

Lighthouse of Iowa

May 2010

I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.---Psalm 35:14



I was nine, and had more baseball cards than Coopers-town. I wanted to organize them (I know—it's hard to believe I ever wanted to organize anything), and I asked my mom for help.

I realize now what I was asking then. I was asking a woman who woke up at 5:00 a.m., made our lunches, sent us out the door, took two buses to work (as a teacher in the Pittsburgh public schools), came home, took my sister to night classes, came home for a second time, corrected papers, put us to bed and went to sleep herself around midnight. I was asking this woman, who didn't know Richie Allen from Charlie Rich, to sort through a couple of hundred baseball cards.

And she did. Of course she did. She could be nothing but kind; it was as immutable as her eye color. It was her nature—five-foot-two, Irish American, and kind.

My mother taught us the value of kindness, no matter how small the act. And when she died, when my family foundered in grief, we found something else. We found other people who must have had the same kind of parents, people who performed those small acts of kindness when we needed them most, who reminded us of all the friends we have, the continuity of life, the Light Perpetual upon my mother's face, now and forever.

I still think about my mom. I miss the way she would laugh (quietly, behind her hand, but often); I remember her voice on the phone (always asking about us, never talking about herself); I remember that she could make sense of baseball cards and wayward socks and student papers and lives.

I remember it all. But I have no regrets. How blessed we were to have her.



Dear God, thank You for my mother. Hold her always in Your Loving Hands. --MARK COLLINS

Two-Week Meeting information

Editor's Note:

Since this will be the 50th year of the annual Two-Week Meeting, hosted by Vandalia and the other Iowa congregations, I will undertake a project of putting together a history of the meeting, including any stories, memories, and pictures you may have that you would be willing to share, etc. Many of you have been privileged to attend in years past, and I would be interested in hearing from you (see my contact info. on the bottom of back page). I have received a little history of the very beginning of these annual summer studies, as to where they first began, etc. from Tom Dennis, which is very helpful, so please feel free to contribute to this project. Time will be upon us soon, so let's get busy!! Thank you in advance.

Blessings, Ruth Schell

Two-week Meeting Schedule and Registration

For details about the Two-Week Meeting, go to vandaliacoc.com. See the back of this bulletin for the class/sermon schedule and info. about how to register.

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

Barb Fetters was in a car accident and injured her shoulder and is bruised up. She was in the hospital for a couple of days. She is recuperating at home but is still very sore. Carl

and Evelyn Bennett's granddaughter, Major Annette Harvey, has been deployed to Iraq. Her husband and daughter are staying in Des Moines while she is over there.

May Anniversaries

30 – John & Carol 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

We want to thank everyone who supported our annual Spring Meeting. It is our prayer that you left feeling edified and we appreciated your fellowship.

Karla Fetters retired on March 31st from her employment with the State of Iowa. Now she can spend time traveling with her husband, Dwight, and playing with her grandchildren! Congrats, Karla!

Yvonne Coe traveled to Florida to visit with family in early March. She had a wonderful time and arrived home safely. Ron and Karma Sharp vacationed in Arizona and worshiped at the Phoenix congregation. Roberta Milinsky, David, Marla, and Kara Fetters were all at Tent Chapel on Sunday, March 21st for a family get-together with Roberta and Marla's brother, who was visiting in the area. David, Marla, and Kara Fetters traveled to Kansas City, Missouri, on the weekend of April 11th to see Ian and Alissa

Garbi before they leave for Hawaii. Ian has been stationed in Hawaii. Neal and Peg Warren traveled to Lee's Summit, Missouri and worshiped at Smart Road with Mike and Tracy Penick the weekend on April 11th. Risa and Skip Schamel are in Florida visiting her son, Jamie.

Several were ill in March and April. They were Lillian Bartlett, Frank Meek, Jan Sellers, Elsie LeMar, and Shirley McNeece.

