

Lighthouse of Iowa

December 2008

Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read...Isaiah 34:16

My thirty-year-old Volkswagen had gone over two hundred thousand miles and really needed help. It had almost no brakes, it would not steer properly and every time it hit a bump, it would shimmy and shake uncontrollably. The whole front end needed to be rebuilt. Since I had never done this before, I had a repair



manual open before me, checking each procedure to make sure that I did it "by the book."

In many ways I am like that old car, and often I am in need of a good checkup "by the Book."

I need to check my brakes, that is, my ability to stop working. I have always worked longer and harder than is good for me, so when I read the Good Book, I find out how important rest is. Even God rested (Genesis 2:2)!

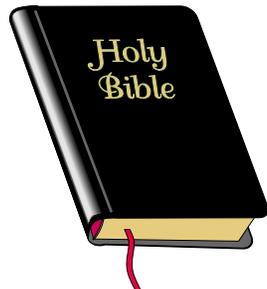
I need to check my steering. This means checking to see that I go straight toward the goal, not wandering from side to side. In life, I must be sure that I run between the lines so that I am not disqualified (Philippians 3:12-15).

And how do I react when I hit a bump in the road? If I shimmy and shake, some things will have to be tightened or even replaced. In the Book, I read about the peace of God, which can keep my heart and mind (Philippians 4:6-7). I know I cannot avoid all the bumps, but with the help of God, I know I can stay on course without being destroyed.

The Volkswagen drives like new again because I followed the instructions. I am also working on my life with the same care, and "doing it by the Book."

Dear Lord, on this day, I am thankful for Your Book, which ever guides me toward a successful life's journey.
Lee Webber

STUDY THE RULES



Oh, whether it's business or whether it's sport,
Study the rules.

Know every one of them, long and the short.

Study the rules.

Know what you may do, and what you may not.

Know what your rights are. 'Twill help you a lot
In the critical times when the battle is hot.

Study the rules.

Life's not a scramble, and sport's not a mess.

Study the rules.

Nothing is left to haphazard or guess.

Study the rules.

Know what's a foul blow, and what is fair;

Know all the penalties recognized there.

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Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

For information call—Clarence Van Egdome, (641)932-5686 or Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Mary Jo Riekens was ill with pneumonia for a couple of weeks but is now feeling better.

Albert and Jeanette Schreck spent three weeks in Lee's Summit, Missouri while their daughter-in-law, Sue, was recovering from surgery.

Carl and Evelyn Bennett spent a few days with their daughter, Carla, while she was recovering from foot surgery.

Clarence and Deloris Van Egdome had 16 members of their family with them at their home over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Barb Feters' great-granddaughter, Traelynn, attended services with her on Sunday, November 30th.

We are cancelling our Wednesday evening services for Dec., Jan. and Feb.

December Birthdays

9 – Albert Schreck

31 – Brian Schreck



Thank you to all who remembered our 50th wedding anniversary. We had a very memorable and enjoyable celebration, thanks to you!

Norm & Mary Jo Riekens

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

We want to thank all our sister congregations that helped to support our weeklong meeting with Evangelist Doug Twaddell. It is our prayer that you were edified in some way.

Conner Wilkins had dental surgery and came through fine.

Don Warren is still having problems with neck pain. Margaret Warren is still improving with her arm. She can now stop wearing the sling.

Alna Meacham is now living at the Courtyard Estates. She will be company for Maxine Phipps, and will have good care there. She is having physical therapy and good meals. She did have a scare Sunday, November 23rd when she received a call from the nurse saying that her blood pressure was very high. Glenn went to be with her and was unable to attend services.

Maxine Phipps has had problems with her legs bothering her. She had a fall on Sunday, November 16th, and she said it was because she forgot to set the brake on her walker.

Please remember Juanita Coe in your prayers.

When Elsie LeMar had a fall back in October, she ended up hurting herself more than was thought. She hurt her back and has trouble getting in and out of bed. Please pray for sister Elsie.

Shawn Head is having a flare up of his disease because of stress. Please remember him in your prayers too.

Grace Wilkins fell in her garage while going down the steps. Please remember Grace.

Lillian Bartlett has been having shoulder trouble and is

to see a doctor soon. Lillian was also ill earlier this month.

Earl Allen was ill on Sunday, November 23rd.

Peg Warren had a heart attack early Thursday, November 13th, and Neal took her to the hospital where they put in a stent. Later, Peg had further heart problems and was very near death, so doctors installed a pacemaker. Peg was back to services for the first time Sunday, November 30th. Her ribs still hurt because of the CPR they did to save her life, but Peg and Neal know that it's a small price to pay to be alive! Peg and Neal give God the glory!

Charles Cobb fell and broke his hip the last of October. He was sent to Mercy hospital in Des Moines, where surgery was

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Dean Avenue

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done. He is now living near his daughter, Anita Patterson in Fort Dodge. Charles is also the father of Roberta Milinsky and Marla Fetters.

