

Lighthouse of Iowa

October 2008

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Joshua 24:15

On a new job when I was just out of college, I was given some instructions by my boss: "If Mr. So and So calls, tell him his check is in the mail." (It wasn't.) "Tell Mrs. Brown that her cabinet work will be completed on Thursday." (It wouldn't.) "If it's my brother, tell him I'm not here." (He was.)

When I finally got up my courage and said I felt uncomfortable with those fibs, he waved away my concerns with a laugh. "This is the way the world is. You'll see that when you've been in the business world a little longer."

That night I spoke to my friend Terry and asked her, "Is it true? Is this just 'the way the world is'?" Terry said to me, "Well, you're a part of the world. And it looks like you have a choice. You can be on the side of truth or on the side of lies."



After thinking about what she said, I gave my boss two week's notice, telling him I couldn't continue to lie for him. No, nobody swooped down, as would have happened in the movies, to say, "To reward you for your honesty, here's an even better job!" In fact, it took me quite a while to

find a new position. But for the first time in several months, I woke up in the mornings eager to face the day, and there was a new joy in the way I felt about life. And, eventually, I did get another job where I was far happier than the job I left.

Dear God, help me to remember that every day I have choices in my life. With Your help, I'll choose the side of truth.

Linda Neukrug

Editor's Note...It was October of last year that I first began preparing the news of our Iowa congregations. It has been a real learning experience with the computer knowledge it requires. I rely on Angie Ingle's expertise to put all the final touches where needed, as I still have room to grow! We look forward to continuing to put together the news from our contributors.

Blessings, Ruth

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—Clarence Van Egdom, (641)932-5686 or Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Norm Riekens had gallbladder and hernia surgery September 11th and is recovering.

Barb Fetters had some tests done and they placed a stent in one of her arteries. She had some problems with medications but

is doing well.

Albert Schreck has been retaining fluid and is on medication.

Bruce, Sue and Leah Schreck visited with Albert and Jeanette Schreck over Labor Day weekend.

50th Wedding Anniversary

You are invited to an open house
Saturday, November 1, 2008
2-4 p.m.

In honor of Norm & Mary Jo Riekens
At the Walden Park Shelter House,
Corydon, Iowa
The couple requests
no gifts please.

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

Among those on the sick list were: Maxine Phipps, Elsie LeMar, Grace Wilkins, Jean Van Egdom, Bill and Shirley McNeece, and David Fetters. Glenn Meacham has shingles.

Tyler Aswegan was taken to the hospital on Wednesday, September 3rd, after having an accident with his skateboard. He fractured his temporal bone and lost some hearing in his ear. After a trip to a hearing specialist, Tyler's hearing is expected to improve once the blood goes away from inside his ear.

Margaret Warren fell and broke her arm. Please pray for Margaret, as it will be a long, slow healing process for her.

Worshiping with us on Sunday, September 7th, were Michelle Kirby, Stephanie

Reading and Hieke Mueller of Germany. Hieke is visiting Roberta Milinsky. Our visitors on Sunday, September 14th were Charles Ross of Excelsior Springs, Missouri; Stephanie Reading; and Glenn and Alna Meacham's granddaughter, Ashley. Visiting on Wednesday, September 24th, was Barry Brownsburger of the Nixa, Missouri congregation. On Sunday, September 21st, Denise Drake worshiped with us. Marty Williamson of Pleasant Hill congregation; Joel, Katie, Solomon and Eric Melton; and Hieke Mueller of Germany were our visitors on Sunday, September 28th. Marty was our guest speaker.

Marla and Kara Fetters went to Tent Chapel to visit Marla's father, Charles Cobb.

Karla and Dwight Fetters traveled to South Dakota for vacation.

Ron and Jean Van Egdom traveled to Hagerstown, Indiana for the funeral of James Delon, Jean's step-grandfather, September 7-9. Jim is the father of Barbara Thompson. If you would like to send a card of condolence to Ken and Barb Thompson, their address is: 174 SW 625, Warrensburg, MO 64093.

Peter and Frances Hawthorne motored to Cedar Rapids, September 18-19 where they attended the African American Women's Conference. Frances was one of four women honored with the Iowa History Maker Award for Lifetime Contributions to her community

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Dean Avenue

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and the state as an author, researcher, and workshop presenter. Congratulations, Frances!

Roberta Milinsky worshiped at Tent Chapel with her father, Charles Cobb.

