

# Lighthouse of Iowa

March 2009

*And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: The same came therefore to Phillip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. John 12:20-21.*

If you're under fifty, you'll probably not recall the poignant painting of "Nipper," the little white dog with black ears, sitting, head cocked, beside an old gramophone listening for "his master's voice."



I remembered the picture recently while waiting in the car at the market because rooted

outside the store was an intently waiting and listening Nipper-looking terrier. Hundreds of customers went in and out, but the dog ignored each, obviously looking for one particular person. When that person did appear, the dog's delight left no doubt about it. If dogs can laugh, this one did—his tongue lolling in his wide-open muzzle while he made pogo-like jumps. He happily trotted alongside his master, then leaped into the car beside him.

Recently I experienced some of the feelings that dog must have had while waiting at the airport in Syracuse, New York. When the expected plane finally arrived and its passengers began swarming up the jet way and into the lobby, I looked for one among the exciting hundreds: Lawrence, my husband, who'd been on an extended trip. Had anyone noticed either of us, our delight in seeing each

other would have been obvious.



The Scriptures talk about Zacchaeus, a much-shorter-than-average man who was eager to see Jesus. He climbed a tree to get a good view. There was a tremendous crowd, but Zacchaeus, too, was looking for one face only among the many hundreds: the Master's. When the men met, Zacchaeus "came down at once and welcomed him gladly." *And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. Luke 19:6.*

**How it must please You, heavenly Father, when Your children's attention is focused on You.**

Isabel Wolseley

# 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

Albert and Jeanette Schreck visited John and Teresa Groves and family in Brookfield and attended services while they were there.

Carl and Evelyn Bennett attended services at Pleasant Hill and then attended a birthday party for their granddaughter, Renee.

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

family and attended services at Murray Road.

Those who have been sick with various illnesses this past month are Barb Fetters, Norm Riekens, Jeanette Schreck and Brian Schreck.

## March Birthdays

- 5 – Ethan Schreck
- 9 – Barbara Fetters
- 23 – Evelyn Bennett
- 25 – Norm Riekens



## March Anniversaries

- 17 – Clarence & Deloris Van Egdome
- 19 – Albert & Jeanette 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

The children of the late Harold and Bea Warren family enjoyed several happy days together February 4<sup>th</sup> through February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Carson and Lois Warren from San Antonio, Texas; Carroll and Betty Warren from Carlisle, Iowa; Don and Margaret Warren from Altoona, Iowa; Doris and Co Turner from Memphis, Tennessee; Vernon and Marilyn McClurg from West Des Moines; and Neal and Peg Warren from Des Moines were all together every day and enjoyed lots of good food and talking about when they were younger. Don says, “We feel very blessed that we all still have our mates. Our ages range from age 72-90. The Lord has blessed us all so much.”

Peg Warren will travel the week of February 23<sup>rd</sup> to San

Antonio, Texas to meet with her two sisters; one from Phoenix, Arizona, and one from San Diego, California for some “sister-time” together.

Grace Wilkins has been suffering with an extremely swollen leg and a sore on top of her foot. Shawn Head was in the hospital January 31<sup>st</sup>, when his disease acted up while he was home. Margaret Warren had a round of flu. Alna Meacham woke up February 6<sup>th</sup> with chest pain. She was taken to the hospital where they kept her overnight for observation, and then she returned to the Courtyard Estates. She is doing okay now. Karma Sharp slipped on ice at the top of her deck and fell down all the steps. Fortunately nothing was broken, but she was awfully bruised up. David

Fetters had the flu. Linda and Greg Head have also been ill. Travis Head has had joint pain.

Worshiping with us on February 1<sup>st</sup> were Maddie and Kirsten Done, granddaughters of Bill and Shirley McNeece; Stephanie Riding, friend of Travis Head; and Dan Zalenski, Shawn Head’s friend from Michigan. Our visitors on February 8<sup>th</sup> were Charles Ross of Excelsior Springs, Missouri congregation; and Connor, Alexis, Aiden and Colton, grandchildren of Bill and Shirley McNeece. Worshiping with us on February 22<sup>nd</sup> were Mike and Tracy Penick of the Martensdale congregation and Courtney Penick and her friend, Drew Tegtmeyer of the Smart Road congregation. Mike was our guest speaker.

