



Lighthouse of Iowa

Keeping in touch with Iowa's Churches of Christ

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The Tomb of Caiaphas

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Ephesians 2:20 is very plain in teaching the Chief Cornerstone of the church is Jesus Christ. When you combine this passage with the account in Mat. 16:15-18 we can easily see that Christ is the Chief Cornerstone by virtue of Him being the Son of God. On that identity hangs the essence of the body of Christ.

When considering the rest of Eph. 2:20 we can see the remainder of the foundation of the church is the Apostles and Prophets.

Now certainly Christ was the Chief Cornerstone due to his perfection and holiness, but the Apostles and Prophets had no such virtue in themselves. How then are they part of the foundation of the most glorious body ever? Through their writings—the divine Word of God.

On God's Word hangs everything we need to be informed of concerning our salvation - Everything! For only through these divine Scriptures can we learn of our purpose and responsibility whether as individuals or as churches of Christ. There is no other mode of communication that "pertains to life and godliness". No other source. On this Word, we as Christians, must totally depend.

With these thoughts in mind, how can we be so sure it is accurate? It boils down to faith. We trust God and His promises, and one of His many promises is in regard to His Word as

spoken in Isaiah 40:7-8 and Isaiah 55:8-11.

For us in modern times this promise is even more important and pertinent. We are living almost 2,000 years since the last of God's Word was written, so our trust in God and His Word is so very important. Due to this faith in the Lord we have no doubts. His word is true. Yes, most of us must depend upon the works and scholarship of others, for we do not know Greek nor Hebrew, and we do not have access to the manuscripts His Word was written upon. We depend upon the work and knowledge of others, but, our true reliance remains upon the Lord.

It is my belief the Lord has used uninspired men throughout the ages to translate His Word from one generation to another. Somehow the Lord has used these efforts to keep and perpetuate His Word in accurate form to the point that we are confident that what we have is exactly what He wanted us to have.

Consider Isaiah 55:11 and meditate on its meaning for you and me. It is a tremendous promise.

Now consider what I have written and the title of this article. What do they have to do with one another?

Caiaphas Tomb

There was an article published in the September/October, 1992 *Biblical Archaeological Review* that was about the tomb of Caiaphas, the High Priest who questioned Jesus at His trial and

had a major role in condemning Jesus to death.

As I was reading a later summary of this article, I was reminded of how God's Word is right. Not because they found this "evidence", but because His Promises are true. However, this find only confirms the physical evidence of the historical reliability of the Bible once again. It is my understanding that no physical evidence has ever been found to circumvent anything the Bible has stated as fact. None!

Certainly, there are many if not most aspects of the Bible that can never be physically "proven" for various reasons. However, whenever physical evidence is discovered it always backs it up.

With this in mind, there is a rule of historical writings that says if ancient literature can be substantiated in the few areas of trial and substance possible, and there is nothing physical to circumvent the historical reliability, the remainder (that part that cannot be tested) must be assumed to be true as well.

If indeed there was a Caiaphas, (or whatever other evidence comes to light) then Jesus truly turned the water into wine, healed the lame and blind, calmed the storm, rose from the dead, etc. Jesus is indeed Christ, the Son of the Living God and salvation is indeed through Him.



Chariton

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

Location: 811 S. 4th St., Chariton, IA

For information call: Albert Schreck (641) 535-2381 or Brian Schreck (641) 203-2137

- We are meeting in a home for now.

October Birthdays

- ★ None this month

October Anniversaries

- ★ None this month

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 / P.O. Box 57398, Pleasant Hill, IA 50327

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

- Kim Lanc, sister of Debbie Wilkins has passed away from breast cancer that had spread to her liver. She had entered the hospital for tests just earlier this month. Kim is being cremated, and there are no services planned for now. There will be memorial services later. If you would like to send Debbie a card, her address is: 5935 Martin Drive, Pleasant Hill, IA 50327.
- David Wilkins, brother of Debbie Wilkins, has had a heart attack, and also was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. He is doing ok.
- Maverick Timothy Head was born on September 15, 2020. He weighed 7lbs. 7oz. and was 21 ¾" long. Parents are Travis and Brita Head, and big sister is Charlie. Everyone is doing fine.

- Skip Schamel, Risa's husband, had outpatient prostate surgery and is doing good.
- Yvonne Coe is still in Trinity Place, Rm. 212, at Luther Park. She is receiving physical therapy and is doing better.
- Visitors: Candy Meek, Piper Whitlatch, Brita Head & Charlie, Shawn Head, Aiden Boozell, Jaymie Boozell & family.



