

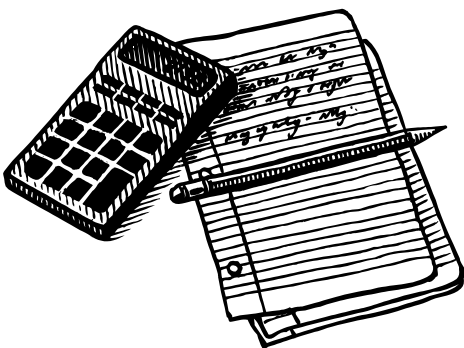
Lighthouse of Iowa

September 2013

...Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

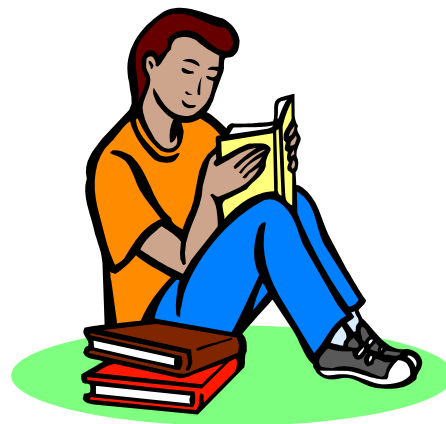
—John 1:17

I was dumping the leftover soggy cereal into the dog's dish just after the children left for school this morning when I spotted Derek's math homework on the kitchen counter. "Oh, no," I moaned out loud. More than once I had reminded him to put the papers in his school bag so he wouldn't forget them, and now he had done just that.



What shall I do? I wondered. Actually, I knew what I was supposed to do. According to all the parenting books, mothers are

not supposed to assume responsibility for their children's mistakes. Mothers are supposed to let them learn from their mistakes by allowing them to suffer the natural consequences of their actions. But I ached thinking of the embarrassment and disappointment Derek would feel when he discovered he didn't have his homework, and I had to talk myself out of driving to school.



A friend phoned early that afternoon and I shared my feelings. "I faced the same problem one day last week," she told me, "but I took Jana's homework to her and used it as an opportunity

to teach her the meaning of grace. She knew she didn't deserve the delivery service, but I did it simply because I love her. God does the same for us all the time."

It was too late for me to deliver the math papers to school, but I know I'll have another chance, and I'm looking forward to sharing the lesson I just learned about grace.

Help me, Lord, to act more like Jesus, and sometimes give more than is deserved.

CAROL KUYKENDALL

I think I began learning long ago that those who are happiest are those who do the most for others. . . .

Booker T. Washington

Labor Day Weekend Meeting at Pleasant Hill

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Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa
For information call—Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Carl Bennett was in the hospital August 15-18 with pneumonia. He was taken back on August 20th with a fever and chest pains. They adjusted some meds and sent him back home the next day. He is better and was able to be at services on the 25th.

Carol Smead's husband, John, had eye surgery August 14th. The doctor thinks he had a stroke but expects him to improve with time.

Brian, Tammy, Ashley, and Ethan Schreck attended some of the two-week meeting at Smart Road.

Albert and Jeanette Schreck spent a few days in Lee's Summit, Missouri, visiting Bruce, Sue, and Leah Schreck.

Chantelle Schreck has moved her membership to the Lone Jack congregation.

Ashley Schreck has returned to Maryville, Missouri, for school.

September Birthday

29 – Carol Smead 

September Anniversary



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

Peter Hawthorne is still in The Rehabilitation Center in Des Moines at 701 Riverview Street. He is slowly showing some improvement in his speech, but still needs our prayers. Frances Hawthorne was able to attend a family reunion in Missouri.

Several of our members visited Maxine Phipps on her 93rd birthday and sang for her and others at her assisted living home. She and her daughter were involved in a car accident while sitting at a stop light. They are both doing okay.

Linda Head had her defibrillator pacemaker replaced and is bruised but doing well. The wires leading to her heart did not need to be replaced.

Donna Meek has been homebound from a fall and

complications from diabetes. She was able to attend services on Sunday, August 25th.

Mary Lou Allen continues to suffer with constant back and hip pain. She attends services when she can with lots of help from Earl. Both would appreciate prayers for some relief.