Kaleb James, grandson of Don and Cathy James, was to have brain surgery to correct a connection in the muscles from the eye to the brain that wasn't there at birth. The surgery went well and wasn't as serious as they feared it might be. Kaleb is doing well.

Dwight Fetters, husband of Karla, was taken to Mercy Capitol for a collapsed lung and later moved into ICU. Dwight is now home, and Karla reports that he is a little improved but still has a long way to go. Dwight has graduated from a walker to a cane, so that at least is encouraging!

Our visitors on Sunday, November 2nd were Shawn Head, Stephanie Reading; and Doug Twaddell of Beloit, Kansas. Worshiping with us on Sunday, November 9th were Stephanie Reading, and Charles Ross of Excelsior Springs, Missouri. Our visitors on Sunday, November 23rd were Fred, Angela, Christian, and Joel Rothfus. Ron Van Egdome connected with Fred through a co-worker and invited Fred and

his family to services. Worshiping with us on Sunday, November 30th was McKenna Fitzgerald, a friend of Kamryn Aswegan; Hurley and Ora Bell Conway and Vicky Conway of Clarksville, Missouri; and Lucille Warren of Eolia, Missouri. Ora Bell and Lucille are sisters of Frances Hawthorne. We enjoyed singing Happy Birthday to Hurley for his 83rd birthday!

Jean Van Egdome along with her sister, Judi Bushnell, and niece and great-niece Amy Bushnell and Audrey, traveled to Hannibal, Missouri for a Mary Kay meeting. They went on to Brighton, Illinois to visit their sisters, Heather Jones and Jessica Tutterow and their families the weekend of November 1st and 2nd. While there, they attended services at Prince Road at Brighton.

On Sunday, November 16th, Roberta Milinsky traveled to Fort Dodge to visit her father, Charles Cobb, and sister, Anita Patterson.

Yvonne Coe is traveling to Branson, Missouri; Galesburg, Illinois; and St. Louis, Missouri.

David, Marla, and Kara Fetters visited Anita Patterson and Charles Cobb at Fort Dodge on Sunday, November 23rd.

December Birthdays

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



I want to thank everyone who sent me cards, flowers and food during my recent illness. I could just feel the prayers healing my broken arm. Love to all,

Margaret Warren



I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls, visits and donations of food. The Lord has certainly blessed me and I am so grateful for His care and love.

God bless you all,

Peg Warren



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 Bobbi Swisher had a good and safe trip to their winter residence at Goodland, Florida. We miss them very much!

Jewell Warner had cataract surgery November 3rd, and the surgery date for her other eye is December 1st.

Faye Stephens was a patient at the Clarinda Hospital and transferred by ambulance to Mercy Hospital in Des Moines on November 20th.

She returned home on November 23rd.

Tom Woody of Brighton, Illinois spent November 22nd and 23rd with us. We enjoyed his messages based on the 9th chapter of Daniel concerning "encouragement," and also Daniel 2 and Psalm 50:15. It was great seeing him! We had a potluck dinner on Sunday.

Van and Barb Negley and sons, Luke and Logan, of Woodland Park, Colorado were

<p>December Birthdays</p> <p>3 – Darlene Marsh </p>

visitors with us November 23rd. They visited his parents, went deer hunting, and attended a family reunion over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Shirley Warner of the Pleasant Hill congregation was our visitor on Sunday, November 30th.

Martensdale

Meeting Times—Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m.

Location—439 Hwy. 92 (1.5 miles east of Martensdale, Iowa)

For information call—Duane Proudfit, (515)961-4470 or Mike Penick, (515)989-4165

Our dear sister Irene Followwill passed away on Friday, November 7th. She was 88 years old. Her health had been steadily declining over the past few years and she had moved to Adel to be near her daughter. Irene always had a smile on her face and she always had a positive attitude about things. We will miss her.

Christy Phillips and Dave Henderson announced their engagement. They have not yet set a wedding date. Congratulations!

Pam Deckler worshiped with us on November 2nd and she and her husband, Charlie, were both with us on the 9th.

They are from the Indianola area.

Alvin and Marlene Bown worshiped with us most of this month while they were in the area. They have recently returned to Illinois.

Tracy Penick spent a week in San Diego on business.

Drew Tegtmeyer, from the Smart Road congregation in Missouri, worshiped with us on Sunday, November 16th. He was visiting Courtney Penick.

Megan Stevens attended services while she was visiting her cousin Jordan Bown.

Mike, Tracy, and Courtney Penick spent a weekend in the

Kansas City area helping Kyle and Stephanie Stephens move into a new home in Pleasant Hill, Missouri. They worshiped at the Smart Road congregation while they were there.

