L ghthouse of Iowa

August 2011

"Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look around and see..."---Lamentations 1:12

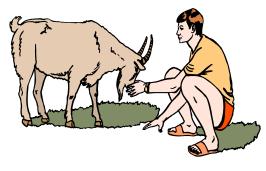
The petting zoo at the state fair was packed with exotic animals. "Wildebeest," "African Pygmy Goats," "Camels," the marker read. The crowds inched along from exhibit to exhibit, with "ooh's" and "aah's," feeding and petting and showering the animals with gentle attention.

"What are *those* called?" my friend asked as we came to a pen with no marker.

"Oh, those are just regular goats that they bring in every year," I answered over my shoulder, as I followed the crowd for the door. Goats were just goats.

But as I passed the pen, I felt a nuzzle and warm breath on my hand. A big, browneyed, lop-eared billy goat was straining his neck through the bars, begging for a handful of food and a pat or two. "Sorry, fellow," I mumbled. "I just gave the last of the food to the baby llama." But his friendly

advances were melting my indifference fast. "Hang on," I told him as I scratched his head, "I'll be back."



My apology to the goat stirred up some uneasy feelings. How casually I had labeled a creature not in the spotlight as "ordinary" and therefore not requiring my attention. Yet that billy goat had the same needs as the other animals. I thought of my patients at the psychiatric hospital where I work. Was I missing the needs of my "regular" patients who had been chronically ill for years because I was so intent on working with the "rare" one or two who were able to function more normally? I may have missed a lot simply by not stopping to ask. And what about the way I'd cancelled dinner with my sister tonight to come to the fair? Just because we were "ordinary" and "usual" company for each other was no reason to assume our plans could be passed up without hesitation.

I returned to the goat pen with a dime's worth of goat chow and invaluable food for thought. Yes, the "ordinary" really deserve some "ooh's" and "aah's" of their own.

Today, Lord, I'll look for the uncommon value in the common, just as You've done for me. — Melanie Britt

AT PLEASANT HILL

SEPTEMBER 3 & 4

SATURDAY: 3:00 P.M. & 6:30 P.M.

SUNDAY: 9:30 A.M., 2:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

MEALS SERVED BETWEEN SERVICES EACH DAY. BREAKFAST MONDAY SEPT. 5

For housing, call:

Amy Pritchard at 515-570-2772 or send an e-mail to: apritcharda@live.com

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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 Eadom, (641)932-5686 or Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

No news this month.

August Birthdays

4 – Deloris Van Egdom 14 – Carl Bennett



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

Alissa Garbi, daughter of David and Marla Fetters, completed her two-month internship in Spain and is back home in Hawaii. Her husband is serving in the military there.

The Fetters family motored to Lamoni, Iowa, to attend the Boswell family reunion. David Fetters also reported that an aunt, Carol Lake Gardner, who lived in Texas, died recently and will be buried in Iowa. Both David and daughter, Kara, have been ill recently.

and Peter Frances Hawthorne celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 30th with a large gathering of family, church members, and friends at the Polk County Senior Center on July 30th. Out -of-town relatives attending the festivities included their daughters, Valerie Hawthorne from Silver Springs, Maryland; Venita and Daryl James and children, Jahara and Akil, from Litchfield Park, Arizona: and Donald and Kathleen Watson, brother of Frances. The couple thanks evervone for their attendance, gifts, and cards.

We are happy to have Shawn Head back in Des Moines and at Dean Avenue. His parents and family drove to Michigan last month to help him move. However, shortly after returning, he underwent an appendectomy.

Margaret Warren, after extended problems with her legs and joints, is back. We all were happy to see her.

Others on the sick list last month included Jean Van Egdom and Glenn Meacham. Lillian Bartlett fell two times last month. We were happy to see her at church again.

Shirley McNeece's mother passed away recently, and she was absent several Sundays, visiting and helping her father.

Twelve Dean Avenue members went to sing for Maxine Phipps.

Members traveling recently included David and Marla Fetters and daughter, Kara, in Colorado; John and Donna McNeece to visit his ill brother in Harrelson, Missouri; and Jean Van Egdom to Albia, Iowa, to visit her in-laws. Ron and

Karma Sharp returned from their traveling. Greg and Linda Head also visited in Minnesota.

Visitors last month included Fred Rhodes of Newton, Iowa: Connor Naatus of Slater, Iowa: Maddie Marie Doke of Austin, Texas: Alexis Naatus Nevada, Iowa; Terry and Kim Lanc of Ottawa, Illinois; Deacon Joseph Koger of Corinthian Baptist Church, originally from Chicago. Illinois: Angela Warren, wife of Mike Warren and their son, Carlton; Tina Hinckley; and Bethany and Cathy Strable. We were pleased to see Alna Meacham when she was able to attend recently.

