

Lighthouse of Iowa

October 2016

HE THAT LOVETH NOT
KNOWETH NOT GOD; FOR
GOD IS LOVE.--1 John 4:8



I'm always impressed by people who seem to know, right off the top of their head, the perfect Scripture for the moment. I've always had a hard time memorizing Bible verses. Okay, maybe it has something to do with the fact that I don't spend enough time trying. Memorization usually means saying a verse to myself a few times. Sometimes I remember to practice by repeating it the next day, but by day three I've usually forgotten it. So instead of a polished verse that comforts someone, I'm left with a vague idea. I end up mumbling, "You know it says somewhere in the Bible...I

could probably find it for you...Well, basically the idea is..."

In October, my son Trace started preschool. After the first day, he came home with a note. "Our memory verse is 1 John 4:8. Please practice."

I stared at the card. *Are they serious? How can I expect Trace to memorize verses when I can't?*

But I wasn't going to let him be the only child who didn't know his verse, so we got to work. I asked Trace his verse in the car, at home, before bed and in the bath. I asked him to share it with Daddy and Grandma and with anyone who would listen. I cheered every time he remembered just one word.

Trace didn't memorize his verse by his next preschool class or by next week. But we didn't give up, and in two weeks he had it down. Amazing, so did I!

God, please help me to remember that although perseverance doesn't come easy, it's worth the struggle.

—AMANDA BOROZINSKI

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 farmhouse
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.

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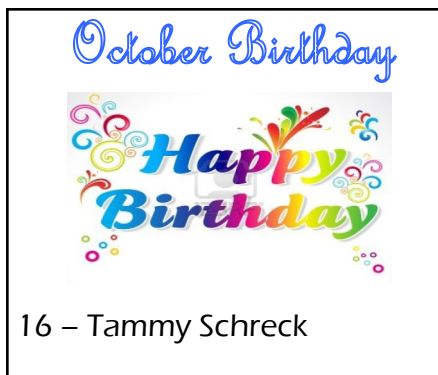
Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. (no evening services)

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

For information call—Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Brian and Tammy Schreck are first-time grandparents. Brett and Chantelle Jackson welcomed a son, Aquila Clinton, on September 9th. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Great-grandparents are Duane and Mary Proudfit and Albert and Jeanette 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 had an outside work day at our church building. We cleaned up weeds and debris from around the building, repainted the lines on the parking lot, and replaced the back steps and handrail.

Greg Head's mother fell and cracked her pelvis and broke open her bladder. She has had surgery and is recuperating at Mercy Hospital.

Ill: Frances Hawthorne, Conner Wilkins, Pam Climpson, Neal Warren, and Earl Allen.

Visitors: Jean Van Egdome; Paxon Boozell; Bill, Bryan, and Max Charlier; Valerie Hawthorne; Courtney and Camdyn Trotter; Bob Blades from California; and Brita and Charlie Kelsey.



17th Annual Pumpkin Promenade

Saturday, Oct. 15th, 5 p.m.

Location: same as previous years.

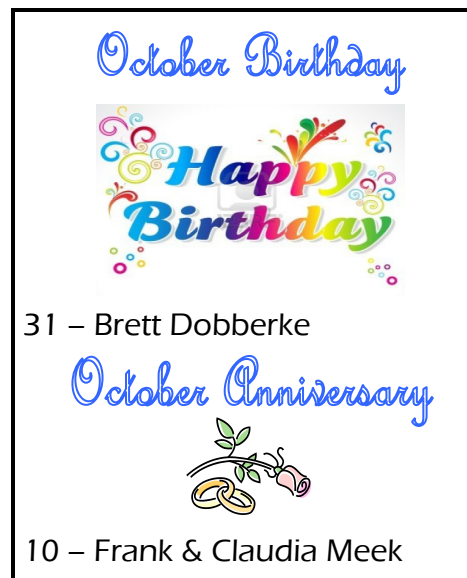
Including: Bonfire, Hayrack Rides, Chili, Hot Dogs.

Prizes given for three best pumpkin desserts.

Any questions, call Linda Head at (515)265-8071.

