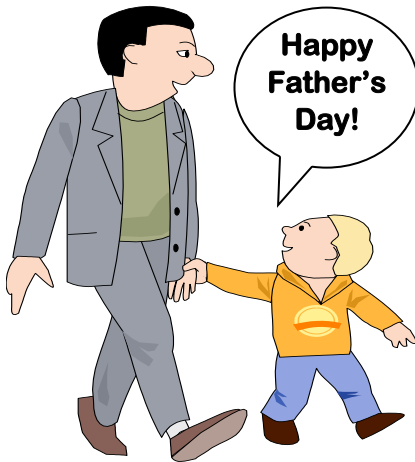


Lighthouse of Iowa

June 2008

Father Forgets

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child, but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 1 Cor. 13:11



Listen, son. I am saying this as you lie asleep, one little paw crumpled under your cheek and the blond curls sticky wet on your damp forehead. I have stolen into your room alone. Just a few minutes ago, as I sat reading my paper in the library, a stifling wave of remorse swept over me. Guiltily, I came to your bedside.

These are the things I was thinking, son. I had been cross to you. I scolded you as you were dressing for school because you gave your face merely a dab with a towel. I took you to task for not cleaning your shoes. I called out angrily when you threw some of your things on

the floor. At breakfast, I found fault, too. You spilled things. You gulped down your food. You put your elbows on the table. You spread butter too thick on your bread. And as you started off to play and I made for my train, you turned and waved a hand and called, "Good-bye, Daddy!" and I frowned and said in reply, "Hold your shoulders back!"

Then it began all over again in the late afternoon. As I came up the road, I spied you, down on your knees playing marbles. There were holes in your socks. I humiliated you before your friends by marching you ahead of me to the house. Socks were expensive—and if you had to buy them, you would be more careful! Imagine that, son, from a father!

Do you remember, later, when I was reading in the library, how you came in, timidly, with a sort of hurt look in your eyes? When I glanced up over my paper, impatient at the interruption, you hesitated at the door. "What is it you want?" I snapped.

You said nothing, but ran across in one tempestuous plunge, and threw your arms around my neck and kissed me, and your small arms tightened with affection that God had set blooming in your heart and that

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Weekend meeting at Vandalia June 7th & 8th

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Meals served between services each day. Stay for fellowship and recreation after Saturday evening services.

VBS at Dean Ave. "Ships"

June 9-13 with John Lee

Sunday: June 8: John will speak at 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Weekday children's classes: 9:30-11:15 a.m.

Weeknight services 7:30 p.m.

VBS at Pleasant Hill "Bible Songs"

June 16-20 with John Lee

Sunday, June 15: John will speak at 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Classes for children and adults each weeknight, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

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 Egdorn, (641)932-5686 or Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Evelyn Bennett continues to recover from heart by-pass surgery. She has been able to attend services with us a few times.

Norm and Mary Jo Riekens' granddaughters; Ali and Gentry Faulkner, spent a few days with them and attended services

with us while they were here.

Albert and Jeanette Schreck spent a few days visiting Bruce and Sue Schreck and family. They also attended the Murray Road meeting while there. Tammy, Chantelle, Ashley and Ethan Schreck also attended the Murray Road meeting.

John, Teresa, Jared and Vanessa Groves attended services with us on May 11th.

June Anniversaries

2 – Carl & Evelyn Bennett



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

Ashley Fitzgerald came through her surgery fine but may need additional surgery later. Maxine Phipps, Alna Meacham, Lillian Bartlett and Shirley McNeece were not well during the month. Grace Wilkins had her throat dilated on Monday, May 19th and everything went fine.

Phyllis Lee, David Fetters' sister had a total hysterectomy and will be following up with a cancer doctor for further treatment. Michelle Warren, Neal and Peg Warren's daughter-in-law is to have back surgery. Both Phyllis and Michelle need prayers.