Neal and Peggy Warren were visitors at Martensdale Church of Christ on July 17th.

August Birthdays

2 - Shirley McNeece

4 – Glenn Meacham

18 – Maxine Phipps

18 – Ron Sharp



August Anniversaries

7 - Peter & Frances Hawthorne

9 - Don & Cathy James

25 – John & Donna McNeece



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

The Eddie Crum family continues to worship with us and is a very welcome addition!

Visitors this month have been Amy, Jon, Micah, and Isaac Schmidt; Nancy Clark; Charles, Angie, Charity, and Lucas Ingle; Matt, Sarah, and Ethan Clark; Hadley Miller; John, Deb, and Maddy Negley; Shari Cowger; Lori and Gage Bryant; Van, Barb, Logan, and Luke Negley; Paul, Dasha, and Timber Negley; Noah Boggess, and friend, Monica; Savannah, Eric, and Elise Valenskia.

Many of the Negley family had traveled to help "Gramma" and "Great-Gramma," Elsie Negley celebrate her 100th birthday on July 29th.

Mary Lou Madden has been able to attend services a couple times this month and we are thankful for that.

Our prayers continue to be

with Jewell Warner and Anne Ritson as they cope with health issues.

August Birthdays

6 - Andy Rine

6 - Jewell Warner

21 – Bobbie Swisher





17 - Neil & Becky McCoy

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)

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

Al and Marlene Bown; Cassidy and Bethany Phillips; and Teresa, Kyle, and Jordan Bown attended the Midwest Bible Campout in Eminence, Missouri.

Fred and Marlene Bown made a trip out to Colorado. They visited with family members in Denver. They were able to visit with Marlene's cousin before he unexpectedly passed away.

Isabelle and Emelia Proudfit spent a few days visiting with their grandparents, Duane and Mary Proudfit.

We had several visitors July 10th. Steve Proudfit came to Iowa to pick up his two girls, Isabelle and Emelia. Adam, Tara, and Hank Clevenger were visiting Drew and Courtney Teghtmeyer. Stephanie and

Ada Stephens were visiting Steph's parents, Mike and Tracy Penick. Marc Hermon gave the morning exhortation, and his son Niki accompanied him to services.

Dave and Christy Henderson and Cassidy and Bethany enjoyed a week's vacation in Estes Park, Colorado.

Dick and Phyllis Bown spent a week vacationing in Wisconsin and took their grandson, David Stanley, with them.

Neal and Peg Warren worshiped with us Sunday, July 17th. After our potluck and afternoon service several of us went down to the Clarke High School and helped Courtney Teghtmeyer paint her classroom.

Dick and Phyllis Bown had three of their grandsons spend time with them this month. Joshua, David, and Daniel Stanley all spent separate weeks with them.

Jordan Bown was able to attend all two weeks of the twoweek meeting at Excelsior Springs. Teresa and Kyle Bown and Jenna Wheeler were able to attend parts of it.

Cindy Stanley, Dick and Phyllis Bown's daughter, has finished with her chemo. After a PET scan to ensure she's cancer free, she will be able to have her port removed! Praise God!

August Birthdays

18 – Mike Penick

22 - Garrett Weeks

23 – Duane 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; or Mike Warner, (515)967-4529.

Congratulations to Bruce and Suzanne Harvey on their $10^{\rm th}$ grandchild. Joseph Robert was born to Tim and Jamie Harvey July $1^{\rm st}$.

The Hermon family; Megan Stevens; Cheree Stump; and Joyce, Rodney, Alena, and Brandon Ingle attended the campout at Eminence.

Brady George was in Newfoundland, Canada, on a World Tour with the Heartland Youth Choir. He returned late July 14th.

Julene Felice, Niko, Clay, and Carly vacationed at Lake Rathbun.

Marc and Niki Hermon were at Martensdale.

Doug Bown was in Wisconsin vacationing.

Marty, Lisa, and Nathan Williamson were vacationing in Branson.

Lou and Connie Meinke and Marvin and Della Camp were here to help Marian Parrish celebrate her 95th birthday.

Jill McClurg is back visiting with family.

Amy Pritchard had her thyroid removed. She received good news that it was benign. Pat Thompson has been helping Amy and Dan with the children.

Melba Tingle spent a few days at Lutheran Hospital with a virus. She had a stent put in earlier in July. She is home now.