Dick and Phyllis Bown traveled to the Springfield and Kansas City areas over the Thanksgiving weekend. They spent time with their son Roger Bown and his family, and their daughter Cindy Stanley and her family.

<p>December Birthdays</p> <p>10 – Mary Proudfit </p> <p>12 – Teresa Bown</p>
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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

For information call—Bob Flack, (515)262-7329 or Lowell Hermon, (515)989-0727

Carroll Warren hasn't been feeling well.

Others who have been sick the past month are: Larry Brady, Jason Brady, the Brand family, Pam Climpson, Marty and Nathan Williamson, Alena Brady, Steve Thompson, and Paul Zinnel.

Ryane Brady had her wisdom teeth pulled.

Melba Tingle had a pacemaker put in. She is doing better now.

Tyler Curtis went to Kansas City to visit.

Ann Casey's daughter was back to visit her mother.

Our congratulations go to Ryan Ingle and Elijah. Ryan's adoption of Elijah became legal on November 15th. Ryan had a party for this happy occasion after services. Jamie Evans was visiting that weekend to help with the celebration.

Nels and Marje Turnquist were at Suzanne and Kendall Hicks' for their adoption of a little girl.

Bev Hayes has had bronchitis. She is feeling better now.

Dan and Amy Pritchard have placed their membership with us. We are very happy to have them.

Tom, Fred, Jason, Theresa, Alena, Ryane, Josh, Ashten, and Ava Brady were in Florida for Thanksgiving. Tom and Fred stayed for a few extra days.

Matt, Kelly, Blake, and Alexandria Harvey were in Iowa spending a few days with family. Suzanne Harvey was sick with the flu and didn't get to spend time with them.

Nels and Marje Turnquist were in the St. Louis area visiting with Marje's family.

Dave, Joyce, Rodney, Ryan, and Elijah Ingle were visiting with Roy and Ruth Whanger. Dave and Rodney came home early, and the others stayed longer.

December Birthdays

- 4 – Steve Brady
- 18 – Jason Brady
- 18 – Paul Zinnel
- 22 – Carroll McConnell
- 25 – Ashten Brady



December Anniversaries

- 29 – Todd & Christina Brady
- 30 – Nick & Susan Conner



Mildred Hermon is in Mercy Capitol.

Austin Martindale and Taylor Turner were visiting their grandparents, Dean and Bev Hayes.

Joel Morris and Aubry St. John were visiting with Joel's family.

Nora Lee Ingle went down to spend a few days with her daughter, Cindy Morris and family.

Iowa Teen Study (ITBS)

The December study will be
December 6th at 5:00 p.m.

at Marc & Ginger Hermon's house.

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

Doug Fiorentin spent a few days the latter part of October in Chicago attending job related training.

On November 9th, our visitors were James Finney, friend of Mariha Goode; and Jason Miller, friend of Staci Fiorentin. Lynnette Dowdy and Brittney Dowdy were in Kansas City for the weekend.

The congregation enjoyed a baby shower and fellowship for little Brighton Ingle, son of Derek and Amy Ingle, on Sunday, November 9th.

Cheyenne Goode spent November 14th and 15th in Davenport at the Iowa Thespian Festival with her Troupe.

We all thoroughly enjoyed surprising Cheyenne with a party on November 16th for her sweet sixteenth birthday.

Our visitors on the 16th were Jason Miller and Michelle Kirby.

Lynnette Dowdy will be working at Iowa Methodist Medical Center for the next eight weeks.

The weekend of November 23rd, Brittney Dowdy was in Indianapolis; and Doug, Lisa, Staci, and Nathan Fiorentin were in Carrollton, Missouri. Greg and Margaret Ingle were in Clear Lake.

James Dowdy was visiting on November 26.

Our visitors for November 29th were James Finney of Indianola; Dawn Dowdy, daughter of Lynnette Dowdy; Jason Miller of Carrollton; and Sam Peters, friend of Katrina Cummings.

Please keep Bob and Sharon Cummings and their family of Pennsylvania in your prayers as their house burned down on November 26th. Thankfully, no one was hurt. Bob is the father of Michael and Katrina Cummings, and Sarah Clark, and stepfather of Anna Weaver.

December Birthdays

27 – Melody Burkman

29 – Staci Fiorentin



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Know what to go for, and what to beware

Study the rules.

Nature has fixed us for definite laws.

Study the rules!

Every effect is the child of cause.

Study the rules.

Nature has penalties it will inflict,

When it comes to enforcing them nature is strict.

Her eyes are wide open. She never is tricked.

Study the rules.

Play to your best in the game as it's played.

Study the rules.

Know how a fair reputation is made.

Study the rules.

Sport has a standard, and life has a plan—

Don't go at them blindly; learn all that you can—

Know all that is asked and required of man.

Study the rules!

Edgar A. Guest

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