



Lighthouse of Iowa

Keeping in touch with Iowa's Churches of Christ

November 2018

History of Iowa Churches of Christ

Almost 100 years ago, the seed of the Dean Avenue congregation was planted.

The Church of Christ has its strong and ancient roots deep in the Old Testament springing into the light with the appearance of Jesus Christ and the testimony of His Apostles.

"That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying . . . 'The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.'"
~ Matthew 4 / Isaiah 2

Since then, generations of God's people have come and gone as quickly as the sun rises and sets. We being the privileged few today who are not only 'standing on this side of the sod' but more gloriously are standing in the Kingdom of God being in the Lord's Church, let's take a look at our generation of God's people and even the generation before us here in Iowa.

The congregation at Dean Avenue was by no means the first congregation of the Lord's Church in Iowa. But it has a long history that many of our *Lighthouse of Iowa* readers would have an interest in, if not actually have played a part in.

Dean Avenue has their first fifty years well documented. The Preamble to that documentation is both interesting and edifying:

PART ONE

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PREAMBLE

The church of Christ cor. 30th and Dean Ave. is the result of a meeting begun June 12th 1921 and concluded Aug. 7th 1921. This meeting was conducted by Bros. V.D.Love of Vineland, Kansas;

A.R.Keppel of Marshalltown, Ia., and Eugene Suddeth of Des Moines. During this meeting the following brethren were banded together to faithfully observe the ordinances and commandments of the Lord's house, according to His own appointed way; to teach nothing, believe nothing, and practice nothing not authorized by the New Testament.

Bro. Suddeth being an Evangelist, was appointed to have oversight of the church until suitable material can be developed for Elders and Deacons.

CHARTER MEMBERS

1. Eugene Suddeth	2. Mary Suddeth
3. C.D McCay	4. Hazel Rosborough
5. Ada Foster	6. Mary E. Warren
7. Minnie Dickey	8. Flora R. Scholes
9. Jas. R. Scholes	10. Grace Herbig
11. Floyd Hunt	12. Mrs Floyd Hunt
13. Dora Beck	14. Mr. Dan Brady
15. Mrs. Dan Brady	16. Mrs. Elizah Warren
17. Mabel Brady (Ebern)	18. Bob White
19. Mrs. Bob White	20. Mrs. Robia Allen
21. Mrs. D.C. Young	22. Miss Harriet Young- (Bradshaw) Glen Echo
23. Miss Elizabeth Young- (Bradshaw) Grant Park	24. Mrs. Maud O'Donnell
25. Jas. Thomas	26. Mrs. Jas. Thomas
27. Mrs. Tama Caldwell	28. Arch Freel
29. Mrs. Arch Freel	30. Mrs. Gladys Dyer
31. Sarah Pierson	32. Miss Lola Miller (Law)
33. Mrs. Mary Belden	34. Mr. Geo. I. Munger
35. Mrs. Mr. Geo. I. Munger	36. Irene Munger (Blackburn)
37. Leon Munger	

The following tells the story of how they actually began meeting at 30th and Dean Ave. It begins in March 1921 with Eugene and Mary Suddeth.

In March of 1921, Eugene and Mary Suddeth moved from the farm at Adelphi, Iowa to 1640 E. Walnut St. in Des Moines, Iowa. They held membership with the church of Christ at Camp Center, a country congregation near Runnells.

Soon after getting settled, they started a regular Bible study in their home. Through personal work and advertising, other persons were contacted who had been or were then members of Christ's church elsewhere, and who were now living in Des Moines or vicinity.

There were ten of these interested members at the time they decided to hold a gospel meeting in a tent at 28th and Capital Avenue.

As a result of this meeting, thirty-seven members banded together to start the new congregation of the church of Christ in Des Moines, Iowa.

They first met in a n old Theatre building on the S.E corner of 30th and Dean Ave., [which] was originally [the] Grant Park Christian Church, then when they build a new building, [this] was used as a Theatre for several years.

Soon after starting to meet, they purchased a lot at 2907 Dean Ave., but because of limited finances, they couldn't build yet.

The membership gradually grew to fourty-six in the late summer of 1922, so because of paying high rent, and other inconveniences, the congregation decided to go ahead and build as much of the building that they could afford, so the basement was started. In the meantime, they met in a room at the Rollins Hosiery Mills, and gave up the building at 30th and Dean. The basement was completed before winter of 1922.

Many pleas were sent forth over the brotherhood by Evangelists and brethren from other faithful congregations for financial aid.

Next month we will cover the interesting and edifying brethren who came together from many Iowa congregations in existence at that time as well to help in supporting and establishing the new congregation and facing a number of challenges. Many of the congregations and brethren are still very familiar to us.