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# Dean Avenue

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Skip and Risa Schamel traveled to Florida to see her son and then they went on a Caribbean cruise. Roberta Milinsky was in Fort Dodge visiting her sister and father, Anita Patterson and Charles Cobb on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Gary Coe had gall bladder surgery that ended up being more complicated for him, and it is taking him longer to recuperate. He will be off from work for a couple of months. Kenneth Thompson, father of Jean Van Egdome, broke his ankle on January 28<sup>th</sup>. He was trying to change a tire and his foot slipped on the ice and his ankle turned 180 degrees. He had surgery and now has two pins and a steel plate in his ankle. He will be laid up for a while. Dwight Fetters had surgery to repair his collapsed

lung on February 19<sup>th</sup> at Mercy Hospital. Unfortunately, he is not recovering very well. Please keep Gary, Kenneth, Dwight and Karla in your prayers.

We are happy to announce that little Easton Van Egdome, grandson of Ron and Jean Van Egdome, was able to come home from the hospital on February 4<sup>th</sup>. This is exactly a month from the day he was born. We have since learned that the cardiologist has found that Easton's mitral valve in his heart is not functioning properly, so the doctor is planning on moving Easton's surgery up to sometime in March. This is when they will repair the hole in his heart. This will not fix his valve. They cannot fix that yet because he is too young, but the surgery will help. They really won't know for sure until they get into his

heart and look. The family would appreciate it if you would continue to keep him in your prayers a little longer. We know that the reason he is such a fighter and doing so well is because God is watching over him and you are asking Him to care for Easton. Thank you for that!

## March Birthdays

- 11 – Donna Meek
- 14 – Peter Hawthorne
- 16 – Neal Warren
- 17 – Lillian Bartlett
- 26 – Don Warren
- 29 – Greg Head
- 30 – Roberta Milinsky



## March Anniversaries

- 11 – Larry & Janice Sellers



# 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

Jon Schmidt and son Micah of Sioux Center, Iowa visited church services January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Faye Stephens is gaining strength each week. We will be glad when she is able to join us again for church services.

Visitors February 9<sup>th</sup> were Zach Wheeler and Jenna Bown of the Martensdale congregation, as well as Paul and Dasha Negley of Urbandale, Iowa.

John Lee of Greenwood,

Missouri spent February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> with us. Topics he spoke on were: Benevolence, Humility, and the Biblical Character of Ruth. A potluck dinner was enjoyed on Sunday noon, and Jon Schmidt and son Micah of Sioux Center, Iowa joined the congregation for dinner.

On February 15<sup>th</sup>, John, Deb, and Madeline Negley of Riverside, Iowa accompanied his parents, Richard and Janet

Negley to church services.

Paul and Dasha Negley of Urbandale, Iowa were our visitors February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Richard Negley had cataract surgery February 20<sup>th</sup>.

## March Birthdays

- 7 – Jean Negley
- 8 – Molly Gilmore
- 18 – Jacob Rine



# 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

Courtney Penick attended services at Smart Road while she was in Missouri visiting Drew Tegtmeyer.

Mike and Tracy Penick visited their daughter, Stephanie Stevens, and her husband Kyle in Pleasant Hill, Missouri.

Zach Wheeler and Jenna Bown attended services with the Fairview congregation on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Ron and Jean Van Egdome worshipped with us on February

15<sup>th</sup> and Ron gave our exhortation that morning. It was also good to have them join us for our potluck and afternoon service. Drew Tegtmeyer also worshipped with us that day.

Dick and Phyllis Bown went to Lone Jack, Missouri to spend some time with their daughter, Cindy Stanley, her husband Dennis and their boys.

Tracy Penick invited all the ladies from our congregation to her home for a luncheon on February 21<sup>st</sup>. They all brought

cookies, which they wrapped and sent to Afghanistan, where Will Thayer, a friend of the Penick's is serving.

Mike, Tracy and Courtney Penick attended services at Dean Avenue where Mike was their guest speaker.

## March Birthdays

7 – Courtney Penick



## March Anniversaries

27 – Dick & Phyllis 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

We had several visitors this past month. They were: Carl and Evelyn Bennett; Jamie Evans; Linda King and friend; Cheyenne Goode; Marcia Van Egdome and grandchildren; Rex Phillips and daughters, Cassidy and Bethany; Kim Martindale and granddaughters; Carson and Lois Warren of San Antonio, Texas, who were here visiting family and celebrating Carson's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Marian Parrish was back visiting family. Lou and Connie Meinke of Unionville, Missouri were here and Marian returned home with them to spend some time.

