

Lighthouse of Iowa

February 2008



What Will Matter

Ready or not, someday it will all
come to an end.

There will be no more sunrises,
no minutes, hours or days.

All the things you collected,
whether treasured or forgotten,
will pass to someone else.

Your wealth,
fame and temporal power
will shrivel to irrelevance.

It will not matter what you owned
or what you were owed.

Your grudges, resentments,
frustrations, and jealousies will
finally disappear.

So, too, your hopes, ambitions,
plans, and to-do lists will expire.

The wins and losses that once
seemed so important
will fade away.

It won't matter where you came
from, or on what side of the
tracks you lived, at the end.

It won't matter whether you were
beautiful or brilliant.

Even your gender and skin
color will be irrelevant.

So what will matter?

How will the value of your days
be measured?

What will matter is
not what you bought,
but what you built;
not what you got,
but what you gave.

What will matter is not your
success, but your significance.

What will matter is not what you
learned, but what you taught.

What will matter is every act of
integrity, compassion, courage
or sacrifice that enriched,
empowered or encouraged
others to emulate your example.

What will matter is not your
competence, but your character.

What will matter is not how many
people you knew,
but how many will feel a lasting
loss when you're gone.

What will matter is not your
memories, but the memories that
live in those who loved you.

What will matter is how long you
will be remembered,
by whom and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't
happen by accident.
It's not a matter of circumstance
but of choice.

Choose a life that matters.

Author: Michael Josephson

Chariton

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

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

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

Just a reminder that our congregation will not have Wednesday evening services during February and March.

Norm Riekens had some more heart tests done and they discovered another blockage. He was scheduled for an angiogram on January 30th to determine what they need to do next.

Evelyn Bennett completed allergy testing and will meet with her heart doctor in early February to determine what course of action to take concerning her artery blockage.

Several of our members have been ill this past month with the normal winter illnesses.

Brian and Tammy Schreck and family spent a weekend in the Kansas City area visiting family.

February Birthdays
25 – John Wayne Smead 

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

January was a sad month for us. On Friday, January 18th, John McNeece lost his brother, Robert, who lived in a Unionville, Missouri care center. Robert had been in ill health for quite some time. Our sympathy goes out to John and Donna and Bill and Shirley McNeece on their loss. Two days later, Mike Turner lost his father, Michael Sr., on Sunday, January 20th. Michael also had health problems. You may send cards of sympathy to Mike at his mother's home: Reuben Turner, 1436 32nd Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50311. Mike, our love, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Then on Wednesday, January 23rd, we received word that the Lord had called our sister, Grace Turner, to her eternal rest. Grace was 97 years old and had been living at Bishop Drumm Care Center for the last years of

her life. Her nephew, Paul Dean Funk of Orlando, Florida, survives her. Grace's funeral was Monday, January 28th. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of these families.

Alna Meacham is doing a little better. She has moved from the nursing home to Mary Alice and Bud Fillman's home and is happier. We still miss her very much. Grace Wilkins had her throat dilated Tuesday, January 22nd, and is doing much better. Greg Head had arthroscopic surgery on his knee Tuesday, January 22nd. Others sick last month were Don and Wanda Burkman, Bill McNeece and Grace Wilkins.

Anita Patterson, (sister of Marla Feters and Roberta Milinsky) and Valerie Burkman worshiped with us on Sunday, January 6th. On Sunday, January 13th, Michael Miller, a friend of Tyler Aswegan, was

our visitor. Becky Pritchard of Peoria, Illinois; Kenny Reed; Barbara Ruth with Ethan and Mia of Des Moines; and Joel, Katie, Solomon and Eric Melton of Wisconsin were our visitors on Sunday, January 20th. Jason Brady of the Pleasant Hill congregation and Valerie Burkman were our visitors on Sunday, January 27th. Jason was our guest speaker.

Earl and Mary Lou Allen spent a week in Florida this past month. Marla and Kara Feters worshiped at Tent Chapel, where they took Marla's father, Charles Cobb, to services.

On Sunday, January 20th, David, Marla and Kara Feters and Roberta Milinsky worshiped with the Pleasant Hill congregation, and David was the guest speaker.

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Dean Avenue

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On Tuesday evening January 22nd, several of us met to sing at the Pleasant Hill Nursing Home for Fern Hodges and Ruth Grant.

On February 2nd, the "Young" Adult Class will host the Sweetheart Dinner for the "Upstairs" Adult Class.

Joey Bauman, grandson of John and Donna McNeece, graduated from the Marines during the week of January 13th. Congrats, Joey!

Shawn Head is now study-

ing in England. If you'd like to write Shawn, his address is: Shawn Head, Flat 20, Room A, Beaumont Ct., Westfield Way, London, W 14 NX, England.

