



Lighthouse of Iowa

Keeping in touch with Iowa's Churches of Christ

November 2017

Where I am, there will my servant be also

John 12:26

Recently I was discussing with a brother how my life changed one afternoon in August of 1978. I was in, what I noted later, was the last stages of some pretty serious rebellion.

I was working at the Tennessee State Fair at a food booth at the time. A young lady and a young man approached my booth and ordered some lunch. After conversing with her I was very glad to learn the young man was her brother! I asked her if I could call her later and ask her out for a date, to which she agreed. Well, to make a long story short, after dating her for several months I was converted to Christ, and we married the next summer. We are now in our 39th year. However, the most important change was my conversion to the Lord!

What might have happened if I had not met her? What would the state of my soul be today if I had not started attending the Pond Creek, Tennessee church of Christ? What if I had never met and heard the wonderful words of the gospel from those brothers who taught in that congregation? Well, I cannot say for sure, but my guess is that I would have probably never become a Christian. I certainly would not be an evangelist among the Lord's congregations today.

However, by the mercy and grace of God I did meet Becky. I was introduced to the best people the Lord can produce—His people. It all started that August afternoon so many years ago.

I am reminded of the above words from the Lord—"Where I am, there my servant will be also." The Lord was there at that food booth I was working at through Becky's faith. He was present through the various Christians when I began attending the Pond Creek church. He was there in the lives of the many Christians I met among the Iowa churches when we moved there in 1983. He has been in the lives of His people throughout this world every time I had contact with them since. And He will continue to be.

And the thing that is truly interesting is that it did not actually start with Becky. It started with Christ with His influence upon His apostles. They then had a direct influence upon the first Christians beginning in Acts 2 as they preached the new gospel of Christ. 3,000 souls were added to the body that day and multitudes since.

Even though Christ was in Heaven, He was there in Acts 2 through the lives of His apostles, and He continues to be here on earth through the lives of His people scattered throughout this world.

When we, as His people, go about our daily lives, we are having a positive effect on those around us if we are living and walking by faith. As the verse stated above, where we are, there is Christ. It is like a cycle that began with Jesus and has continued since and will continue until Christ comes again. What a glorious promise and assurance! And is especially so in light of this wicked and adulterous generation we live in, Christ is still here through the lives of His people! He continues working toward the salvation of souls by the presence of His Christians.

So I cannot say with any kind of certainty what would have happened to me if I had not met this Christian young lady many years ago. But I can indeed praise the Lord for His being there on that day through her. It did change my life forever (literally)!

If you are a servant of the Lord, He is there where you are. In this same manner you also can have such an effect upon others that you meet whether at your work place, or where you shop or recreate, or through the many contacts among your family and acquaintances.

Let us continue to live our lives as He wills with confidence knowing that He is indeed there wanting to influence others through the godly effect of our lives.

With this in mind let us strive to live our lives in a godly manner, knowing we represent the Lord. Let us allow ourselves to be His tool to further His kingdom and salvation for all we come in contact with.

*Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims,
abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,
having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles,
that when they speak against you as evildoers,
they may, by your good works which they observe,
glorify God in the day of visitation.*

~ 1 Peter 2:11-12

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ,
for it is the power of God to salvation
for everyone who believes,
for the Jew first and also for the Greek.
For in it the righteousness of God is revealed
from faith to faith;
as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."*

~ Romans 1:16-17

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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

- Mary Jo Riekens was hospitalized twice during the past month. The first time was for mini strokes and the second time was for fluid around her heart and lungs. She is doing better and has been able to attend services.
- We had several visitors on the 22nd - Brett, Chantelle and Aquila Jackson, Gerry and Ashley Fenton and Ethan Schreck..

November Birthdays

- None

November Anniversaries

- ★ 27 – Norm and Mary Jo Riekens

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

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- **Wade Stanley will be here for a week's meeting beginning Sunday, November 5th.** He will speak Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m., Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m., and Monday through Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

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- The Pumpkin Promenade has been cancelled for this year due to the weather.
- Earl and Mary Lou Allen's 69th wedding anniversary is November 13th for those who would like to send them a card.

