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Keeping in touch with Iowa's Churches of Christ

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"What Lack I Yet?"

Three brothers address this question.

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If you were to ask my wife, "What is it that Drew thinks he wants?" you may get a myriad of answers. I am a man of many different interests, hobbies, likes, and dislikes. She might tell you how close I came recently to being the proud owner of a 1982 M35A2 Army "Deuce and a Half" truck with 6 wheel drive, turbo-diesel power, and weighing about 13,000 pounds of American iron to lumber down the road in. She could also tell you of my affinity for Jeeps, guns, trucks, or race cars. Unfortunately for me though, she would probably tell you of all these things before she told you of my wants, rather, my needs in my service to Christ.

I am going to assume that most readers know something about my upbringing, whether I had shared it with you, or by deduction at the sight of my last name. I am a man that is comfortable in front of people; my father is, and my grandfather was long before him. My service to the Body is an enjoyment to me.

So, what lack I yet? I'm reminded of the passage in 1 Timothy 4:12-16 where the younger man Timothy is instructed to be an example to the body, and what does Paul tell Timothy to do until his return? To read, exhort, meditate on the love of Christ, be given entirely to the spirit, compare yourself to the doctrine, and never stop. I am to be an example to the believers around me. What lack I yet? I lack wisdom, I lack experience, but thanks to the older brothers and sisters before me, I'm enveloped by their example, their encouragement, their spirit, and most importantly, their love for Christ.

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The rich young man asked Christ what good deed he needed to do in order to obtain everlasting life. Christ told him to follow the commandments. The young man pressed Christ and asked which commandments he needed to follow. Christ gave him the answer, and the

young man stated that he had kept all of those commandments and pressed a second time, asking what he still lacked. The young man knew he was missing something for salvation. He knew that there was something more that he could do. When Christ told him to sell everything and follow Him, he went away sorrowful because he was wealthy.

Christ doesn't want all of us to sell all our possessions, or He would have commanded us to do so. I believe that Christ's answer came from knowing the rich young man's heart, and knowing what would get in the way of his salvation. What do we have in our lives that might get in our way? Is it our possessions? Our careers? Our friends, or our hobbies? What would Christ tell us to remove from our lives if we asked him the same question?

Are we willing to ask what it is we lack for salvation, or are we afraid to ask because we already know the answer? If we know that there is something that we are lacking for our salvation, then we are not putting Christ first in our life. If we are not putting Christ first in our life then there is something else in His place. What would Christ ask you to give up for Him, and are you willing to do it?

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Quite the subject, right? It would impose on the very surface, at the least, a lot of self-evaluation. First off, what do I have, or possess, in my Christian walk that would make me believe that either I'm missing something or something needs added to in order to make me complete?

I have my salvation as is biblically required, Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3: 21; Mark 16:16. Isn't that enough? NO! The apostle Peter states this clearly in 2 Peter 1:2-11. He uses the phrase "If You" twice as he tells us what we must additionally do to stay saved. In verse 5 it reads, "Make every effort to add to your faith goodness and to goodness, knowledge, and to knowledge, self-control, and to self-control, perseverance, and to perseverance,

godliness, and to godliness, brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness, love.”

What hits me harder here is self-control and perseverance. I know these are the areas that I need to add to because of my introspections. We probably all have things about our personalities that keep us from being all of what God wants. We, as His disciples, need to be vigilant of our own short comings so that we can correct ourselves and be productive for our Lord. If not, Peter says in 2 Peter 1:10,11, "Therefore brothers be eager to make His calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall and you will receive a rich

welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

At this point in my walk, I need more self-control so that I will persevere and become more godly. James 1:2-4 "Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete not lacking anything." Then James 1:21 "Humbly accept the Word planted in you, which can save you." Being saved takes hearing, belief, repentance and baptism. But it takes even more afterwards—discipline, self-control, perseverance, work and production. "If you" and "can" are big words. What do you lack in your walk?

