



Lighthouse of Iowa

Keeping in touch with Iowa's Churches of Christ

September 2023

Standing on the Promises

A primary focus for the Lord's people has always been about the many promises He has given to us. This certainly pertains to all His saints, whether during the Old Testament times or those who have lived under the New Covenant, as we do in this 21st century. Our foundation has always been about what He has promised us and our responses to Him as a result of His promises.

We cannot separate our responses to the Lord's promises, for they are certainly part of our relationship with the Lord. They show our trust in Him and His Word. We can easily trace His promises beginning in the Genesis account and continuing through the Old and New Testaments.

Some of the Lord's promises were for mankind in general. His promise of never destroying the entire earth with a flood again as He did in Noah's time. We have His promise of women giving birth in pain as well as man would have to work by the sweat of his brow because of Adam & Eve's sin in addition to our own. We have the promise of death coming to all mankind and to all life on earth, for that matter. We have the promise of a Great Judgment in which we will all give account for our lives before Him at the end of time.

Many of God's early promises were aimed in particular to Abraham's, Isaac's and Jacob's seed, Israel. He promised He would grant to Israel a land of their own and He would make of them a great nation. He promised them prosperity if only they would worship only Him. He promised He would destroy them if they worshipped other gods, as much of Israel eventually did. He promised that through them, specifically through the line of Judah, He would bring forth His Only Begotten Son, for not only their ultimate redemption, but one that would extend to the rest of mankind.

He promised a new spiritual greater body to take the place of the old for His people to dwell in.

And of course, we have the many numerous precious promises He gave specifically, to His own special people, His church, His Christians.

He has promised us redemption through the blood of His Son on that cross and subsequently through the resurrection of that same Son. He has promised He will never forsake us, for He will always be with and in us if we continue to walk in His Righteousness and Ways.

He has promised us help in our times of need and strengthen us when we are weak. He has promised His Word will always be there for us, no matter what man may try to do. He has promised us mercy when we need it and forgiveness if we will only ask it of Him in faith and subsequently, repentance.

He has promised us true Hope, that only He can provide. He has promised us help and comfort when we are in need.

What more can I add? I could go on and on with what He has promised us. His promises are not as man's promises. He always fulfills them. It is for this reason we have great confidence He will fulfill those He has yet to fulfill. How do we know He will keep those promises? Because He always has done what He says He will do, in every instance. He only expects us to respond as a result of our faith to His divine Word and will.

Our obedience is a result of our acknowledgment of His many great and precious promises, for they are certainly as precious to us, as we are to Him. We value and hold His promises to our hearts and minds. He values us and gives us help in times of trouble and need. We recall them, and we cherish them. We act on them.

"Standing on the promises that cannot fail, When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, By the living Word of God we shall prevail, Standing on the promises of God."

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

- Quiet month in Chariton.



September Birthdays

- None

September Anniversaries

- None
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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

- Quiet month at Dean.

September Birthdays

- None

September Anniversaries

- None
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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

- Fairly Quiet Month

September Birthdays

- None

September Anniversary

- ☆ None

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

- We were saddened by the loss of Pam Deckler's father-in-law, Harry Deckler. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Deckler family.



- The congregation helped Duane Proudfit celebrate his birthday on August 23rd following church service.

- Mary Proudfit fell at the nursing home and Duane & Mary spent the day at the hospital on Friday, August 25th. The doctors didn't find anything and determined that it was the

same issue that she has experienced in the past. Please keep Duane & Mary in your prayers.

Mary's address is listed below:

Good Samaritan Society
Room 420
708 S. Jefferson Way
Indianola, IA 50125

- Trent, Leah, Eva and Josie Fiorentin from the Vandalia Church of Christ met with us on Sunday, August 27th. Trent gave a good lesson and reminded us that we have to be willing to give up everything for God.

- Our congregation was thrilled when Mark Klatt was baptized for the remission of his sins on Sunday, August 27th at the Proudfit pond. Glory be to God!



Visitors:

- Trent, Leah, Eva and Josie Fiorentin
- Ethan & Megan Schreck
- Gordon & Brenda Hainey
- Mark Klatt
- Stephanie, Ada, Allie, Anna & E.J. Stephens
- Judah & Ezra Purdy

September Birthdays

- ☆ Pam Deckler - September 5
- ☆ Dianne Collier - September 7
- ☆ Zach Wheeler - September 17
- ☆ Dick Bown - September 28

September Anniversaries

- ☆ Mike & Tracy Penick - September 24

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:

- A 50th Wedding Anniversary party was held for Dave & Joyce Ingle @ the Pleasant Hill Church of Christ building. Thanks to all who attended.