Ron Van Egdome had surgery at Iowa Lutheran Hospital for removal of a tumor on his left adrenal gland on Wednesday, March 24th. When he underwent surgery, it was discovered that the tumor was cancerous and had attached to his left kidney, and the surgeon felt that Ron's kidney needed to be removed. They were able to take his kidney and adrenal gland out, but very little of the tumor. We have been blessed with a diagnosis of B Cell Lymphoma, which is a treatable and a curable kind of cancer.

By the time you read this Ron will have had three of his six treatments of chemo. Ron knows that he would not have made it this far with out God's help and gives Him all the glory.

Donna Meek had all her teeth pulled on Wednesday, April 14th. This was done because of Donna's diabetic condition.

Shawn and Travis Head worshiped with us on March 7th. Travis was also visiting on Sunday, March 14th. Worshiping with us on Sunday, March 28th were Milford and Jean Morris of Lee's Summit, Missouri; Kenneth, Barbara, and Amy Thompson of Warrensburg, Missouri; Mike, Tracy, and Courtney Penick of the Martensdale congregation; Shawn Head of Chicago, Illinois; and Grace, a friend of Kennady Prenosil. Sunday, April 18th, we had three young people visiting; Kamryn Aswegan, Kennady Prenosil,

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Dean Avenue

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and Jasmine Coe all brought friends with them.

There was great rejoicing and tears on Sunday, March 21st when Travis Head came forward to make right what was wrong in his life. We were so thankful to welcome him back into the fold again.

Joey Bauman, grandson of John and Donna McNeece, was home for seven days the weekend of March 28th, and Grandma Donna had a family dinner that day. Joey has orders to go to Iraq in May.

It was good to see Alna Meacham at services on Sunday, April 11th. Also

this was the first day that Ron Van Egdome had been able to attend services.

Our sympathies go out to John and Donna McNeece and the family on the death of John's sister-in-law, Sharon McNeece. Sharon passed away on April 17th.

Congratulations to Donna Meek on the birth of a great-granddaughter. Her granddaughter Tiffany is the new mother.

Tom Warren, Neal and Peg Warren's son, injured his leg on the job. We pray that it will be better soon. Also hurting his leg while at track practice was Nick Patterson, a grandson of John and Donna McNeece. We hope and pray that he'll be better soon too.

I would like to thank everyone for all the calls, visits, cards, food, flowers and prayers. I appreciate those of you that have been checking up on me to see how I'm doing. I am doing better each day and getting stronger with the Lord's help. We can't begin to tell you how much your prayers have meant to us (James 5:16). May God's richest blessing fall on each of you.

Ron & Jean Van Egdome

May Birthdays

- 20 – Emily Dobberke
- 26 – Linda Head



May Anniversaries

- 4 – Rex & Tammy Fitzgerald
- 5 – David & Marla Fetters
- 17 – Neal & Peg Warren



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

Paul Negley of Urbandale, Iowa, joined us for services on April 4th.

Mary Lou Madden was in the Clarinda hospital in early April for a couple of nights, for observation, as well as being placed on oxygen. She was at services on the 25th and is not on oxygen now.

Jean Negley had cataract surgery this month and has gotten along very well.

Jack Swisher has been a patient at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska, for two weeks. He has been through many tests and has been fighting an infection. He may need surgery at a later date, once he has gained strength. Jack returned home on their 62nd wedding anniversary! What wonderful timing for a special day.

What an awesome spring

with all the beauty of God's greatness around us to enjoy. May the farmers finish their spring planting safely. Enjoy this great season!

May Birthdays

- 10 – Dustin McCoy
- 19 – Clint Driftmier
- 29 – Becky McCoy



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

On Sunday, April 24th, Tom Woody gave our morning exhortation. Sarah, Elena, and Brandon Rodriguez also worshiped with us that morning.

Drew Teghtmeyer has moved to Iowa and is living with Dave and Joyce Ingle. Drew has attended services with us several times this month.