Chariton

Meeting times: Sundays: 10:00 a.m. (no evening services)

Location: 15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

For information call: Albert Schreck (641) 535-2381 or Brian Schreck (641) 535-2931

- Last month we shared with you that Carl Bennett spent a few days in the hospital and was moved to a nursing home in Albia. This month we are saddened by the death of Carl Bennett on Aug. 5. Funeral services were held on Aug 8.
- Mary Jo Riekens spent a couple of days in the hospital with high blood pressure.

September Birthdays

★ 29 – Carl 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

- Yvonne Coe is now living at Courtyard Estates in Pleasant Hill, IA. Her apartment number is 105, and she has the same telephone number.
- Risa Schamel had an MRI on her knee and has a tear in her meniscus. She will be having orthoscopic surgery to repair it.
- John and Donna McNeece and Bill and Shirley McNeece went to a family reunion in Missouri.

- Frances Hawthorne attended a family reunion in Missouri.
- We have had several traveling:
 - ≈ The Head family went to Minnesota.
 - ≈ Risa Schamel and Karma Sharp went to Florida to visit Risa's son, Jamie Hayes.
 - ≈ John and Donna McNeece are traveling south, and planned to attend church in Nixa, MO.

≈ Roberta Milinsky spent two weeks traveling in Germany.

- Visitors: Tom Warren, Bill, Bryan and Max Charlier, Kamryn Aswegan, Paxon Boozell and Valerie Hawthorne.

September Birthdays

- None

September Anniversaries

- ★ 2 - Greg and Linda Head
- ★ 4 - Chad and Amy Prenosi

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

- **Jack Swisher has completed 5 weeks of radiation and received a clean bill of health.**
- Dave Walls of Terre Haute, IN. was a visitor on August 20th.
- Neil & Becky McCoy attended the wedding of Charity Ingle and Destry Klein on August 19th.

- John & Donna Lee were with our group on August 27th and John spoke Sunday morning and afternoon.
- Vanessa Groves has returned to college at Maryville and is worshipping with our congregation during the school year.
- **September Birthdays**
 - ★ 24 Tammie Driftmier

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) 681-0279

- **The Penick Family Farm was awarded the Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Award** during a ceremony at the Iowa State Fair. Accepting the award were Mike & Tracy Penick and Drew & Courtney Teghtmeyer.
- **We are happy to welcome Russ Bown as a new member to our congregation!** He has moved back to the area from Illinois and has placed his membership with us.
- Aiden Twadell worshipped with us while in the area spending time with Maddy Hermon. Aiden

and Maddy also traveled to St. Louis to visit with family there.

- Steve and Cerine Proudfit and their girls; Jordan Bown; Mike George; Travis and Jenika Schreck; Janelle Welte; and Aaron and Jessica Clevenger worshipped with us while in the area for Trent and Leah Fiorentin's wedding.
- Stephanie Stephens and her girls worshipped with us while visiting family.
- Paula and Kimberly Parker attended services while visiting Tiffany Parker.

- Amelia Rogers is worshipping with us while she is here visiting Rodney and Alena Ingle and family.
- Brian Salgado attended services while visiting Drew and Courtney Teghtmeyer.
- Dave, Joyce and Nora Lee Ingle and Nick Hermon have also worshipped with us this month.
- Dave and Christy Henderson and Dick and Phyllis Bown traveled to Missouri this month to visit family. Drew Teghtmeyer traveled to Florida and Pam Deckler traveled this month.

September Birthdays

- ★ 5 – Pam Deckler
- ★ 7 -- Dianne Collier
- ★ 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, Mike Warner (515) 967-4529.

- Tom Brady fell and has a cracked knee cap.
- Margaret Franklin was sick.
- Troy and Dani Brand were both having health problems.
- The Brand children were with grandparents in Branson.
- Margaret Franklin, Diamond and Dominique Blackman were visiting family in the Chicago area.
- Jeremy and Michelle Morris and girls were visiting with grandma Nora Lee Ingle.
- Ralph and Laura Ford, daughter and grandson were visiting family.
- Marc and Ginger Hermon and family were visiting with Matt and Kelly Harvey in the St. Louis area.
- The Welte family from the Kirksville area was visiting.
- Destry and Charity Kline were also visitors.

