

Lighthouse of Iowa

April 2008

Eating apple pie on the job

That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.---Hebrews 6:12

The big apple tree in our front yard looked taller than ever as Leo and I began picking its fruit. Was it because I hadn't climbed many trees lately that my courage began to wane as I viewed the apples at the very top? Or was it because I didn't want to fall and create a spectacle for the crew of city workers who were installing new water lines right in front of our house? It was clear that the job would take several days.

Much to my surprise, the minute they saw us picking apples, two of the young city workers sauntered into our yard and began helping.

"Are you sure this won't jeopardize your jobs?" I asked one of them.

"No, we're used to going out on a limb for people," he joked, as he reached up for apples growing on the very top branches. As the baskets began to fill, I had an idea.

"How many men are in your crew?" I asked.

"Let's see...." He began counting on his fingers. "Nine, ten, eleven. Eleven altogether."

"Good! As a thank-you, I'm going to bake apple pie for everybody. Be in our carport on Monday morning around ten for pie and coffee."

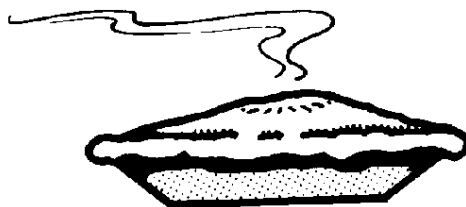
I could tell he didn't believe me, so Monday morning when the pies were baked and the coffee percolating, Leo went out to remind the crew of our promise. Before long the roar of heavy equipment grew silent and a line of men in hard hats and orange coveralls walked up our driveway. As they settled into lawn chairs with their coffee and pie, I counted them....eight, nine, ten.

"Isn't there one more?" I asked.

"Yeah, but he wouldn't come. Didn't believe us, I guess. Man, but he doesn't know what he's missing!"

Lord, how many blessings am I missing because I don't trust Your promises? Give me faith to believe that what You say is what You'll do. Amen.

ALMA BARKMAN



THE APPLE TREE

When an apple tree is ready for the world to come and eat, There isn't any structure in the land that's "got it beat."

There's nothing man has builded with the beauty or the charm

That can touch the simple grandeur of the monarch of the farm.

There's never any picture from a human being's brush

That has caught the redness of the apple's blush.

When an apple tree's in blossom it is glorious to see,

But that's just a hint, at springtime, of the better things to be;

That is just a fairy promise from the Great Magician's wand

Of the wonders and the splendors that are waiting just beyond

The distant edge of summer; just a forecast of the treat

When the apple tree is ready for the world to come and eat.

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Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m.

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

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

We are resuming our Wednesday evening services starting in April.

Evelyn Bennett has not been feeling well and is waiting for an appointment to see her cardiologist.

Carl and Evelyn Bennett spent a few days visiting fam-

ily. They attended services in Kirksville, Missouri on March 16th; then went to Mexico, Missouri to visit their son; and then on to Nixa, Missouri to visit Evelyn's brother.

Keith Van Egdome and family spent a few days with his parents, Clarence and Deloris,

during spring break.

Teresa, Jared, and Vanessa Groves spent a weekend with Albert and Jeanette Schreck.

April Birthdays

5 – Chantelle Schreck

27 – Trista Nunnikhoven



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

Our thanks go out to everyone who supported our Spring Meeting on March 22nd and 23rd. We pray that you were as richly blessed as we were by your presence. We certainly were encouraged by the lessons and fellowship. Thank you to our area congregations for helping us with the housing.

We note the passing of our brother, Eldon D. Fetters, on Friday, March 7th after suffering a heart attack on Thursday. He was 91 years old. Our sympathies go to Marlene Bown and Marcia Van Egdome and their families and Eldon's brother, Keith Fetters and his sister, Carol Lake.

