

Lighthouse of Iowa

September 2011

I press on toward the goal for the prize....Philippians 3:14

One crisp September Saturday last fall, we arrived at the lake at 6:30 a.m. My eldest son Jason and youngest son Jon were along that morning, and we agreed to let the boat drift with the breeze and fish a shoal near the landing. As usual, I spent the first thirty minutes rigging their lines, positioning the boat, and sounding the horn to avoid any other early fishing fanatics.



By the time I started to fish, Jon had put down his pole and started munching on doughnuts and playing in the water. Rather than taking time to rig my own pole, I picked up his and began casting. Time passed when, suddenly, I had a strike. It was the biggest

small-mouth bass I'd ever hooked! With much yelling and scrambling, we somehow managed to net the prize a few minutes later. When we calmed down, we measured it at twenty-one inches and five pounds, four ounces.

Jon blurted out, "Dad, how come you catch all the fish?"

Now there's a question that has bugged children for generations. How can Dad always catch the biggest fish when he seems to do more rowing, baiting, and untangling than anyone else? When I was little, my dad always caught the fish, and now I was catching them with my boys. "Well, Jon," I replied, "I guess because I keep my line in the water. You can't catch fish eating doughnuts."

Not a bad lesson for dads or anyone else to remember once they get back to shore. Success is ninety percent hanging in there.

Have you pulled out too soon from a difficult or trying situation? Try tossing in your line again. Stay with it—sooner or later something will bite.

Lord, thank You for not giving up on me too soon. Help me to keep my line in the water for others.—Eric Fellman

IT'S SEPTEMBER

It's September, and the orchards are afire with red and gold,

And the nights with dew are heavy, and the morning's sharp and cold;

Now the garden's at its gayest with the salvia blazing red.

And the good old-fashioned asters laughing at us from their bed:

Once again in shoes and stockings are the children's little feet.

And the dog now does his snoozing on the bright side of the street.

It's September, and the cornstalks are as high as they will go,

And the red cheeks of the apples everywhere begin to show;

Now the supper's scarcely over ere the darkness settles down

And the moon looms big and yellow at the edges of the town;

Oh, it's good to see the children, when their little prayers are said,

Duck beneath the patchwork covers when they tumble into bed.

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Editor's Note:

I will be on an extended vacation from mid-September through early October, so the October issue will be combined with the November issue.

Look for the October/November issue during the first week of November.

—Ruth Schell

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

July News

We rejoiced when Ethan Schreck was baptized on June 24th.

Norm Riekens had surgery to repair a hernia on June 25th, and has recovered well.

Clarence and Delores Van Egdome have visited their son, Garry, several times this month. He is no longer receiving chemo treatments and the cancer is spreading.

Visitors this past month have been Jean Van Egdome; Sue, Leah, and Travis Schreck; Hannah Clevenger; and Barb Fetters' great-granddaughter, Tralyn.

August News

Carl and Evelyn Bennett's great-granddaughter that was born prematurely has gone home, but her 2½-year-old sister is currently hospitalized with kidney infection.

Brian, Tammy, Ashley, and Ethan Schreck attended the 2nd week of the two week meeting in Excelsior Springs.

Keith and Kathy Hardin were our visitors this past month.

September Birthdays

29 – Carol Smead



September Anniversaries

6 – Brian & Tammy Schreck



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

Matt Dobberke has recovered from his illness and has returned to work.

Anita and Jim Burr and grandchildren, Dakota and Nicole of Fort Dodge, Iowa, were visitors. Anita is the sister of Marla Fetters and Roberta Milinsky.

Visitors from Altoona, Iowa included Brent, Nancy, and Jessica Curry. Paul, Michele, and Ryan Zinnel from the Pleasant Hill congregation were also visitors.

Skip and Risa Schamel returned from a motorcycle trip to Minnesota and South Dakota.

We rejoiced when Kara Fetters was baptized by her father, David Fetters, after the morning services in early August.

During the second weekend in August, Peter and Frances Hawthorne traveled to Eolia, Missouri for her family's (Watson) reunion. They were driven by a friend, Joyce Bruce. The Hawthornes were honored again for their 60th anniversary during the reunion activities.

