

Lighthouse of Iowa

December 2012

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature...

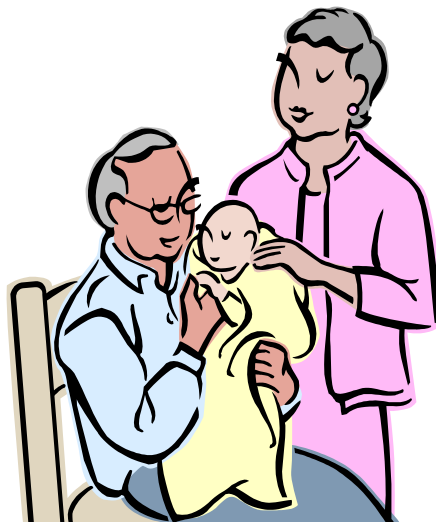
II Corinthians 5:17

As a civil engineer with a specialty in water conservation, erosion, and related problems, my husband has spent a lifetime taming the mountain ranges along our California coastline. Building dams, run-off channels, and rainwater catch basins, John is used to kicking a rattlesnake off the trail or clearing out an access with a hatchet.

He is a rugged man. Strong. Silent. Honorable. Given to hard work and a clear, rational response to life that leaves no room for error: "It's either right or wrong. So what's the problem?" But human relations are not that simple or logical, and in the family, John's matter-of-fact manner frequently left a trail of misunderstanding and hurt feelings.

So you can imagine my surprise when John tenderly took our first grandchild Brandon into his arms, sitting down (this face-anything,

fearless man) "to have a safer hold." He looked into the baby's small, scrunched-up, just-born face and then turned his eyes to the hills.



"This little fellow has given me a whole *new beginning*," he said quietly in a voice choked in emotion. "He has never seen me angry. Never seen me lose my temper. Never seen me impatient or frustrated. Never seen me walk out of a room saying, 'I don't have to listen to this!' Never seen me slam a door with irritation...and I hope he never will!"

New beginnings from a newborn babe.

Lord Jesus, You came as a newborn Babe to give us all a new beginning. Thank You that with Your help I, too, can change, to become more the person You'd like me to be.

---Fay Angus

AS I GO ON MY WAY

My life shall touch a dozen lives before this day is done,

Leave countless marks for good or ill ere sets the evening sun;

So this the wish I always wish, the prayer I ever pray,

Let my life help the other lives it touches by the way.

STRICKLAND GILLILAN




Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa
For information call—Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

We will suspend Wednesday evening services until April.

Clarence and Delores Van Egdome had most of their family home over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Visitors on November 25th were Jean Van Egdome and Brett Jackson, friend of Chantelle Schreck.




Thank you to everyone for calls, visits, cards and prayers for my recovery from knee surgery. All is appreciated. Recovery is coming day by day. God is good.

Mary Jo Riekens

December Birthdays

9 – Albert Schreck
31 – Brian 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

October 27th was a busy day for Kara Fetters. She volunteered at a tent at the Komen Race for the Cure, and then did the 5K walk/run with mom-Marla, dad-David, sister-Alissa, nephew-Jude, and aunt-Roberta. That evening, she camped out in a cardboard “room” at Drake Stadium with her Key Club for Reggie’s Sleep Out to benefit Iowa Homeless Youth Shelters.

On Sunday, November 4th, Louis Garbi spoke in the morning and evening to begin our fall meeting. He spoke each evening that week and gave a very interesting overview of the Bible.

Pam Conn lost her fight with cancer on Wednesday, 11/21/12. Her funeral was at Hamilton’s Funeral Home and

burial was at Laurel Hill Cemetery. An evening meal was provided by the congregation for the family. We deeply miss this vibrant woman who showed vividly how to leave the old man and world behind and become a new child of good works.

Vera Billington, a former member here, passed away Wednesday, 11/21/12. Her funeral was at Grandview Funeral Home and burial was at Highland Park Cemetery in Kirksville, Missouri.

