



# Lighthouse of Iowa

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

July 2017

## Liberty comes only from God

*"There is a certain enthusiasm in Liberty that makes human nature rise above itself in acts of bravery and heroism."*  
~ Alexander Hamilton, December 1774

*"Despotism may govern without faith, but Liberty cannot."*  
~ Alexis De Tocqueville (1805 – 1859)

*"There are two Freedoms: the False where one is free to do what he likes, and the True where he is free to do what he ought."*  
~ Charles Kingsley, priest of the Church of England, university professor, and social reformer. (1819 – 1875)

*"Freedom is placed in jeopardy more by those who will not exercise it than by those who will not permit it. Indifference opens more gates to the enemy than does tyranny."*  
~ Edwin McNeill Poteat, clergyman, missionary, college president, and writer. (1892 – 1955)

*Liberty has been planted here. And the more it is attacked, the more it grows and flourishes."*  
~ Samuel Sherwood,  
U.S States Representative from New York (1779 – 1862)



In the Declaration of Independence, it states, *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that **they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights**, that among these are Life, **Liberty** and the pursuit of Happiness."*

These mortal men, referred to as "America's founding fathers" understood and declared to the world that every man has the right to Liberty which cannot be taken or given away, because that right was granted to all men by God.

The darkest periods in the millenniums of man's existence since Adam, were when a small number of men decided to rule over men as god, with the first priority to take away men's God-given Liberty.

From Nimrod to Caesar, the Scriptures record the pattern of godless rule and the crushing oppression that resulted from it.

But God did not intend for men to live oppressed. Despite not being in the Lord's Church, all of mankind enjoys this Liberty given by God, and is also permitted a number of other godly blessings.

For example, all men were *"made just a little lower than the angels, and are crowned with glory and honor."* (Psalms 8:5). And God also *"maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."* (Matthew 5:45). And all men can hear the witness of God's goodness as *"the heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge."* (Psalms 19:1-2). These and other blessings are given to all men from God.

But there are certain Liberties from God that are given only to those who seek the things of God.

- ★ The liberty to pray and be heard in Heaven – Jn 9:31
- ★ The liberty to be free and at peace, in mind and conscience, before God and man – Acts 24:16
- ★ The liberty to be free from bitterness, hate, and guile and live in the fruit of the Spirit.- Gal 5:22
- ★ The liberty of possessing the Spirit of God and a hope in the Resurrection of the dead. - Rom 8:11

Let us refer to these as just a few of the "Greater Liberties" that can only be found in the Lord's Church.

*"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, THERE is Liberty."* 2 Corinthians 3:17



## Chariton

**Meeting times:** Sundays: 9:30 a.m. (no evening services)  
**Location:** 15<sup>th</sup> & Roland, Chariton, Iowa  
**For information call:** Albert Schreck (641) 535-2381 or Brian Schreck

Norm Riekens is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on July 5.

Carl Bennett still continues to not feel well and has been unable to attend services much of the time.

Jeanette Schreck has been under the weather with an ear infection.

Delores VanEgdom and Carol Smead attended the funeral of their sister-in-law and aunt Charlotte.

John and Teresa Groves were our visitors on June 11.

### Birthdays

- 10 - John Smead

### 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  
**For information call:** John McNeece (515) 263-9428

**John Lee was here the week of June 11th.** He spoke on Sunday and Monday through Friday evenings. We began the meeting with a breakfast before services on Sunday morning. **Thank you to everyone from surrounding congregations for their support.**

Tom and Dianne Collier were our guests from Martensdale on Sunday morning, June 25th. Tom was our speaker and gave us an excellent lesson.

And several of us visited Maxine Phipps and sang for her Sunday afternoon. She was happy to see us.

Ron and Karma Sharp vacationed in Florida with family.

Debbie Wilkins had cardiac pain and was in the hospital for a few days. She had an angiogram

which was ok. She is improving on a new medication which is helping her.

Visitors this month were: Tom Warren, Bill, Bryan, Max and Tally Charlier, Valerie Hawthorne, Paxon Boozell, Dan Milinsky, Grayson Plummer and Jackie Chamberlain, Pam Climpson, Jan Sellers.