Before leaving church Margaret Warren stumbled and fell on August 7th. She was bruised extensively, but no broken bones. She has recovered and is now able to attend services after several absences.

Jean Van Egdome has been absent for several services due to illness.

Roberta Millinsky and her sister, Anita, left for travels to Germany.

Visitors on August 14th

included Pam Climpson, David and Joyce Ingle, Tyler Curry, and Jessica Strable. Kirsten Done of Austin, Texas also was a recent visitor.

Visitors on August 21st included David and Joyce Ingle and Pam Climpson from the Pleasant Hill congregation. Dave Ingle brought the morning sermon. Sierra Coe was also a visitor.

Donna McNeece underwent surgery at Mercy West Hospital for hip repair. She was released after a few days.

Following early afternoon services, some members of the congregation traveled to Prairie View Village to sing for Maxine Phipps, and also for Elsie LeMar at Valley View Village.

Risa Schamel was

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Dean Avenue

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participating in a motorcycle trip to the upper midwest when she suffered stomach pains. She was seen at a hospital before returning home, where she was recuperating during the final days of August.

Visitors on the last Sunday in August included George and Karen Cantrell from Bloomfield, Iowa. They were en-route to Minneapolis to visit family.

Karla Feters requests prayers for her and her family during personal trying times.

September Birthdays

7 – Elsie LeMar
21 – Juanita Coe



September Anniversaries

2 – Greg & Linda Head
4 – Chad & Amy Prenosil



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

We've had several health concerns this month. Elsie Negley spent several days in the hospital but has returned to Westridge and is recuperating. Mary Lou Madden fell and broke a hip, underwent surgery, and is also back at Westridge recuperating. Jewell Warner had some dental work done, but is now feeling better and has been able to attend some services this month. Anne Ritson continues to battle extreme fatigue following her

chemo treatments.

Judy Madden shared an acronym for BIBLE: **B**asic **I**nstruction **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth!

On August 21st, we celebrated Bobbie Swisher's birthday with donuts and coffee. Clint Driftmier, Amy and Jon Schmidt and boys, Molly and Van Gilmore and girls all joined us for services that day. They had all been helping their parents, Steve and Tammie Driftmier, clean

up after the severe storm that came through. The Driftmiers had damage to their home and property and most, if not all of their crops.

John Lee brought wonderful messages during his visit August 26th–28th.

September Birthdays

22 – Amy Mays
24 – Tammie Driftmier
28 – Amy Schmidt



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It's September, and a calmness
and sweetness seems to fall

Over everything that's living, just
as though it hears the call

Of Old Winter, trudging slowly,
with his pack of ice and snow,

In the distance over yonder, and
it somehow seems as though

Every tiny little blossom wants to
look its very best

When the frost shall bite its petals
and it droops away at rest.

It's September! It's the fullness
and the ripeness of the year;

All the work of earth is finished,
or the final tasks are near,

But there is no doleful wailing;
every living thing that grows,

For the end that is approaching
wears the finest garb it knows,

And I pray that I may proudly
hold my head up high and smile

When I come to my September
in the golden after while.

Edgar A. Guest



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

On Monday evening, August 15th, most of the congregation gathered at a pond on the Proudfit farm to witness the baptism of Cassidy Phillips. Cassidy accepted Jesus as her Savior and was baptized by her grandfather, Duane Proudfit. She is the daughter of Christy and Dave Henderson and Rex Phillips.

Pam Deckler has had family visiting this month. Her daughter, grandchildren, and cousin have attended services with her at various times. Her husband, Charlie, also attended services on August 28th.

Dick and Phyllis Bown; Duane and Mary Proudfit; and Dave and Christy Henderson, Cassidy and Bethany attended the Baxter reunion in the Kansas City area.

Jordan Bown's friends, Merrick Delisle and Ann Snyder, attend services with her this month.

Stephanie and Ada Stephens were in the area visiting with Stephanie's parents, Mike and Tracy Penick. Tracy also spent a weekend in Pleasant Hill, Missouri, visiting the Stephens.

