



Lighthouse of Iowa

Keeping in touch with Iowa's Churches of Christ

November 2022

Your pie chart

“Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him), and Jesus who is called Justus. These are my only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision; they have proved to be a comfort to me.”

~ Colossians 4:10-11 10

I am confident, most of us, if not all of us, know what a pie chart is. It is a graph, shaped like a circle. This circle is divided up into pieces such as with a pie or pizza. Sometimes these pieces are cut into relatively equal portions, and sometimes it may be divided into differing sizes depending on what the pie chart represents.

My question for you today is, “*What would your pie chart look?*”

I think as we get older as Christians, we tend to think of those who have had positive influences on our life, in particular, on our spiritual life over the years.

I consider my years as an evangelist among the Lord's churches. Over the years I have been blessed to have many brothers and sisters who have had a positive influence in my life and my work. I go back to the 1980s when we first moved to Iowa, and I think of the many Christians who influenced my life. There were many.

Such positive influences have continued throughout the years. To be sure, some have had more of an impact than others, but there are so many brothers and sisters who have influenced my life as a father, brother, Christian and an evangelist. I have had brethren influence my life, not only throughout these United States, but in Spain and the Philippines as well. Whenever I have made contact with the Lord's people, I have gained.

If I had a pie chart to show what brothers and sisters have influenced me, it would have many pieces to many various degrees! The apostle Paul would have had many who helped in his own

spiritual growth. Perhaps Barnabas would have been among the first to contribute to his early growth as a Christian and then as an evangelist. The apostle Paul would have had many brothers who participated in his growth such as Mark, nephew of Barnabas.

It is instructive to note how Mark may not have had such a positive impact as a younger man when he departed Paul and Barnabas and the work they were involved in at their first journey. However, I am confident Mark later matured himself and became an asset to the apostle later.

Paul also mentions a brother named Justus, who, along with Mark, as they both proved to be a comfort to him. The apostle also mentions many others throughout his writings such as Aquilla and his wife, Priscilla, as noted in Rom 16:3, for he called them his “fellow workers” who risked “their own necks” for his sake.

How would your pie chart look? Who would represent the various pieces cut in your circle? For those who grew up among the Lord's people, you would probably have some large slices provided by your parents and other relatives. These were probably the first to have slices. Then might come those teachers of your classes as children at the various meetings of the body. Then would come brothers as you were influenced positively by those who publicly teach the body. You might have elders and other servants among the brethren who influenced you for the better, including those outside your home congregation.

My point is that we all have had fellow believers have positive roles in our spiritual lives. Certainly, some more than others, many brothers and sisters have had roles in our spiritual development. They have positively affected us through many means including teaching, serving, and forbearing with us when we were going through difficulties, rather by our own bad choices or simply as a result of life.

There are indeed many who have shared in our “pie.” Conversely, you also have probably had a role

in others' growth as well. Also, as a teacher or a servant or by being forbearing toward them. In this regard, the Lord has provided a perfect body we can all be part of by having others have "slices" in our own personal "pie" as we have slices in theirs.

Again, I ask the question, Who is in your pie chart?

"So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches,

in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness."

~ Romans 12:5-8 5



Chariton

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

Location: Call for information.

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

- **Norm Riekens** has numerous health issues and is not doing well. His grandson, Simon, and his wife are caring for him. Please keep them in your prayers.



November Birthdays

- None

November Anniversaries

- None

Dean Avenue

Meeting times: Sundays: 9:30 a.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 6:30 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

- **Mary Lou Allen passed away on Sunday**, October 23rd. Her services were Saturday, October 29th
- at Grandview Funeral Home. We will always remember her strong Christian example.
- We had a Sunday breakfast for everyone. It was enjoyed by all.
- Jim Meek is doing well with his newly replaced shoulder.
- Johnnie & Donna McNeece have been sick with a virus for the last three weeks.

