

Lighthouse of Iowa

June 2009

LISTEN TO YOUR FATHER, WHO GAVE YOU LIFE.....Proverbs 23:22 (NIV)

One day last year I turned around and found that when I wasn't looking, my three sons had all grown up. Jonathan, our youngest, announced that he was moving out of the house, and Nathan, our middle son, told us that he was moving to New Hampshire! No consultation, no permission requested, just announcements.

That evening as I sat by the fire, I wanted to sit all three boys down and expound a few more times on the life-lessons I'd learned the hard way, but no one was around to listen. And apparently my advice wasn't needed, because no one was asking.

A few weeks later I found out just how wrong I was. Nathan, ever the computer whiz, made me a card for Father's Day. On the cover was written, "Happy Father's Day to a dad

who taught me what life is all about." Then inside came the punch line, "Could you repeat it? I wasn't listening." Below that Nathan had handwritten this note: "Thanks for always being there, Dad. And don't go anywhere, I'll be calling."



So I may no longer be the director of my children's lives, but I am a valued counselor. My new role is sort of nice: on call twenty-four hours a day for advice when a car battery fails or the water heater leaks, but not in charge of the solutions to life's more difficult questions. This role feels pretty good and doesn't cost nearly as much as my original one.

Lord, thanks for the relationships I have and the roles I play. Help me to change when I need to and always to be there for those I love.

Eric Fellman

Vandalia Church of Christ
Invites you to

COME TO THE FEAST!

June 13 & 14, 2009

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

June 8-12 with John Lee

Sunday, June 7: 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

June 15-19 with John Lee

Sunday, June 14: John will speak at 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Classes for children & 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 Egdome, (641)932-5686 or Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Our condolences go out to Evelyn Bennett on the death of her brother, Roy Gobin, of Nixa, Missouri. Carl and Evelyn attended his funeral.

Congratulations to Chantelle Schreck on her graduation from Chariton High School on May 17th. She will be attending AIB College of

Business in Des Moines this fall.

Visitors on May 17th were Sue, Tyler, Travis, and Leah Schreck; and John, Teresa, Jared, and Vanessa Groves.

Albert and Jeanette Schreck and Brian, Tammy, Chantelle, Ashley, and Ethan Schreck attended the graduation of

Tyler and Travis Schreck on May 14th in Independence, Missouri.

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

Neal Warren was back in Veterans Hospital with his heart again the last of April. He is finally feeling better after some problems with his blood pressure.

Mike Warren was in Broadlawns Hospital for what was thought to be blood clots in his leg. Doctors determined he needed surgery to remove about four inches of his left foot, including his toes, on May 11th. Please continue to pray for Mike as he recuperates.

Bill Allen, son of Earl and Mary Lou Allen, had a CAT scan on his ear and then cancer surgery on his ear on May 18th. Shawn Head had a bad case of the flu in late April. Larry Sellers had heart surgery on May 11th, and is now home recuperating. David Feters and Karla Feters were ill.

Mario Johnson, who originally comes from the Pacific near Guam, is now

living in the neighborhood and has been worshipping with us Sunday mornings. We are very happy to have him meet with us.

Shirley McNeece's son, Jason Bozell and his sons Aiden and Colton, and also Stephanie Riding were our visitors on Sunday, May 10th. Stephanie was here on Sunday, May 24th. Lowell Hermon worshiped with us that day also.

Skip and Risa Schamel traveled on vacation.

Peter and Frances Hawthorne left Tuesday, May 19th for Phoenix, Arizona to attend the high school graduation of their only granddaughter, Jahara James, and visit with their daughter and family. They plan to return on June 2nd. Let's pray they have a safe and enjoyable journey.

