



Lighthouse of Iowa

Keeping in touch with Iowa's Churches of Christ

August 2023

Not getting too excited

While I was laid up for 5 weeks before and after my surgery I discovered one of the most comfortable positions to lay on was on my left side. It seemed to alleviate my pain quite a bit. I would try to lay in this position about 2 hours or so every afternoon. While I was lying there, I would often watch a review of an NFL game. During the summer months a tv station would replay some of the best games in addition to some classic Super Bowl games.

One of the games I watched was Super Bowl 54 in which the KC Chiefs defeated the SF 49ers. It was good to watch while lying there, but it was not nearly as entertaining as when the original game was played. Why? Because I already knew the outcome. When it was first played, I would cheer or express a phrase as, "That was a good play" or "That was not a good call", etc. But in watching the replay I hardly said anything. Why? Because I already knew the outcome! (Just as a side note—I refused to watch any replay of a game in which I knew the NE Patriots would win? Why? Because I knew the outcome, and I always rooted against the Patriots, but I digress.) No matter the game.... It was not really as exciting as watching the original. Why? Because I knew the outcome.

For this reason I tried to search for games that I did not remember the outcome. This may be how God views mankind as we are going from year to year. Especially, in regard to the plans He devised before the world was created regarding His church and His Christians (Eph 1:3-6). He already knows what is going to happen! What is there to get excited about? His church will be here until the end of time. He has promised us that He will never forsake us, and He will continue to provide all the spiritual blessings in Heavenly Places as long as we continue to look to Him

and His provision. Why would we be upset? We already know the end!

It is easy for us to get distraught about things that we see happening to our world today. Focusing on these things can be harmful to our spirits and our faith. However, If we have confidence in the Lord and His plans for us, why would we let it bother us? Our confidence should be in the Lord. Our confidence should be in the power and message of the cross that has already happened and has determined the future. Our confidence rests in that we know who wins. God does! And He has made it possible for me to know the outcome of His plans though His divine word and foreknowledge.

There are still some promises our God has made that have not yet come to fruition. We know of the coming Judgment. He has proven this by the resurrection of Jesus (Acts 17:30-31). We have a "picture" of that same Judgment in Rev 20:11-15 as well as in the various parables Jesus taught of it.

We already know this earth and the Universe will be destroyed. We know He has prepared a Home for us for all eternity, and that Home will be glorious!

Now as we see things unfold, does that mean we know exactly what is going to transpire? Of course not. But we know Who is in control! It is like my watching a replay of a football game in which I already know who wins. God does! Why should I be afraid or anxious if my trust is in Him and His plans?

Jay H. Graham



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

- Brian Schreck had two stents inserted in June after they found two 90% blockages. After a short recovery he is feeling well and back to work.



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

- John and Donna Lee met with us. John gave us two good lessons and shared in our social.
- Roberta Milinski is on a tour visiting France and Italy.
- Jessica Strable gave birth to a baby girl. Grandmother is Misti Hayes, and Great Grandmother is Risa Schamel..

August Birthdays

- ☆ 02 Shirley McNeece
- ☆ 18 Ron Sharp
- ☆ 30 Candy Meek

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

Heartfelt Love & Prayers:

- Fairly Quiet Month
- Looking forward to Wade Stanley & John Lee this month
- 15 Justin & Tracy Head Visitors: Paul Negley, Race & Brio - Urbandale, IA.

August Birthdays

- None

August Anniversary

- ☆ 15 Justin & Tracy Head

Martensdale

Meeting Times: Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.
Location: 10985 44th Lane, Prole, Iowa (1.5 miles east of Martensdale, IA on Hwy. 92)
Website: martensdalechurchofchrist.com
For information call: Duane Proudfit (515) 961-4470 or Mike Penick (515) 681-0279

- Mary Proudfit has been attending Sunday morning services. It is wonderful to have her back with the body of Christ. Please keep Duane and Mary in your prayers. Mary's address is:

Good Samaritan Society

Room 420
708 S. Jefferson Way
Indianola, IA 50125

- Tracy Penick attended the Summer Study at the Smart Road Church of Christ. The topic for the week's study was '*Nevertheless, I Tell You The Truth*'.

- Dave and Christy Henderson were visiting their daughter, Bethany and family in Missouri.

Visitors:

- Ethan & Megan Schreck
- Mark Klatt
- Kirk, Bethany and Killian Ford
- Steve Proudfit

August Birthdays

- ☆ Alena Ingle - August 3
- ☆ Rodney Ingle - August 5
- ☆ Millie Teghtmeyer - August 24

August Anniversaries

- ☆ None

Pleasant Hill

Meeting Times: Sundays: 9:30 a.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m.
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

Announcements + Heartfelt Love & Prayers:

- Hallelujah! Kelly George received his prosthetic leg early July. He's doing fabulous, all glory to God!
- Allison George endured foot surgery this month which included a bone being removed, and fixing 3 tendons that were almost all the way torn through. Doctors removed 2 inches of muscle that had formed around the bone. Many prayers for Allison's healing!
- Several from Pleasant Hill attended the Midwest Bible Campout in July: Michele Zinnel and granddaughters Abbie and Emma, Pritchard family along with Dan's parents, Needham family, Wood family, Marc and Nick Hermon families, as well as Maddy/Theo Twaddell.