 Thank you to everyone who attended my bridal shower at Dean Avenue! Ian and I appreciate the cards, gifts, and prayers for our wedding!
Alissa Fetters

Many were sick in March with various colds, flu, and other ills. They were Bill McNeece; Valerie and Spencer Burkman; Glenn and Alna Meacham; Dillon, Brett, and Emily Dobberke; Jan Sellers; Risa and Skip Schamel; Wanda Burkman; Fern Hodges; Ron Sharp; Marla Fetters; and Donna Meek.

Tammy Fitzgerald fell on the ice and tore ligaments in her knee.

Peg Warren had the procedure to deaden the nerve in her face that is causing her so much pain. At first the procedure seemed to be a success, but she has since had to go back on her steroid medicine. Please pray for Peg!

Donna McNeece is on medication and traction to help with her neck, shoulder, and back pain.

Mike Turner has had tests to check for sickle cell anemia. Results are not back yet.

Cathy James will have a cast on her ankle for three months.

Ashley Fitzgerald had her wisdom teeth pulled.

Maxine Phipps has been diagnosed with fibromyalgia. Please pray for her!

Alna Meacham was in Mercy Hospital for headaches, stomach problems, and dehydration, but she is better and is home now. Please continue to pray for Alna.

Rex Fitzgerald III fell while on his bike and broke his wrist.

Alissa Fetters; Anita Patterson (sister to Roberta Milinsky and Marla Fetters); and Fred and Marlene Bown with Zach and Jenna from the Martensdale congregation were our visitors on March 2nd. Fred was our guest speaker. Courtney Penick and a friend were our visitors on Wednesday evening, March 5th. Worshiping with us on March 9th were Mike

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Dean Avenue

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and Michelle Kirby of New Castle, Indiana and Kenny Reed and family from the neighborhood. Chris Blitz from the neighborhood was our visitor on Sunday, March 16th. Michelle Kirby worshiped with us again on March 26th. Also visiting us on that day were the grandchildren of Karla Fetters (Clark Welcher's great-grandchildren); grandchildren of John and Donna McNeece; and a granddaughter of Don and Margaret Warren.

David Fetters traveled to St. Louis, Missouri to watch the men's Drake basketball team win the Missouri Valley Tournament the weekend of March 9th. Then the weekend of March 16th, David, Marla, and Kara Fetters traveled to Prince

Road, Illinois for a bridal shower for Alissa Fetters. Jan Sellers traveled this month. Ron and Karma Sharp went on a Caribbean cruise. Roberta Milinsky worshiped at Tent Chapel with her father, Charles Cobb on Sunday, March 30th.

Don and Margaret Warren have a new great-grandson, Joseph Calvin Warren. He was born on Thursday, February 28th and was 8 pounds 1 ounce and 20½ inches long. Grandparents are Mike and Angelina Warren and proud parents are Adam and Stephanie Warren. Congrats everyone!

Karla Fetters' granddaughter, Katie Betsworth, traveled to Louisiana to do volunteer work.

April Birthdays

- 2 – Karla Fetters
- 4 – Tyler Aswegan
- 6 – Shawn Head
- 7 – Mike Turner
- 9 – Donna McNeece
- 10 – Wanda Burkman
- 11 – David Fetters
- 11 – Clark Welcher
- 13 – Carter Prenosil
- 19 – Peg Warren



April Anniversaries

- 27 – Bill & Shirley
McNeece



Fairview

Meeting time—Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Shirley Warner of the Pleasant Hill congregation accompanied her mother-in-law, Jewell Warner to services on March 2nd. Shirley also visited on March 30th.

Jon, Amy, and Micah Schmidt of Sioux Center, Iowa joined Amy's parents, Steve and Tammie Driftmier for services on March 2nd and March 9th. They were assisting Steve with the calving season.

Mary Rine had outpatient surgery for a lumpectomy on March 17th. Then on March

28th, she had another procedure done. We are hoping this will alleviate her health problems.

On March 23rd, Meagan Steeve of Des Moines accompanied her grandfather, Neil McCoy to services. Zoey Gilmore was visiting her grandparents, Steve and Tammie Driftmier. Paul and Dasha Negley were our visitors also.