Tracy Penick and her parents, Neal and Peg Warren, spent a weekend in Pleasant

Hill, Missouri, with Kyle and Stephanie Stevens.

Rex Wheeler spent a weekend with Zach and Jenna Wheeler and attended the Iowa Traveling Bible Study and our morning worship services. Rex is Zach's brother.

Rusty Bown fell from a tree and broke his sternum and one rib. Also both lungs collapsed. Al and Marlene returned to Illinois to spend some time with him while he's recovering.

Teresa and Jordan Bown worshiped with the congregation at Excelsior Springs, Missouri, on April 25th. Jordan attended the Young People's Meeting hosted by the congregation.

May Birthdays

14 – Jenna Wheeler

21 – Joshua Soard

27 – Allen 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; Lowell Hermon, (515)989-0727; or Mike Warner, (515)967-4529.

Josh and Erica Conner were visiting family.

Dan and Amy Pritchard and Josiah were visiting with Dan's family in Fort Dodge.

Dean and Bev Hayes spent a few days in Branson.

Joyce Ingle was visiting with her parents, Roy and Ruth Whanger, in Missouri.

Niki Hermon took 1st place in the Iowa State University Roller Coaster competition on April 1st.

Lowell Hermon is now retired. March 31st was his last day at AE Dairy.

Dessie Sorensen fell and broke her hip. They replaced the ball of her hip. She is now at home and doing fairly well.

Others who were sick were Marc Hermon, and Suzanne Harvey.

Ryan and Jamie Ingle and Elijah were visiting with Jamie's family.

Cindy Brady's sister Mindy and daughter were visiting with family.

Kevin Waits has been meeting with us.

Kyle Bown has also been visiting with us.

Joyce Ingle took Nora Lee Ingle to the Kansas City area to visit with Cindy Morris as she is recovering from surgery.

Nels and Marje Turnquist were visiting with Marje's family in the St. Louis area. She also attended her 50th class

reunion from nursing school.

Pam Sorensen was visiting her brother John and family in the Chicago area.

There was a baby shower for Teresa Ingle and baby. She received many nice things.



Ryane Brady and Tyler Curtis will graduate from Southeast Polk on May 23rd. There will be an open house for Tyler on May 22nd from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Lion's Park in Altoona.

Pleasant Hill

Iowa Traveling Study (ITBS)

The June study will be June 5
at Bruce & Suzanne Harvey's

July 17 study: Fairview (campout)

Aug. 14 study: Paul & Michelle Zinnel

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.

May Birthdays

- 2 – Fred Brady
- 10 – Lisa Williamson
- 16 – Ava Brady
- 20 – Nora Lee Ingle
- 29 – Shirley Warner



May Anniversaries

- 5 – Tim & Jami Harvey
- 6 – Dan & Amy Pritchard
- 9 – Rodney & Alena Ingle
- 22 – Tom & Fred Brady
- 25 – Steve & Nancy Brady



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

Brittney Dowdy spent a weekend visiting in Indianapolis.

We extend our sympathy to Rachel Daugherty in the recent loss of her brother-in-law, Michael Williams, of Alamo, Texas. Graveside services were held at the West Liberty Cemetery in Montezuma.

We were very happy to learn of the good news that Brett Cole desired to be baptized, which took place on April 4th. We feel so blessed to have him join us with his dear wife Lori.

A farewell party was given Sunday afternoon April 18th for Linda Christianson who will be moving, along with her husband Gil, to Houston, Texas, to be nearer their son Joe and his wife. We will certainly miss her and wish all the best for them.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin spent a weekend in Carrollton,

Missouri recently.

Miriam Ross had laser treatment on one eye, and the following week, she had cataract surgery on the other eye. She is looking forward to being able to see much better as she heals.

Marvin Ingle has begun daily radiation on the cancer in the skin and nerves of his cheek. He feels fine, but the treatments cause some swelling.

Lynnette Dowdy and her son, Jason, attended a wedding recently in Indianapolis.

