

Lighthouse of Iowa

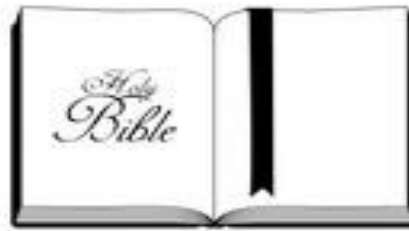
December 2015

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 halfway 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 the beginning of Genesis to the list of generations from Adam to Noah. In the months that followed, I never missed a day. 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

"Seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Matthew 6:33



Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. (no evening services)

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

For information call—Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Jeanette Schreck is scheduled to have surgery to replace a heart valve on January 7th.


Albert Schreck had some heart testing done and they are treating plaque build-up with medication.

Norm Riekens had hernia surgery and is recovering.

Brian, Tammy and Ethan Schreck were in the Kansas City area one weekend visiting family and attended the annual bonfire at the Keith and Leta Fenton residence.

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

Wade Stanley gave us very good lessons while he was here for our fall meeting. It was very well attended, and we thank the area congregations for supporting us.

Marla Feters spent some time in Kansas City visiting her daughter, Alissa Garbi, and family.

The family of Margaret Warren wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, cards, food, flowers and condolences before and after her passing. We miss her very much, but are glad her struggle is over.

Earl Allen had a procedure to take care of some bladder cancer that had returned.

Linda Head had cataract surgery on one eye and is doing well.

We were sorry to hear that Gloria Smith, sister of Don James, passed away. He and Cathy thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

Peter Hawthorne got to spend Thanksgiving Day at home.

Visitors: Kaleb Bowen; Bill, Bryan, and Max Charlier; Kamryn Aswegan; and Paxon Boozell.

Ill: David Feters, Pam Climpson, Yvonne Coe, Earl and Mary Lou Allen, and John and Donna McNeece.

December Birthdays

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




Let It
SNOW



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

Visitors joining us this month were Linda and Darrell; Paul Negley, Timber and Minka; Van Negley; Rick Sparks; Lauren and Martha McNees; Hadley Miller; Amy, Jon, Micah, Isaac and Skylar Schmidt; Molly, Van, Zoey, Beau and Kemper Gilmore.

Jack and Bobbie Swisher send greetings from Florida - they are both well and enjoying the warm weather!

We were glad to have Rick Sparks with us for a weekend and always enjoy his messages - it's also a great time to have a basket dinner!!

We are all truly blessed with so many things that we often take for granted: health, freedom, family, the ability to worship as we see fit, that it's especially appropriate at this time of year to remember that all blessings come from God and give thanks for them.

December Anniversary



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

Condolences go out to Wendy Hounsom and her family as her mother, JoAnn, passed away. JoAnn had been in poor health for some time and Wendy had traveled to Colorado to be with her earlier in the month.

Rodney and Alena Ingle have been blessed with an addition to their family. They adopted Keturah Violet on November 8th. Keturah has been with them since her birth. Congratulations!

Most of us were able to

enjoy an evening of food and fellowship at the home of Charlie and Pam Deckler on November 14th.

For the months of December, January and February we will have a potluck and early service starting at 1:00 on the first and third Sundays of each month.

We've had several visitors this month: Sue and Leah Schreck; Amelia Rogers (who is a friend of Rodney and Alena); Randy and Laura Teghtmeyer; Brianna Klein; Stephanie

Stephens and her girls; Grace and Leta Fenton; Kirk Ford; Adam Purdy (a friend of Cassidy Phillips); and Steve and Cerine Proudfit and their girls. We also enjoyed having Cassidy Phillips and Jordan Bown home!

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.

We lost our dear brother, Junior Barlow, during a heart procedure on November 30th. Visitation and funeral were Friday, December 4th at Hamilton's in Des Moines. He will be greatly missed.

For the month of December only we will have Sunday afternoon services at 1:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. The third Sunday will be our only potluck.

It was a great day when Kayley Zimmerman was baptized in the Lord. Welcome to our family. Kayley went to visit her family in Colorado.

Carroll Warren and Marilyn McClurg lost a sister (Doris Love) earlier this month and a sister-in-law (Margaret Warren). Our condolences go out to them.

Those who were ill were: Mary Gearhart, Marc Hermon, Wanda Burkman, Larry Brady, and Diamond

Blackman.

Nathan Williamson and Megan Stevens were at Lone Jack.

Marty and Lisa Williamson were visiting in California.

Whitney Wolfe was visiting her sister in Boston.

Sam Needham was visiting his brother, Alex, and family.

Marje Turnquist was in Florida visiting her daughter, Amy Reeves, and family. And she also spent some time with her sister, Pat Schriber, and family.

Bruce and Suzanne Harvey were visiting their son, Matt, and family at Alton, Illinois. They have now left for some warmer weather.

Tom and Fred Brady and Julene Pappan and family are in Florida on vacation.

Steve and Nancy Brady and Susan Conner and family are in the Grand Caymans for a vacation.

Melba Tingle is in Arizona visiting her son, Jim, and family.

Roy Whanger was visiting with Joyce Ingle and family.

James and Sheryl Evans came to help their grandson, Eljiah Ingle, celebrate his birthday.

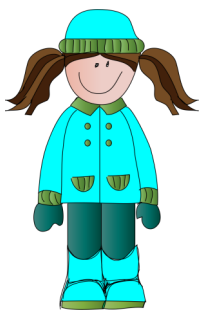
December Birthdays

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



December Anniversary

- 30 – Nick & Susan Conner



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

We rejoiced when Casady Cummings was baptized into Christ on October 14th.

Bonnie Harkins has been struggling with pain after a surgical procedure, and she needs our prayers and encouragement.

Derek Ingle started a new job as a teacher at an electrical union journeyman school.

Our visitors this month included: Ryan Zinnel; Valerie Burkman; Eli Waits;

Maryanne Homan (mother of Erin Ingle), Albert and Ron Dowdy; Kathy Mackey; Paula, Tiffany, and Brittney Parker of Excelsior Springs; and Roger Elam.

We express our sympathy to Pam Skinner and Amy Ingle in the loss of their father and grandfather.

Lynnette Dowdy visited family in Missouri.

We sang on a Sunday evening with the residents at Mitchell Village Care Center.

December Birthdays

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



December Anniversary



- 12 - Robert & Sharon Cummings



The Iowa Traveling Bible Study will be held on December 12 from 4-8 p.m. at the home of Alan and Shonya Klein. Wade Stanley will lead the study which will be on Church Leadership. Dinner will be served. You may bring a dessert to share if you wish.

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