



Lighthouse of Iowa

Keeping in touch with Iowa's Churches of Christ

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The great value of praying for one another

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The apostle Paul emphasized many pertinent topics in his various NT letters to Christians and congregations regarding the daily lives of the Lord's saints.

These topics include the various works of Christ and His crucifixion, the assemblies of the saints, the dangers of the works of the flesh and the great benefits of the fruit of the Spirit to name a few.

However, none of these topics are not more important than his emphasis of prayers for the saints, whether his or ours. The letters to the Ephesians as well as to the Colossians highlight the importance of praying for one another in the first chapter of each of these letters.

Paul's plea to pray

Just consider the paragraphs of Eph 1:15-21 and Col 1:3-12 and importance of such prayers. Add to this fact that Paul used the terms "pray", "prayer(s)" and "praying" 45 times in his letters! And this number does not include Acts as well as the

implications regarding praying without using the words!

I am convinced that one of the reasons the Lord called Paul to be an apostle, howbeit, "out of due season", was because he had a real love for Israel and the Law as well as for the Lord. We can see this love in his writings, even as a Christian. Immediately following his conversion to the Lord, the apostle Paul loved the church and its people!

Surely, this was one of the reasons he emphasized praying for one another with such fervency and faithfulness. He did not cease in his prayers! He prayed constantly for the brothers and sisters. And he urged his fellow Christians to pray with the same urgency and devotion.

Pray for what?

The vast majority of Paul's prayers were in regard to spiritual matters. Just consider the various things he prayed for that the brothers and sisters at the Ephesian and Colossae congregations needed:

- He wanted them to have the "spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ".
- He wanted the "eyes of their understanding to be enlightened."
- He wanted them to know what the "hope of His calling and spiritual riches" were.
- He wanted them to know the "power" Christ had for them!
- He "gave thanks for their faith" as well as their "love for all the saints"!
- He wanted them to know of the "grace of God in truth!"

Now, to be clear, there is certainly a place to pray for physical needs and necessities. We have many examples of such requests and prayers, even with Jesus, Himself. But Paul's emphasis was on spiritual needs and understandings. He wanted his brothers and sisters to grow closer to the Lord. He wanted them to be mature in Christ. He also wanted them to pray for their fellows as well. Why? Because he obviously thought it was important!

Now consider this, I do not necessarily think he was praying for them because they lacked these things. He was not praying for them because they were weak or unfaithful. He was not praying for them because they were not as good a Christians as their fellows.

These were probably every day needs and occurrences that ALL Christians needed at all times, not even at particularly difficult times. These were constant needs and necessities that all Christians need all the time! This includes you and me!

I'm praying for you

There is something else worthy of note regarding Paul's

admonitions. He was not afraid to let his brothers and sisters know he was praying for them, and there must have been a good reason for this.

I understand there seems to be a hesitancy to let our fellows know we are praying for them. Perhaps, as a result of the concern others might think we are bragging, and bragging should certainly not our motive.

However, Paul was not bragging! The only boasting he did was regarding the cross of Christ! He was praying for real reasons and for real necessities, and he felt it needful that the saints know of his prayers for them, just as Christ prayed for real reasons and benefits.

Let us follow Paul's example. Let us pray "without ceasing."

Let us remember that our own faithfulness does in large part have a bearing both from and to others.

The Lord's body is the ultimate "Team". We cannot win the "prize" alone. We need our fellow believers. We need their strength and encouragement, and they need ours.

I am convinced praying for them is part of this process.



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



August Birthdays

- None

August Anniversaries

- None

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

Wade Stanley will be here Saturday, August 7th.

He will be speaking at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome.



- **Pam Climpson** has a new address:
5120 SW 56th St., Des Moines, IA 50321.
- **Visitors:** Candy Meek, Piper , Brita, Charlie and Maverick Head, Aiden Boozell and Elsie Chapman.

August Birthdays –

- ★ 02 Shirley McNeece
- ★ 18 Ron Sharp

August Anniversaries

- ★ 09 Don & Cathy James
- ★ 25 John & Donna McNeece

Fairview

Meeting times: Sundays: 10:00 a.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Location: 1001 S. 22nd St, Clarinda, Iowa 51632

For information call: Richard Negley (712)542-3728 or Marvin Negley (712)542-2792

Looking forward to **John Lee's** visit August 29th.