Katie Betsworth and Michelle Kirby were our visitors on Sunday, May 4th. Then that evening we were blessed with many friends and family of Neal and Peg Warren who were there to surprise them with a 50th wedding anniversary party in the basement after evening services. Neal and Peg were

truly surprised! Congratulations Neal and Peg!

On Wednesday evening, May 7th, two neighbor friends of Kara Fetters; and Carlton, Don and Margaret Warren's grandson; along with Maddie, Bill and Shirley McNeece's granddaughter, were our little visitors.

Stephanie Riding worshiped with us on May 18th.

Worshiping with us on Sunday, May 25th, were Melanie and Thomas Deaton, Valerie Burkman, George and Karen Cantrell, all family of Don and Wanda Burkman. Also visiting were Erv and Darlene Boswell, parents of Shirley McNeece; Joe, Katie, Solomon and Eric Melton; and David and Joyce Ingle from the Pleasant Hill congregation. David was our guest speaker. David, we thank you for a very special sermon!

Neal and Peg Warren traveled to Kansas City, Missouri to attend the

graduation of their granddaughter, Stephanie, who graduated Summa cum laude. Congratulations!

Don and Wanda Burkman traveled to Branson, Missouri to

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June Birthdays

1 – Margaret Warren

4 – Marla Fetters

13 – Jean Van Egdorn

17 – Tammy Fitzgerald

21 – Myra Royal

23 – Janice Sellers

29 – Don James

29 – Frank Meek



June Anniversaries

2 – Don & Wanda Burkman

5 – Matt & Mary Dobberke

14 – Ron & Jean Van Egdorn

25 – Don & Margaret Warren

29 – Ron & Karma Sharp



Dean Avenue

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celebrate their 50 years of marriage. They worshiped at the Nixa congregation while there. Neal and Peg Warren were traveling.

We all enjoyed helping celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Don and Wanda

Burkman. Their children did a lovely job of honoring their parents with a great party on Sunday, May 25th. Many friends and family from several states came to congratulate them on reaching this milestone. Congratulations Don and Wanda!

Thank You

We visited Branson, Missouri for 10 days. We were blessed with an awesome 50th wedding anniversary. Our beloved family presented us with a celebration of our life together. We can't thank them enough for their love. Many heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended, the cards, gifts, and many good wishes. The Trinity has truly blessed us.

Don & Wanda
Burkman



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

Clint Driftmier has returned from Germany after playing professional basketball there. He has accepted a teaching position in the Knoxville, Iowa school district.

Evangelist John Lee of Greenwood, Missouri was with us on May 16th to 18th. He brought many good messages to us, and we had informal question and answer sessions.

On Friday evening pizza was ordered for our meal, and on Sunday we enjoyed a potluck dinner.

On May 22nd, Jean Negley presented a lesson at Eiler House where Elsie Negley resides. The lesson was on God's Promises.

On May 25th, the congregation was invited to an early 90th birthday reception for

Faye Stephens. Thirty-three members of her family were present.

Our visitors on May 25th were Clint Driftmier, Zoey Gilmore, Paul and Dasha Negley, and Pat Warner.

June Birthdays

22 – Janet Negley

27 – Neil 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

Duane and Mary Proudfit spent a few days in Beloit, Kansas, at the home of Doug and Jill Twaddell. They were able to visit with Jay and Becky Graham from Flagstaff,

Arizona, who were also visiting the Twaddells.

Steve and Cerine Proudfit and their girls worshiped with us while they were visiting with Duane and Mary Proudfit.

Kyle and Stephanie Stephens attended services while visiting with Stephanie's parents, Mike and Tracy Penick.

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Martensdale

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Megan Stevens attended services while visiting her cousin, Jordan Bown.

Alvin and Marlene Bown returned from Alton, Illinois, and worshiped with us while in the area.

Cindy, David and Daniel Stanley worshiped with us while they were visiting with Cindy's parents, Dick and Phyllis Bown.

