

# Lighthouse of Iowa

February 2010

*A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.*

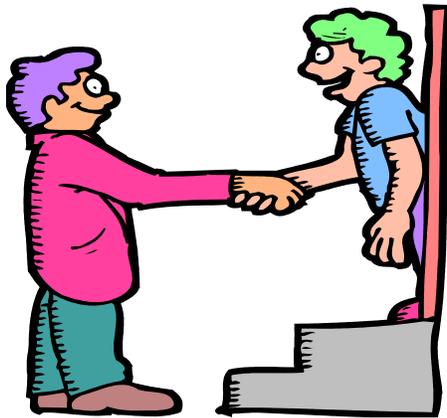
Proverbs 18:24

When I first moved to California, I had a very difficult time adjusting. I'd heard that people here were so friendly. So I looked forward to daily morning strolls and having strangers say, "Hello!" But nothing like that happened. No one ever greeted me and as I searched for friendly faces, I got more and more dejected.

When I complained about this to my new coworker Cal, his forehead wrinkled. "That's odd," he said. "I've gone jogging many times on that very same path and every single person I pass says 'Hello.'" Would you like me to show you?" I nodded, agreeing to meet him at seven the next morning.

The next day as I walked fast and Cal jogged, I was startled to hear an

enthusiastic "Hello!" as we passed the very first person on our route—but it had come from Cal! Right away the man returned a cheery "Hello!" Another person came along: "Hello!" Cal called "Hello!" the woman replied with a big smile. "Hey," I said to Cal. "That's cheating! *You* said hello first."

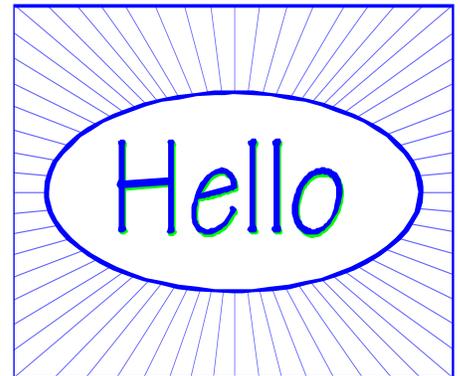


But then I laughed when I saw how I had been cheating—cheating myself! In the end, saying hello first could only make me the real winner. Not only the winner of good moods, a positive outlook and heightened confidence, but of cheerful people and potential friends.

Why not practice being a "winner" with every face you meet today?

*Dear God, help me to be the one to make the first friendly move.*

Linda Neukrug



*"Hello" only lasts for a minute.*

*It's a short, brisk, queer little word.*

*But, I say! There's a lot of cheer in it*

*It's like the first chirp of a bird*

*In spring, when the hilltops are greening,*

*Right after the cold and the snow.*

*I think when it comes to real meaning,*

*There isn't a word like "Hello!"*

*--Ralph Bricker*

# 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

Carl Bennett went to Iowa City on January 27<sup>th</sup> for some stomach problems he has been having. He will be going back

for some more tests but they think they will be able to help him.

## 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

Many of us were ill in January. Mary Lou Allen is better after the problems with her legs and rheumatoid arthritis. Both Earl Allen and Glenn Meacham were suffering with neck pain. Earl treated his with therapy and Glenn with medicine. Risa Schamel had a bout with an allergic reaction. Connor Wilkins took his turn with chicken pox and Debbie Wilkins had shingles. Jean Van Egdome was ill with the flu and lost several days of work. Bill and Shirley McNeece and their family all were ill with the flu and cold bug in mid-January.

Margaret Warren had an angiogram on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Everything went well and her heart is fine. They think that her problem is acid reflux that was causing her chest pain. She is on medicine for the reflux. She is restricted in her

activities for a few days but will soon be back with us.