- Roberta Milinsky visited Chattanooga, TN, with her sister, Anita, and a Road Scholar group.
- Visitors this month were: Tom Warren, Kara McClung, Kamryn Aswegan and Chloe Prenosil.

November Birthdays

- ★ 3 Mary Dobberke
- ★ 18 Karma Sharp
- ★ 27 Dillon Dobberke

November Anniversaries

- ★ 2 Skip & Risa Schamel
- ★ 13 Earl and Mary Lou Allen

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

- We enjoyed encouragement and Bible study by having **Rick Sparks** with us October 28 & 29.
- Among our visitors this month were:
 - * Darrel & Linda Barnes from Springfield, Mo.
 - * Lauren Russell & Chishom Spencer and
 - * Mike & Shirley Warner who were in this area attending their granddaughter's wedding.
- Judy Madden spent a few days in the hospital this month, but is now home and is back worshipping with us.

November Birthdays

- ★ 6 – Marvin Negley
- ★ 8 – Martha McNess
- ★ 11 -Jack Swisher
- ★ 19 – Judy Madden

November Anniversaries

- ★ 20 – Steve & Tammie Driftmier

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) 681-0279

- Dick and Phyllis Bown spent some time visiting their son Roger and his family in the Springfield, Missouri, area.
- Drew Teghtmeyer's parents, Randy and Laura, worshipped with us visiting Drew & Courtney.
- Maddy Hermon traveled to the Kansas City area at the beginning and end of October to have engagement pictures taken with her fiancé, Aiden Twadell, and to spend her fall break with him before he left for boot camp.
- Tiffany Parker spent some time vacationing with her family.
- E.J. Stephens was born on October 2nd. He weighed 6 lbs 12 ounces and was welcomed home by big sisters, Ada, Allie and Anna. Parents are Kyle & Stephanie Stephens; Grandparents are Mike & Tracy Penick and Great Grandparents are Neal & Peg Warren.
- Brittany Parker attended services while visiting her sister, Tiffany.
- Bill Hounsom was able to worship with us while he was home from the oil fields. His return was delayed due to a case of cellulites.

- Wendy Hounsom has been diagnosed with a frozen shoulder and will begin therapy on it.
- Alena Ingle has been diagnosed with some hypo glyceic problems and had an MRI.
- Jordan Bown worshiped with us while she was home visiting family.
- Duane and Mary Proudfit and Dave and Christy Henderson traveled to Missouri to visit family.
- Rodney and Keturah Ingle traveled to New York City for a few days.

November Birthdays

- ★ 14 – Finn Wheeler
- ★ 16 – Christy Henderson

November Anniversaries

- ★ 13 – Charlie & Pam Deckler
- ★ 18 – Tom & Dianne Collier
- ★ 28 – Al & Marlene Bown

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, Mike Warner (515) 967-4529.

- Jane Morgan was baptized!.
- Jarrod Ingle and family were evacuated from their home at Anaheim Hills, CA due to the California fires. They have returned to their home which was not damaged. Jarrod is the grandson of Nora Lee Ingle.
- Suzanne Harvey surgery went well. Please keep Suzanne in your prayers.
- Mike and Shirley Warner attended their granddaughter's wedding in Bedford and also visit with her Mom.
- Nora Lee Ingle joined two friends and all enjoyed a trip to a tea room in Jefferson. Also shopping in specialty shops around the square.
- Marc and Ginger Hermon and boys visited with Matt and Kelly Harvey and family in St. Louis area.
- Marje Turnquist was in the St. Louis area visiting with family.
- Her sister Pat Schriber came back and visited with her. Chris and wife came to visit and Pat went home with them.
- Allison George attended a golf meeting.
- Dan and Amy Pritchard family have all been sick. Margaret Franklin has also been sick.
- William Conner broke his leg. He is doing well now.
- Marissa and Sdyney Schriber stayed the weekend with grandparents Mike and Shirley Warner.
- Kayley Zimmerman was sick.

