

# Lighthouse of Iowa

December 2010

*Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another...Colossians 3:13*



By temperament my husband is much like Winston Churchill: a brilliant wit, but stubbornly persistent, impatient—and grouchy in the morning. Churchill once confessed that he had to give up having breakfast with his wife because he was “just too out of sorts” early in the morning. Same here.

John takes the newspaper and his coffee to his special den upstairs, where he can rant and rave and *harrumph* at all the goings-on in the sports section without disturbing my own peace and morning tranquility.

Churchill was devoted to his beloved “Clemmie,” and John has never given me cause to doubt his love. Nevertheless, the Churchills had their quarrels, and we Anguses have ours. Not that it’s ever my fault, you understand. John says, “She’s too proud to say she’s sorry, and I never have reason to!” Ha.

Once at a dinner party, Churchill kept walking his fingers, knuckles bent, across the tablecloth toward Lady Churchill. Distracted and curious, her dinner partner asked what on earth Sir Winston was doing. She replied that they had had a quarrel before leaving the house, and he was acknowledging that it was all his fault. He was on “bended knees” to ask forgiveness.

A friend of mine has another solution to the apology problem. “When my husband told me, ‘The trouble with you is that you’re never willing to say I’m sorry,’ I fixed it. I wrote ‘I’m sorry’ umpteen times on a piece of paper, then cut it into strips. I put them in a tumbler on the dining room table and told him, ‘There, when you need one, take one!’”

I use “sorry slips” in a tumbler, and John uses Churchill’s “bended knee.” When he pulls out one of my slips, or when he creeps his knuckles at me, it works. Now if only we’d learn to do this early on, we’d avoid most quarrels in the first place!

*Enlarge my understanding and compassion, Lord. Help me to forbear and most important to forgive. – Fay Angus*

## *Things Not to Say to Your Spouse*

Steve Stephens

There is nothing more painful than having unhealthy communication with the one you love. It is through communication that we connect and our spirits touch. If that connection becomes contaminated, it is only a matter of time before the whole relationship is poisoned. In the process of communication, wisdom, is knowing what not to say rather what to say...

“I told you so.”

“You’re just like your mother.”

“You’re always in a bad mood.”

“You just don’t think.”

“It’s your fault.”

“What’s wrong with you?”

“All you ever do is complain.”

“I can’t do anything to please you.”

“You get what you deserve.”

“Why don’t you ever listen to me?”

“Can’t you be more responsible?”

“What were you thinking?”

“You’re impossible!”

“I don’t know why I put up with you.”

“I can talk to you until I’m blue in the face and it doesn’t do any good.”

“I can do whatever I like.”

“If you don’t like it, you can just leave.”

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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

Please Note: We will not be having Wednesday evening services during the months of December, January, February and March.

Norm and Mary Jo Riekens have a new great-granddaughter. Rylee Jo was born November 27<sup>th</sup> to Joe and Emily Arnone and joins big

sister Maiya. She weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce, and was a few weeks early but is doing well.

Clarence and Deloris Van Egdome had family visiting with them over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Carl and Evelyn Bennett had their family visiting them

for Thanksgiving. Their great-grandson, Elijah, attended services with them on Sunday.

## 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

There were many positive comments regarding Evangelist John Morris' weeklong sermons to our congregation and visitors in early November. We felt we had been blessed by his contributions.

Ron Van Egdome, who has undergone several rounds of chemo at Methodist hospital during the past weeks, is scheduled for a Pep-scan the first week of December. A previous CT-scan had been positive, indicating the cancer had shrunk. If the Pep-scan is positive, he will then go to Iowa City for a transplant. His wife, Jean, also suffers from frequent severe migraine headaches. Please keep your prayers going for them.

Don Warren suffered a mild stroke during the night of November 15<sup>th</sup> and was taken by ambulance to Veteran's Hospital. He was dismissed home at the end of the week

and is receiving therapy at home. His wife, Margaret, also has not felt well during the past few weeks. They welcome your prayers.

Others who have suffered from illness during November include Bill and Shirley McNeece, Ron Sharp, and Donna Meek, who is ill, but not requiring surgery. She is slowly improving. Ashley Fitzgerald is improving also after her surgery.