Ron and Jean Van Egdome

traveled to Kirksville, Missouri May 23rd for the wedding of Jean's sister, Judith Bushnell and then on to Warrensburg, Missouri to spend the rest of the holiday

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June Birthdays

1 – Margaret Warren

4 – Marla Feters

13 – Jean Van Egdome

17 – Tammy Fitzgerald

21 – Myra Royal

23 – Janice Sellers

29 – Don James

29 – Frank Meek



June Anniversaries



5 – Matt & Mary Dobberke

14 – Ron & Jean Van Egdome

25 – Don & Margaret Warren

29 – Ron & Karma Sharp

Dean Avenue

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weekend with Jean's family, Kenneth, Barbara and Amy Thompson. Also Jean's sister,

Heather Jones and her children were there visiting.

John and Donna McNeece worshiped at Pleasant Hill on May 24th, where John was the

guest speaker that morning.

David, Marla, and Kara Fetters are traveling to North Carolina to visit Alissa and Ian Garbi.

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

Linda Lou Taylor and Darrel Barnes of Springfield, Missouri worshiped with us May 3rd. They were here visiting Linda Lou's mother, Elsie Negley. They were guests at an afternoon tea, held at Ehler House, where Elsie resides.

Clint Driftmier of Knoxville, Iowa was hospitalized for 2½ days. He responded to treatment and we are glad of that.

On May 15-17, John and Donna Lee spent the weekend with us. John gave talks on Heaven, Levels of Conviction, and Prayer. A pizza supper was held on May 15th, and a basket dinner was on Sunday. Our visitors on Sunday were: Clint Driftmier of Knoxville, Iowa; Paul and Dasha Negley of Urbandale; Mike and Shirley Warner of Altoona; Jon, Amy, and Micah Schmidt of Sioux Center, Iowa; and Zach Wheeler and Jenna Bown of Martensdale. Mary Lou Madden joined us on Sunday as well. She was glad to be able to attend and is improving.

Our visitors on May 24th were Linda Lou Taylor of Springfield, Missouri, and Paul Negley of Urbandale, Iowa.

A graduation reception for Jacob Rine was held in his home. He graduated from South Page High School.

Faye Stephens has been diagnosed with Hodgkin's Disease and will start treatments for that. Please remember Faye and her family in your prayers.

Our visitors Sunday, May 31st were Anne and Rob Ritson of Burlington, Iowa; Paul Negley of Urbandale, Iowa; Zoey Gilmore and Micah Schmidt, the grandchildren of Steve and Tammie Driftmier, along with Micah's parents, Jon and Amy Schmidt of Sioux Center, Iowa.

June Birthdays

22 – Janet Negley

27 – Neil McCoy



It's a Wonderful World

HELEN STEINER RICE

In spite of the fact
we complain and lament
And view this old world
with much discontent,
Deploring conditions
and grumbling because
There's so much injustice
and so many flaws,
It's a wonderful world
and it's people like you
Who make it that way
by the things that they do—
For a warm ready smile
or a kind thoughtful deed,
Or a hand outstretched
in an hour of need
Can change our whole outlook
and make the world bright
Where a minute before
just nothing seemed right—
It's a WONDERFUL WORLD
and it always will be
If we keep our eyes open
and focused to see
The WONDERFUL THINGS
man is capable of
When he opens his heart
to GOD and his LOVE.

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

Jenna Bown graduated from DMACC on May 7th. She is planning on attending Simpson College in Indianola in the fall.

Duane and Mary Proudfit have a new granddaughter, Maylee Anne. She was born to Steve and Cerine Proudfit on May 13th. Maylee weighed 9 pounds, 8 ounces.

Zach Wheeler and Jenna Bown worshiped with the congregation at Fairview on Sunday, May 17th.

Kyle Bown qualified to compete in the High School State Track Meet at Drake

Stadium. Kyle competed in the 110 high hurdles and placed 18th, and also in the 400 meter hurdles and placed 14th. Good job Kyle!

Al and Marlene Bown, Mike and Tracy Penick, and Kyle Bown all attended the Memorial Day meeting at Smart Road.