- Nick Hermon attended a meeting.
- Joyce Ingle visited with her father for his 94th birthday.
- Marty Williamson was visiting with his dad in IL.
- Ruth Thompson (Shirley Warner's mom) was put in a care center in Bedford. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Marje Turnquist is visiting daughter Amy Reeves and family in Florida.
- Larry and Bev Brady took a trip to Kentucky and Tennessee.
- Brandson Ingle was home visiting with family.
- Alex and Ryane Needham and family were visiting in K.C. area.
- Chip and Jennifer Albright and girls were also visiting family in K.C. area. Pam Sorsenson was visiting with Erica and husband in K.C. area.

November Birthdays

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| ★ 3 Nick Hermon | ★ 8 Tammy Brady |
| ★ 14 John Mineart | ★ 15 Kathy King |
| ★ 17 Patrick Ingle | ★ 18 Ryan Ingle |
| ★ 20 Marge Flack | ★ 20 Marty Williamson |
| ★ 23 Chip Albright | ★ 23 Justin Stevens |
| ★ 26 Larry Brady | ★ 29 Jaden Brand |

November Anniversaries

- None

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

- **We are undergoing construction of our building, adding on more space.** In the meantime we are meeting in the fellowship hall.
- We are happy to have witnessed the **baptisms** recently of Destiny Kingery, Laura Dowdy, and Jane Morgan.
- A wedding shower was given for Micah and Briana Heartsill after their recent marriage.
- Dr. Greg Ingle was taken to the hospital with chest pain and was able to go back home, but will be having tests.
- Bobbi Duckstein spent a few days in the hospital with acute pancreatitis, and is now home and carefully watching her diet.
- Tim Burkman was in Kansas City for job training.
- .Lucas Ingle and Destry Klein attended the weekend meeting in Brookfield, MO.
- Justin and Brittney Dowdy and children visited family in Indiana.
- Derek Ingle had an accident on his motorcycle and has been recovering from bruises, etc.
- Mason Burkman, who has been on the Prairie City Fire Department for the past nine months will now be there full time. He will be taking classes to be an EMT.

- Jason and Staci Miller and children visited family in Carrollton, MO.
- Laura Dowdy and children spent some time visiting family in Kentucky.
- Lynnette Dowdy enjoyed a weekend of camping with all of her children and their families at LaClede, MO. during the weekend meeting at Brookfield, MO
- Nancy Clark enjoyed a few days vacationing with Nyle and Donna McCoy. They were in Springfield, IL. visiting the Abraham Lincoln Memorial.
- Among our visitors the past month were: David and Wanda Miller, Sue Schreck, Valerie Burkman, Hugh Stephens, Regan Klug, and Roy Wendt.

November Birthdays

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| ★ 2 Ellie Wiedemeier | ★ 3 Tina Hinckley |
| ★ 14 Adeline Dowdy | ★ 14 Alexander Dowdy |
| ★ 15 Gavin Burkman | ★ 16Morgan Cummings |
| ★ 16 Erin Ingle | ★ 17 Nancy Clark |
| ★ 24 Angela Ingle | ★ 29 Lynnette Dowdy |
| ★ 29 Doug Fiorentin | ★ 30 Brett Cole |