Visitors:

- Van Negley - Colorado Springs, CO
- Paul, Race & Brio Negley - Urbandale, IA

August Birthdays

- ★ August 21 – Bobbi Swisherr

August Anniversary

- ★ 15 - Justin & Tracy Head
- ★ 17 - Neil & Becky McCoy

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

• **Al Bown passed away suddenly on Saturday July 17.**

He was an excellent song leader and as a young man was taught by the best. Al was a pilot and flew as a profession for a number of years. He led the establishment of what is now the Midwest Bible Campout in Eminence, Missouri. His fellowship, knowledge and understanding of the scriptures, and his voice in song will be very much missed.

Visitation and graveside services were held July 24.

- Dave Henderson's sister, Jenny Henderson, passed away July 24. Jenny was just 53. Her services were held July 30.
- Rodney and Alena Ingle, Brenna, Theron, Hugh and Keturah all attended the Midwest Bible Campout in Eminence, Missouri.
- Phyllis Bown had surgery to have the batteries in her pacemaker changed on July 22.
- Visitors this month have been: Kirk and Bethany Ford; Stephanie Stephens and children; Jordan Bown; Bryan Bown; Kurt Bown; LuAnn Woody; Steve, Cerine and Mayley Proudfit; Roger, Melissa and Savannah Bown; Cindy Stanley; Zach and

Cassy Crane and their children; and Randy and Laura Teghtmeyer as well as Joyce, Laura's mother.

August Birthdays

- ★ 18 – Mike Penicke

- ★ 23 – Duane Proudfit
- ★ 25 – Malachi Wheeler

August Anniversaries

- None

Pleasant Hill

Meeting Times: Sundays: 9:30 a.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m.
Listen from your car at FM station 100.9

Location: 5091 E. University, Pleasant Hill, Iowa

Website: pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org

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

- **Many from Phill congregation attended the Midwest Bible Campout.** Jamie, Taylor, Patrick Ingle; Dan, Amy, Josiah, Alivia, Sammy Maisie Pritchard; Miles, Kelsey, Ryleigh, Jed, Ellie, Clint Wood; Ryane, Audra, Joel, Naomi Needham; Diamond & Dominique Blackman; Ayden, Madison, Theo Twaddell; Nick, Kayley Hermon; Marc, Ginger, Shae, Gabby Hermon.
- **On Friday, July 23 brother Doug Bown suffered injuries from a motorcycle accident.** He was admitted to Mercy Hospital that weekend and is now recovering at home. We praise God that our brother is with us today! Please reach out, encourage, and serve Doug during this medical trial.
- **Hallelujah! Our sweet sister Joyce Ingle Joyce Ingle came home from Broadlawns Hospital on Friday, July 2nd.** She has made significant health improvements these past few weeks. She thanks everyone for their encouragement and prayers. Psalm 118:1, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever!"
- **Praise the Lord over and over again for delivering brother Tom Brady through medical trials.** This past month he was hospitalized and in skilled nursing care. With great joy Tom returned home on Friday, July 23. "Let my whole being bless the Lord and never forget all His good deeds, how God forgives all your sins, heals all your sickness." Psalm 103:2-3
- **Brandon Ingle** left for Alabama in early July for MEDEVAC pilot training. This is a 2-year commitment.
- **Linda Oldham** had hip surgery and is recovering well.
- **On July 17 we welcomed back JC & Melanie Castro!** They spent December-July in Arizona and California.

We praise God for their safe travels and are overjoyed to have them worship with Pleasant Hill again. They are wonderful servants in the kingdom!

- **Next ITBS will be at Ryan & Jamie Ingle's home.** August 28, 4-8 p.m. Bible students are encouraged to bring their Bibles, a lawn chair and chips or 2 liter pop to share. Thank you!
- **Save the Date! Pleasant Hill Labor Day weekend meeting,** Lord willing, will be held September 4-6. Please, RSVP on the Pleasant Hill church website so we can better serve. Here is the link or use the QR code on the flyer invitation:



<http://www.pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org/LaborDay.php>

If you would like to provide housing Labor Day weekend, please let Ginger Hermon know. Thanks in advance for your hospitality!