Visitors this month have been Marvin and Ellen Ellwanger from Winterset; Marta Weeks from St. Mary's; Chantelle and Ashley Schreck; Megan Stevens; Drew Teghtmeyer; Ethan Schreck;

Ginger, Maddy, and Shay Hermon; and Julie and Rex Wheeler, Zach's sister and brother.

June Birthdays

4 – Kyle Bown

4 – Tracy Penick

10 – Phyllis Bown

12 – Fred Bown

21 – Al Bown

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

Nels and Marj Turnquist were in the St. Louis area attending the funeral of a nephew.

Nora Lee Ingle lost her sister, Mary Mae Jordan, in early May. Our sympathies go out to these families.

Mildred Harvey (Bruce's mom), Matt and Kelly Harvey and children, Jeremy and Michele Morris and girls, Joel Morris, Aubrey St. Johns, and Roy and Ruth Whanger were all visitors on Mother's Day. They were here to attend the wedding of Rodney Ingle and Alena Brady.

Drew Teghtmeyer has been visiting.

Pat Schriber was visiting with her sister, Marj Turnquist. They spent a week in the Minneapolis area. They were staying with Suzanne (Marj's daughter).

Lila Fillman has been visiting with Bud and Mary Alice Fillman.

Mike and Shirley Warner's granddaughter graduated from Bedford High School. They spent a weekend there helping celebrate.

Dale and Marilyn Koestler were back visiting with family.

They are from Virginia.

Rodney and Alena Ingle were at the Smart Road meeting.

John and Donna McNeece were our visitors May 24th. John was our speaker.

Kelly George was in a golf cart accident. He has a broken jaw, broken wrist, and torn ligaments in his leg. He had surgery to have his jaw wired shut for healing. He is now home and is still in some discomfort. Please keep him in your prayers, along with everyone else who is not feeling well.

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Pleasant Hill

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Karla Feters was visiting.

Dean and Bev Hayes had grandchildren visiting with them.

Nora Lee Ingle, Joyce, Ryan, and Elijah Ingle were visiting in the Kansas City area.

Dan and Amy Pritchard were vacationing in South Dakota in the Mount Rushmore area.

Cliff and Rosanne Van Vleet will be going to Minnesota for a few weeks.

Bruce Harvey is having trouble with kidney stones again.

Iowa Teen Study (ITBS)

The July study will be July 11
at 5:00 p.m. at

Allen & Teresa Bown's

Aug. study: Mike & Tracy Penick's

Sept. study: Bob & Marge Flack's

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.

June Birthdays

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



June Anniversaries

- 2 – Don & Wanda Burkman
- 8 – Carroll & Betty Warren
- 9 – Bud & Mary Alice Fillman
- 14 – Vernon & Marilyn McClurg
- 26 – Nels & Marj Turnquist



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

Our visitors on May 3rd were Sam Peters, and James Finney and son Alexander. Doug and Lisa Fiorentin and family were in Carrollton, Missouri for the weekend.

Our visitors on May 10th were Ryan Ingle and Elijah, Jamie Evans, and Kelsey Knight. Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, Staci, and Nathan were in Carrollton, Missouri.

On Saturday, May 16th, Staci Fiorentin and Jason Miller were united in marriage at the church in Vandalia. A large number attended. They are making their home in

Carrollton, Missouri. Several who attended from out of town stayed to worship with us on Sunday. Mike and Michelle Kirby of New Castle, Indiana were among the guests and we were pleased to see them. Mike delivered the sermon on Sunday morning.

On May 16th, Richard and Mary Ellen Goode attended funeral services for Mary Ellen's cousin, Roger Brown of Knoxville. Mr. Brown lost his life in a house fire.

Michael and Joy Cummings, Morgan, Drew, and Casady were in Brookfield, Missouri

Sunday, May 17th.

Our visitors on May 24th were James Finney; and Doris and Rex Galloway of Villisca, Iowa. Doris is the grandmother of Matt Clark and Angie Ingle. Greg and Margaret Ingle were in Clear Lake for the weekend.