- Faith Fenton and Jordan Bown from Lone Jack were visiting with Megan Stevens and Nathan Williamson.
- Dave and Joyce Ingle took Nora Lee to the State Fair.
- Joyce and Nora Lee Ingle were in Topeka for an anniversary.
- The Albright family were in the Kansas City area.
- Joyce and Randy Ingle were not feeling well.
- Steve and Pat Thompson are back from Minn.
- Mark and Cindy Morris were visiting with family. Nora Lee had a family gathering.

September Birthdays

- ★ 2 Pam Sorensen
- ★ 3 Kayley Zimmerman
- ★ 6 Keith Price
- ★ 13 Niko Felice
- ★ 23 Shea Hermon

☆ 28 Theresa Ingle

September Anniversaries

☆ 1 Tim and Tammy Brady

☆ 3 Alex and Ryane Needham

☆ 4 Marc and Ginger Hermon

☆ 10 Larry and Bev Brady

☆ 12 Mike and Cindy Brady

☆ 14 Marty and Lisa Williamson

☆ 16 Scott and Julene Pappan

☆ 29 Ron and Mary Gearhart

☆ 29 Steve and 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

- The wedding of Trent Fiorentin and Leah Schreck took place August 12, 2017 on the back lawn of Marvin and Melda Ingle in Vandalia, with the reception being held in the church building.
- The wedding of Destry Klein and Charity Ingle took place August 19, 2017 at DMAAC in Newton, Iowa, with reception following at the same location. We congratulate these fine young Christian couples, and wish many happy years together.
- On a sad note we report the passing of Donna Modlin, daughter of Bonnie Harkins. Her funeral was held August 19, 2017 in Pella, Iowa. We offer our deep sympathy to Bonnie for her sad loss.
- We have had many out of town visitors during this past month due to the recent weddings that took place.
- Our college students, Charity Klein, Lucas Ingle, and Drew Cummings, have begun their classes at

Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, and Nick Guthrie is at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. We wish them all a successful year in their studies.

September Birthdays

☆ 2 Casady Cummings

☆ 8 Charity Klein

☆ 12 Cameron Burkman

☆ 12 Cole Dowdy

☆ 14 Lisa Fiorentin

☆ 28 Brighton Ingle

☆ 30 Kiana Klein

September Anniversaries

☆ 12 Alan & Shonya Klein

☆ 20 Bob & Tonya Guthrie

☆ 24 Dale & Dorothy VanMaanen

Gossip Town

Have you ever heard of
Gossip Town on the Shore
of False-Head Bay?
Where old Dame Rumor,
with rustling gown,
is roaming the lifelong
day?

It isn't far to Gossip Town
for people who want to
go,
The idleness train will take
you down in just an hour
or so.

The Thoughtless Road is a
popular route, and most
folks start that way:
But it's steep downgrade; if
you don't look out, you'll
land in Falsehood Bay.

You glide through the
valley of Vicious Folk and
into the tunnel of Hate;
Then, crossing the Add-
To-Bridge, you walk right
into the city gate.

The principal street is
called "They Say," and "I've
Heard" is the public well,
And the breezes that blow
from False-Head Bay are
laden with "Don't you
tell."

In the midst of the town is
Telltale Park; you're never
quite safe while there.
For its owner is Madam
Suspicious Remark, who
lives on the street Don't
Care.

Just back of the park is
Slander's Row; 'twas there
Good Name died.
Pierced by an arrow from
Jealousy's bow in the
hands of Envious Pride.

From Gossip Town peace
long since fled, now
trouble, grief, and woe.
And sorrow, and care
you'll meet instead if ever
you chance to go.

Anonymous
Submitted by Pam Deckler

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*Jesus answered and said unto him,
"If a man love me, he will keep my words:
and my Father will love him,
and we will come unto him,
and make our abode with him."*

~ John 14:23