Stephanie Stephens graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City on Saturday, May 10th with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She graduated Summa cum laude

and has accepted a job at St. Mary's Medical Center in Blue Springs, Missouri in the Intensive Care Unit. Stephanie is the daughter of Mike and Tracy Penick and the granddaughter of Neal and Peg Warren.

Courtney Penick was awarded the 2008 Outstanding Student Leader award from Iowa State University. ISU awards only eight of these awards each year. Courtney was also awarded the Blanche Miller FCS Education & Studies Scholarship and the Virgil and Dorothy Lagomarcino Scholarship from Iowa State

University. Courtney is the daughter of Mike and Tracy Penick and the granddaughter of Neal and Peg Warren.

June Birthdays

- 4 – Kyle Bown
- 4 – Tracy Penick
- 10 – Phyllis Bown
- 12 – Fred Bown
- 17 – Rhonda Moody
- 28 – Sarah Rodriguez



June Anniversaries

- 12 – Fred & Marlene 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

Dale and Marilyn Koestler were back visiting with family. They also went to Branson with Nels and Marje Turnquist.

Austin Martindale was visiting with his grandparents

Dean and Beverly Hayes.

Don and Pat Curtis were back visiting with family. They are Betty Curtis' in-laws.

Jenna Bown and Zack Wheeler were visitors.

Among those on the sick list were Bud and Mary Fillman, Jaden Brand, Steve Thompson, Bob Flack, and Tammy Brady. Cheree Stump has been having trouble with asthma.

Nora Lee Ingle had surgery on her hand. She is doing well.

Lowell Hermon had knee replacement surgery May 28th at Methodist Hospital.

Chip, Jennifer, Lily, and Annabel Albright have been in the Kansas City area visiting with Chip's family.

Ryan and Rodney Ingle attended the meeting at Murray Road in Kansas City

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June Birthdays

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| 2-Beverly Hayes | 23-Ruth Grant |
| 5-Erick Ralec | 24-Tricia Brady |
| 15-Bob Flack | 28-Mary Gearhart |
| 21-Dean Hayes | 29-Sophia George |
| 23-Dan Pritchard | 30-Randy Spinney |



June Anniversaries

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| 8-Carroll & Betty Warren | 14-Vernon & Marilyn McClurg |
| 9-Bud & Mary Alice Fillman | 26-Nels & Marj Turnquist |



Pleasant Hill

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over Memorial Day weekend.

Dave and Joyce Ingle attended Dean Ave. Sunday, May 25th, where Dave was the speaker.

CONGRATULATIONS to our graduates, Alena Brady and Chad Turner, both from Southeast Polk High School.

Iowa Teen Study (ITBS)

The June study will be **Friday, June 6 at 5:00 p.m. at Dave & Joyce Ingle's house.**

July study: July 12 at Nora Lee Ingle's

August study: Aug. 16 at Paul & Michelle Zinnel's
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 131st St.
For information call—Greg Ingle, (515)994-2824 or Charles Ingle, (515)966-2537

Derek and Amy Ingle spent a few days in Chicago the first weekend of May. Greg and Margaret Ingle spent a few days at Clear Lake the first weekend in May.

Justin Dowdy had an accident with his truck on May 3rd. He wasn't seriously hurt, but was taken to emergency as a precaution. On May 5th, Justin and Brittney were informed that their rental house in Indianapolis had caught fire from grease in the kitchen. The kitchen, laundry room and half of the living room were destroyed. The rest had smoke damage and the remodeling will take three to four months to complete. They are very thankful that insurance will completely cover, plus paying the mortgage payments during remodeling.

Six of our ladies attended the Ladies Day meeting in Kirksville, Missouri on Saturday, May 3rd. It was a very enlightening and enjoyable day. We appreciate all the efforts of those planning for this

occasion. Our group included Nancy Clark, Gwen Duckstein, Tonya Guthrie, Miriam Ross, Joy Cummings, and Ruth Schell. We thank Nancy for providing the transportation.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, Staci, Bruce, Trent and Nathan; and Lynnette Dowdy spent a few days in Indianapolis, Indiana over the weekend of May 18th.