Elsie LeMar would like to thank everyone for the warm reception she had when she was

able to attend services on her 91st birthday, September 7th. She especially appreciated everyone singing "Happy Birthday" to her. Elsie really misses being with us for worship services. She does appreciate those of you who take time out of your busy

day to spend time with her. She says "thank you".

October Birthdays

31 – Brett Dobberke



October Anniversaries

2 – Dwight & Karla Fetters



10 – Frank & Claudia Meek

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

Clint Driftmier has started on his career path of teaching. We wish Clint 'Good Luck' and know he will be a good role model in the Knoxville School District. His address is:

1340 18th Place, Apt. B
Knoxville, IA 50138

Ann Warner, a niece of Elsie Negley and Mary Lou Madden, passed away August 25th at a care facility in Chesterfield, Missouri. Her memorial service was held at Fairview Church of Christ on

August 30th, with burial at the Clarinda Cemetery. Richard Negley officiated at the service and Marvin Negley was the song leader. Family from this area remembers the summers that Ann spent at the Negley farm. Sympathy is extended to her family.

John Lee of Greenwood, Missouri spent September 5–7 with us, discussing and answering questions on various topics. We enjoyed his company and fellowship. A potluck

dinner was held Sunday noon.

September 24th visitors were: Mike Smith of Henderson, Nevada; Amy Schmidt and son Micah of Sioux Center; and Paul and Dasha Negley of Urbandale.

October Birthdays

4 – Mary Lou Madden

16 – Steve Driftmier

31 – Richard Negley



POSTPONEMENT

How small a portion of our life it is that we really enjoy! In youth we are looking forward to things that are to come. In old age we are looking backward to things that have past. In manhood, although we appear to be more occupied in things that are present, yet even that is too often absorbed in vague determination to be vastly happy on some future day when we have time.

CHARLES CALEB COLTON

Martensdale

Meeting Times—Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m.

Location—439 Hwy. 92 (1.5 miles east of Martensdale, Iowa)

For information call—Duane Proudfit, (515)961-4470

Fred Bown had hernia surgery in early September—two weeks after having his gall bladder removed. He is continuing to recover and feeling better.

Mike, Tracy and Courtney Penick; and Stephanie and Kyle Stephens traveled to McGregor, Iowa to spend a long weekend to celebrate Mike's 50th birthday.

Aaron and Sarah Duckstein and their children worshiped with us Sunday, September 7th. They were visiting one last time before moving to Idaho.

Duane and Mary Proudfit, along with Steve and Cerine Proudfit and girls recently traveled to Michigan and

Wisconsin. They met with the brethren at Grand Haven, Michigan, on September 21st. They then spent two days on Mackinac Island. On their return trip home they saw points of interest in Wisconsin including the Dells.

Courtney Penick was named the state Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Officer Coordinator in August. Courtney traveled to Washington, DC with six of the state FCCLA officers to participate in Phase II of the Ultimate State Officer Academy training. While in Washington, DC, they had the opportunity to tour the nation's capital and to meet with their

Congressional Representatives.

Dave Henderson, a friend of Christy Phillips, worshiped with us a few times this month as well as Bill and Marta Weeks and their son Garrett. Pam and Charlie Deckler from Indianola met with us on September 14th, as well as Kayla DePauw, who is a friend of Cassidy Phillips.

October Birthdays

4 – Marlene Soard

6 – Marlene Bown

6 – Apache Rodriguez

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

For information call—Bob Flack, (515)262-7329 or Lowell Hermon, (515)989-0727

Don and Wanda Burkman have placed their membership with us.

Marilyn McClurg is home from the hospital. She is also back to services, and feeling better.

Carroll Warren has been under the weather, but is doing better.

Troy and Sydney Brand, Ryane Brady, and Bev Hayes have been sick.

Mildred Hermon (Lowell's mom) was in the hospital for a few days. She is now at

Carlisle Care Center while she heals.

Nora Lee Ingle had carpal tunnel surgery and is staying with her daughter, Cindy Morris, while recuperating.

Bruce and Suzanne Harvey, Ginger and Shea Hermon were visiting with the Matt Harvey family.

Keith and Connie Price went to Texas for Keith's sister-in-law's funeral.

Ryane Brady was away visiting friends.

Nels and Marje Turnquist

went to Minnesota to visit with daughter Susie and son-in-law Kendall.

Chip, Jennifer, Lily and Annabel Albright went to Fort Scott, Kansas to visit with Chip's family.

Randy Spinney went to Ohio to visit with family.

Ryan Ingle and Elijah were in the Kansas City area visiting.

Rodney Ingle, Alena Brady, Miles Wood and Madison

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Pleasant Hill

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Hermon attended the Gregory Boulevard Meeting.