Adam, Tara, and Hank

Clevenger spent the weekend with Drew and Courtney Tegtmeyer. They worshiped with us the morning of August 14th.

Kyle Bown has moved to Maryville, Missouri, where he will be attending college at Northwest Missouri State.

September Birthdays

5 – Pam Deckler

9 – Brenda Bown

17 – Zach Wheeler

28 – Dick Bown



September Anniversaries

24 – Mike & Tracy Penick



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.

Steve and Pat Thompson have left to go back to Minnesota.

Paul, Michele, and Ryan Zinnel were at Dean Avenue for the baptism of Kara Fetters.

Dave and Joyce Ingle attended services at Dean Avenue the two Sundays of the State Fair. Dave was the speaker the second Sunday.

Dan and Amy Pritchard and children were in Ft. Dodge for a baby shower for Alivia. They were also visiting with family.

Bruce and Suzanne Harvey are visiting with Matt, Kelly, Blake, and Alexandria Harvey in Illinois.

Pat Thompson is doing better from her surgery.

Vernon McClurg had foot surgery. He is doing better. Please pray for Vernon.

Don and Sharon Gustafson were visiting with family. Don is also working in the area and staying with Nels and Marje Turnquist. Ellen Finley, a niece from Washington, D.C. was visiting also.

Kyle Bown, Tanner George, and Kevin Waits have been visiting.

Matt Thompson called his parents, Steve and Pat

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Iowa Traveling

Bible Study (ITBS)

The September study will be
Sept. 17 & 18 at

Fairview Church of Christ
in Clarinda

Oct. study: Marty & Lisa Williamson

Nov. study: Nels & Marge Turnquist

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

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

For updates, check
Pleasant Hill's website or
Facebook page.

Pleasant Hill

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Thompson, and is doing well. His Navy unit had pulled into Hong Kong for some well-deserved rest.

There will be a baby shower for Tricia Brady Baird on September 17th at 9:30 a.m. at the Pleasant Hill church. They will be blessed with a little girl in October.

We will be going to Jester Park the last Sunday of

September. We will have shelter #5. Please bring hot dogs or something to grill and "finger foods."

ITBS will be September 17-18 campout at Fairview in Clarinda. We will be carpooling from the Martensdale Church of Christ. The young people will do the service on Sunday. You could also check Pleasant Hill's website or Facebook page for more information.

September Birthdays

- 2 – Pam Sorenson
- 6 – Keith Price
- 13 – Niko Felice
- 23 – Shea Hermon
- 28 – Theresa Ingle



September Anniversaries

- 1 – Tim & Tammy Brady
- 4 – Marc & Ginger Hermon
- 10 – Larry & Bev Brady
- 11 – Mike & Karole Turner
- 12 – Mike & Cindy Brady
- 15 – Marty & Lisa Williamson
- 29 – Ron & Mary Gearhart
- 29 – Steve & Pat Thompson



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

Charles and Angie Ingle, Charity and Lucas spent a week vacationing at Lake Okoboji.

Bonnie Harkins has been experiencing difficult times concerning dental work, but is slowly improving.

Our visitors were: Ryan and Jamie Ingle and Elijah, Kevin Waits, Denise Drake, Jason and Staci Miller, and James Dowdy.

A group of 17 folks attended an air show in Omaha on August 27th.

We gathered at the Mitchellville Care Center and sang on a recent Sunday evening.

Tonya Guthrie reported the birth of a new grandson, Kyndrick Gray Knisley, on August 26th. He has been having some difficulty breathing and the family would appreciate your prayers.

Cheyenne Goode has moved to a dorm at Grandview College in Des Moines, where she will begin her studies for the coming year.

September Birthdays

- 2 – Casady Cummings
- 4 – Robbie Guthrie
- 8 – Charity Ingle
- 12 – Cameron Burkman
- 14 – Lisa Fiorentin
- 18 – Miriam Ross
- 28 – Brighton Ingle



September Anniversaries

- 20 – Bob & Tonya Guthrie
- 24 – Dale & Dorothy Van Maanen



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