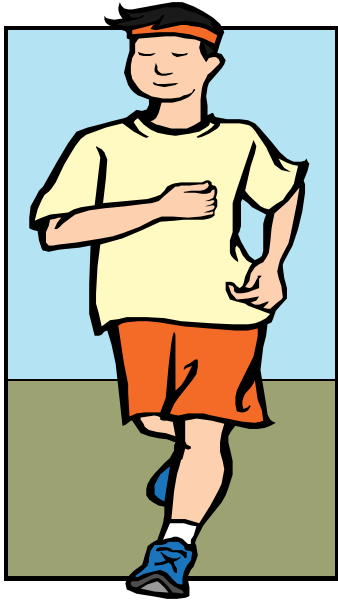


Lighthouse of Iowa

October 2012

Two are better than one.... ECCLESIASTES 4:9



The jog I take a couple of times a week from our house to the park, down through the Heather Garden and up around the museum—oh, that hill—doesn't seem to get any easier. When I think of the hundreds of times I've done this short run, I don't see why it should be such a challenge, but in the morning when I punch the alarm clock and pull on my sweatpants, it's as though I'm about to climb Mount Everest. The first few yards out of the driveway and up to the corner mailbox are excruciating.

Then something happens. I pass a neighbor walking her dogs and wish her good

morning. I see a friend taking his two children to school and marvel at how tall they've grown. I notice the marigolds and dahlias that some intrepid urban gardener has planted beneath the sycamores. I wave to a hearty trio of walkers coming down the hill I'm about to climb. "Keep it up," we tell one another. Just when I don't think I'm going to make it, I hear footsteps behind me. "Hey, stranger," a voice says. It's Michael, one of the neighborhood dads I've hardly seen since our kids graduated from Little League. "Can I join you?"

We do the loop around the museum and take in an extra loop for good measure, something I would have never done without his encouragement. We stop at the playground for a few pull-ups.

"How was your run?" my wife Carol asks when I get home. "Great," I say. "I caught up with the neighborhood." They're the ones who keep me in shape. You can always travel faster and farther when you're with friends.

I thank You, God, for the friends who give me encouragement and help me on my way.

---RICK HAMLIN

OCTOBER

Days are gettin' shorter an'
the air a keener snap;
Apples now are droppin' into
Mother Nature's lap;
The mist at dusk is risin'
over valley, marsh an' fen
An' it's just as plain as
sunshine, winter's comin' on
again.

The turkeys now are struttin'
round the old farm house
once more;
They are done with all their
nestin', and their hatchin'
days are o'er;
Now the farmer's cuttin'
fodder for the silo towerin'
high
An' he's frettin' an'
complainin' cause the corn's
a bit too dry.

But the air is mighty
peaceful an' the scene is good
to see,
An' there's somethin' in
October that stirs deep inside
o' me;
An' I just can't help believin'
in a God above us when
Everything is ripe for
harvest an' the frost is back
again.

---Edgar A. Guest

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—Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Carl and Evelyn Bennett had a four-wheeler accident the end of August. Carl broke his foot and Evelyn injured her shoulder and they were unable to drive for a while. Carl is now down to a shoe on his foot and Evelyn is no longer in an arm sling.

Mary Jo Riekens tore some cartilage in her knee and is wearing a brace.

Albert and Jeanette Schreck attended the Brookfield meeting.

Clarence and Delores Van Egdome and Carol and John Wayne Smead attended

services in Unionville, Missouri, on September 9th, and then attended a family reunion.

October Birthdays

16 – 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

We rejoice in the watchfulness and goodness of God. Donna Meek has felt well enough to attend services several times this month. She loves to be able to worship with the saints, and she says it does her so much good to be able to come.

Yvonne Coe had a fall forward and really bruised herself up, not seriously, but it looked really painful. Her little granddaughter, Aleena Coe, has made some progress despite fighting an infection. They hope to move her to ChildServe for some rehab if she continues to improve.

John and Donna McNeece enjoyed having their granddaughters, Sidney and Josie Patterson, with them for the weekend. However, Sidney became very ill and spent most of Saturday at the hospital with kidney stones. She improved enough to come on Sunday, but they continue to give her

problems.

Peter Hawthorne remains at home and makes many small improvements. He loves company, especially those that carry songbooks. Keep this good brother and his wife, Frances, in your prayers.

A new radiation is being tried on Pam Conn simply to keep her pain controllable. She longs so much to be able to attend services and this is her goal. Keep Pam in your prayers. She is a daily witness to her Savior.

Jeanne Van Egdome was able to attend the Brookfield meeting, reporting a good attendance and excellent lessons. On a much sadder note, Jeanne's brother, Frank Thompson (53), died and services were in Unionville.