Pat Schiber and Lois Schlieper were visiting with Nels and Marje Turnquist. Mark and Susie McClurg were back visiting with family. Jay Graham was our visitor and also brought some very good lessons. Matthew and Dawn

Wendt and family of Ankeny were visiting.

Charissa Thornton (Mike and Shirley Warner's granddaughter) was chosen to be in the Macy's Day Parade on Thanksgiving Day. She is a senior and lives in Bedford.

A group of 70 of us enjoyed a beautiful afternoon at the Ledges State Park near Boone, Sunday, September 28th.

Iowa Teen Study (ITBS)

**The October study will be Oct. 11 at 5:00 p.m.
at Tim & Ann Casey's house.**

Nov. study: Nov. 8 at Jason & Theresa Brady's

Dec. study: Dec. 6 at Marc & Ginger Hermon's

Please check with hostess to see if she would like you to bring any food.

If you have any questions, call Rodney Ingle
at 515-669-0365.

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
19 Christina Franklin
21-B.J. Van Vleet
22-Todd Brady
24-Connie Price
27-Nelse Turnquist
31-Ryan Zinnel



October Anniversaries

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



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.
For information call—Greg Ingle, (515)994-2824 or Charles Ingle, (515)966-2537

We are happy to announce the good news of three recent baptisms. Lucas Ingle, son of Charles and Angie Ingle, was baptized September 6th; Nathan Fiorentin, son of Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, was baptized September 14th; and William Patterson, son of Bob and Tracy Patterson, was baptized on October 1st. We look forward to helping them grow in their Christian walk.

Another good news item is the birth of a new son to Derek

and Amy Ingle. Brighton William was born Sunday, September 28th. He weighed 10 pounds, 3 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Katrina Cummings has begun her first year of studies at Drake University, majoring in Music Education.

Randy and Theresa Ingle, Cheree and Brandon were our visitors on Wednesday evening, August 27th.

Lynnette Dowdy and

Brittney Dowdy were in Indianapolis over the weekend of August 31st.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, Trent and Nathan were at Clear Lake for a few days in early September. Anna Weaver was in Pennsylvania visiting family.

Jason Miller of Carrollton, Missouri was a visitor on September 3rd.

Greg and Margaret Ingle

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Vandalia

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spent a week in September at Clear Lake.

Donna Russell of Brookfield, Missouri and James Finney of Indianola were our visitors September 7th. Doris and Rex Galloway of Villisca, Iowa were also visitors that day. Doris is the grandmother of Matt Clark and Angie Ingle.

Staci Fiorentin was in Carrollton, Missouri during the weekends of September 7th and 21st.

Mike and Michelle Kirby worshiped with us September 14th. Mike Kohlhof was also a visitor that day.

It was good to have Miriam Ross back and feeling better from her recent knee and back problems.

Lynnette Dowdy was in Kansas City visiting her daughter, Dawn Dowdy, over the weekend of September 14th.

Melda Ingle had the misfortune of falling in her driveway September 14th, which resulted in two broken bones in her arm and wrist, plus facial bruises and chipped teeth. She has also had mild pneumonia, caused from some rib fractures. Doctors are hoping her arm fractures will not require

surgery. She is experiencing a lot of pain during the long healing process.

Margaret Ingle had an MRI on her shoulder which showed she has a torn tendon from a fall at her mother's home during the time she was there attending her step-father's funeral. Surgery is scheduled for Thursday, October 2nd.

Michelle Kirby was visiting on September 21st.

Those attending the meeting at Brookfield, Missouri September 21st were Joy Cummings, Morgan, Drew, and Casady; Clifford and Bobbi Duckstein; and Lynnette Dowdy.

About 35 of us enjoyed an evening at a group camp area at Saylorville Lake on Friday, September 26th. We roasted hot dogs, sang songs, and visited. Several families camped overnight and spent part of Saturday at the campground.

Brittney Dowdy was in Indianapolis during the weekend of September 28th. Margaret Ingle

was in Carrollton, Missouri visiting her mother, Thelma Bolinger.

Our visitors on September 28th were Michelle Kirby; James Finney of Indianola, and Jason Miller of Carrollton, Missouri.

**It's a
BOY!**

Brighton William Ingle

September 28, 2008

10 pounds, 3 ounces

21 inches long

Proud parents:
Derek & Amy Ingle

October Birthdays

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



October Anniversaries

- 25 – Bob & Tracy Patterson
- 27 – Walter & Rachel Daugherty



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