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

- **Don't forget that Evangelist Doug Twaddell will be with us October 10 & 11**

- We have had several visitors this month:
- Paul Negley & Race
- Mike & Shirley Warner of Altoona, Ia
- Jeff & Shannon Schiebel & daughters Merissa & Sydney of Newton, IA
- Steve & Dee & Thompson & daughter Addie of Newton, IA
- Dasha Negley & daughters Timber & Minka



October Birthdays

- ★ 16 Steve Driftmier
- ★ 31 Richard Negley

October Anniversary

- ★ None this month

Martensdale

Meeting Times: Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

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

Website: Martensdalechurchofchrist.org

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

- Tom and Dianne traveled to Oklahoma to see their daughter Ciera (baptized at Pleasant Hill) her husband Adam and three boys.
- Duane & Mary Proudfit with Dave and Christy Henderson traveled to the K.C. are for a baby shower for Cassidy Purdy.
- Mike & Shawna Divis with Mike and Tracy Penick traveled to South Dakota.
- Drew Techtmeyer traveled to Missouri.
- Russ had surgery on his shoulder.
- Rodney and Alena and kids were under the weather.

Visitors

Fabrin Fenton; Tanner & Fiffany George; Janell Welte; Alyssa Twaddell all spent the Labor Day weekend with Rodney & Alena Ingle.

Laura Techtmeyer spent the weekend w Courtney while Drew was in Missouri.

October Birthdays

- ★ 7 Brenna Ingle
- ★ 9 Keturah Ingle
- ★ 9 Shawna Divis
- ★ 15 Zechariah Hounsom
- ★ 30 Wendy Hounsom

October Anniversaries

- ★ None

Pleasant Hill

Meeting Times: Sundays: 9:30 a.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m.
 Listen from your car at FM station 100.9

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

- CONGRATULATIONS, Ayden & Madison Twaddell! ~ Welcome to their new little baby boy, Theophilus Oren Twaddell, born September 15, 2020 at 10:22 a.m.; 6 lbs. 11 oz., 19 inches. They can be encouraged & congratulated by sending restaurant & grocery gift cards!
- Praise God! Another miracle in our midst... Allison George suffered a terrible accident at the golf course on Sept. 12th. A golf ball hit her in the face which resulted in breaking her cheek bone & down her jaw. She had surgery on Sept. 16, wherein they placed metal titanium parts into her face. Her face is still swollen; she has stitches inside her mouth; & can only eat very soft/liquid foods plus added daily struggles such as dry eye, can't see at night, difficulty eating/talking, numbness, pain, etc. Doctors say she is a miracle & has progressed so much in the last two weeks. Please continue prayers for patience, endurance, strength & complete healing; as well as send cards, email, Facebook, texts, etc. to encourage her through all this. You can sign up to help with meals through <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=ZHIZ1433&v=eb343ac9e2>
- We also are shouting Hallelujah for Tom & Fred Brady as they both have fully recovered from COVID. Tom continues to make great progress at home & his dialysis is going well.
- Please continue to keep Jason Brady & Julene Pappan in your prayers as they deal with their chronic coughing. Jason awaits additional medical exams & treatment for his back & that his internal CPAP will be successful.
- Lowell Hermon visited a surgeon last month. It was determined that the lower vertebrae have slipped into the spinal cord. He is dealing with a lot of pain & difficulty walking. Lord willing, he

will have surgery to correct the problem in late October. Please uplift him in prayers for strength, endurance & comfort during his health struggles, as well as encourage with cards.

- Alonzo Jones has been dealing with foot pain. After x-rays, doctor determined he has severe arthritis in both of his feet. He was given pain medication & scheduled to see a podiatrist on Oct. 21st. Prayers appreciated on his behalf.

Upcoming Events:

- Camp Hermon Family Campout ~ weekend of Oct. 16-17 for overnight campers + evening & day visitors. Tent setup anytime after 4:00 on Friday, the 16th. Friday dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Saturday breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Games, bonfire, singing, outdoor movie theater, overnight camping or reserve for indoor housing by calling the Hermons. Need a tent? Just let the Hermons know.
- ITBS (ages 9-18) will be held Saturday, October 31 @ 4:00 p.m. at Alex & Ryane Needham home, 208 N. 8th St., Marshalltown, IA (Ryane's phone: 515-326-5031). More info to come later.



October Birthdays

- ★ 1 Don Burkman
- ★ 1 Pat Thompson
- ★ 3 Randy Ingle
- ★ 4 Bev Brady
- ★ 6 Joyce Ingle
- ★ 10 Betty Miles
- ★ 15 Josiah Pritchard
- ★ 27 Samuel Pritchard
- ★ 30 Kelsey Wood
- ★ 31 Ryan Zinnel

October Anniversaries

- ★ 5 Kelly & Allison George
- ★ 8 Mike & Shirley Warner
- ★ 26 Chip & Jennifer Albright

Vandalia

Meeting Times: Sundays: 9:30 a.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) 966-2537

- Tim & Melody Burkman spent a few days at Clear Lake.
- Doug & Lisa Fiorentin and Bruce & Kelsey Fiorentin and children spent a week in Florida.
- Sue Schreck was here visiting family.
- Greg & Margaret Ingle spent some time at Clear Lake.

October Anniversaries

- ★ None

October Birthdays

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

Copies of the *Lighthouse of Iowa* can be found at the following two Church websites:

Vandalia Church of Christ: <https://vandaliacoc.com/lighthouse-of-iowa.html>

Pleasant Hill Church of Christ: <http://www.pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org/library.php>
(select *Iowa Lighthouse* under the Library tab)