November Anniversaries

- ★ 13 Richard & Mary Ellen Goode

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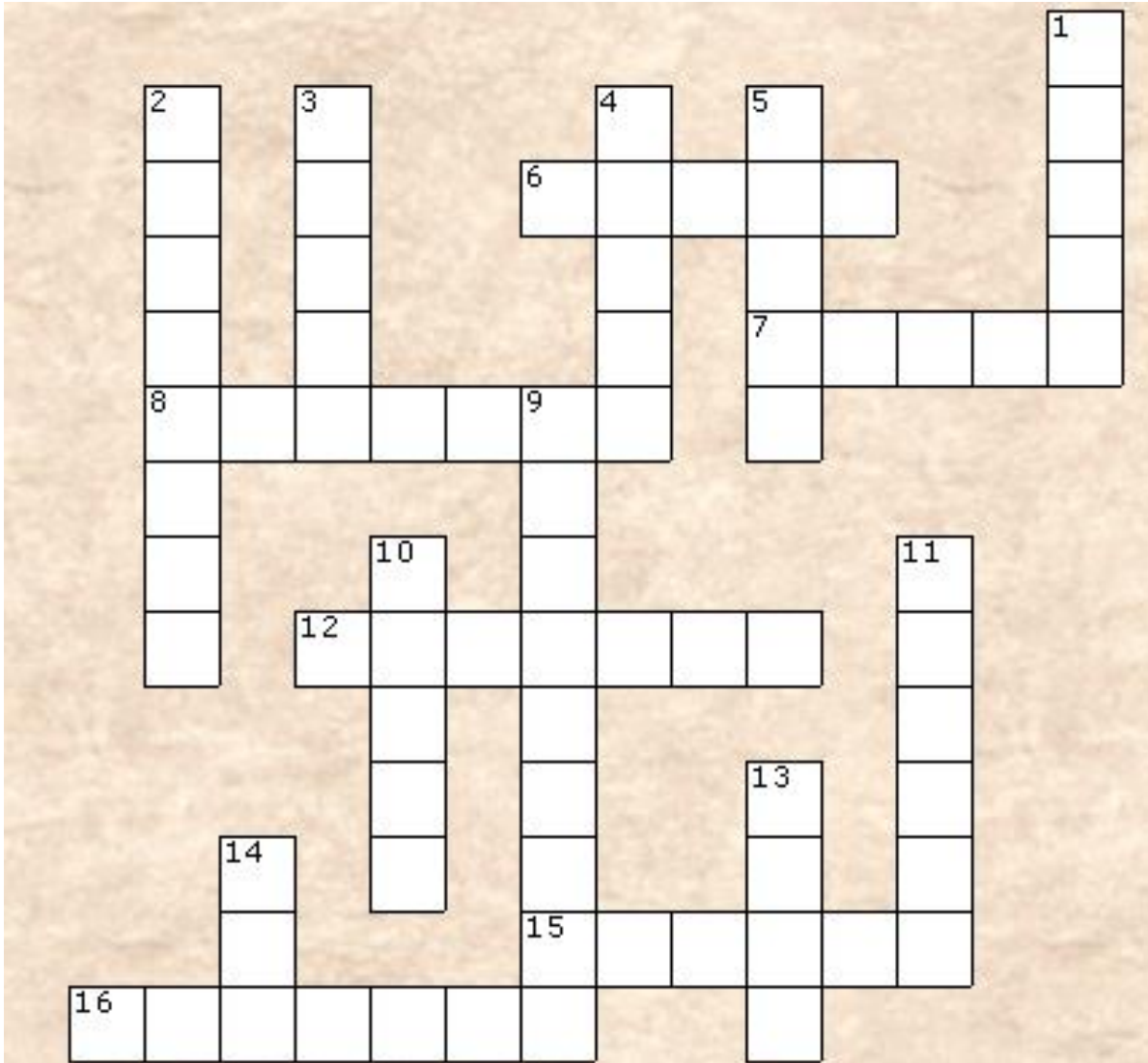
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Crossword Puzzle: ABRAHAM



ACROSS

- 6 First wife's original name
- 7 Abraham's original name
- 8 A daughter-in-law
- 12 First son
- 15 Land promised to Abraham's descendants
- 16 Second wife

DOWN

- 1 Wicked city destroyed by God
- 2 Wicked city destroyed by God
- 3 A grandson
- 4 First Wife
- 5 Wife's handmaiden
- 9 King of the Philistines
- 10 Second son
- 11 I will make of you a great _____
- 13 A grandson
- 14 A nephew