

# Lighthouse of Iowa

December 2014

TEACH ME, O LORD,  
THE WAY OF THY  
STATUTES; AND I SHALL  
KEEP IT UNTO THE END.—  
Psalm 119:33

I'm always glad when a favorite author quotes the Bible to clarify an idea or shore up an argument. But I have to admit that until recently I was sometimes unfamiliar with the passages being cited. I knew the Good Book in bits and pieces, but I longed to explore all its nooks and crannies and at the same time gain a better sense of it as a whole.

*Why not, I thought, read the Bible from cover to cover?* A friend assured me that the project would never fly; I would grow weary half way through and bail out. I didn't like being told that something was impossible, especially something so valuable.

So I decided to follow Jesus' advice to "take therefore no thought for the morrow" (Matthew 6:34); I'd read a portion of Scripture each day and *not worry* about how much further I had to go.



I thought I could handle four pages a day under just about any circumstances. So that night I opened our family Bible and read from Genesis to the list of generations from Adam to Noah. In the months that followed, I never missed a day. I read whether healthy or sick, alert or sleepy, energized or exhausted. And as the teachings and stories came and went, I

discovered a vast store of wisdom, truth, and revelation that shed light on every aspect of my daily life. Above all, I came to see the Bible as a whole, as the magnificent, coherent unfolding of the Word of God. And along with these spiritual rewards, I enjoyed a sense of real accomplishment: I'd met the challenge, and the rewards outweighed all my expectations.

*Lord, make me eager to do the things that will bring me closer to Your kingdom.--*

PHILIP ZALESKI



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# 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

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Deloris Van Egdome had another stent put in place on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and she is doing well. She will be attending cardiac rehab three days a week for the next few months. She would like to thank everyone for all the thoughts and prayers during the past two months.

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, we were blessed to have several visitors: Keith and Leta Fenton, Gerry Fenton, Chantelle Jackson, and Bruce, Sue, and Leah Schreck.

Andrew and Stephanie Hansen and children have visited some during the month.

*December Birthdays*

9 – Albert Schreck  
31 – Brian Schreck



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# 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

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Joshua, Connie, and Candace Riggins spent a week with us. Joshua gave us several very good lessons. We want to thank all area congregations who came and supported our meeting.

Jessica Strable and John Chapman are engaged and will be married on May 15, 2015.

Cathy James asked for prayers for her granddaughter, Kaitlyn James, who has been diagnosed with scoliosis and

will be in a back brace for many weeks.

Roberta Milinsky and her sister, Anita Barr, spent several days visiting Thailand.

Risa Schamel's son, Jamie Hayes, has been here visiting.

Don James is ill with pneumonia.

Ill: Don and Margaret Warren, Chloe Prenosil, and Don James.

Visitors: John Chapman, Jake McClung, Roger Elam

from Unionville, Kamryn Aswegan, Josie Patterson, Aiden and Preston Boozell, and Reese Weatherman.

*December Birthdays*

18 – Yvonne Coe  
18 – Kara Feters  
18 – Travis Head  
28 – Risa Schamel





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# 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

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Paul and Dasha Negley of Urbandale welcomed the arrival of a new son, Race Carr, born October 28<sup>th</sup>. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21 inches long. Two sisters, Timber and Minka, were at home, waiting for his arrival. Grandparents are Marvin and Jean Negley of Clarinda. Interestingly enough, the middle name, Carr, is Paul's grandmother's maiden name.

Congratulations and best wishes to this family!

Brian Martin and Hannah Long, both of the Ames area, are engaged. Congratulations on their engagement!! We are happy for them.

Linda Lou Negley Taylor and Darrel Barnes of Springfield, Missouri, were visitors on November 30<sup>th</sup>. They were here visiting her mother, Elsie Negley, and her brothers,

Marvin and Jean Negley and Richard and Janet Negley.

We are looking forward to having Rick Sparks with us on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

## December Anniversaries



18 – Will & Cassie Crumm

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# Martensdale

Meeting Times—Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Location—10985 44<sup>th</sup> 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

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We are very happy that Joshua Soard made the decision to accept Jesus as his Savior. Joshua was baptized on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Praise God!

Rodney and Alena Ingle have been attending services regularly this month. Their friend, Amelia, from Canada attended services while spending some time with them. Before Amelia returned to Canada she decided to accept Christ and was baptized!

Bill and Amanda Wall attended services while visiting Drew and Courtney Tegtmeyer and Zach and Jenna Wheeler.

Travis Schreck and Jenika Welte worshiped with us when visiting Rodney and Alena Ingle.

Josh and Shelby Stanley attended services while visiting Josh's grandparents, Dick and Phyllis Bown.

Tracy Penick traveled to Florida on a business trip.