- Hallelujah! Gabriel Hermon was obedient to the gospel call and was buried in baptism for the remission of his sins on Wednesday, July 5. Acts 2:38-39, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."
- A handful from Pleasant Hill attended the Smart Road Church of Christ week-long "*Nevertheless I Tell You The Truth*"
- Bible Study. Randy and Kinnick Ingle, Ryane, Audra, Joel, Marcus, Isaac, Naomi Needham, Eden Brady and Marc, Ginger, Shea and Gabriel Hermon.

- A 50th Wedding Anniversary for Dave & Joyce Ingle is being hosted by their children. Lord willing it will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2-5 p.m. @ the Pleasant Hill Church of Christ building.
- All Glory to God, Marilyn McClurg will turn 95 on August 6th! The family is hosting a card shower for her. Please mail cards to her address at 5120 SW 56th St, Des Moines, IA 50321.
- August Iowa Traveling Bible Study will be held on Saturday, August 26, at 4 p.m. Bible students should think of Bible stories that involve a boat. Try to jot down the spiritual application of each story you find and be ready to share during the study.
- We invite all surrounding congregations to Pleasant Hill's annual Labor Day meeting, September 2-4. Flyer is shown on the last page of this issue.

August Birthdays

- ☆ 8/4 – Carson George
- ☆ 8/6 – Marilyn McClurg
- ☆ 8/9 – Suzanne Harvey
- ☆ 8/13 – Madison Twaddell
- ☆ 8/18 – JC Castro
- ☆ 8/25 – Jack Flickinger
- ☆ 8/26 – Amy Pritchard

August Anniversaries

- 8/3- Ayden & Madison Twaddell
- 8/10 – Nick & Kayley Hermon
- 8/19 – Dave & Joyce Ingle
- 8/25 – Paul & Michele Zinnel

Vandalia

Meeting Times: Sunday: 9:30 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) 238-3316

Website: <https://vandaliacoc.com>

- Several of our members attended the Midwest Bible Campout at Eminence, Missouri: Lynnette Dowdy, Justin and Brittney Dowdy and Carson and Lilly; Charles and Angie Ingle; Charity Klein; Lucas, Shelby, and Willem Ingle; Matt and Ethan Clark; Casady Cummings and friend; Nathan Fiorentin, and Alan and Shonya Klein and Easton, Kiana, Tyrell, and Aryana.
- Traveling to visit family in Indiana were Trent, Leah, Eva and Josie Fiorentin, Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, and Jason and Staci Miller and Allison and Isaac.
- A card shower was given to Matthew & Sarah Clark to celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary on July 10.
- Charles & Angie Ingle, Charity and Destry Klein, Matt, Sarah and Nancy Clark visited family near Cosby, Missouri for the weekend. Then Charles, Angie, Matt, Sarah, & Nancy went to the Smart Road congregation for the Sunday service of the week meeting.
- Justin, Brittney, Carson and Lillian Dowdy traveled to Kansas City to attend the Sunday service at Smart Road congregation also.

- Those attending the week-long bible study at the Smart Road congregation were Charles Ingle, Lisa and Leah Fiorentin and girls, Ethan Clark, and Sharon Cummings.
- Two members were saddened to hear of siblings' deaths---MaryEllen Goode's sister, Linda and Margaret Ingle's brother, James.
- Lots of families enjoying vacations this month.
- Visitors this month were: Ryan, Patrick, and Taylor Ingle.

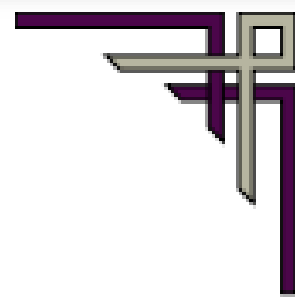
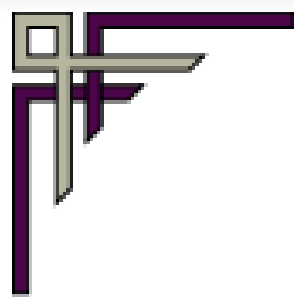


August Birthdays

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

August Anniversaries

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



PLEASANT HILL
CHURCH *of* CHRIST

LABOR DAY MEETING 2023

Saturday, Sept. 2nd

Sat. Afternoon

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

"Gagged By Jesus".....Rick Sparks

"The Valley of the Son of Hinnom".....Doug Twaddell

Sat. Evening

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

"Our Bodies: Lowly or Glorified?".....John Lee

"This Is A Faithful Saying".....John Morris

Fellowship to follow at Marc and Ginger Hermon's home

2018 153rd Avenue, Carlisle, IA 50047

Sunday, Sept. 3rd

Sun. Morning

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

"The Watchmen".....Wade Stanley

"The Longest Love Letter Ever Written".....Rick Sparks

Sun. Afternoon

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

"Meeting With The Saints: Purposes & Benefits".....John Morris

"Is The Church Still Pure?".....John Lee

Sun. Evening

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

"Do More".....Doug Twaddell

"Breaking Cycles".....Wade Stanley

Fellowship to follow at Miles and Kelsey Wood's home

498 Edgewood Lane, Pleasant Hill, IA 50327



You can RSVP with the
QR Code or at
pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org

Monday, Sept. 4th

Join us for breakfast at the
church building from 8:00-10:00 a.m.