



Lighthouse of Iowa

Keeping in touch with Iowa's Churches of Christ

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Oh, the things that money can't buy!

by Nora Lee Ingle

"I wish I could have lived when you did, so I could be happy." It was a relaxing time and I was presenting a slide show to a class of fifth graders, explaining about how we persevered during the Great Depression of the '30's. What a joy it was defining that happiness in those days while our adult population was dealing with shortage of jobs, money and food. Children lived in their own little world.

Next, it was time to gather props used to tell my story. Pretend "stick cars" could be gathered by any child, I had explained. We imagined our cars were blue, red, white, black or green; carrying symbols of a Ford, Chevy or whatever we desired. A young student was lingering near my project table with questions and comments. That is when he said, "I wish I could have lived when you did so I could be happy."

What these children had been taught from the few paragraphs in their textbooks could have desensitized and frightened them as they studied about the cold harsh facts of the Depression. Yes there were a few jobs, not much money and a scarcity of food, but still, kids were kids. At this time in our lives, we had to improvise--thinking of ways to play under a different set of circumstances. Our parents tried to not involve small children with adult worries, but let us live in our "let's pretend" world.

Stick cars were substituted for mechanical toys. The cars Sis and I chose were about three feet

long but needed to have bumps on the left side so the driver could start the engine (brr) or honk the horn (oogha). For a few minutes each day, we ran behind the stick in our game of "let's pretend."

We lived and played with what we had. Some of these "let's pretend" toys we made were--

--A doll house was made from cardboard boxes, furniture with discarded items for furniture.

--A moving picture show consisted of magazine pictures pasted on the back of a roll of wallpaper. The staircase was our theater. At the foot of the stairs was a box holding our reel, the roll of wallpaper.

--We crowned a Hollyhock Queen, adorned in our sister's blue prom dress. Her tiara was made from a circle of cardboard. Attendants wore dresses from Mom's big black trunk.

--Our playhouse was under the big mulberry tree, outlined in the dirt. We filled jar lids with mud and baked our mud pies in the sun. In our minds' eye, we were living like kings!

As a new Christian I learned to think upon the scripture 1 Cor. 13:11--"When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child. But when I became a man, I put away childish things."

After baptism, I learned how to trust and obey my heavenly parent. This time the principles given were for real life. I didn't pretend, I knew the facts! "God is

not slack concerning His promises but is long-suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish." We often have more zeal than knowledge. We ask the Lord to not remember the sins of our youth but to remember our obedience. We pray for wisdom, for a Christian mate, and for children. That prayer is answered, not always through us, but for us. We pray that, as parents, we might be understanding, strong and courageous in good times, as well as in tough times.

Money can't buy--a good name. The Bible says it is better than riches.

--a mother's love

--a child's love

--trust

--a spot in heaven for eternity. We could own the whole world, but what is it worth if we lose our soul?

As children, we learned early there were things that money could not buy, such as happiness and joy.

I'm glad that I lived during that time when we depended upon what we could do to be happy or now we could make others happy.

Being a Christian has always been top priority with me. I am like the little boy who had a happy birthday, when his mother called for him to go to bed he said, "oh Momma-I am having such a good time that I don't want to go to bed--I'm afraid I'll miss something!"

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

- Quiet month at Chariton.

November Birthdays

- ★ None this month

November 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

- Yvonne Coe has moved to Trinity Center at Luther Park. She is doing ok, but needs more care.
- Visitors: Candy Meek, Piper Whitlatch, Shawn Head, Maddie & Kirsten Done, Aiden Boozell, Madden Sharp, Brita Head, Cathy Wheeler, Ruth Sharp and Jake & Kara McClung.



November Birthdays

- ★ 03 Mary Dobberke
- ★ 18 Karma Sharp

November Anniversaries

- ★ 02 Skip & Risa Schamel

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

- Quite month at Fairview



November Birthdays

- ★ None this month

November 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

- Rodney, Alena and family traveled to the KC area
- Rusty fell again but was able to meet with us October 14
- Drew's grandmother, Jonita Teghtmeyer passed away
- Marlene Bown hasn't been feeling well

Visitors:

Kathy Wheeler, Zach's mom, Jordan Bown, Evan Haas, Bethany Ford, Kyle and Stephanie Stephens and kids.