August Birthdays

- August 4 – Carson George
- August 6 – Marilyn McClurg
- August 9 – Suzanne Harvey

August 12 – Elijah Ingle
August 13 – Madison Twaddell
August 18 – JC Castro
August 25 – Jack Flickinger
August 26 – Amy Pritchard

August Anniversaries

- ★ August 3 – Ayden Madison Twaddell
- ★ August 10 – Nick & Kayley Hermon
- ★ August 19 – Dave & Joyce Ingle
- ★ August 25 – Paul & Michele Zinnel

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.com>

- Margaret Ingle's aortic valve was successful and she is recovering very well.
- Those attending the Midwest Bible Campout at Eminence, Missouri in July were: Lynnette Dowdy, Justin and Brittney Dowdy and Carson and Lilly; Alan and Shonya Klein and Easton, Kiana, Tyrell, and Aryana.
- After leaving the campout, Lynnette Dowdy, Justin and Brittney Dowdy and children visited Jason and Autumn Dowdy to help celebrate Aspen's birthday.
- James and Laura and family spent some time in Kentucky visiting family.
- Trent and Leah and girls visited family in the Kansas City area.
- Doug and Lisa Fiorentin enjoyed a vacation to southern Indiana and Kentucky. They visited the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum.
- Nathan Fiorentin is scheduled for major dental work on Aug. 10.

- Visitors in July were: Jeannette and Albert Schreck, Sue Schreck; Ryan and Rylee Ingle, Grant McClung, Ryan Zinnel, Sam McDonald, and Wes Kirscher.



August Birthdays

- ★ 3 Jason Miller
- ★ 13 Ruth Schell
- ★ 14 Justin Dowdy
- ★ 23 Shonya Klein
- ★ 25 Trent Fiorentin
- ★ 29 Destry Klein

August Birthdays

- ★ 5 Derek & Amy Ingle
- ★ 12 Trent & Leah Fiorentin
- ★ 14 Tim & Melody Burkman
- ★ 19 Destry Charity Klein

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/library.php>

(select *Iowa Lighthouse* under the Library tab)

How to say 'Love' in English

1 Corinthians 13

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| <p>♥ Charity suffereth long (King James 1611)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Love is patient (ESV 2001) ○ <i>Love suffreth long</i> (Tyndale 1534) ○ <i>Charity is patient</i> (Wycliffe 1382) ○ Charity is patient (Rheims 1582) <p>♥ and is kind</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ and kind ○ <i>and is courteous</i> ○ it is benign ○ is kind <p>♥ charity envieth not</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ love does not envy ○ <i>love envieth not</i> ○ charity envieth not ○ charity envieth not <p>♥ charity vaunteth not itself</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ or boast; ○ <i>love doth not frowardly</i> ○ it doeth not wickedly ○ dealeth not perversely <p>♥ is not puffed up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ it is not arrogant ○ <i>swelleth not</i> ○ it is not blown with pride ○ is not puffed up <p>♥ Doth not behave itself unseemly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ or rude. [nor foolish] ○ <i>dealeth not dishonestly</i> ○ it is not covetous [of worships] ○ Is not ambitious <p>♥ seeketh not her own</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It does not insist on its own way ○ <i>seeketh not her own</i> ○ it seeketh not those things that be her own ○ seeketh not her own <p>♥ is not easily provoked</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ it is not irritable ○ <i>is not provoked to anger</i> ○ it is not stirred to wrath ○ is not provoked to anger | <p>♥ thinketh no evil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ nor resentful ○ <i>thinketh not evil</i> ○ it thinketh not evil ○ thinketh no evil <p>♥ Rejoiceth not in iniquity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing ○ <i>rejoyseth not in iniquity</i> ○ it joyeth not in wickedness ○ Rejoiceth not in iniquity <p>♥ but rejoiceth in the truth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ but rejoices with the truth ○ <i>but rejoyseth in ye truth</i> ○ forsooth it joyeth together with truth ○ but rejoiceth with the truth <p>♥ Beareth all things</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ love bears all things ○ <i>suffreth all things</i> ○ it suffereth all things ○ beareth all things <p>♥ Believeth all things</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ believes all things ○ <i>believeth all things</i> ○ it believeth all things ○ believeth all things <p>♥ Hopeth all things</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ hopes all things ○ <i>hopeth all things</i> ○ it hopeth all things ○ hopeth all things <p>♥ Endureth all things</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ endures all things ○ <i>endureth in all things</i> ○ it sustaineth all things ○ endureth all things <p>♥ Charity never faileth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Love never ends. ○ <i>love falleth never away.</i> ○ charity falleth never down. ○ charity never falleth away. |
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And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is Charity.