Peter Hawthorne is in serious condition in Younkers, Rm. 818, with an obstruction in his stomach.

Yvonne Coe’s great-granddaughter, Aleena Coe, died. She had been in a coma for several weeks after an

accident at home.

Visitors this month were Bill, Sarah, and Brian Charlier; Kara Fetter’s friend, Tristan Vanderlinden; and grandchildren of Bill and Shirley McNeece.

Yvonne Coe was on bed rest with bronchitis. Mary Lou Allen and Margaret Warren continue to have health problems, but attend services as often as they can. Others ill this month were Jean Van Egdome, Emily Dobberke, Jessi Strable, Shawn Head and Shirley McNeece.

December Birthdays

13 – Sierra Coe
18 – Yvonne Coe
18 – Kara Fetters
18 – Travis Head
28 – Risa Schamel



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

Jack and Bobbie Swisher had a safe trip to Florida, where they will spend the winter months.

Neil McCoy had hip replacement surgery on October 31st; he is getting along well and has been able to attend services several times this month.

Both Elsie Negley and Mary Lou Madden have been able to

attend services some during the month—these are two amazing ladies!!

Rick Sparks presented lessons on the 10th and 11th; we're always glad to hear his wonderful messages.

Justin presented the topic lesson on the 18th on 'patience'.

Paul and Dasha Negley, and daughters joined us for services

this month.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Lowree Crumm's sister, Toyah Gholsen, and her family as she was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

December Anniversaries

18—Will & Cassie Crumm



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)989-4165

Effective Sunday, December 2nd, we are changing our meeting times on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Sunday evenings we will begin our service at 6:00 p.m., and Wednesday evenings we will begin our service at 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Cassidy Phillips for being selected 1st Team All-Conference for volleyball and 2nd Team All-RHT (county). She also participated in the Pride of Iowa Conference Senior All-Star game held in Mount Ayr on November 11th. Both Cassidy and Bethany Phillips were selected for the POI Conference All-Academic team for volleyball. Students are selected based upon their GPA, which must be a 3.5 or above.

On November 4th, Leta and Grace Fenton worshiped with us while visiting with Allen and Teresa Bown.

Phyllis Bown returned to services on November 11th; however, she was once again hospitalized due to a rapid heartbeat. She is home again and back at services. They are continuing to monitor her to figure out the best treatment option.

Fred Bown had an angiogram and it was determined he had two 50% blockages. The doctor is optimistic that these can be treated with medicine, diet, and exercise.

The evening of November 17th, our young ladies' class, consisting of Cassidy and Bethany Phillips and Jordan Bown, prepared and hosted a dinner for the rest of the ladies at our congregation at the home of Tracy Penick. The girls also had a fun evening of games and fellowship planned for us!

Brett Jackson attended services with Chantelle Schreck on Sunday, November 18th.

Our visitors over the Thanksgiving holiday were Mike George, who attended services with his son Tanner; Steve and Cerine Proudfit and their girls, Isabelle, Emelia, and Maylee; and Jennifer Bown and her children, Bethany, Lance, and Logan. Jennifer and her kids will move to South Carolina after the first of the year to be with Bryan Bown, who has already relocated there for his job. Bryan is the son of Fred and Marlene Bown.

On Monday, November 26th, Kyle and Stephanie Stephens welcomed a baby girl to their family! Allie Mae Stephens weighed in at 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Allie's grandparents are Mike and Tracy Penick, and her

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great-grandparents are Neal and Peg Warren. Congratulations to everyone!

Alvin Bown had some minor surgery and was in the hospital overnight. He is doing well and has returned to services.

Visitors December 2nd were Megan Stephens, who was visiting Jordan Bown; and Larry and Valeta Hammer of Nixa, Missouri, who were in the area visiting family. Valeta is a cousin to Alvin, Fred, and Dick Bown.

December Birthdays

10 – Mary Proudfit

12 – Teresa Bown

29 – Drew Teghtmeyer



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; or Mike Warner, (515)967-4529.