Alissa Garbi was home for the funeral of her grandfather, Charles Cobb. Travis Head has been attending several of our Sunday morning services. Shawn Head was home for a visit and worshiped with us Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Iowa Traveling Bible Study worshiped with us on Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, and everyone enjoyed the fellowship. It was a good experience for us and hopefully for them too!

Nineteen of us went to sing for Grace Wilkins before evening services on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. It was good for all of us, and Grace too! Maxine Phipps is to have cataract surgery in February. Keep Grace and Maxine in your prayers.



*Thank you for the cards, flowers, food, and prayers during the passing of our father, Charles Cobb.*

*Your expressions of love were greatly appreciated.*

*Roberta Milinsky and Marla Fetters and family.*



*I would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers, etc. at the time of my sister's death.*

*Peg Warren*

## Friendship

The friend is the person whom one is in need of and by whom one is needed. —Arthur Christopher Benson

The soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. —I Samuel 18:1

## 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 or Marvin Negley, (712)542-2972

Jewell Warner was transferred from Clarinda Regional Health Center to Westridge Care and Rehab on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. She will be receiving physical therapy services.

January 4<sup>th</sup> was Faye Stephen's funeral service, held at Ritchie Funeral Home in Clarinda. Visitation for the family and friends was the evening of January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Richard Negley and Marvin Negley officiated at the service. Interment was at the Clarinda Cemetery, with a dinner served at the church following. Her family and our church family will miss her very much. She was a kind and gentle woman.

On the 10<sup>th</sup>, visitors were: John and Deb Negley, and daughter Madelyn of Riverside, Iowa. They were guests in the

home of Richard and Janet Negley for a Christmas get-together.

January 14<sup>th</sup>, Bobbi Swisher had a partial knee replacement, while residing at Goodland, Florida for the winter. The surgery was successful and we pray she will have a good recovery period.

Mary Lou Madden is coping with pain from a broken rib. Mary Lou also fell January 30<sup>th</sup>. There are no broken bones; however, this will be another incident to recover from. Pray for Mary Lou to regain her strength, as she had been doing so well.

Visitors January 14<sup>th</sup> were two grandchildren of Steve and Tammie Driftmier, as well as Shirley Warner of Altoona, Iowa, her daughter, Shannon

Schiebel on Newton, Iowa and her two-year old daughter, Marissa.

Marvin and Jean Negley will be married 50 years on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Their address is: 122 West Garfield, Clarinda, Iowa 51632.

Elsie Negley and Jewell Warner have been able to attend services the last two Sundays, in January. It is so good to see them again!

Please remember to keep our government leaders and our troops in your prayers, for their safety and for world peace.

## February Anniversaries



14 – Marvin & Jean Negley



## TOGETHER

*Cyman Abbott says: I pluck an acorn and hold it to my ear, and this is what it says to me: "By and by the birds will come and nest in me. By and by I will furnish shade for the cattle. By and by I will be shelter from the storm to those who have gone under roof. By and by I will be the strong ribs of a great vessel, and the tempest will beat against me in vain, while I carry men across the Atlantic."*

*"O foolish little acorn, wilt thou be all this?" I ask.  
And the acorn answers, "Yes, God and I."*

—from *Leaves of Gold*

## 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

Several of us rang in the New Year together at the home of Dave and Christy Henderson. Everyone enjoyed plenty of fellowship, food, and games.

We had several visitors the morning of January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kyle and Stephanie Stephens were visiting Mike, Tracy, and Courtney Penick; Steve and Cerine Proudfit and their girls were visiting with Steve's family; and Dennis and Cindy Stanley and their boys were in the area spending time with Dick and Phyllis Bown. All of our "younger" members

attended the teen study at Dean Avenue that morning.

Wade Stanley spent Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> with us. He spoke at our morning and afternoon services and spent some time between services with us sharing lunch and fellowshiping.

Marc, Ginger and Gabriel Hermon worshiped with us on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Marc gave a very edifying morning exhortation.

Cassidy Phillips represented Martensdale-St.