Margaret Warren has been feeling better, but was not able to attend a couple services because of knee pain.


Roberta Milinski vacationed in Germany.

Greg and Linda Head and Shawn visited the Minnesota State Fair.

Shirley McNeece and her daughter, Jayme Plummer, traveled to Texas to move Jayme and her family back to Iowa.

David Ingle attended services with us on the two Sundays during the State Fair. He gave a good lesson for us on the second Sunday. Bill and Shirley McNeece's grandchildren, Madison and Kirsten Done and Grayson Plummer, attended with them. Other visitors were: Allisa and Jude Garbi, Alex Ferrell, Larry Sellers, Carroll and Betty Warren, Bill and Bryan Charlier, Austin Ross, and David and Wanda Miller from Carrollton, Missouri.

September Birthday

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

Our group helped Bobbie Swisher celebrate her 85th birthday this month. She is recovering nicely from her knee replacement surgery.

Visitors included Paul Negley, Amy and Jon Schmidt and family, and a Japanese guest.

We were glad to welcome Ashley Schreck back for the fall semester at NWMSU.

September Birthdays

22 – Amy Mays

24 – Tammie Driftmier

28 – Amy Schmidt



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)989-4165

Several of our members were able to attend part or all of the Two-Week Meeting at Smart Road. They were Duane and Mary Proudfit; Dick and Phyllis Bown; Dave and Christy Henderson, Cassidy, and Bethany; Tanner George; Al and Marlene Bown; and Teresa, Kyle, and Jordan Bown.

Dick and Phyllis Bown's grandson, Joshua Stanley, was married on August 2nd to Shelby Northrup in Kansas City. Joshua is the son of Dennis and Cindy Stanley.

Zach and Jenna Wheeler attended worship service at Excelsior Springs while visiting Joel and Aubrey Morris.

Mark and Cindy Morris stopped in for Sunday morning services on their way to visit family. They were also going to visit the Iowa State Fair while in the area.

Adam and Tara Clevenger and their boys worshiped with us while staying with Drew and Courtney Teghtmeyer. They also visited the Iowa State Fair and the Knoxville Nationals.

Kurt Bown was in the area visiting his parents, Al and Marlene, and attended our Wednesday evening service.

Stephanie, Ada, and Allie Stephens worshiped with us while visiting Mike and Tracy Penick.

Megan Stevens attended services while visiting her cousin, Jordan Bown.

Mike George attended services with his son Tanner on August 25th. Steve and Cerine Proudfit and their family also worshiped with us that morning.

Tracy Penick and Courtney Teghtmeyer hosted a surprise "going away to college" get

together for Cassidy Phillips on August 10th. Cassidy moved to Maryville, Missouri, to attend Northwest Missouri State on August 22nd. Our other college students have also moved to college for the year. Joshua Soard is attending Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa, and Kyle Bown has returned for his junior year at Northwest Missouri State. We wish them all well!

September Birthdays

5 – Pam Deckler

9 – Brenda Bown

17 – Zach Wheeler

28 – Dick Bown



September Annisversary



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.

We hope to see you at our annual meeting this Labor Day weekend. Saturday services are at 3:00 and 6:30 p.m., and Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. Breakfast on Monday begins at 7:00 a.m.

Jarrold, Sharon, Sofia, and Derek Ingle of Anaheim, California; Josh Ingle and friend, Kristen, from Glen Mills and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Ned Ingle from Fort Dodge, Iowa, were dinner guests of Nora Lee Ingle.

Kelly Fillman and girls attended services with Bud and Mary Fillman.

Marilyn McClurg was in Colorado visiting with the Mark McClurg family.

Miles Wood was in the Kansas City area visiting.

Megan Stevens; Brandon Ingle; Ryan Zinnel; Lowell, Marc, Ginger, Nik, and Maddy Hermon; and Rodney and Alena Ingle attended all or part of the two-week study.

Ryan, Jamie, and Elijah Ingle were in the Kansas City area visiting with Jamie's family.

Scott and Julene Pappan were in the Kansas City area.

Dennis and Cindy Stanley and boys visited with family and went to the State Fair.

Josiah and Alivia Pritchard have had a virus.