Jackie and Bobbie Swisher returned home from their winter home in Goodland, Florida, March 27th. We are thankful they had a safe trip home.

Renda Thompson of Hopkins, Missouri was our visitor on March 30th.

We are all eager for spring, and the sights and sounds of this new season are so wonderful. Now...let us not complain about the weather!

April Anniversaries

- 2 – Jim & Mary Rine
- 19 – Richard & Janet Negley
- 25 – Jack & Bobbie Swisher



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

Eldon Fetters, father of Marlene Bown and Marcia Van Egdorn, passed away on March 7th. Eldon was a member of the Dean Avenue congregation. Our condolences go out to the family.

Al and Marlene Bown are in the area for an extended time and have worshiped with us while here.

Aaron, Sarah, David, Clara, and Emily Duckstein attended our Wednesday evening service on February 27th. After services we had cake and ice cream to help Elena Rodriguez celebrate her fifth birthday.

Fred, Marlene, and Jenna Bown attended services at Dean Avenue on March 2nd. Fred was their guest speaker that morning.

Steve and Cerine Proudfit and their girls from Pleasant Hill, Missouri, worshiped with us while they were in the area visiting Duane and Mary Proudfit and other extended family.

Sarah Rodriguez and her children have moved to Alaska to be near family while she awaits the return of her husband, Apache, from Mexico. It is still undetermined how

long Apache will have to stay in Mexico. Please pray for his return and for this family while they are separated.

Duane and Mary Proudfit took a trip to Eminence, Missouri, where they spent time with some other Christian couples.

April Birthdays

5 – Melody Rodriguez 

7 – Bethany Phillips

April Anniversaries

14 – Duane & Mary Proudfit 

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

Our visitors during the past month included: Michelle Kirby from Indiana; Shannon and Marisa Scheibel visited with Mike and Shirley Warner;

Steve Wood was visiting with Miles Wood and the Zinnel family; James Baker; Gladys Nagely, JoAnn Wilson, and Austin Martindale were visitors

Mike, Tracy, and Courtney Penick.

Tom Dennis was our guest speaker on Sunday evening, March 23rd.

Betty Warren had surgery for a herniated disc; she was doing well, but fell and had surgery again. She is doing better. She is at Mercy Capitol and hopes to come home soon.

Cheree Stump pulled a muscle in her leg, but is doing well. Ruth Grant had the flu and now has pneumonia. Jason and Theresa Brady had the flu. Tom Brady, Allison George,

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Iowa Teen Study (ITBS)

The Pleasant Hill congregation has been holding a Teen Study for the past several months. Any teenager is welcome to attend. We have a Bible study, enjoy a meal together, and play games. Meetings are usually the first Saturday of each month. If you have any questions, call Rodney Ingle at 515-669-0365.

The May study will be May 3 at 5:00 pm at Margaret Franklin's house.

of Dean and Beverly Hayes; Jamie Evans was visiting with the Ingle family; Christy Phillips and Dave Henderson; Dick Bown; Brian, Tammy, Ashley, Chantelle, and Ethan Schreck; Tom and Ann Dennis; and

Pleasant Hill

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Pam Climpson, Bud Fillman, Audrey Brady, Dessie Sorensen, and Jennifer Albright have all been sick. Troy Brand had an accident on the icy road; there were no serious injuries. Shirley Warner's nephew, Brandon, has had a re-occurrence of cancer; he will be undergoing another surgery. Bruce Harvey has been experiencing problems with kidney stones. Please keep our elderly and others with serious illnesses in your prayers.

Bud and Mary Fillman arrived home safely from Texas. Larry and Beverly Brady spent a few days in Branson with friends.

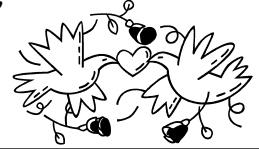
Mike and Shirley Warner visited with her mother. Shirley also spent another weekend with her mother. Randy, Teresa, and Brandon Ingle and Cheree Stump vacationed in Florida during spring break. Tim and Ann Casey spent a few days with Tim's family.