Marys High School at the Simpson College High School Honor Band on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Dick and Phyllis Bown spent a weekend in Lone Jack, Missouri, visiting their daughter, Cindy, and her family.

### February Birthdays

27 – Elena Rodriguez



### February Anniversaries

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

Matt and Kelly Harvey, Blake and Alexandria were visiting with family.

Jamie Evans Ingle has placed her membership with us. We welcome Jamie to our fold.

Larry Brady was in Mercy Hospital for a few days with a blood infection. He is now home and doing better.

Dessie Sorensen has not been feeling well.

Suzanne Harvey is still suffering with blood clots.

Ashten and Ava Brady have had strep throat.

Cheree Stump has been sick.

Pat Thompson was in Mercy Hospital for a few days. She was having complications from

diverticulitis. She is now home and doing better.

Bev Hayes had back surgery and is home. She is still in some pain.

Steve Thompson is having back problems.

Barb Fetters and son were visiting.

Nick and Erica Conner were visiting.

Bud and Mary Fillman left the early part of January for Texas. Tom and Fred Brady and Audrey Brady left the middle of January for Texas. All have arrived safely.

Mike and Shirley Warner have been at Clarinda different

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### Iowa Traveling

### Bible Study (ITBS)

The February study will be

**Feb. 6 at 11:30 a.m. at**

**Kelly & Allison George's**

**Mar. study: Nels & Marge Turnquist**

**Apr. study: Fred & Marlene Bown**

**May study: Troy & Danielle Brand**

Please check with hostess to see if she would like you to bring any food.

If you have any questions, call

Rodney Ingle

at 515-669-0365.

## Pleasant Hill

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times to be with his mother who is now in a nursing home.

Melba Tingle is back after visiting with her son Jim and family in Arizona.

Denise Drake, Max and Jack Flickinger have been visiting.

Kevin Waits and children have visited a few times.

Josh Brady has arrived back home safely after being over in Baghdad. It is very good to have him home and back visiting with family.

Joyce Ingle was visiting with her parents.

Nora Lee Ingle is visiting with daughter Cindy Morris and family for a few days.

### February Birthdays

6 – Marc Hermon

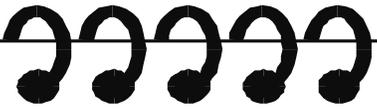
12 – Jake Brand

21 – Josh Brady

21 – Cliff Van Vleet

23 – Marje Turnquist

24 – Sharon Stevens

**Mark Your Calendar!**

We will be hosting a meeting with **Steve Wright**

**March 6 & 7**

**Sat. 7:00 p.m.**

**Sun. 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.**

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

We again enjoyed our annual New Year's Eve party with lots of fun, food, fellowship, and games.

Brittney Dowdy visited relatives in Missouri.

Among our visitors were Kevin Waits; Kelsey Knight, and her niece, Paige Trunnel; Tom Graham; Danny Cole; Jalen Krier; Staci and Jason Miller; and Amanda Larimer (a friend of Cheyenne Goode).

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, Trent and Nathan spent a weekend in Carrollton, Missouri.

Our congregation met with

the residents of Mitchell Village Care Center Sunday evening, January 31<sup>st</sup> for a singing session. Clifford Duckstein remains a resident there, as well as our other members, Noma Bruner and Ellie Wiedemeier.

Lynnette Dowdy was sick with mono for several weeks.

Miriam Ross fell on the ice at home. She was sore but not injured.

We have planned the weekday classes for the summer Two-Week Bible Study and are working on topics for Sunday and week-

night sermons. A website will soon be available with schedule and registration information.

### February Birthdays

2 – Walter Daugherty

5 – Max Flickinger

8 – Melda Ingle

9 – Bruce Fiorentin

16 – Derek Ingle

26 – Amy Ingle

27 – Bobbi Duckstein



### February Anniversaries

17 – Brett & Lori Cole



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