Dean Hayes spent a few days at Methodist Hospital. He is home now and improving a little each day.

Bob Flack had an angiogram and everything went well.

Those on the sick list were: Josiah Pritchard; Carroll Warren; Pam Climpson; Suzanne Harvey; and Ginger, Shea, and Gabriel Hermon.

Maddy Hermon and her grandpa Lowell took the championship at the Warren County Fair for their Limousine heifer. Congratulations!

Niki Hermon earned advancement to the Iowa State Fair for his Science and Engineering Roller Coaster project. Best wishes!

Ryan Zinnell visited his grandpa Steve Thompson in Minnesota.

Megan Stevens visited a friend in Texas recently.

Pat Thomson will undergo surgery at Mercy Hospital August 5th, and will be there three or four days.

Among those attending the two-week meeting at various times in Excelsior Springs were: Rodney and Alena Ingle; Bob and Marge Flack; Randy Ingle and Brandon; Marc and Ginger Hermon, Niki, and Maddy; Jake Brand; Joyce and Nora Lee Ingle; and Cheree Stump.

ITBS will be celebrating their 5th year. We will be at Marc and Ginger Hermon's home on August 20th. Meet at noon and plan to sleep over if you can.

Iowa Traveling

Bible Study (ITBS)

The August study will be Aug. 20 at Marc & Ginger Hermon's

(noon to 11 p.m. or overnight)

September 10 & 11: Campout at Clarinda

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

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

August Birthdays

- 4 Carson George
- 6 Marilyn McClurg
- 9 Suzanne Harvey
- 11 Dani Brand
- 12 Elijah Ingle
- 13 Madison Hermon
- 14 Troy Brand
- 17 Tim Harvey
- 25 Cody Brady
- 25 Jack Flickinger
- 26 Amy Pritchard

August Anniversaries



- 14 Josh & Erica Conner
- 15 Troy & Dani Brand
- 18 Keith & Connie Price
- 19 Dave & Joyce Ingle
- 25 Paul & Michele Zinnel

Vandalia

Meeting Times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m. Location—2.5 miles east of Runnells, lowa on F70, then 1 mile north on 131 st St. Website: vandaliacoc.com

For information call—Greg Ingle, (515)994-2824 or Charles Ingle, (515)966-2537

Those attending the campout at Eminence were: Charles and Angie Ingle, Charity and Lucas; Joy Cummings, Morgan, Drew, and Casady; Trent Fiorentin; and Mason Burkman.

Mary Ellen Goode had surgery July 6th, and is recovering well.

Our visitors during the month were: James Finney and Alexander; Denise Drake, Max and Jack; Kevin Waits; and Neil and Becky McCoy.

Kat Cummings has spent a couple weekends in Omaha.

Greg and Margaret Ingle, and Devon and Erin Ingle vacationed at Clear Lake.

Morgan and Casady Cummings visited their grandparents, D.D. and Donna Russell, in Brookfield, Missouri. Justin and Brittany Dowdy and Lynnette Dowdy visited family in Missouri.

Tim and Melody Burkman and sons, Mason, Cameron, and Gavin vacationed in Clear Lake.

Charles and Angie Ingle, Charity and Lucas; Matt and Sarah Clark and Ethan; and Nancy Clark attended a family reunion near Villisca, Iowa. They worshiped with the Fairview congregation at Clarinda on July 17th.

Charles Ingle and Charity; Marvin and Melda Ingle; Bobbi Duckstein; Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, Nathan, and Bruce; and Kelsey Knight attended part of the two-week meeting at Excelsior Springs. Trent Fiorentin and Morgan Cummings spent both weeks at the meeting.

Justin and Brittany Dowdy visited family in Indianapolis.

Matt and Sarah Clark and Ethan; and Nancy Clark vacationed at Clear Lake.

Our congregation met at the Mitchellville Nursing Home to sing with the residents there on a recent Sunday evening.

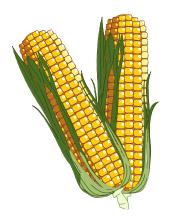
August Birthdays

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- 13 Ruth Schell
- 14 Justin Dowdy
- 25 Trent Fiorentin

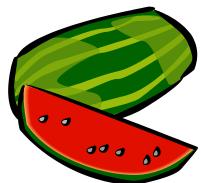
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August Anniversaries

- 5 Derek & Amy Ingle
- 14 Tim & Melody Burkman
- 19 Marvin & Melda Ingle
- 23 Clifford & Bobbi Duckstein







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