Janice and Larry Sellers took an auto trip to Wisconsin and had a really nice time. The weather was beautiful and

leaves were changing and they both really enjoyed getting away for a while.

Roberta Milinsky travelled to Texas to visit their brother and had a good visit.

Kim and Terry Lanc were here to visit Debbie and Connor Wilkins. It's always a joy to have them worship with us.

Margaret Warren continues to have some problems with balance and stomach illness. We need to pray for this couple as they age and experience the problems that come with that. Despite physical limitations, God is still their master and it hurts them to miss any service. May we all have a similar mind. We have several like that in our group now, and even in their limited capacities, they continue to serve God and be wonderful examples.

Mary Lou Allen is still continually in pain. Her doctors

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are working on a medication and/or procedure that would relieve Mary Lou of some measure of pain. She attends often in terrible pain, but says she can be in pain there or at home, so she comes. May we all have that attitude.

We ask for special prayers for our "honeymooners", David and Marla Fetters, as they take off for the

honeymoon they wanted when they were married, but couldn't afford!! They landed in Frankfort, Germany, and spent some time there, and they will end in Switzerland. The trip is 14 days in length and they will see wonderful countries and cities, and we wish them a wonderful and safe trip. Alissa Garbi and Jude are "babysitting" with Kara while they are gone!

October Birthdays
 31 – Brett Dobberke 

October Anniversaries
 10 – Frank & Claudia Meek 

Pumpkin Promenade



Everyone is invited to our 13th Annual Pumpkin Promenade on Saturday, October 13th at 5 p.m. Same location as previous years.

Bonfire, Weiner Roast, Chili, Hayride, Pumpkin Carving Contest.
 Please bring a dessert, lawn chair, and carved pumpkin. Call Linda Head, (515)265-8071.

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

Labor Day weekend, the Swishers and Driftmiers traveled to Northeast Iowa for a reunion with Bobbie's family. It was a great time to reconnect with extended family.

Ashley Schreck, Amy, Jon, Micah, and Isaac Schmidt and

Clint and Daira Driftmier joined us for services this month.

We are all looking forward to having the group from Pleasant Hill join us in early October!

October Birthdays
 4 – Mary Lou Madden
 16 – Steve Driftmier 
 31 – Richard Negley



Martensdale

Meeting Times—Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:30 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 us were thankful to be able to attend all or part of the Labor Day Meeting at Pleasant Hill.

Gordon and Brenda Hainey from Kansas met with us on September 2nd. They were camping in the Winterset area.

Mike and Tracy Penick spent the Labor Day weekend in Branson, Missouri.

Fred and Marlene Bown announced the happy news that their grandson, Logan Bown, was baptized. Logan is the son of Bryan and Jennifer Bown who attend the Excelsior Springs congregation in Missouri.

Stephanie and Ada Stevens visited with the Penick family and worshiped with us September 9th.

Nicholas Hermon visited our Wednesday evening service on September 12th.

Pam and Charlie Deckler spent some time in Colorado

visiting family.

Allen Bown saw an orthopedic surgeon the beginning of September and was told he has osteoarthritis in both knees. He is trying a new medication to help with the pain.

Randy and Laura Tegtmeyer visited with Drew and Courtney Tegtmeyer the weekend of September 16th. They worshiped with us for our morning and afternoon services and shared our potluck dinner with us. Tanner George also worshiped with us that morning. After our afternoon service, several of us went to Gray's Lake and walked on the path around the lake. After that a few of us went to Zach and Jenna Wheeler's to share some desserts and popcorn.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Martin from Kansas attended a Wednesday evening service while in the area visiting with Al and Marlene Bown.

Cassidy Phillips was chosen to be on the Homecoming Court at Martensdale-St. Mary's High School and Bethany Phillips was chosen to be the sophomore attendant. Congratulations, girls!

Brian Salgado, Drew Tegtmeyer's cousin, was in the area visiting Drew and Courtney and attended services September 30th. Marc, Ginger, Shea, and Gabrielle Hermon also worshiped with us that morning, and Marc gave the morning exhortation.

Teresa, Kyle, and Jordan Bown attended the Gregory Boulevard meeting in Raytown, Missouri.

October Birthdays

- 4 – Marlene Soard
- 6 – Marlene Bown
- 11 – Jerry Soard



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.

Thanks to everyone who helped in some way to make the Labor Day meeting a big success.

Congratulations to Ryane Brady and Alex Needham, who were married on Labor Day. We wish you both the best! They honeymooned in Florida, and

are making their home in Altoona.