Our visitors on May 31st were Sam Peters; and James Finney and son, Alexander.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, Trent, and Nathan; and Marvin and Melda Ingle were in Carrollton, Missouri on May 31st. Lynnette Dowdy was in Kansas City visiting her

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daughter, Dawn Dowdy.

Derek Ingle traveled to Canada for a few days to attend training classes.

Cheyenne Goode has been suffering from headaches and has been undergoing tests to find the cause.

Linda Christianson was in Illinois visiting her sister during the weekend of May 31st.

June Birthdays

4 – Jerad Penick



June Anniversaries

1 – Doug & Lisa Fiorentin

2 – Michael & Joy Cummings

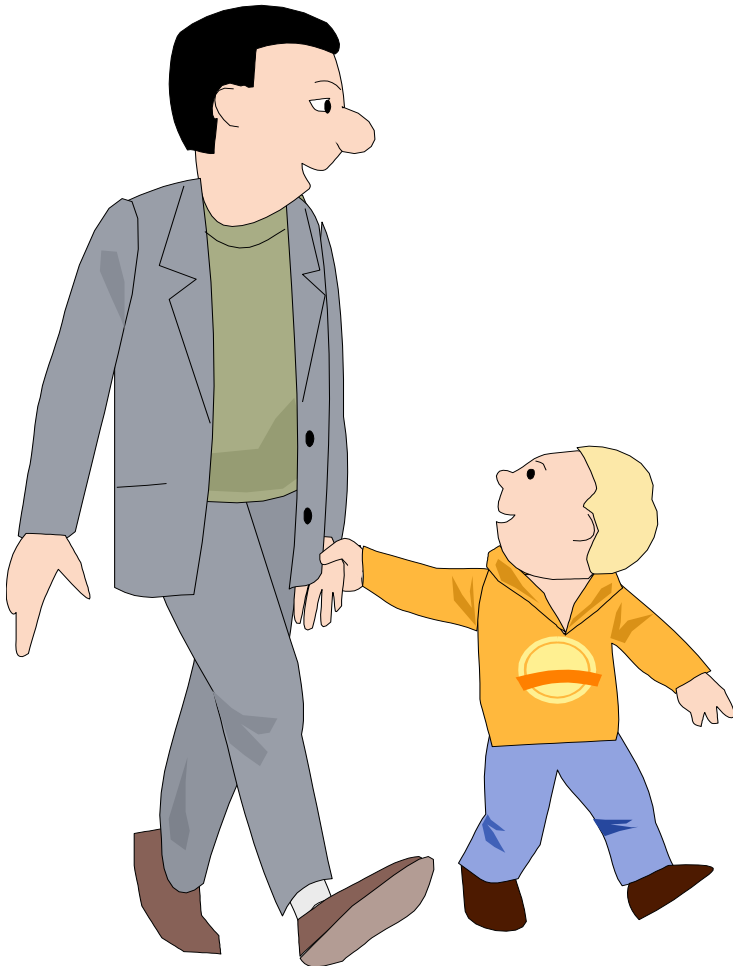
18 – Randy & Nancy Clark

26 – Galen & Gwen Duckstein

29 – Charles & Angela Ingle



Little Boys in Church



Small boys in the church pews grow
Very fast, the first you know
Ones only halfway up are older
And at their father's cheek or shoulder.

One day they are only bright
Heads that in the high church light
Look as if they were washed in dew,
Their ears and hair are all so new.

This Sunday only heads that dance,
Next Sunday heads and coats and pants,
All the boys have sprung uphill,
Heads are erect, and ears stand still.

One week they are boys, and then
Next week they are slim young men
Standing very still and lean,
Perilously scrubbed and clean.

Enjoy each small boy while you can,
Tomorrow there will be a man
Standing taller than belief,
Little boys in church are brief.

Robert P. Tristram Coffin

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