### Birthdays

- 5 — Chloe Prenosil
- 18 — John Chapman
- 23 — Jan Sellers
- 29 — Don James
- 29 — Frank Meek

### Anniversaries

- 5 — Matt and Mary Dobberke
- 29 — Ron and Karma Sharp

## 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

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## 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

Last month Fred Bown has a bulged disk in his back. Since then, his back is improving and he has been able to return to services.

Please keep Wendy Hounsom in your prayers as she suffered a shoulder injury at work that is causing her pain. She had an MRI and is now figuring out what course of treatment to take.

Zach, Cassy, Abigail, Vivian and Gabriel Crane spent a weekend visiting Drew and Courtney Teghtmeyer. (Cassie is Drew's sister.)

Tom and Dianne Collier spent the first part of June visiting with family in Montana.

Steve, Marie, Wyatt and Carter from Oklahoma have been worshipping with us this month. Steve is singing with the Des Moines Metro Opera so they're in the area temporarily.

Roger, Melissa, Ian and Savannah Bown spent the weekend visiting Roger's parent's Dick and Phyllis Bown.

Wendy Hounsom's niece, Logan, worshipped with us while she was here visiting. Logan is from Colorado.

Jordan Bown has been home visiting her family a couple weekends this month. Her friends Steven and Grace Anderson accompanied her on one of those trips.

Cassidy (a former student of Courtney Teghtmeyer's) worshipped with us.

### Birthdays

- July 3 — Alena Ingle
- July 5 — Rodney Ingle
- July 23 — Cassidy Purdy
- July 30 — Tanner George

### Anniversaries

- None

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# 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.

First, **THANKS to everyone that taught VBS** and for everyone that brought their children. We had very good attendance every night.

**Larry and Bev Brady became Great-Grandparents to Peyton Grace** born (May 3). Her parents are Kayla and Matt Vanndeharr. She joins big brother Brady.

**Don and Wanda Burkman celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary** earlier this month. Evangelist Tom Dennis married them in a garden ceremony on June 2, 1958. Praise the Lord for all the wonderful blessings that they have received!

Megan Stevens graduated from SEP in May. Congratulation Megan!

Mike Warner was having back problems and is now doing better.

Marc & Ginger Hermon and boys were visiting with Matt & Kelly Harvey & family.

Denise Waits, Max and Jack Flickenger have been vacationing. Max and Jack are now visiting with their dad.

Steve Thompson is having back problems.

Fred Brady had an angiogram and other tests, but is now home and doing well.

Cliff Van Vleet was in the hospital, but is now home.

Frank and Claire Green from the Ole Lamine congregation were visiting.

Kelsey Wood's grandparents were visiting over the week-end.

JoAnn Wilson was also visiting.

## Birthdays

- 1 — Joseph Harvey, Jack Conner, Clay Felice, Michele Zinnel  
(all share the same birthday!)
- 8 — Julene Pappan
- 9 — Tyler Brady
- 12 — Steve Thompson
- 13 — Marian Parrish, Sydney Brand
- 14 — Mike Warner
- 16 — Cindy Brady
- 18 — Ryan Curtis
- 22 — Grace Harvey
- 23 — Tyler Curtis
- 28 — Nancy Brady
- 29 — Diamond Blackman, Kelly George
- 30 — Ginger Hermon
- 31 — Dave Ingle

## Anniversaries

- 6 — Jason and Theresa Brady
- 18 — Miles and Kelsey Wood
- 28 — Bob and Marge Flack

# 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 happy to report the baptism of Shelby Green.

Our annual June meeting was well attended with many good lessons brought forth from those who prepared them, and we appreciate such capable men among the brotherhood.

A kitchen & bath shower was given for the upcoming marriage in August of Trent Fiorentin and Leah Schreck.

Lucas Ingle underwent hip surgery, and will be on crutches for most of the summer.

Among our visitors were: Micah Heartsill, Valerie Burkman, Ryan Zinnell, Bruce and Sue Schreck, and Travis and Jenika Schreck.

## Birthdays

- 1 — Sarah Clark, Tonya Guthrie
- 24—Drew Cummings
- 25—Tyrell Klein
- 26—Robert Cummings

## Anniversaries

- 10—Matt & Sarah Clark
- 14—Bruce & Kelsey Fiorentin

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***Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another:  
and the Lord hearkened, and heard it,  
and a book of remembrance was written before Him  
for them that feared the Lord,  
and that thought upon His name.***

~ Malachi 3:16