April Birthdays

2 – Brandon Ingle	17 – Melba Tingle
2 – Robert White	18 – Carroll Warren
6 – Rena Christian	18 – Pam Climpson
7 – Mary Alice Fillman	20 – Cheree Stump
7 – Rosanne Van Vleet	21 – Lilly Albright
8 – Betty George	26 – Betty Warren
10 – Ryane Brady	26 – Margaret Franklin
11 – Bruce Harvey	30 – Brady George

April Anniversaries

5 – Randy & Teresa Ingle
14 – Dean & Beverly Hayes



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

On March 2nd, Lynnette Dowdy moved here from Indianapolis, where she was a member of the Chapel Glen congregation. We are happy to have her as a member of our congregation! She resides at 313 2nd St. NW, Apt. #4, Mitchellville, Iowa 50319. Her phone number is 515-967-9067.

Gil and Linda Christianson went to Houston, Texas for the wedding of their son, Joe, to Ainsley Vail on March 8th. Linda stayed an extra week while the newlyweds were on their honeymoon.

Anna Weaver spent her

spring break in Arizona the week of March 16th.

Katy Hayden of Indianola was a visitor March 16th. She is a friend of Cheyenne Goode. Michelle Kirby of Indianapolis, Indiana worshiped with us on March 16th. Donna Russell and her granddaughter, Shaina, were visitors on March 9th; Donna is Joy Cummings' mother.

Carla Cisneros and daughter, Pilar of Glenview, Illinois, and Gail Ann Lane of Des Moines were our visitors March 23rd. They are the daughters and granddaughter of Bob

Connett.

Greg and Margaret Ingle spent the weekend of March 23rd in Carrollton, Missouri with Margaret's mother and father-in-law, Thelma and Melvin Bolinger. Melvin has had a re-occurrence of a rare type of skin cancer on his arm, and he is taking radiation treatments for the next few weeks.

Katrina Cummings was in Florida during the week of the 23rd during spring break. She performed with the Prairie City-Monroe High School marching

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band at Disney World. Katrina was also selected to perform at the All-State speech competition, the highest honor a student can achieve in the Iowa High School Speech Association. She received a medal for her performance at UNI in Cedar Rapids on March 31st. We congratulate her!

Brittney Dowdy spent some time in Indiana visiting family. Justin and Brittney Dowdy were in Chicago visiting friends the weekend of March 16th.

Richard and Jeannie Owens of Indianapolis spent a few days here visiting in the Marvin Ingle home.

Devon Ingle is working full-time at Infomax doing shipping and receiving.

Richard and Mary Ellen Goode were in Branson, Missouri the weekend of March 16th.

We are happy to have Miriam Ross back in our midst after spending the winter in California with her daughter, Deidra Sanchez.

Joy Cummings' cousin, Brad Russell, will be stationed in Kosovo and Germany with the U.S. military for a year. She asks us to pray for him and his family.

April Birthdays

6—Margaret Ingle

24—Amy Penick



April Anniversaries

15—Devon & Erin Ingle

18—Gilbert & Linda Christianson



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Architects of splendid vision
long have labored on the earth,
And have raised their dreams
in marble and we've marveled
at their worth;

Long the spires of costly
churches have looked upward
to the sky;

Rich in promise and in the
beauty, they have cheered the
passer-by.

But I'm sure there's nothing
finer for the eye of man to
meet

Than an apple tree that's ready
for the world to come and eat.

There's the promise of the
apples, red and gleaming in the
sun,

Like the medals worn by
mortals as rewards for labors
done;

And the big arms stretched
wide open, with a welcome
warm and true

In a way that sets you thinking
it's intended just for you.

There is nothing with a beauty
so entrancing, so complete,

As an apple tree that's ready
for the world to come and eat.

EDGAR A. GUEST



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