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

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



November Birthdays

None

November Anniversaries

- ★ Norm and Mary Jo Riekens - Nov. 27

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

CORRECTION:

Rick Sparks will be here for our Fall meeting beginning **November 11th**. He will speak on Sunday morning and evening.

Also, **Monday through Friday at 7:00 p.m.**
Please join us.

- Earl Allen is continuing immunotherapy treatments for cancer. He was in the hospital and received several units of blood. He is home now and feeling better.
- Risa Schamel had outpatient surgery on her knee to repair a meniscus tear.
- Debbie Wilkins had subtalar fusion surgery on her ankle. She has a cast now and can't put any weight yet on the ankle.
- Travis Head had several severe headaches. He had a CT scan and a spinal. Then he had an

epidural blood patch for post spinal headache. He is taking medication for headaches and is back to work.

- Harold McNeece, brother of John McNeece, has heart failure and pneumonia and is not expected to live much longer.

Visitors: Tom Warren, Bill, Bryan, Max and Tally Charlier, Aiden and Paxon Boozell, Kamryn Aswegan, Alvin and Marlene Bown.



November Birthdays

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

November Anniversaries

- ★ 02 Skip & Risa Schamel
- ★ 13 Earl & 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

Visitors this month were:

- Kevin Woodson friend of Vanessa Groves.
- Nick, Vicki & Josh Bos from Sioux City coming especially to see their daughter and son -in-law Josh & Jessica Goazalez.
- Jody Head from Stratford, IA. spending the w/e with her son and daughter in law Justin, Tracy and Nathan Head.
- Scherry (Williams) Larranage from Las Vegas NM.



November Birthdays

- ★ November 1 - Vanessa Groves
- ★ November 6 - Marvin Negley
- ★ November 8 - Martha McNess
- ★ November 11 - Jack Swisher
- ★ November 19 - Judy Madden

November Anniversaries:

November 20 - Steve & Tammie Driftmier

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

- *Out of town . . .*
 - Ayden and Maddy Twadell;
 - Tanner and Tiffany George;
 - Rodney and Alena Ingle and family;
 - Zach and Jenna Wheeler and boys; and
 - Teresa Bown

all traveled to the Kansas City area at various times this month.
 - Tanner George seriously injured his hand at work. It will be a 6-week healing period.
 - Dave and Christy Henderson were in the Minneapolis area visiting with some of Dave's family.
- Visitors this month have been Judy Thompson; Jordan Bown; Mike and Shawna Divis; Drew and

Anna Smith; Kyle and Stephanie Stephens and family; and Pam Deckler's cousin and aunt.



November Birthdays

- ★ November 14 -- Finn Wheeler
- ★ November 16 – Christy Henderson
- ★ November Anniversaries
- ★ November 13 – Charlie & Pam Deckler
- ★ November 18 -- Tom & Dianne Collier
- ★ November 28 – Al & Marlene Bown

November Anniversaries

- 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

- Connie's oncologist has scheduled 3 rounds of chemo. The first one was Oct 18th and thru the first week of Dec for lung and liver metastasis.
- Kathy King had some complications from eye surgery and now is able to be back at services.
- Joyce Ingle suffered complications from stomach surgery. Her breathing passage had to be opened. She has made improvements through the month.
- Nora Lee Ingle spend a couple of different times in hospital with heart problems. She had a valve

replaced and was back at services. During this time Mark and Cindy Morris was with her.

- Ryan Ingle, Randy, Theresa and Kinnick took Joyce to Missouri to visit with her father Roy Whanger who turned 94 years young.
- Marje Turnquist spent a few days in Colo visiting with son Ric and family.
- Kayley Zimmerman is visiting with family also in Colo.

- Max Flickinger is on the National Honor Society at Roosevelt High School. Congratulation Max!
- Marje Turnquist had a knee replacement and is having trouble with pain medication. She is home and sister Pat is with her.
- Steve Thompson (Mike and Shirley Warner’s son) is cancer free. Praise the Lord! He is recovering from all the treatments at home.
- Marta Weeks has been attending for a couple of weeks.
- Nick Hermon, Sharon Mineart and Nathan Williamson were at Lone Jack.



November Birthdays

- ★ 3 Nick Hermon
- ★ 8 Tammy Brady
- ★ 14 John Mineart
- ★ 15 Kathy King
- ★ 17 Patrick Ingle
- ★ 17 Ryan Ingle
- ★ 20 Marge Flack
- ★ 20 Marty Williamson
- ★ 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

IT'S A GIRL!!