- Sophia George has been sick with mono.



- What a fabulous, fun, and educational ITBS session! *Don't Miss The Boat* theme was a hit! Bible students did their homework and came prepared with a list of boat stories from God's Word and shared biblical applications.
- Marc and his three sons set up a visual replication of Noah's Ark so the kids could understand the massive size. More importantly, the lesson covered 1 Peter 3, corresponding the Ark to Baptism. The students were challenged too. How many canoes filled with water would it take to fill Noah's ark? (We don't only have studious Bible students, we have great math students!) as well.
- After the study, if they wanted to eat, they had to throw a ball into the canoe and it had to stay in the boat (harder than it seems).
- The night ended with lots of games, wedding theater acting, zip line, and meaningful

conversations with the best friends God can give us in this lifetime!

Save The Date!

September ITBS

will be held at Fred Brady's home
on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 4 p.m.

Details coming soon!

September Birthdays

- ☆ 9/2 - Pam Sorensen
- ☆ 9/3 - Kayley Hermon
- ☆ 9/6 - Steve Thompson
- ☆ 9/13 - Niko Felice
- ☆ 9/15 - Eric Thorson
- ☆ 9/15 - Theo Twaddell
- ☆ 9/20 - Ayden Twaddell
- ☆ 9/23 - Shea Hermon
- ☆ 9/28 - Theresa Ingle

September Anniversaries

- ☆ 9/2 - Tim & Tammy Brady
- ☆ 9/3 - Alex & Ryane Needham
- ☆ 9/4 - Marc & Ginger Hermon
- ☆ 9/5 - Daniel & Carly Suhr
- ☆ 9/10 - Larry & Bev Brady
- ☆ 9/12 - Mike & Cindy Brady
- ☆ 9/15 - Marty & Lisa Williamson
- ☆ 9/16 - Scott & Julene Pappan
- ☆ 9/18 - Steve and Dee Thompson
- ☆ 9/29 - Steve & Pat Thompson

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>

- Doug Fiorentin had cataract surgery, Aug. 8. He is doing very well.
- Bruce and Kelsey Fiorentin and big brothers Blake, Lincoln, and Greyson welcomed a baby boy, Cooper Nash into their family. Cooper was born August 10.
- Open House/Baby Shower for Bruce and Kelsey Fiorentin was held at their new home in Prairie City on August 26.

- The congregation sang to Richard and MaryEllen Goode at their Indianola home Friday evening, August 11.
- Josie Fiorentin spent a few days in the hospital with pneumonia but is doing fine now.
- Ruth Schell was showered with a card shower to celebrate her 89th birthday, August 13. Congratulations to a special lady.

- Ethan Clark traveled to Gardner, KS for a one-day meeting.
- Leah Fiorentin started a job at the Pleasantville School District as a para.
- Lynnette Dowdy and Nancy Clark took an Alaska Dawes Glacier Passage 7-day cruise from
- Aug. 25-Sept 1. About 39 people from various Church of Christ congregations in the Midwest travelled together. Sunday morning, we were privileged to meet with a small group in Ketchikan, Alaska. Service was wonderful and several people stayed for a delicious pot-luck meal. Other port stops were at Juneau, Skagway, and Victoria, Canada.

- **Visitors this month were:** Sue Schreck; Taylor Foster; Mindy Herick; Zach and Cassie Crane and family.



September Birthdays

- ☆ 2 Casady Cummings
- ☆ 8 Charity Klein
- ☆ 12 Cameron Burkman
- ☆ 12 Cole Dowdy
- ☆ 13 Elsie Heartsill
- ☆ 14 Lisa Fiorentin
- ☆ 28 Brighton Ingle
- ☆ 30 Kiana Klein

September Anniversaries

- ☆ 12 Alan & Shonya Klein
- ☆ 23 Micah & Briana Heartsill

Autumn Equinox/Date

Sat, Sep 23, 2023, 1:49 AM

Central Time

When Is the Autumnal Equinox?

The fall equinox arrives on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at 01:49 A.M. CDT in the Northern Hemisphere.

After the autumnal equinox, days become shorter than nights as the Sun continues to rise later and nightfall arrives earlier. This ends with the winter solstice, after which days start to grow longer once again.

The word “equinox” comes from Latin *aequus*, meaning “equal,” and *nox*, “night.” On the equinox, day and night are roughly equal in length.

The equinox occurs at the same moment worldwide.