Join us for fellowship as we celebrate the bountiful blessings of fall.

Please bring a dessert and your lawn chair.



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

No news this month.

October Birthdays



16 – Steve Driftmier

31 – Richard Negley

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

Many of us enjoyed the Labor Day meeting at Pleasant Hill. We appreciate all the efforts by that congregation to make it a success.

Amelia Rogers spent some time visiting with Rodney and Alena Ingle and family.

Marlene Bown made a quick trip to Colorado with her sister, Marcia Smith.

Pam Deckler has done some traveling this month and also had family visiting.

Stephanie, Ada, Allie, and Anna Stephens worshiped with us while in the area visiting family.

Dick Bown had his right knee replaced on September 5th. He continues to recover and has been able to return to services.

Wendy Hounsom continues with her chemotherapy and also had reconstructive surgery this month. Please continue to keep Wendy and her family in your prayers.

Duane and Mary Proudfit have a new great-grandson. Aquila Clinton Jackson was born to Brett and Chantelle Jackson on September 9th.

Cassidy and Bethany Phillips were both home visiting and worshiped with us.

October Birthdays



6 – Marlene Bown

9 – Keturah Ingle

7 – Brenna Ingle

11 – Jerry Soard

15 – Zechariah Hounsom

30 – Wendy Hounsom



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 all who made our Labor Day meeting a success and for the great lessons.

Mark and Susie McClurg were back visiting with family.

Marje Turnquist was in Texas attending a wedding.

The Dan Pritchard family have all been sick. Others were: Dani and Sydney Brand, and Larry Brady.

Randy Ingle spent a couple of days in the hospital with a viral infection and dehydration.

It is good to have Carroll and Betty Warren at

services. We miss them when they aren't feeling well.

Megan Stevens and Nathan Williamson were in the Kansas City area visiting.

Ryan Zinnel went to the Brookfield meeting.

Marc and Ginger Hermon and boys were in Memphis, Missouri, for the meeting as Marc was one of the speakers. Don and Wanda Burkman also attended some of the meeting.

Brandon Ingle will graduate from boot camp in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on September 30th.

October Birthday



- 1 – Don Burkman
- 1 – Pat Thompson
- 2 – Nathan Williamson
- 3 – Randy Ingle
- 4 – Bev Brady
- 4 – Matt Thompson
- 6 – Joyce Ingle
- 10 – Betty Curtis
- 15 – Josiah Pritchard
- 17 – Linda Oldham
- 24 – Connie Price
- 24 – Reece Baird
- 27 – Samuel Pritchard
- 30 – Kelsey Wood
- 31 – Ryan Zinnel

October Anniversaries



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



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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

Doug Fiorentin was in Ohio for classes relating to his job.

Lynnette Dowdy was in Missouri getting acquainted with her newest grandson, Austin William Mikus. He was welcomed by his parents, Matt and Dawn, and big sister Cora.

Nancy Clark enjoyed a vacation in Yellowstone National Park and other places out west with her brother and his wife.

Dorothy Van Maanen is now a resident of Courtyard Estates in Pleasant Hill.

Marvin Ingle had an MRI which showed he had blood on both sides of his brain, probably from one of his recent falls. On September 21st, he had surgery to drain the blood out and relieve the pressure on his

brain. He is feeling better and has been recovering at Methodist Hospital.

Also on September 21st, Bobbi Duckstein had gallbladder surgery at Lutheran Hospital, and Melody Burkman had the third in a series of four vein surgeries. They are coming along well.

Margaret Ingle is scheduled to have surgery on her neck at Mayo Clinic on October 12th.

Among those attending the meeting in Brookfield, Missouri, were: Mason Burkman; Joy and Casady Cummings; Doug Fiorentin, Trent and Nathan; Charles and Angie Ingle, Charity and Lucas; and Alan and Shonya Klein and family.

Alan and Shonya Klein and family, and Michael and Casady

Cummings attended the Memphis, Missouri, meeting.

Our visitors were: Jason Dowdy and children, Ryan and Jamie Ingle and children, and Valerie Burkman.

We recently sang with the residents at Altoona Nursing and Rehab Center.



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