Not all of our news is bad for January! Alissa Fetters is engaged to Ian Garbi! An April wedding is planned. Ian is in the U.S. Marines and is currently serving in Iraq. They plan to be married when he returns to the U.S. Alissa is the daughter of David and Marla Fetters, and Ian is the son of Louis and Sally Garbi. Congratulations, Alissa and

Ian! If you would like to write Ian a letter of encouragement or support, his address is: LCPL Garbi, Ian A., 1/10 HQ Btry S-3, Unit 73320, FPO, AE 09509-3320.

February Birthdays

- 5 – Earl Allen
- 5 – Danielle Strable
- 8 – John McNeece
- 16 – Bill McNeece
- 25 – Frances Hawthorne



Fairview

Meeting time—Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Location—22nd & Orange St., Clarinda, Iowa

For information call—Richard Negley, (712)542-3728

Jack and Bobbie Swisher, residing at their winter home in Goodland, Florida, flew home to spend the holidays with families at Burlington, Iowa, as well as the Clarinda area. They were able to visit their daughter, Anne Ritson and family at Burlington. Anne's cancer has returned and she is having treatments. Each treatment is challenging her body in different ways and she is very weak. Please keep Anne and her family in your prayers.

Clint Driftmier was home from Germany for the holidays.

It was great to see him! Tammie Driftmier flew back to Germany with Clint. She saw him play professional basketball and they did some sightseeing. Tammie had a wonderful time with her son and they made great memories together!

Janet Negley has been coping with right shoulder pain. She is taking physical therapy. Hopefully this will help relieve the pain.

Jean Negley began a monthly Bible study at Eiler House, where Elsie

Negley resides. The first lesson was on "The Fruits of the Spirit" and eight ladies joined in the discussion. Jewell Warner furnished refreshments.

We are all coping with this cold winter, but the sunrises, sunsets, and winter moon have been beautiful. We have warm homes and warm clothing—we are truly blessed!

February Anniversaries

- 14 – Marvin & Jean Negley



HE WHO RUNS FROM GOD IN THE MORNING WILL SCARCELY FIND HIM THE REST OF THE DAY. --Bunyan

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

Fred and Marlene Bown attended services at the Excelsior Springs, Missouri congregation on Sunday, January 6th. Their granddaughter, Bethany Bown, was baptized that morning. Bethany is the daughter of Bryan and Jennifer Bown.

On Thursday, January 10th, Apache Rodriguez returned to Mexico to put some legal matters in order. He will be there for an undetermined amount of time. Please keep Apache and Sarah in your prayers as they go through this

difficult time. After seeing Apache off at the airport in Kansas City, Sarah and their children spent the weekend in Lee's Summit with Kyle and Stephanie Stephens.

Duane and Mary Proudfit spent a weekend in Pleasant Hill, Missouri, visiting with Steve and Cerine Proudfit and their girls.

Mike and Tracy Penick went on a cruise.

Dick and Phyllis Bown spent a weekend in Lone Jack, Missouri, visiting with Cindy and Dennis

Stanley and their boys.

Imogene Sparks has been hospitalized with several compression fractures to her spine. When she is released from the hospital, she is expected to enter the nursing home for a period of time. Please keep Imogene and her family in your prayers.

<i>February Birthdays</i>	
27 – Elena Rodriguez	
<i>February Anniversaries</i>	
9 – Allen & Teresa Bown	

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

THANK YOU!!

Our family of 45 wishes to express our deepest gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown to us when Dad died on December 19th. Those deeds were displayed in many ways: the visitation, the funeral, food, flowers, phone calls, cards and notes, memorial donations, hugs, letting us cry on your shoulders, and prayers. For all of this, we say THANK YOU! Your generosity at his death mirrored his willing generosity during his life.

The real dad we knew and loved actually “died” when the Picks Disease set in over eight years ago. It’s a horrible, ugly

brain disease. But we have many good memories of him during his good years. He had a good sense of humor up until his death. He instilled in us the importance of putting Christ first in our lives by being Christians everywhere at every time...and to do good unto others, especially those in the household of faith.

We ask that you **please continue to keep us in your prayers**, as we struggle with our grief. Dad’s Bible was worn out because he used it, and his 81-year-old body was also worn out. We will continue LIVING BY FAITH in Jesus above, trusting, confiding in His great love.

The Vern Ingle Family:

Nora Lee, Suzanne & Bruce, Ned & Connie, Dave & Joyce, Cindy & Mark, 13 grandchildren and their spouses, and 15 great-children.



Bev Brady has had acute bronchitis. She is feeling some better.

Jason and Ryane Brady, Kelly George, and Randy Ingle have all been sick.