Visitors at Dean Avenue during November included Joe Bauman and Alissa Garbi. We were glad to see Alna Meacham who was able to attend church on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoying Thanksgiving in the home of David, Marla and Kara Fetters were Roberta Milinsky; Anita Patterson and fiancé, Jim Burr; Keith and Ercell Fetters, and Anita's daughter, Angie Dencklau and husband, Phil and children,

Dakota and Nicole. Alissa Garbi has also been visiting for most of the week and attended the dinner.

Peggy Warren and her daughter returned after a week spent in Arizona.

Missourians visiting in the home of Peter and Frances Hawthorne during Thanksgiving weekend included Jundee and Orabell Conway and their daughter, Vickie from Clarksville; Lucille Warren of Eolia; and Kerry and Darcey Warren and daughter, Lucy and son, Dean of St. Louis. Orabell and Lucille are younger sisters of Frances.

Joe Bauman, grandson of John and Donna McNeece, is in the United States. As of Thanksgiving Day he was back in San Diego, California. He had been in Afghanistan.

Peter and Frances

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## Dean Avenue

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Hawthorne will make their annual Christmas holiday trip to the Southwest where they

will visit their daughter and son-in-law and grandchildren, Daryl and Venita James and children Jahara and Akil in Litchfield Park, Arizona.

### December Birthdays

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 Bobbi Swisher are nicely settled in their Florida home. The sunshine and fishing are good, they report! Bobbi will be having a total hip replacement in January. They continue to be concerned about their daughter, Anne Ritson, at Burlington, Iowa who is coping with cancer.

Van, Barb, Luke and Logan Negley of Woodland Park, Colo-

rado accompanied his parents, Marvin and Jean Negley, to church on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Darlene Marsh continues to be challenged with her multiple health concerns. She was back in Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha for a week, and then returned to the nursing home in Clarinda. At this writing, she is now a patient at the Clarinda hospital.

Everyone was so blessed with good traveling weather in this area, to be with family and friends over the Thanksgiving weekend. We are truly blessed in so many ways!

### December Birthdays

3 – Darlene Marsh



## 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

Tracy Penick spent a week in Arizona on business. Her mom, Peg Warren, was able to accompany her.

Teresa, Kyle and Jordan Bown spent a weekend in the Kansas City area. Teresa attended the Ladies Day Meeting at the Gregory Congregation.

Cindy Stanley was diagnosed with colon cancer. She will begin treatments of radiation and chemo the first part of December and then she

will have surgery early next year. Please keep Cindy and her husband Dennis in your prayers along with their three sons, Joshua, David and Daniel. Phyllis Bown will be spending time with them as needed to help out.

Apache and Sarah Rodriguez surprised everyone when they were at morning services on November 14<sup>th</sup>. They had come up from Kansas City to get some things out of storage.

Keith, Leta and Gracie Fenton were in the area visiting with Allen and Teresa Bown and they worshiped with us November 14<sup>th</sup>. Ann Snyder, a friend of Jordan Bown, also attended services that morning.

Mike, Tracy and Courtney Penick attended a baby shower in the Kansas City area for Kyle and Stephanie Stephens, who are expecting their first child in February.

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## Martensdale

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Pam Deckler's grandchildren, Maddy and Luke attended services with her on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Marlene Bown (Alvin's wife) had hip replacement surgery Tuesday, November

23<sup>rd</sup>. The surgery went well and Marlene was able to come home Thursday evening.

Steve and Cerine Proudfit and their girls spent the Thanksgiving weekend with Duane and Mary Proudfit.

### *December Birthdays*

10 – Mary Proudfit

12 – Teresa Bown



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## Pleasant Hill

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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](http://pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org)

For information call—Bob Flack, (515)262-7329; Lowell Hermon, (515)989-0727; or Mike Warner, (515)967-4529.

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Tyler Schreck has placed his membership at Pleasant Hill. We are very happy to have Tyler with us.

Dessie Sorensen was at a rehabilitation center for a few weeks. She is now home and doing well.

Vernon McClurg is at Wesley Acres recovering from heel surgery.

Theresa Ingle had emergency surgery. She is home now but has to take it easy.

Several have been sick this past month. Included were: Ava Brady, Elijah Ingle, Lisa Williamson, Steve Thompson, Jason Brady, Dan Pritchard, Denise Drake, Carroll Warren, and Doug Bown.