Nik Hermon has moved back to Simpson College. Niko Felice and Sydney Brand have moved back to UNI. Ryan Curtis has gone to Cedar Rapids to Kirkwood Community College. Ryan Zinnel will be going to DMACC.

Chip, Jennifer, Lilly, and Annie Albright were in Fort Scott visiting family.

Joyce Ingle and family are asking for prayers for her mother, Ruth Whanger. She has dementia and it is very hard on her and the family.

Margo Suddeth is back visiting with family. Ralph and Laura Ford and grandson are

also visiting with family.

Mike and Shirley Warner are proud great-grandparents again. Knox Logan Thornton was born August 23rd; he weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces and was 21 inches long. Parents are grandson Shaun and Brittany Thornton of Omaha, Nebraska.

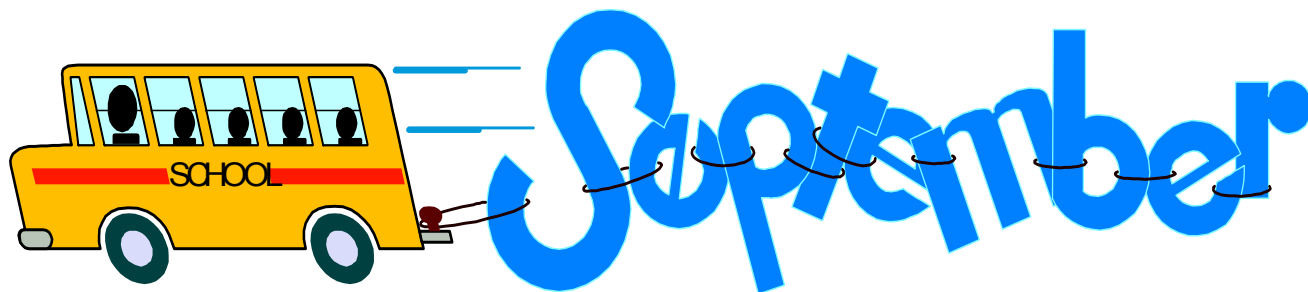
September Birthdays

- 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

Justin and Brittney Dowdy and Lynnette Dowdy visited family in Missouri.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin; Bruce and Kelsey Fiorentin, and Blake; and Marvin and Melda Ingle visited Jason and Staci Miller and Allison in Carrollton, Missouri.

Our visitors were: Greg Townley, Hanna and Megan; Vanessa Groves; and Beverly Shores (Brittney Dowdy's grandmother from Indiana).

Trent Fiorentin has started classes at DMAAC, and Cheyenne Goode has resumed classes at Grandview University.

Trent Fiorentin and Morgan

Cummings are employed at Fleet Farm in Ankeny.

Briana and Destry Klein attended a leadership camp in Tallassee, Florida.

Melody Burkman and Mason attended services at Brookfield in Missouri.

Lynnette Dowdy visited family in Indiana.

Michael and Joy Cummings, Drew and Casady spent a few days in Bolivar, Pennsylvania, visiting Bob and Sharon Cummings.

Pam Skinner will be undergoing another round of Chemo.

Staci Miller had gallbladder surgery in Des Moines while

she and Jason and Allison were here for a visit.

September Birthdays

2 – Casady Cummings

8 – Charity Ingle

12 – Cameron Burkman

14 – Lisa Fiorentin

28 – Brighton Ingle

30 – Kiana Klein



September Anniversaries



12 – Alan & Shonya Klein

20 – Bob & Tonya Guthrie

24 – Dale & Dorothy Van Maanen

It's a Wonderful World

*In spite of the fact
we complain and lament
And view this old world
with much discontent,
Deploring conditions
and grumbling because
There's so much injustice
and so many flaws,
It's a wonderful world
and it's people like you*

*Who make it that way
by the things that they do—
For the warm, ready smile
or a kind, thoughtful deed,
Or a hand outstretched
in an hour of need
Can change our whole outlook
and make the world bright
Where a minute before
just nothing seemed right—*

It's a Wonderful World

*and it always will be
If we keep our eyes open
and focused to see
The Wonderful Things
man is capable of
When he opens his heart
to God and His Love.*

HELEN STEINER RICE

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