenosil

22 – Cathy James



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

Linda Lou Taylor and Darrel Barnes joined us for services on June 5th.

Our hearts went out to our friend Connie Miller, who received word that her sister Carla had passed away as the result of a car accident last month.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with our sisters, Mary Lou Madden and Jewell Warner, who have not felt up to getting out for services lately. We hope they will soon be feel-

ing better—we miss their smiling faces.

We have had the pleasure of having Eddie and Laurie Crum attend services, along with their son Wes and wife Cassie, and sons Will, Justin, and Brian twice this month. They are relocating from South Dakota to the New Market/Gravity area, and stated they were delighted to find a congregation so close. The feeling is mutual, and we are thankful for their attendance and input.

Summer has arrived, and several of our members have been traveling this month.

On July 29th, Elsie Negley will celebrate her 100th birthday. Cards would be welcomed to her attention at 600 Manor Drive, Clarinda, IA 51632.

July Birthdays

18 - Connie Miller

29 - Elsie Negley



Martensdale

Meeting Times—Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m.

Location—439 Hwy. 92 (1.5 miles east of Martensdale, Iowa)

Website: martensdalechurchofchrist.org

For information call—Duane Proudfit, (515)961-4470 or Mike Penick, (515)989-4165

We were very happy when Jordan Bown confessed her belief in Jesus and was baptized on Sunday, June 26th! Jordan is the daughter of Allen and Teresa Bown.

Courtney Tegtmeyer graduated from Iowa State University on May 7th, with a Bachelor's Degree in Family and Consumer Sciences Education. She will begin teaching at Clarke High School this fall.

Cassidy and Bethany Phillips; Kyle and Jordan Bown; and Zach and Jenna Wheeler attended the ITBS campout at Chariton. Allen and Teresa Bown also attended as chaperones.

Condolences go out to

Jerry, Marlene, and Joshua Soard. Jerry's mother passed away and they traveled to Kentucky to attend services and be with family.

Zach and Jenna Wheeler have moved to Mitchellville. Their new address is: 315 6th St. NE, Mitchellville, 50169.

On Sunday morning June 19th, John and Donna McNeece worshiped with us and John gave the morning exhortation on fear. Megan Stevens also attended services while visiting her cousin Jordan Bown. Gordon and Brenda Hainey from Topeka, Kansas, also worshiped with us.

Mike and Tracy Penick spent a weekend in Pleasant

Hill, Missouri, visiting Kyle, Stephanie, and Ada Stephens.

Al and Marlene Bown headed off to Eminence, Missouri, on June 19th, to enjoy some extra camping before the actual campout began.

Fred and Marlene Bown attended services at Dean Avenue June 26th.

Drew and Courtney Tegtmeyer have spent a couple weekends in Pleasant Hill, Missouri visiting family and attending the wedding of Drew's cousin, Emily Clevenger.

On Saturday, June 25th, several of us attended a BBQ and fellowship at the home of Mike and Tracy Penick.

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Martensdale

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We are thankful to have our new website up and running. It is: www.martensdalechurchofchrist.org. Stop by and check it out!

July Birthdays
 23 – Cassidy Phillips 

July Anniversaries
 16 – Apache & Sarah Rodriguez 

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.

Carroll Warren appreciated and enjoyed all the cards he received for his 90th birthday.

Matt, Kelly, Blake, and Alexandria Harvey were visiting with family.

Rena Rae Christian has improved some.

Ryan, Jamie, and Elijah Ingle were visiting her family.

Pam Climpson, Tammy Brady, Karole Turner, Bev Hayes, and Bud and Mary Alice Fillman have been sick.

Dean Hayes has returned home from the hospital and is having dialysis three times a week. He is gaining some strength back.

Pat Thompson has been suffering with diverticulitis. She is better now.

Tim Brady and Josh Brady have been in Wisconsin for Guard.