November Birthdays

- ★ 14 - Phinneas Wheeler
- ★ 16 - Christy Henderson

November Anniversaries

- ★ 11 - Charlie & Pam Deckler
- ★ 18 - Tom & Dianne Collier
- ★ 28 - Alfin & Marlene

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!! Megan Schreck has been accepted into the University of Missouri-Kansas City's Master of Medical Science Physician Assistant Program. She will start the two and a half-year program in mid-January 2021. Please keep her (& Ethan) in your prayers!
- THANK YOU to everyone who attended Camp Hermon at Marc & Ginger's home; thank you to Marc & Ginger for their hospitality in hosting this annual event. It was a blessing to watch the kids play together & to share uplifting fellowship with the brethren.
- CONGRATULATIONS also to Marty Williamson—he is officially RETIRED from the grind of the working world!! Enjoy!!
- CONGRATULATIONS to Mike & Shirley Warner! They attended their granddaughter Savanna's

graduation from Palmer Chiropractic College in Davenport. She will be in practice in Bedford, Iowa & Maryville, Missouri. They now have two doctors in the family... Jessica is a Nurse Practitioner in Bedford.

- The last three weeks our ladies have enjoyed a wonderful Bible study led by our sister Melanie Castro, at the home of Joyce Ingle, on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. The lessons were on the subject of sheep & their special relationship to the Good Shepherd.
- HALLELUJAH Stephen Thompson's PET scan was clean! Doctors were so pleased they are extending his check-ups from 4 to 6 months. Praise the Lord! Steve has been such a blessing to our congregation & a living example of a miracle among us!

- Another miracle example is Allison George... after suffering a horrific golf ball hit to her face, she has endured at least a couple of surgeries, infection, blocked sinuses & many other complications. She will need to have her sinuses vacuumed out every week until they are completely healed. She will be taking a 3-month disability from work as it's extremely difficult to look at a computer when seeing bubbles on a white background, among many other after effects of her injury... numbness, swelling, no sense of smell, etc. Please keep this dear sister and her family in your prayers!

Others on our prayer list:

- Mary & Ron Gearhart's daughter, Diane Day: A week ago Diane's rental home caught fire; only the frame was left. She lost everything. Please keep them in your prayers & send cards of encouragement & gift cards to help her get back on her feet. Use Mary's address for now.
- Lowell Hermon: had spinal surgery a week ago; surgery went extremely well; he was up & walking that night; discharged the next day. Lowell worshipped with us on Sunday morning. He will have quite a bit of pain for a while, but he's already walking much better than pre-surgery. We have sign-up for meals for the next couple of weeks through TakeThemAMeal.com.
- Jason & Theresa Brady: Jason had a back procedure to help control his pain; Nov. 16 his internal C-pap will be turned on. Unfortunately, last week Theresa fell hard & injured her bad knee. Sympathies & prayers for her family, too, as her uncle passed away last week.
- Tom Brady: Life is settling down to a new "normal" & his dialysis is going well, with a great nurse's help, too {Fred}! Praise God for whom all blessings flow!!

- Alonzo Jones: Was scheduled to see a podiatrist last week & prayers for a remedy for the severe arthritis in his feet.
- Theresa Ingle: Theresa's mom has another brain aneurism behind her right eye. Theresa's dad's PET scan did not show any cancer; however, his bloodwork indicates differently. He will have another scan in six months. Please keep this family in your prayers as well.
- Steven Thompson: Could use prayers & cards of encouragement as he continues to struggle with his back disability & problems walking.
- Whitney & Eric Thorson: Whitney returned to work after maternal leave; little Mae & Dean started day care. Please pray for the family during this time of transition!
- ITBS Bible Study – "Putting Off & Putting On," a study from Colossians 3; led by Alan Klein & Marc Hermon. October's Bible study was held at home of Alex & Ryane Needham in Marshalltown! A wonderful time of Bible study, fellowship & fun for our kids, ages 9-18.



November Birthdays

★ 3 Nick Hermon	★ 3 Melanie Castro
★ 8 Tammy Brady	★ 15 Kathy King
★ 17 Patrick Ingle	★ 18 Ryan Ingle
★ 20 Marge Flack	★ 20 Marty Williamson
★ 26 Larry Brady.	★

November Anniversaries

- **None**

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

- Greg and Margaret Ingle attended the funeral of Margaret's aunt, Grace Whanger in St. Charles, Missouri.
- Josephine (Josie) Fiorentin was born to Trent and Leah Forentin on October 16th, weighing 7 lbs, 6 oz. She joins big sister Eva.
- Lynnette Dowdy was in LaCleda, Missouri helping a grandchild celebrate a birthday.
- Justin and Brittney Dowdy and children and Lynnette Dowdy attended a wedding in Indiana.

November Anniversaries

- None

November Birthdays

- ★ 16 - Josephine (Josie) Fiorentin

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)