- Risa Schamel is having outpatient surgery for a torn meniscus.
- Bill & Shirley McNeece, along with some of their family, vacationed in Colorado.

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

- It seems time has gone by swiftly since we have been in contact with everyone & anxious to get back in a routine. Can hardly believe our harvest is coming to a close & we are preparing for the winter months.
- Like everyone we have had a busy summer, reaping the vegetables from our garden & preparing some for winter.
- The month of October was a fairly quiet month at the church but we are looking forward to Doug Twaddle on Nov 5th & 6th.!

November Birthdays

☆ 11/6 Marvin Negley

November Anniversary

☆ 11/20 Steve & Tammie Driftmier

Martensdale

Meeting Times: Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.
Location: 10985 44th Lane, Prole, Iowa (1.5 miles east of Martensdale, IA on Hwy. 92)
Website: martensdalechurchofchrist.com
For information call: Duane Proudfit (515) 961-4470 or Mike Penick (515) 681-0279

- **Rodney and Aléna Ingle’s four children** are up and coming portrait artists. Below are their recent portraits drawn from this photo of Tanner and Tiffany George.

Tiffany & Tanner George



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| <p>Brenna (age 11)</p> | <p>Theron (age 9)</p> |
| <p>Hugh (age 8)</p> | <p>Ketura (age 8)</p> |

- **Dianne Collier** is ‘on the road again’ recovering nicely after cancer-related surgery in August. However, after several sedentary weeks of healing from surgery, her knee is giving her problems. Scheduling physical therapy. Dianne’s little Morkie, Mia is faithfully staying by her side during recovery.



Mike Penick Mike had a tooth pulled that had an abyss and was quite infected. If it had not been pulled quickly Mike was told he would have ended up in the hospital. Recovery is painful. Please keep Mike in your prayers.



November Birthdays

- ☆ Finneas Wheeler -- November 14
- ☆ Christy Henderson -- November 16

November Anniversaries

- ☆ Charlie & Pam Deckler -- November 13
- ☆ Tom & Dianne Collier -- November 18

Pleasant Hill

Meeting Times: Sundays: 9:30 a.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m.
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

Heartfelt Love & Prayers:

- **Women's Silver Bible Study is held each Tuesday at 1 p.m. @ the church building.** Many thanks to Bev Brady for organizing this good work!
- Several from the Pleasant Hill congregation attended the NE Missouri Bible Campout: Ryan Ingle family, Dave Ingle family, Marc Hermon family, + Dan & Josiah Pritchard. It was a wonderful weekend of fellowship!
- **Ryan Ingle** had carpal tunnel surgery on October 18. He is recovering well.
- **Theresa Ingle** has been suffering with UTI's this month. Lift her recovery up in prayer.
- **Betty Warren** has been dealing with blisters on her leg from the open wound area. This is very uncomfortable. Let's shower her with encouragement and cards!
- **Suzanne Harvey** has been dealing with lymphoedema this month. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.
- Our hearts pour out in much love to **Cindy Brady and her family**. Cindy's brother, Randy Mogensen, is battling the final stage of cancer and grieving the passing of their daughter in an auto accident. As you can imagine the family is heartbroken.
- Praise God! **Ava and Eden Brady's dad, Josh Brady, returned home after serving abroad this year.** Mike and Cindy (and other family members) have poured out their hearts to helping raise these girls, caring for them this past year. Let's pray for everyone's transition as Josh returns home and do what we can to encourage this family, especially Ava and Eden.
- Our hearts pour out in much love to **Fred Brady and her family**. Fred's brother-in-law, Ron Tucker, passed away on Monday after suffering a heart attack. Fred is extremely close to her sister, Betty, and will be a great encouragement in the days and months ahead.

- **Matt & Bailey Fecke's new baby, Lyla, is hospitalized for RSV at Blank Children's Hospital.** Thankfully her three-year-old brother Calvin is doing better after his RSV fever seizure. Both Grandma Wolfe and Fecke have been able to help out. Praise God Matt arrived home safely with a temporary leave from serving abroad. We know Bailey will be strengthened by his presence. May the kingdom surround them in love and prayer during these trials.
- **Marty and Lisa Williamson** will be traveling in India from 11/3-12/1. Pray for their safe journey.