Margaret Ingle underwent reconstructive surgery on her right thumb on May 14th. She had the same type of surgery on her left thumb in February.

Our visitors on May 11th were Rachel Robinson of Virginia, and Kathy Weaver of Pennsylvania. They are relatives of Anna Weaver, and were here to attend Anna's graduation from Iowa State University on May 9th.

A breakfast was held Saturday morning, May 17th for high school graduate Katrina Cummings, and an open house for Bruce Fiorentin, also a high school graduate, on Sunday

afternoon, May 18th. Both events were held at the church building. Their graduation took place Sunday afternoon on the 18th. We all enjoyed visiting with Bob Cummings from Bolivar, Pennsylvania during the weekend.

Visitors on May 18th included Michelle Kirby of Des Moines; D.D. and Donna Russell of Brookfield, Missouri, and Bruno and Greta Fiorentin of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Bob and Tracy Patterson, William and Benjamin spent the weekend of May 18th in Missouri.

Brittney Dowdy had all four of her wisdom teeth extracted on May 20th.

Marvin Ingle says the doctors have given him a good report following his back surgery the last of January, and he can return to his regular duties again. Now Melda can hand him a long "honey-do" list!

Derek and Amy Ingle, and Devon and Erin Ingle spent the

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Memorial Day weekend in Carrollton, Missouri with Melvin and Thelma Bolinger.

Justin and Brittney Dowdy spent the Memorial Day weekend in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Lynnette Dowdy attended the meeting at Murray Road during Memorial Day weekend. She visited her daughter, Dawn Dowdy, in Kansas City and also visited Jason and Autumn Dowdy and son Sterling in Laclede, Missouri on her way

home.

Mike and Michelle Kirby; and Paul Weir's granddaughter, Sumiko Weir, of Mitchellville were our visitors May 25th.

Melda Ingle's lumpectomy of the breast showed complete removal of the cancerous tissue. She will be having radiation therapy after healing is complete. Melda thanks her brothers and sisters

for the many cards received and for the prayers. They were a great source of strength.

June Birthdays



4-Jerad Penick

June Anniversaries

1 - Doug & Lisa Fiorentin

2 - Michael & Joy Cummings

18 - Randy & Nancy Clark

26 - Galen & Gwen Duckstein

29 - Charles & Angela Ingle



Father Forgets

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even neglect could not wither. And then you were gone, pattering up the stairs.

Well, son, it was shortly afterwards that my paper slipped from my hands and a terrible sickening fear came over me. What has habit been doing to me? The habit of finding fault, of reprimanding—this was my reward to you for being a boy. It was not that I didn't love you; it was that I was expecting too much of you. I was measuring you by the yardstick of my years.

And there was so much that was good and fine and true in your character. The little heart

of you was as big as the dawn itself over the wide hills. This was shown by your spontaneous impulse to rush in and kiss me goodnight. Nothing else matters tonight, son. I have come to your bedside in the darkness, I have knelt here, ashamed!

It is a feeble moment; I know you would not understand these things if I told them to you during your waking hours. But tomorrow, I will be a real daddy! I will chum with you and suffer when you suffer, and laugh when you laugh. I will bite my tongue when impatient words come. I will keep saying as if it were a ritual: "He is a little boy—let him be a little boy!"

I am afraid I have visualized you as a man. Yet as

I see you now, son, crumpled and weary in your bed, I see that you are still a baby. Yesterday you were in your mother's arms, your head on her shoulder. I have asked too much of you, yet given you too little of myself. Promise me, as I teach you to have manners of a man, that you will remind me how to have the loving spirit of a child.

W. Livingston Larned

And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them. And said, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 18:2-3

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