Our visitors during the past month were: Brian, Tammy, and Ethan Schreck; Hallie and Carson Hayes were visiting with Bev Hayes; Matt and Kelly Harvey and family were visiting with Matt's family; and Larry and Valeta Hammer of Nixa, Missouri.

Marc and Ginger Hermon, Shea and Gabby; and Bruce and Suzanne Harvey visited Matt and Kelly Harvey and family.

Troy and Dani Brand spent a few days in the Caymen Islands.

Bev Hayes and Karla Fetters spent a few days in Branson.

Joyce Ingle spent Thanksgiving weekend with her parents, Roy and Ruth Whanger. Ryan and Jamie Ingle and Elijah spent a couple of days with them and then went to visit with her family for the rest of the weekend in Missouri.

Rodney and Alena Ingle

were at Brookfield.

Alex and Ryane Needham spent some time with his family in Kansas.

Nels and Marje Turnquist visited with her sister Pat Schriber and family in the St. Louis area. They then flew to Florida to spend a week with their daughter Amy Reeves and family.

Tom and Fred Brady, Jason and Theresa are enjoying the sunshine in Florida for a couple of weeks.

Melba Tingle is visiting her son Jim in Arizona for about six weeks.

Chip and Jennifer Albright and girls were visiting Chip's family in Kansas.

Mike and Shirley Warner were visiting in Branson.

Kelly and Allison George and family were in Kansas City area attending a Chiefs game and visiting with friends.

Ava Brady spent a few days in the hospital with pneumonia

and RSV. Eden also spent a few days in the hospital. She is doing better also. Both are now home.

Marilyn McClurg had back surgery and is doing better. She is home and was at services on Wednesday the 28th.

Alivia Pritchard had five stitches on her head. She is doing fine.

Bev Hayes fell at home and hit her head and broke a rib. She is doing a little better every day.

Others who have been sick lately were: Allison George, Brady, and Sophia; Carroll and Betty Warren; Reece Baird; Karla Fetters; Lowell Hermon; Nik Hermon; Alex and Ryane Needham; Niko and Clay Felice; Marc and Gabby Hermon; Jason and Theresa Brady; Nora Lee Ingle; Suzanne Harvey; Maddy Hermon; Wanda Burkman; and Bev Brady.

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I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, visits, food, help, and love during my hospitalization and recovery at home. I appreciate it so much.

Marilyn McClurg

December Birthdays

- 4 – Steve Brady
- 18 – Jason Brady
- 18 – Paul Zinnel
- 25 – Ashten Brady



December Anniversaries



- 30 – Nick & Susan Conner

Iowa Traveling

Bible Study (ITBS)

The January 5 study will be at Alan & Shonya Klein's

Feb study: Kelly & Allison George

Please check with host family to see if they would like you to bring any food.

Any questions, call Rodney Ingle at 515-669-0365.

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

Brittney Dowdy spent a weekend in Indianapolis visiting family. Justin also visited family in Indianapolis on another weekend.

Marvin and Melda Ingle, Doug and Lisa Fiorentin and Nathan attended a baby shower for Staci and Jason Miller in Carrollton, Missouri.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin and Marvin and Melda Ingle spent a few days in Chicago. Doug was there for job training.

Michael and Joy Cummings, Morgan, Drew, and Casady spent the Thanksgiving weekend with family.

Our visitors were: Matt and Dawn Mikus; Jason and Autumn Dowdy, Sterling, Hunter and Malachi; Jason and Staci Miller; and James Dowdy.

We sang with the residents at Altoona Nursing Home.

Ruth Schell had cataract surgeries during the past month.

Greg Ingle injured his back at work, and tests showed he has a herniated disk. They are waiting to see what needs to be done.

Caleb Ingle had further testing with an allergy specialist in Iowa City.

December Birthdays

- 2 – Bonnie Harkins
- 27 – Melody Burkman



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