Bethany Phillips played Charlotte in the Martensdale-St. Mary's school play, *Charlotte's Web*. Several friends and family attended our November 16<sup>th</sup> service due to being in the area to see the play. They were Steve and Cerine Proudfit, Isabelle, Amelia and Maylee; Ethan Schreck; Jacob Amos; Ava and Cami Anderson; Megan Stevens; and Leta and Grace Fenton. Also visiting that day were Bruce and Sarah Lamb and Hannah from Winterset; Alex and Ryane Needham and Audra; and Dave Ingle.

Alvin and Marlene Bown have headed to Texas and warmer weather.

On November 23<sup>rd</sup> we had a small adoption celebration for Brenna Ingle, who is now officially the daughter of Rodney and Alena Ingle. Jason and Theresa Brady and Ava; Alex and Ryane Needham and Audra; and Alex's parents all helped celebrate.

We were happy to have Karla Feters worship with us November 30<sup>th</sup>.

## December Birthdays

10 – Mary Proudfit

12 – Teresa Bown

29 – Drew Tegtmeyer



# 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.

Marc and Ginger Hermon and boys were in St. Louis visiting with the Matt Harvey family. On the way down they hit a deer. Everyone was okay, but the vehicle had some damage.

Melba Tingle is spending a few weeks in Arizona.

Marje Turnquist was visiting her daughter Suzanne and family in Minnesota. She also visited family in the St. Louis area.

Tom and Fred Brady are in Florida for a few weeks.

Chip, Jennifer, Lilly, and Annie Albright are in the Kansas City area visiting Chip's family.

Mary Gearhart was in Council Bluffs for a weekend.

Bruce and Suzanne Harvey will be traveling to Arizona and Florida during the next few weeks.

Nora Lee Ingle was visiting daughter Cindy Morris and family.

Alex, Ryane, and Audra Needham were in the Kansas City area visiting with family.

Dave and Joyce Ingle, Randy and Kinnick Ingle were visiting with Joyce's family. Ryan, Jamie, and Elijah Ingle were visiting with Jamie's family.

Brandon Ingle was in Indiana.

Ed Brady was back visiting with family. He lives in Colorado.

Duane and Donna Needham were visiting with Alex Needham and family.

Jordan Bown was visiting with Megan Stevens.

Megan Stevens and Dave Ingle were visiting at Martensdale.

Nora Lee Ingle wasn't feeling well.

Julene Pappan was sick.

Carroll and Betty Warren have both fallen. Carroll has a broken rib and Betty hurt her leg and was hospitalized for a few days. She is home, but still in pain.

Wanda Burkman hurt her back.

Margaret Franklin injured her shoulder and will have some repairs done on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

## December Birthdays

4 – Steve Brady

18 – Jason Brady

18 – Paul Zinnel

25 – Ashten Brady



## December Anniversaries



30 – Nick & Susan Conner



## A Song



*None knows the day that friends must part,*

*None knows how near is sorrow;*

*If there be laughter in your heart,*

*Don't hold it for tomorrow.*

*Smile all the smiles you can today;*

*Grief waits for all along the way.*

*Today is ours for joy and mirth;*

*We may be sad tomorrow;*

*Then let us sing for all we're worth,*

*Nor give a thought to sorrow.*

*None knows what lies along the way;*

*Let's smile what smiles we can today.*

—Edgar A. Guest

# 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 131<sup>st</sup> St.  
 Website: vandaliacoc.com

For information call—Greg Ingle, (515)994-2824 or Charles Ingle, (515)966-2537

Our visitors during the past month were: Ryan Zinnell, Jason Henle and children, Valerie Burkman, and Jason and Autumn Dowdy and children.

Lynnette Dowdy traveled to Qatar to get acquainted with her new granddaughter, Cora Lynn, born November 5<sup>th</sup> to Matt and Dawn Mikus. She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin became grandparents again on November 7<sup>th</sup>, when Isaac Henry was born to Jason and Staci Miller.

Alan Klein and family visited in the Kansas City area recently.

Doug and Trent Fiorentin enjoyed a weekend in St. Louis.

Congratulations to Morgan Cummings, who graduated on November 22<sup>nd</sup> from Iowa School of Beauty in Ankeny. She has moved back to her parents' home and will seek employment soon. She also works part-time at Fleet Farm in Ankeny.

Lori Cole was involved in a very bad car accident recently. She was rear-ended at high speed and her car was totaled. She had whiplash, suffered a concussion, and had vision problems. Lori has been off work recovering but is doing better now.

Dorothy Van Maanen's husband, Dale, continues to have problems with staph infection from the hip replacement surgery he had some time ago.

He was taken to Iowa City, where they removed the hip joint for the second time. He is currently back in the Altoona Nursing and Rehab Center.

Michael and Joy Cummings and family spent Thanksgiving with Joy's family in Brookfield, Missouri.

## December Birthdays

- 2 – Bonnie Harkins
- 3 – Kelsey Fiorentin
- 3 – Carson Dowdy
- 27 – Melody Burkman



## December Anniversary



- 12 – Robert & Sharon Cummings



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