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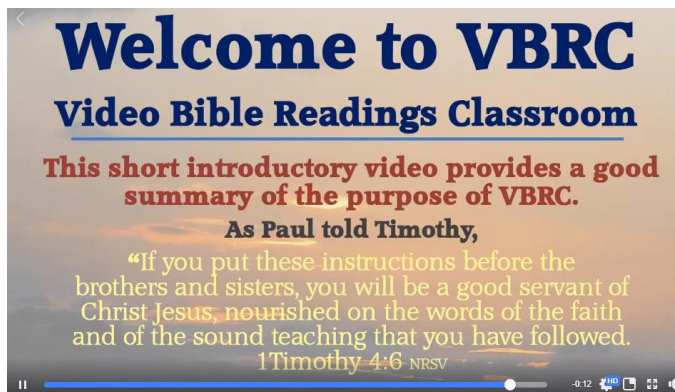
Keeping in touch with Iowa's Churches of Christ

October 2018

Have you seen VBR on Facebook? What is VBR?

Video Bible Readings Classroom taught by John Lee and Rick Sparks

Whether you knew it or not there is an excellent Bible Study going on at Facebook presented by John Lee and Rick Sparks. By typing in 'VBR: Bible Study Classroom' in the search box in Facebook you will land in the vicinity of the *VBRC Bible Study Classroom*.



As 'administrator' Dwain Stoops explains, *"We continue to WELCOME members to our expanding student body (642) in this VBR Bible Study Classroom. This private Facebook (FB) group is dedicated to the serious study of the Holy Scriptures."*

There is a short video explaining the purpose of this "private group" as described by Rick Sparks and John Lee. That opening video is located here:

<https://www.facebook.com/dwain.stoops/videos/2021110401253492/>

And a listing of all the videos is located here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1810552119034982/videos/>

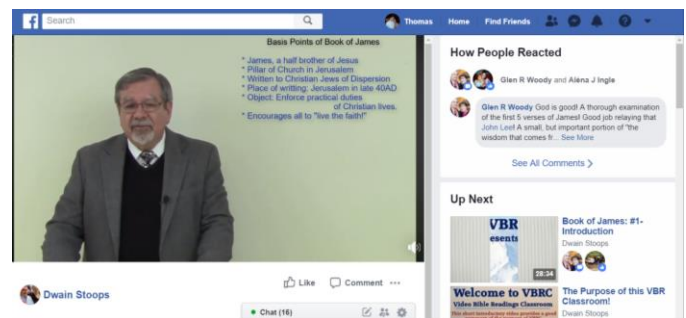
VBR Explained

Dwain introduces John and Rick: *"In the words of our first two instructors, John Lee and Rick Sparks, a short video will explain the medium and purpose of the New Testament Bible studies in this private group classroom."*

"We owe them our sincere appreciation for their hours of study and presentation. And, the best way to show our collective gratitude is by "soaking up the truth" as we study a few hours each week in a systematic meditative notation of the NT scriptures. 'To God be the Glory!'"



There are over 30 hours of videos (roughly about 30 minutes each) available to watch.



John and Rick cover 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John, the epistle of James, and Colossians with more to come.



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

- Deloris VanEgdom is scheduled to have cataract surgery on her right eye on Oct. 15.
- Carol Smead saw an ENT for a growth inside her nose that was causing bleeding. It came back as benign and it was determined to be caused by an old injury so they cauterized it.
- Mary Jo Riekens has been having TIA's and has also been ill with a cold.

- Evelyn Bennett is going to physical therapy for her leg.



October Birthdays

- ★ 16 Tammy Schreck

October Anniversaries

- None

Dean Avenue

Meeting times: Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Last Sunday of the month: A social after morning services meeting back at 1 pm instead of 6 pm.