- Eva Marie was born October 15th to Trent and Leah Fiorentin. Grandparents are Doug and Lisa Fiorentin and Bruce and Sue Schreck.
- We are enjoying new blacktop on the mile into Vandalia.
- We gathered at the home of Bob and Tonya Guthrie on a Sunday evening to sing with them. They have been unable to meet with us due to her father's health condition and being confined at home. We sang with the residents at Altoona Nursing Home.
- Our visitors this past month were: Roger Elam; Deb Kinney; Bobbie Jo and Morgan Dilley; Valerie Burkman; Matt and Dawn Mikus, Cora and Austin; Chris May; and Chris Hayes.



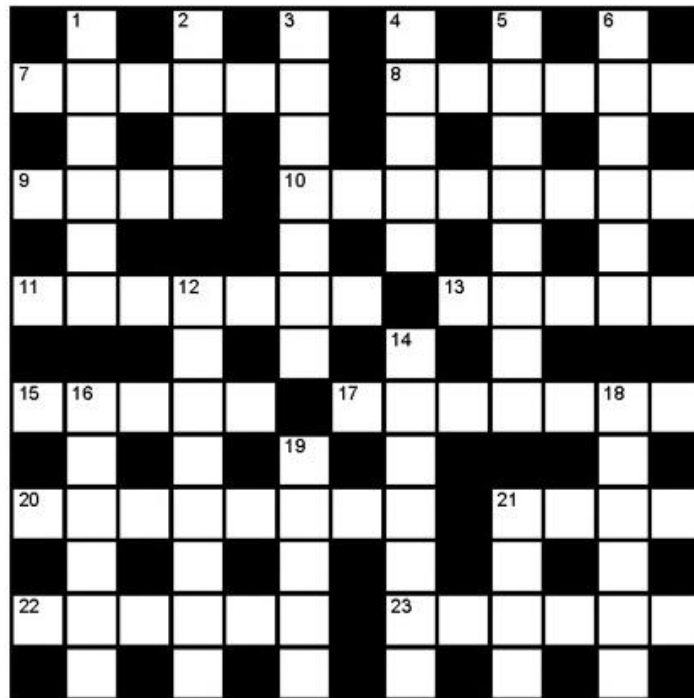
November Birthdays

- ★ 2 Ellie Wiedemeier
- ★ 3 Tina Hinckley
- ★ 7 Isaac Miller
- ★ 14 Adaline Dowdy
- ★ 14 Alexander Dowdy
- ★ 15 Cheyenne Goode
- ★ 15 Gavin Burkman
- ★ 16 Morgan Cummings
- ★ 16 Erin Ingle
- ★ 17 Nancy Clark
- ★ 24 Angela Ingle
- ★ 29 Lynnette Dowdy
- ★ 29 Doug Fiorentin
- ★ 30 Brett Cole

November Anniversaries

- ★ Richard & Mary Ellen Goode

Luke



Across

- 7 "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye _____, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:5 (6)
- 8 The book of this prophet was handed to Jesus to read in the synagogue. Luke 4:17 (6)
- 9 "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the ____s." Luke 21:25 (4)
- 10 The liturgical season celebrated after Christmas. (8)
- 11 An act of devotion to show sorrow for one's sin. (7)
- 13 "That he would _____ unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear." Luke 1:74 (5)
- 15 The tetrarch of Galilee. Luke 3:1 (5)
- 17 It's easier for a camel to go through this eye than for a rich man to enter the kingdom. Luke 18:25 (7)
- 20 Feeling regret or sorrow for one's sins. (8)

- 21 "Why do the disciples of John _____ often ..." Luke 5:33 (4)
- 22 Jesus compared men of this country with the Jews of the time. Luke 11:32 (6)
- 23 "And it is _____ for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail." Luke 16:17 (6)

Down

- 1 "_____ it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer." Luke 21:14 (6)
- 2 "And when the day began to _____ away, then came the twelve, and said unto him, Send the multitude away ..." Luke 9:12 (4)
- 3 "When I was daily with you in the temple, ye _____ed forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness." Luke 22:53 (7)
- 4 Tempted Jesus for forty days. Luke 4:2 (5)

- 5 Jesus mourns for the hard hearts of the people of Jerusalem saying, "how often would I have _____ thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings." Luke 13:34 (8)
- 6 One of the men in the line of Christ from Luke 3:36. (6)
- 12 These people asked for increased faith in Luke 17:5. (8)
- 14 The father of James and John. Luke 5:10 (7)
- 16 The Hebrew name for the Lord. (6)
- 18 The holiday that celebrates the events of Luke 24. (6)
- 19 The prodigal son returned to his father with plans to be this type of servant. Luke 15:19 (5)
- 21 If a son asks a father for this, will he give him a serpent? Luke 11:11 (4)