Bruce and Suzanne Harvey were at Matt and Kelly Harvey's helping their grandson Blake celebrate his 6th birthday.

Ryane Needham was in an accident on her way to Kansas.

She had a few bruises, no serious injuries.

Nathaniel Wesley was born to Tad and JoAnna Morris on September 9th. He is the first grandson for Mark and Cindy Morris and the 26th great-

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Pleasant Hill

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grandchild for Nora Lee Ingle. Nora Lee had been to Pleasant Hill, Missouri and the Ozark area to attend baby showers.

Joyce Ingle, Nora Lee Ingle, Rodney and Alena Ingle, Jean Van Egdome, and Marc, Ginger, Niki, and Maddy Hermon attended the Brookfield Meeting.

Sharon and Megan Stevens, and Carly Felice have been sick.

Garry Gatwood of the Pleasant Hill area has visited.

Joyce and Kinnick Ingle went to visit with Joyce's parents in Missouri.

Linda Flickinger from Pennsylvania is visiting with family and attended services at Pleasant Hill.

Erin and Emma Ingle have also visited.

Randy Ingle has had trouble with his left arm and hand. He says he is doing better.

Niki and Maddy Hermon were at the Gregory Boulevard meeting.

Doug Bown, Nora Lee Ingle, Elijah Ingle, and Bruce Harvey were all sick.

David and Cindy Davis were visitors from Texas. Their son was on the Texas Tech football team.

Alex Needham's parents and brother were visiting.

We had our annual fall outing at Yellow Banks Park this year. There were around 64 that attended. Lots of good fellowship, children playing on

the playgrounds and good food. Thanks to all who came.

Zach and Jenna Wheeler were visiting.

October Birthdays

- 1 – Don Burkman
- 1 – Pat Thompson
- 2 – Nathan Williamson
- 3 – Randy Ingle
- 4 – Bev Brady
- 4 – Matt Thompson
- 6 – Joyce Ingle
- 10 – Betty Curtis
- 17 – Linda Oldham
- 21 – B.J. Van Vleet
- 22 – Todd Brady
- 24 – Connie Price
- 27 – Nels Turnquist
- 31 – Ryan Zinnel



October Anniversaries

- 3 – Josh & Ashten Brady
- 3 – Tricia & Ryan Baird
- 5 – Kelly & Allison George
- 8 – Mike & Shirley Warner
- 26 – Chip & Jennifer Albright



Iowa Traveling Bible Study (ITBS)

**The November 3rd
study will be at
Mike & Cindy Brady's**

**Dec. study: Kelly &
Allison George's**

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

Any questions, call Rodney Ingle at 515-669-0365.

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 visited in Indiana.

Lynnette Dowdy is taking classes at DMACC and Grandview University to advance to her bachelor's degree in nursing.

Trent Fiorentin underwent

gall bladder surgery.

Pam Skinner is having tests run to determine what is causing pain in her shoulder.

Walter Daugherty has been feeling better and has been able to attend services the last two Sundays.

Brett and Lori Cole attended the graduation ceremonies for their son Daniel as he completed his basic training in Georgia. He is now in Virginia receiving his AIT training.

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Justin Dowdy attended some business training in Arizona.

A group of us attended the weekend meeting in Brookfield, Missouri, including: Mason Burkman; Joy, Morgan, Drew, and Casady Cummings; Charles, Angie, Charity, and Lucas Ingle; and Briana Klein.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin are happily anticipating becoming grandparents twice in January

as Bruce and Kelsey Fiorentin and Jason and Staci Miller become new parents. A baby shower was given for Bruce and Kelsey recently.

A 16th birthday party, including games and other activities, was held in honor of Charity Ingle at Thomas Mitchell Park on Friday evening, September 7th.

Justin and Brittney Dowdy vacationed in Florida.

The Klein family attended the meeting at Gregory

Boulevard.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin and Nathan, and Bruce and Kelsey Fiorentin visited Jason and Staci Miller in Carrollton, Missouri.

Our congregation sang with the residents at Altoona Nursing Home recently.

October Birthdays

- 3 – Joy Cummings
- 13 – Nathan Fiorentin
- 19 – Brittney Dowdy
- 28 – Matt Clark



Salute to the Trees

*Many a tree is found in the wood
 And every tree for use is good:
 Some for the strength of the gnarled root,
 Some for the sweetness of flower and fruit,
 Some for shelter against the storm,
 And some to keep the hearthstone warm;
 Some for the roof, and some for the beam
 And some for a boat to breast the stream—
 In the wealth of the wood since the world began
 The trees have offered their gifts to man.*



—Henry Van Dyke

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