Location: 2907 Dean Ave., Des Moines, Iowa / P.O. Box 57398, Pleasant Hill, IA 50327

For information call: John McNeece (515) 263-9428

- Annual Pumpkin Promenade will be Saturday, October 13th at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.
- Come for the bonfire, chili, hot dogs and fellowship.
- Please bring a dessert and your lawn chair.
- Weather permitting.
- Questions, call Linda Head at 265-8071.
- Rick Sparks will be here for our fall meeting beginning November 4th. He will speak on Sunday morning and evening. Also, Monday through Friday at 7:00 p.m. Please join us.
- Earl Allen has begun immunotherapy treatment for his cancer. Please pray for him.
- Tammy Fitzgerald, daughter of Don and Cathy James had a bad episode with West Nile Virus which attacked her central nervous system. She

was in critical condition, but now has improved enough to go home with home health care for physical therapy. She will begin therapy at a rehab center soon.

- Pam Climpson has been ill with a cold virus and laryngitis.
- Jamie Hayes, son of Risa Schamel has been home for a visit. He lives in Florida.
- Visitors: Tom Warren, Bill, Bryan and Tally Charlier, Aiden and Paxon Boozell, Fabian and Sara Puente, Piper Thatcher and Jamie Hayes.



October Birthdays

- ★ 31 Brett Dobberke

October Anniversaries

- ★ 10 Frank & Claudia Meek

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

- Guest of Vanessa Groove this month was Kevin Woodson from St. Joseph,MO.
- Jacob Bos from Oklahoma City, OK came to visit Josh & Jessica Goazalez.
- Spending the weekend with Marvin & Jean Negley was their son Paul and grandchildren Timber, Minka & Race especially attending Clarinda's 63rd Band Day and attending church with them on Sunday.

- The Gilmore Girls came attended church with their grandparents Steve & Tammie Driftmier



October Birthdays

- ★ 16 - Steve Driftmier
- ★ 31 - Richard Negley

October Anniversaries

- None

Martensdale

Meeting Times: Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month: Basket dinner after morning service meeting back at 1 pm instead of 6 pm.

Location: 10985 44th Lane, Prole, Iowa (1.5 miles east of Martensdale, IA on Hwy. 92)

For information call: Duane Proudfit (515) 961-4470 or Mike Penick (515) 681-0279

- Tanner George and Tiffany Parker were married on September 8 in a beautiful ceremony on the Parker's farm near Richmond, Missouri. Tanner and Tiffany are currently living in Norwalk. Congratulations!
- Fred Bown was finally able to return home on September 13. He still cannot put any weight on his leg and is continuing therapy at home. We were happy to have him return to services with us on September 22!
- Mike and Tracy Penick spent a few days in Washington DC. Tracy was there to attend a business conference. Following the conference they enjoyed the sights of DC.
- Allen Bown was diagnosed with a double hernia and is scheduled to have surgery October 1.

Visitors this month have been Mike and Shawna Divis; Kaylee Zimmerman; Drew and Hannah Smith; and Joseph (a college student from Simpson).



October Birthdays

- ★ October 6 – Marlene Bown
- ★ October 7 -- Brenna Ingle
- ★ October 9 -- Keturah Ingle
- ★ October 11 – Jerry Soard
- ★ October 15 -- Zechariah Hounsom
- ★ October 30 -- Wendy Hounsom

October Birthdays

- None

Pleasant Hill

Meeting Times: Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Every 3rd Sunday: Potluck with afternoon service

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

- We are glad to have Niko Felice back from overseas. Deb Wood was visiting with son Miles and family.
- Ginger Hermon was in a lot of pain. She has been to a urologist. Ginger had some testing done.
- We had our outing at Yellow Banks. There were around 35 people at the park. It was a very hot day.
- Kathy King will have eye surgery as outpatient on Oct 3rd.
- Alex Needham family have all been sick.
- Connie Price is being referred to Iowa City. Both Keith and Connie are battling cancer.
- Betty Warren fell and was in hospital and now in Carlisle Care Center. Betty is now home.
- Melba Tingle had pace maker replaced. Melba was at services Sunday.
- Jane Morgan is having her 2nd knee replacement.
- Suzanne Harvey is going to Mayo Clinic for some tests. The test came back good.
- Joyce Ingle had stomach surgery. She is recovery and doing pretty good.
- Steve Thompson (Mike & Shirley Warner's son) is cancer free. He will be traveling to Iowa City for treatments.

- Tom Brady is home and feeling pretty good.
- Please keep all of these people in your prayers.
- Bob Flack has had pneumonia. Marge has had something going around.
- Amy Pritchard is recovering from gall bladder surgery.