Larry and Bev Brady; Mike and Cindy Brady; Josh, Ashten, and Ava Brady; Larry, Shan, Kayla, and Austin Pinegar; Betty Curtis; and Bob and Marge Flack are vacationing in

Branson for a few days.

Thanks to everyone for bringing your children to VBS. They enjoyed learning about the Armor of God.

Thank you to Chariton for hosting the Bible Study and for all the food that was prepared for everyone. Thanks to those who donated all the drinks. It was a good study and service on Sunday.

There will be a 95th birthday party for Marian Parrish on July 10th, from 2-4 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill Church.

Several attended the annual June meeting at Vandalia.

Steve and Nancy Brady and family have been in the Cayman Islands.

Zachary and Jenna Wheeler, Kyle Bown, and Cassidy Phillips from Martensdale; and Flint Fenton were visitors.

Marty and Nathan Williamson were on a Boy Scout outing in Wisconsin for a week. Nathan is working toward his Eagle Scout honor.

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July Birthdays

2 – Chad Turner
 3 – Alena Ingle
 3 – Jack Conner
 4 – Clay Felice
 5 – Michele Zinnel
 5 – Rodney Ingle
 8 – Julene Felice
 9 – Tyler Brady
 12 – Steve Thompson
 13 – Marian Parrish
 13 – Sydney Brand
 13 – Mike Warner
 16 – Cindy Brady
 18 – Ryan Curtis
 22 – Grace Harvey
 23 – Tyler Curtis
 28 – Nancy Brady
 29 – Kelly George
 30 – Ginger Hermon
 31 – Dave Ingle
 31 – Vernon McClurg



July Anniversaries

7 – Jason & Theresa Brady
 15 – Tim & Ann Casey
 24 – Ryan & Jamie Ingle
 28 – Bob & Marge Flack 

Pleasant Hill

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Shirley Warner's mother will have hip replacement surgery soon. Her brothers are recovering—one from melanoma and the other from a bite from a brown recluse spider.

Many enjoyed the 90th birthday celebration for Ruth Grant at Parkridge care facility in Pleasant Hill.

Iowa Traveling Bible Study (ITBS)

The July study will be at July 16 at Junior Barlow's
August study: Overnight lockdown at Marc & Ginger Hermon's,
celebrating five years.

Please check with hosts to see if they would like you to bring any food.

If you have any questions, call Rodney Ingle at 515-669-0365.

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

Thank you to everyone who attended our weekend meeting in June, and for the speakers who presented a series of very interesting subjects.

Several attended the wedding of Anna Weaver and John Kelly in Des Moines on June 18th.

We express our sympathy to the family of ErmaLee DeMoss, who passed away June 18th. She had been confined to the Mitchellville Care Center for the past few years, and was a member of the church at Vandalia.

Rob Guthrie was recently hired by John Deere as a welder.

Devon and Erin Ingle have announced they are expecting their first child in February. Congratulations!

Among our visitors during

the month were: Dawn Dowdy, Bill Harkins, and James Finney and Alexander.

Joscelyn and Rachel Robinson of Harrisonburg, Virginia, were visitors on June 19th. Rachel is the aunt of Anna Weaver and Kat Cummings, and they were here to attend Anna and John's wedding that weekend.

Greg and Margaret Ingle are spending two weeks vacationing at Clear Lake.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, Trent and Nathan spent a week vacationing in Colorado, and later a weekend in Carrollton, Missouri.

We gathered at the Altoona Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on a recent Sunday afternoon for a song fest with the residents there.

Justin Dowdy flew to Indianapolis to spend Father's Day with his dad.

Lynnette Dowdy visited her daughter, Dawn Dowdy, in the Kansas City area.

Tina Hinckley has moved to a group home in Des Moines. She has attended services at Dean Avenue several times recently.

Marvin Ingle recently fell at home and needed stitches for a cut on his thumb.

July Birthdays

- 1 – Sarah Clark
- 1 – Tonya Guthrie
- 24 – Drew Cummings



July Anniversaries

- 10 – Matt & Sarah Clark



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