Upcoming Meetings:

- God permitting, **Wade Stanley** will teach a study on Revelation each Wednesday night January - April 2023.
- Pleasant Hill Weekend Study with **Tad Morris** April 8-9, 2023.
- **The next ITBS is November 19, 4 p.m. @ Alex & Ryan Needham's home in Marshalltown.** Students are encouraged to study John 6-10 prior to the session.
- **Congratulations Miles and Kelsey Wood family!** Beauregard Calloway Wood was born on Oct. 24. "Beau" weighed in at 8 lbs. 14 ounces and measured 20 inches. Big Sisters and Big Brothers are ecstatic (Ryleigh, Jed, Ellie, and Clint)



- We heard outstanding lessons on Biblical Stewardship during a weekend study with **evangelist Joshua Riggins**

from Bloomfield, Indiana. We encourage everyone to listen to his lessons and apply these principles in your lives. Sermons available on the Pleasant Hill Church of



Christ website.

- Congratulations... Just Married! **Ryan & Medina Zinnel** eloped on Monday, October 3. A shower will be held in their honor at the Pleasant Hill church building Sunday, November 6.



Jill McClurg and Joshua Jeffrey were married on Sunday, October 2. Jill will be traveling to England for a few months to be with Joshua. She is hopeful for her Visa to be approved in the near future.



October ITBS... God has blessed us with incredible youth! Many thanks to all the ITBS students for digging into God's Word. We had fun playing games, grilling out, cooking s'mores, sharing fellowship, and learning biblical truths from John 1-5. We're grateful to our teachers, Marc Hermon & Alan Klein, and to all the parents for raising these future leaders in the Lord!

November Birthdays

- ☆ 11/3 - Daniel Suhr, Nick Hermon, Melanie Castro
- ☆ 11/8 – Tammy Brady
- ☆ 11/17 – Patrick Ingle
- ☆ 11/18 – Ryan Ingle
- ☆ 11/20 – Marge Flack, Marty Williamson
- ☆ 11/26 – Larry Brady

Anniversaries:

- None

Vandalia

Meeting Times: Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday: 7:00 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) 238-3316
Website: <https://vandaliacoc.co>

- Lucas and Shelby Ingle would like to announce the birth of their son, Willem Lucas Ingle, born Oct. 11 at 8lbs. 12 oz and 21 inches long. CONGRATULATIONS to Lucas and Shelby.
- Matt, Sarah and Ethan Clark, Destry and Charity Klein, Alan, Shonya, Easton, Kiana, Tyrell, and Aryana Klein attended a weekend meeting at Unionville, Missouri.
- Several of the group did some traveling: Michael and Casady Cummings spent a few days at Brookfield, Missouri; Mason and Morgan Burkman traveled to Kentucky to attend Morgan's great-grandfather's funeral; Justin, Brittney, Carson and Lilly went to Indiana for the weekend; Tim, Melody and family enjoyed some vacation time at Clear Lake; and Devon, Erin, Emma and Abigail spent a weekend in Wisconsin.
- Richard Goode and Bonnie Hawkins have both returned to their homes after hospital stays.
- Eva Fiorentin had her tonsils out on Oct. 17 and Josie Fiorentin went to Iowa City for testing.
- Melody and Morgan Burkman's Coffee and Carnations shop in Prairie City will have an Open House on November 5, with a ribbon cutting starting at 1:00 P.M.
- The group enjoyed food, fellowship and games at Alan and Shonya Klein's on Oct. 14.
- Many of our group attended the weekend meeting at Ottawa, Kansas---Matt and Ethan Clark and Alan, Shonya, Easton, Kiana, Tyrell, and Aryana Klein.
- Lynnette Dowdy and Nancy Clark along with Ladenna Twaddell and Kathy Tutterow enjoyed a road trip to the Lincoln Museum in Springfield, IL and then onto the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter in KY. Lynnette then spent a few extra days with family in Missouri.
- Visitors this month were: Sue Schreck; Brandy McPhillips and daughter, Maddie.