Our visitors were: Norm and Mary Jo Riekens; Kevin Waits; Alex Needham, who was visiting with the Jason Brady family; and Mike and Tanner George, who were visiting family over the holiday weekend. Matt Thompson was home visiting family. He is in the Navy and was at sea for a

few months.

Dan and Amy Pritchard were in Oklahoma visiting. Dean and Bev Hayes spent a week in Branson. Mike and Shirley Warner also spent time in Branson and visited with Shirley's brother and family. Tom and Fred Brady are spending a couple of weeks in Florida. Jason and Theresa Brady and Ryane spent a week there. Melba Tingle will be spending three weeks with son Jim and family in Arizona. Nora Lee Ingle is visiting with daughter Cindy Morris and family in Missouri. Ryan and Jamie Ingle and Elijah spent the weekend in Missouri visiting with family.

Dave and Joyce Ingle, Rodney and Alena Ingle spent a few days with Roy and Ruth Whanger in Missouri.

The cooking class with Nora Lee Ingle will be December 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. You can learn how to make noodles and ice cream cake.

### *Iowa Traveling Bible Study (ITBS)*

**The January study will be  
January 8 at  
Pleasant Hill Church  
Hosted by Bob & Marge Flack**

*Please check with hosts  
to see if they would like you to  
bring any food.*

If you have any questions,  
call Rodney Ingle  
at 515-669-0365.

### *December Birthdays*

4 – Steve Brady

18 – Jason Brady

18 – Paul Zinnel

25 – Ashten Brady



### *December Anniversaries*

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

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

Lynnette Dowdy and Justin and Brittny Dowdy were in Indianapolis for a few days earlier in the month.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, Trent and Nathan spent a Sunday with Jason and Staci Miller in Carrollton, Missouri.

Several of our number spent a recent Saturday working on various jobs at the church building.

Drew Cummings was very sick for several weeks and underwent a tonsillectomy on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, which went very well.

Marvin Ingle had cataract surgery and expects to have a second one in mid-December.

Rachel Daugherty spent several days in the hospital

with pneumonia, but is now back at the Altoona Care Center.

Bob Guthrie has been able to return to work following his back surgery.

Twelve ladies from our congregation enjoyed a recent Saturday touring the Des Moines Botanical Center and having lunch there. We were happy to have Denise Drake from the Pleasant Hill Church join us too. Later in the afternoon, we surprised Morgan Cummings with a party for her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, which was held at the church building.

We sang with the residents at the Mitchellville Care Center on a Sunday afternoon, where our members, Clifford

Duckstein, Ellie Wiedemeier, and Erma Lee DeMoss reside.

Our visitors this past month included: Cameo McNeeley (friend of Rob Guthrie); Jason and Staci Miller; Kevin Waits and Denise Drake; Jason and Autumn Dowdy, Sterling and Hunter; James Dowdy and friend, Angel Walker and her son Joey; and Dawn Dowdy.

Derek and Amy Ingle are expecting a second child, due late next spring. Congratulations!

## December Birthdays

- 2 – Bonnie Harkins
- 3 – Kelsey Knight
- 27 – Melody Burkman



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- “Can’t you do anything right?”
- “That was stupid.”
- “All you ever do is think of yourself.”
- “If you really loved me, you’d do this.”
- “You’re such a baby.”
- “Turnabout’s fair play.”
- “You deserve a dose of your own medicine.”
- “What’s your problem?”
- “I can never understand you.”
- “Do you always have to be right?”

## Things to Say to Your Spouse

- “Good job.”
- “You are wonderful.”
- “That was really great.”
- “I can always count on you.”
- “You are so special.”
- “You make every day brighter.”
- “I missed you today.”
- “I will always love you.”
- “I appreciate all the things you’ve done for me all these years.”
- “I trust you.”
- “As always, you look good today.”
- “I’m sorry.”
- “I was wrong.”
- “What would you like?”
- “What is on your mind?”
- “Let me just listen.”
- “I love to see your eyes sparkle when you smile.”
- “I’m praying for you today.”
- “Pray for me.”
- “I’m glad I married you.”
- “You’re the best friend I have.”

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