Ryan and Elijah Ingle were visiting in Kansas City.

Bud and Mary Alice Fillman left February 4<sup>th</sup> for Texas where they will spend five weeks. Betty Curtis went to Seattle, Washington to visit friends. Dave and Joyce Ingle attended funeral services in Carrollton, Missouri for Thelma Bolinger.

Among those on the sick list were: Alena Brady, Lily Albright, Bev Brady, Ann Casey, Jaden Brand, Marilyn McClurg, and Ginger, Marc, Maddy and Shea Hermon. Suzanne Harvey's surgery was successful. We pray she will continue to have more successes. Valerie Burkman had some tests in Iowa City

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## March Birthdays

3 – Jennifer Albright

4 – Tim Brady

5 – Erica Price

7 – Carlene Felice

10 – Susan Conner

19 – Mike Brady

20 – Bud Fillman

23 – Lowell Hermon

24 – Megan Stevens

25 – Karole Turner

27 – Jami Harvey

29 – Junior Barlow

30 – Teresa Brady

31 – Allison George



## March Anniversaries

11 – Bruce & Suzanne Harvey





## Pleasant Hill

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to determine the cause for her pain. Keith Price has been having trouble with kidney stones. Vernon McClurg was in the hospital for a few days as was JoAnn Rush, (mother of Marty Williamson). Both are now home and doing better. Cindy Brady spent a couple days in the hospital for her headache problems.

Ruth Grant's sister passed away in early February.

Nora Lee Ingle will be moving on February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. She will be living in Dave and Joyce's basement apartment. Her address is: 10760 NE 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Mitchellville, IA 50169. Her new phone number is 515-967-3710.

Lowell and Niki Hermon's heifer, "Ultimate Love" was the

champion Limousine heifer at the Iowa Beef Expo. Congratulations!!

### Iowa Teen Study (ITBS)

**The March study will be Mar. 8 at 2:00 p.m. at Chariton Church of Christ, hosted by Brian and Tammy Schreck.**

**April study:** Apr. 4 at Christy Phillips'

**May study:** May 2 at Vandalia, hosted by the Cummings

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 131<sup>st</sup> St.  
For information call—Greg Ingle, (515)994-2824 or Charles Ingle, (515)966-2537

Miriam Ross had knee replacement surgery February 24<sup>th</sup>. She is coming along well. When she returns home, Lynnette Dowdy will live with her for a few weeks to help with her recovery.

We express our sympathy to Mary Kohlhof in the death of her husband, Mike, who passed away January 29<sup>th</sup>. He had been having heart trouble for some time.

Margaret Ingle's mother, Thelma Bolinger, passed away on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Thelma had been hospitalized in Kansas City following a heart attack. She was the grandmother of Melody Burkman, Derek Ingle, and Devon Ingle. The funeral was Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> in Carrollton, Missouri. In addition to the family, many of us traveled to Carrollton to attend the funeral. We express our sympathy to the family.

Paul Weir still needs our prayers as he is suffering from pancreatic cancer. We gathered at his apartment on Wednesday evening, February 25<sup>th</sup> to sing with him.

Tina Hinckley is spending several weeks in Arizona visiting her brother and family.

Greg and Margaret Ingle, Derek and Amy Ingle and Brighton spent a weekend in Chicago recently.

Linda Christianson suffered a series of strokes and was in the hospital and later in Younkers Rehab. She is doing much better, and we are happy to report that she has returned home to recuperate and continue therapy.

Erin Ingle was in Las Vegas for a visit with her mother as she recovers from surgery.

Joy Cummings and children, Morgan, Drew, and

Casady visited D.D. and Donna Russell in Brookfield, Missouri the weekend of February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Charles and Angie Ingle spent a weekend in St. Louis while Charles attended a job seminar. They worshiped with the Prince Road congregation in Alton, Illinois on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### March Birthdays

- 4 – Devon Ingle
- 14 – Mary Kohlhof
- 15 – Marvin Ingle
- 19 – Mariha Goode
- 20 – Tracy Patterson
- 21 – Nick Guthrie
- 22 – Mason Burkman
- 29 – Linda Christianson
- 29 – Michael Cummings
- 30 – Katrina Cummings



### March Anniversaries

- 4 – Jerad & Amy Penick



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