October Birthdays

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

October Anniversaries

- ★ 5 Kelly and Allison George
- ★ 8 Mike and Shirley Warner
- ★ 26 Chip and Jennifer Albrigh

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

- Among those attending the meeting in Brookfield, Missouri were: Gavin Burkman, Bob and Sharon Cummings, Joy Cummings, Morgan and Casady, and Charles Ingle.
- Ruth Schell enjoyed a ten day trip to London and Norway, along with her brother and sister in law, Clarence and Linda Bartlett.
- Charles and Angela Ingle enjoyed a week, vacationing in Michigan.
- Jason and Staci Miller and children visited family in Carrollton, Missouri.
- Lynnette Dowdy visited her son, Jason and Autumn Dowdy and family in LaClede, Missouri.
- Melody Burkman had her second knee replacement surgery and is home recovering.

- A baby shower was given for Trent and Leah Fiorentin.
- Our visitors were Valerie Burkman, and Bruce and Sue Schreck.



October Birthdays

- ★ 3 Joy Cummings
- ★ 13 Nathan Fiorentin
- ★ 19 Brittney Dowdy
- ★ 28 Matthew Clark

October Anniversaries

- None

A note on Mutual Edification congregations

Mutual edification churches comprise the smallest segment of non-mainstream congregations. ⁽¹⁾The directory lists 124 of these congregations, mostly in the Midwest . . . mutual edification churches believe in allowing the men of the congregation to preach and lead singing, rather than hiring exclusive “preachers.”

“Mutual edification or ministry to us means involving the members in an active ministry,” said Barry Poyner, an elder at the Kirksville, Mo., church and author of the book *One Another Christianity: Mutual Edification*.

“I’m persuaded we are happier when active. Mutual edification is a Bible-centered practice that could free up our ‘full-time’ ministers to do the work of evangelizing — reaching lost souls.”

Source: The Christian Chronicle, March 1, 2007, Ross, Bobby Jr , <https://christianchronicle.org/who-are-we>

⁽¹⁾ Directory: The Churches of Christ in the United States, <https://www.21stcc.com/ccusa/>

The love of God

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell.

It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell.

The guilty pair, bowed down with care,

God gave His Son to win;

His erring child He reconciled

And pardoned from his sin.

Verse 2

When hoary time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall;

When men who here refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains call;

God's love, so sure, shall still endure,

All measureless and strong;

Redeeming grace to Adam's race—

The saints' and angels' song.

Verse 3

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;

Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;

To write the love of God above

Would drain the ocean dry;

Nor could the scroll contain the whole,

Though stretched from sky to sky

Chorus

O love of God, how rich and pure!

How measureless and strong!

It shall forevermore endure—

The saints' and angels' song.

305 The Love of God

Revised with verses of How the Father hath bestowed upon us. 1 John 3:1

FRANCIS M. LEHMAN

FRANCIS M. LEHMAN
AND CLAUDIA LEHMAN MATH

The musical score for 'The Love of God' is presented in a standard format with a treble and bass clef. It includes the following lyrics:

1. The love of God is great - er far Than tongue or pen can
2. When hear - y time shall pass a - way And earth - ly thrones and
3. Could we with ink the o - cean fill, And were the skies of

et - er - nal. I give be - yond the high - est star, And reach - to
king - doms fall, When men who here re - fuse to pray, On rocks and
parch - ment made, Were ev - ery stalk on earth a quill, And ev - ery

in the low - est hell, The guilty - y pair, bowed down with care,
ills and mis - eries tell, God's love, so sure, shall still en - dure,
men a scribe by trade, To write the love of God a - bove

God gave His Son to win, His err - ing child He re - con - ciled,
all mea - sure - less and strong, No scroll - ing gear in all the heav - ens
Would drain the o - cean dry, Nor could the scroll con - tain the whole,

Chorus
And per - dived from his sin,
The saints' and an - gels' song, Oh love of God, how rich and
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The key-stanza (third verse) was composed, in the year A.D.1096, by Rabbi Mayer, son of Isaac Nehorai, who was a cantor in the city of Worms, Germany.

The song we have today is by F.M. Lehman, a Gentile songwriter, who in 1917, added this from the ancient Jewish poem.