Mike Brady has a bad cold and Dani Brand had the flu. Marion Parrish was dehydrated and spent an evening at the

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Pleasant Hill

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hospital. Marje Turnquist had knee surgery; she is doing well and is back to work. Mike Warner had sinus surgery on January 30th.

Tim Casey's father fell and he and Ann were there for a couple of days. He lives in the Sioux City area. Tim and Ann were also in Nebraska. Tim's brother-in-law (Jim Barde) had fallen; he passed away and funeral services were held the first part of January.

Dave and Joyce Ingle vacationed in the Southwestern states last month.

Nels and Marje Turnquist went to the St. Louis area to attend the funeral for Marje's brother, E.J. Schriber.

Nora Lee Ingle traveled to Missouri to attend two baby

showers for her grandson, Ben and Emily Morris. They are expecting their first child soon. Ben's family then traveled to Branson to see the new office where Ben will be working as director of the cancer unit.

Rodney Ingle and Miles Wood attended the Young Men's meeting in Kansas City.

Tim Brady will leave on January 28th for Arizona for a month. They will be building more fences. Josh Brady will also leave on January 31st for Arizona for two weeks.

Ryan Ingle was in Missouri visiting Jamie Evans.

Larry and Bev Brady went with Tim and Tammy Brady to watch Tyler Brady perform in "Cabaret."

Tricia Brady is on the

Dean's List at Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines.

Ralph and Laura Ford and their daughter and grandchild were here visiting relatives. Audrey, Tom and Fred Brady arrived safely in Texas.

Word was received that John Lee had fallen; he chipped a bone and dislocated his elbow.

We will be having a weekend meeting March 8 and 9 with Steve Wright.

February Birthdays

- 6 – Marc Hermon
- 12 – Jake Brand
- 21 – Josh Brady
- 21 – Cliff Van Vleet
- 23 – Marje Turnquist
- 24 – Sharon Stevens



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

Derek and Amy Ingle were in Chicago during the weekend of January 6th.

Dorothy Van Maanen's husband, Dale, is home and recuperating from his heart surgery. He will soon be having rehab sessions.

Joy Cummings' mother, Donna Russell and her granddaughter, Lauren Russell, of Brookfield, Missouri were here on Sunday, January 6th.

We were all treated to a delicious breakfast of scrambled

eggs, bacon, sausage, and cinnamon rolls by several families before services on Sunday morning, January 20th.

Noma Brunner has suffered a broken leg at the Mitchell Village Care Center.

Joseph Weaver, brother of Anna Weaver, has been deployed to Iraq for a year. Please pray for him and all who are serving our country.

Doug Fiorentin left for Shreveport, Louisiana, January 27th to spend a week taking

training classes for his job.

Tracy Patterson is scheduled for surgery on her knee February 1st.

Ruth Schell accompanied her brothers, Wayne, Loren, and Clarence Bartlett to Dixon, Missouri, on January 22nd, where they attended the funeral service of their 107-year-old uncle, Leonard Bartlett.

Lynnette Dowdy of Indianapolis, Indiana has been here to be with family when her

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Vandalia

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father, Marvin Ingle, had surgery on January 29th. The doctors relieved a pinched nerve caused by a bulging disc in his back. He was showing significant

improvement in strength in his right foot immediately after surgery.

Linda Christianson's husband, Gil, had hernia surgery and is recovering at home.

February Birthdays

- 2 – Walter Daugherty
- 5 – Max Flickinger
- 8 – Melda Ingle
- 9 – Bruce Fiorentin
- 16 – Derek Ingle
- 26 – Amy Ingle
- 27 – Bobbi Duckstein



From Enemies to Friends

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 5:44-45

The American Civil War was the greatest tragedy that the American people ever endured. It was a brutal struggle of brother against brother. In four years of combat, more than 620,000 soldiers lost their lives. The number of civilian casualties is unknown. More Americans lost their lives in the Civil War than in all of our nation's other wars combined.

Toward the end of the Civil War, when hatred between North and South had reached a demonic peak, Abraham Lincoln was asked to speak to a group of staunch Unionists, mothers and fathers who had lost their sons and husbands in battle. In his remarks Lincoln spoke compassionately of Southerners. He pitied their plight and their suffering, and plainly said so.

After his speech an elderly lady rebuked the President for speaking kindly of his enemies. Rather, she admonished, he should be concerned with wiping the Confederates off the face of the earth and bringing the war to an immediate conclusion. Lincoln gently replied to her, "Why, madam, do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?"

It was this tender spirit of Lincoln that kept the fabric of America from being totally destroyed. And though Lincoln himself died a violent death at the hands of an assassin, his example lived long after him, helping Americans to bind up their wounds and seek reconciliation.

Our world today still desperately needs men and women with the heart of Lincoln who will transform enemies into friends.

—Scott Walker

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