November Birthdays

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| ☆ 3 Tina Hinckley | ☆ 16 Erin Ingle |
| ☆ 7 Isaac Miller | ☆ 16 Morgan Cummings |
| ☆ 9 Abigail Dille | ☆ 17 Nancy Clark |
| ☆ 14 Adaline Dowdy | ☆ 24 Angela Ingle |
| ☆ 14 Alexander Dowdy | ☆ 29 Lynnette Dowdy |
| ☆ 15 Cheyenne Goode | ☆ 29 Doug Fiorentin |
| ☆ 15 Gavin Burkman | |

November Anniversaries

- ☆ 13 Richard & Mary Ellen Goode

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> - Lighthouse of Iowa

The Pilgrim's Bible

Geneva Bible 1599

~ The Bible that built the foundation of America ~

- The Geneva Bible was the Bible of William Shakespeare, John Bunyan, and Oliver Cromwell. This is the version that Pilgrims and Puritans brought with them to America.
- The Geneva Bible was no ordinary translation. Indeed, the translation was superior to all previous editions and the hallmark commentary became its distinguishing mark.
- It pioneered several innovations in content and translation. For example, it used the word “*church*” when rendering the Greek *ekklesia* instead of Tyndale’s and Coverdale’s “*congregation*.”
- Also, Paul is not named the author of Hebrews. James, Peter, 1 John and Jude are for the first time called “*General Epistles*” rather than the usual “*Catholic Epistles*” which earlier translations used in the tradition of the Vulgate (cf. the KJV and RV).
- More significantly still, the OT translation is a “thorough revision of the Great Bible, especially in those books which Tyndale had not translated.”
- Such books had never been directly translated from the Hebrew (or Aramaic) into English. “*Now the existing version of the prophetic books and the poetical and wisdom literature of the Old Testament was carefully brought into line with the Hebrew text, and even with the Hebrew idiom.*”
- The Geneva Bible (GB) changed several aesthetic appearances. It used readable Roman typeface rather than the obscure Gothic black typeface.
- It was the first to use numbered verses, each of which began a new paragraph.
- It was printed in small (6 ½ by 9 ¾) quarto editions and was sold at an affordable price.
- Also, it was the first to use italics for words added by the translators, which were designed to make the text more comprehensible to English readers.
- The GB was in a real sense the first “*study*” Bible. It provided annotations in the margins of the text, explaining, commenting, and interpreting the meaning of the text for the reader. These brief annotations were designed to help the reader with “*all the hard places*” and aid one with “*words as are obscure.*”
- Also, the GB included prefaces to books of the Bible, chronological charts, maps, illustrations (over 33 of them), and a dictionary of over nine hundred and fifty proper names at the end. While such innovations are common to Bible readers today, in the sixteenth century they were unprecedented.
- But more to the point, these innovations were grounded in the theological agenda of the Reformation, namely, to accommodate God’s Word for God’s people. No where was this more obvious than in its illustrations, prefaces, annotations, and marginal notes.
- Those who created the Geneva Bible had absorbed Calvin’s famous maxim concerning the need to “*accommodate to the ability of the individual.*”
- Not only did the Geneva Bible cultivate Bible knowledge but Reformation theology as well. For example, against the Roman Catholic teaching of the day, the notes on Galatians 2:17 clearly set forth the Protestant understanding of justification by faith alone. Also, Revelation 11:7, which says “*the beast that made war with the saints*” is interpreted as “*the Pope, which hath his power out of hell, and commeth thence.*” And again, Revelation 17:4 identifies the Antichrist as the Pope (also see Revelation 13:11).