Justin and Brittney Dowdy moved from Prairie City to an apartment in Bondurant on May 1st to be nearer their jobs.

We express our sympathy to Mary Ellen Goode and family in the recent loss of her brother-in-law, Carroll "Hoss" Nearmyer.

Our visitors this past month included: Vanessa Groves of Brookfield, Missouri; Kelsey Knight; Jason and Staci Miller of Carrollton, Missouri; and Casey Davenport.

May Birthdays

- 13 – Anna Weaver
- 13 – Dorothy Van Maanen
- 15 – Lucas Ingle
- 23 – Bob Guthrie
- 25 – Charles Ingle
- 25 – Ethan Clark
- 26 – Tim Burkman
- 30 – Greg Ingle



May Anniversaries

- 13 – Justin & Brittney Dowdy
- 25 – Greg & Margaret Ingle





50th Annual Two-Week Bible Study

July 25–August 6, 2010
All services and meals will be held at the Middle School in Prairie City, Iowa.

Sermon & class schedule

SUNDAY, July 25

9:30 a.m.
What Are Our Modern Idols?
Wade Stanley
Sharing the Gospel
Steve Wright
Lord's Table
Underestimating God
Keith Fenton

2:30 p.m.

Mutual Edification
Jeremy Morris
Church Finances
Grant Riggins

WEEK 1: Monday, July 26–Friday, July 30

Daily Classes

8:30–9:00 a.m.
Singing Instruction – *Mike Manning*
9:00–10:10 a.m.
The Book of Psalms – *Jay Graham*
10:20–11:30 a.m.
Leadership in the Church – *John Lee*
11:30–1:00 p.m. – Lunch
1:00–2:10 p.m.
Educational Philosophies – *Rick Sparks*
2:20–3:30 p.m.
The Christian Family – *Charles Fry*

Evening Sermons

Mon., July 26, 7:30 p.m.
The Significance of Our Attire
Randy Teghtmeyer
Wed., July 28, 7:30 p.m.
History of the Church
Jay Graham
Fri., July 30, 7:30 p.m.
Satan's Plan for the Church
Charles Fry

SUNDAY, August 1

9:30 a.m.
Acceptable/Unacceptable Worship
John Morris
Lord, Teach Us To Pray
Marty James
Lord's Table
God in Our Lives:
Teen/Young Adult Years
Sam Woody

2:30 p.m.
God in Our Lives:
Middle Adult Years
John Lee
God in Our Lives:
Elderly/Retirement Years
Ed Hoover

WEEK 2: Monday, Aug. 2–Friday, Aug. 6

Daily Classes

8:30–9:00 a.m.
Singing Instruction – *Mike Manning*
9:00–10:10 a.m.
The Spiritual Realm – *Rick Sparks*
10:20–11:30 a.m.
Leadership in the Church – *John Lee*
11:30–1:00 p.m. – Lunch
1:00–2:10 p.m.
Modern Science in Education
– *Marc Hermon*
2:20–3:30 p.m.
The Christian Family – *Charles Fry*

Evening Sermons

Mon., Aug. 2, 7:30 p.m.
Doctrine/Judgment in Serving God
Louis Garbi
Wed., Aug. 4, 7:30 p.m.
Compromise—the Great Deceiver
Rick Sparks
Fri., Aug. 6, 7:30 p.m.
Seeing Ourselves as God and Others See Us
Mike Manning

Children's Classes

We'll provide children's classes on weekdays for ages 3 to 10 (preschool–5th grade) during the 10:20–11:30 a.m. class session. There will also be supervised playground time on weekdays during the 2:20–3:30 p.m. class.

REGISTRATION

All attendees must register, including those who don't need lodging; this will allow us to plan class materials and meals. Go to www.vandaliacc.com to register, or call (515)966-2537 to request a printed form.

A complete schedule will be sent later, including planned activities and prices, a map to the middle school, and other information. If you have questions, e-mail vandaliacc@gmail.com or call Charles Ingle at (515)966-2537.

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