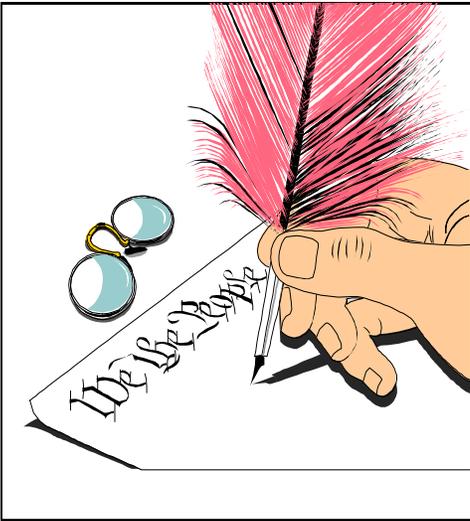


# Lighthouse of Iowa

July 2008



*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.... Psalm 33:12*

Our country was founded on its belief in God. In the summer of 1776, delegates from thirteen colonies met to consider the future of the new country. Suggestion after suggestion was offered and rejected. Finally the discouraged delegates turned to Benjamin Franklin for his opinion. Hesitating a moment, he slowly rose and delivered a brief but powerful message based on Psalm 127:1. *"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."* He suggested a time of prayer. A spirit of unity resulted and the Declaration of Independence was written. As the Liberty Bell

rang for the first time in Independence Hall, it proclaimed the birth of the United States of America on July 4, 1776.

Eighty-seven years later, during the time of great crisis, President Lincoln, in his famous Gettysburg Address, challenged the people of America to resolve "that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." There are forces at work today, which are trying to take away this freedom. These enemies are strong. Unless America acknowledges her dependence on God, we could lose this freedom so dear to us.

Prayer has changed the course of history in the past. It is still as powerful today. *"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land"* (II Chronicles 7:14).

The late President Kennedy, in his inaugural address, said, "Do not ask what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country." Pray that our United States of America may continue as a nation "under God."

*Meditation Moments by  
Mildred Stamm*

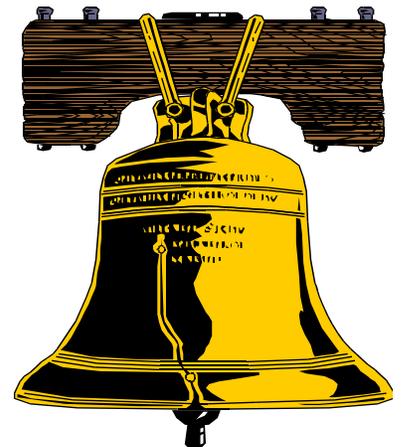
## *Uprightnes*

*Who serves his country best?  
Not he who guides her senates  
in debate,  
And makes the laws which are  
her prop and stay;  
Not he who wears the poet's  
purple vest,  
And sings her songs of love  
and grief and fate;  
There is a better way.*

*He serves his country best  
Who lives pure life, and doeth  
righteous deed,  
And walks straight paths,  
however others stray,  
And leaves his sons as utter-  
most bequest  
A stainless record which all  
may read;*

*This is a better way.*

*Selected from Leaves of Gold*



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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

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On June 1<sup>st</sup> Albert and Jeanette Schreck attended services in Brookfield, Missouri and witnessed the baptism of their granddaughter, Vanessa Groves. Vanessa then came home with them and spent a few days visiting.

Carl and Evelyn Bennett traveled to Springfield, Missouri to attend the funeral of Evelyn's sister-in-law.

Carl Bennett was hospitalized at Mercy Hospital for a few days. He became ill while in

Ames attending the wedding of their granddaughter, Annette Bennett. He had pneumonia and intestinal problems and had several tests done but they did not come up with any immediate answers.

Clarence and Delores Van Egdome vacationed in Colorado for a week with 12 other members of their family.

Brian and Tammy Schreck and children vacationed in Branson for a few days with Duane and Mary Proudfit.

## July Birthdays

10 – John Smead



*Thank you everyone for the prayers, cards, flowers, food, visits, and concerns at the time of my surgery and recovery.*

*Evelyn Bennett*

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# 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

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Many of us were on the sick list during the past month. Travis Head had trouble with a bulging disc in his back. Debbie Wilkins had an earache. Maxine Phipps was in the hospital for a short stay with leg pain and was checked out for a possible blood clot. Grace Wilkins fell twice while on vacation in Florida and has several bruises and scrapes and feels very sore. Alna Meacham is having back pain and is going to the chiropractor. Please keep Maxine, Grace and Alna in your prayers. Also remember Elsie LeMar and Juanita Coe, who would love to be at services if they were able.

Our visitors included Stephanie Riding, who worshiped with us on Sunday,

June 1<sup>st</sup>. Michelle Kirby worshiped with us Sunday evening, June 1<sup>st</sup>. We were pleased to welcome all our visitors during our VBS meeting with John Lee. We appreciate all our sister congregations' support! Grace, Debbie and Conner Wilkins vacationed in Florida at Walt Disney World. They had a good time, except Grace experienced some falls.

Several families were traveling during the past month. Risa and Skip Schamel vacationed in California the last part of May and the first few days of June. Neal and Peg Warren enjoyed a trip to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Congratulations again, Neal and Peg! Greg, Linda and Travis Head traveled

to Chicago, Illinois to meet Shawn Head when he arrived home from England after half a year of study. We all celebrated with a "Welcome Home Breakfast" for Shawn on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. It was interesting to hear about his experiences across the "pond."

Congratulations go to Elsie LeMar on the birth of a new great-granddaughter! Her name is Abigail Lily LeMar, born to Chris, son of Al, Jr. and Linda LeMar. Congrats to everyone!

Spencer Burkman spent the weekend of June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Boy Scout Camp.

Ron and Jean Van Egdome are going to be grandparents again. Their son and daughter-

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## Dean Avenue

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in-law, Jared and Stacy Van Egdome, are expecting twins in February 2009. They will join big brother, Enoch. They are asking for prayers because Stacy has had problems and there is concern about her being able to make it through the first trimester, so prayers would be greatly appreciated!

### July Birthdays

2 – Kamryn Aswegan  
11 – Ashley Fitzgerald  
13 – Amy Prenosil  
16 – Jessica Strable  
17 – Courtney Trotter  
19 – Ron Van Egdome  
20 – Rex Fitzgerald Jr.  
22 – Cathy James



## 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

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, John and Amy Schmidt and son, Micah of Sioux Center, Iowa were visitors, as well as Rob and Anne Ritson of Burlington, Iowa. We were truly surprised and thankful that Anne was able to travel to see her family in the Clarinda area.

Mary Lou Madden fell in

her home on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. She has been in a lot of pain and is coping with the situation using home health care services. Please keep her in your prayers.

Neil McCoy had foot surgery on June 4<sup>th</sup> on all five toes. He is on crutches and is doing very well.

### July Birthdays

18 - Connie Miller  
29 - Elsie Negley



## 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

We were happy to have Bill, Marta, and Garret Weeks from the St. Mary's area worshipping with us at various times this month.

Keith Owens was in the area on June 8<sup>th</sup> for the Vandalia meeting and he worshiped with us that morning and gave the exhortation.

Duane and Mary Proudfit spent a week vacationing in

Branson with Brian and Tammy Schreck and their family.

Dick and Phyllis Bown vacationed in the Branson and Springfield, Missouri areas.

Al and Marlene Bown are back in the area for a couple of weeks and have been worshipping with us while here.

John and Donna McNeece worshiped with us on June 22<sup>nd</sup>

and John was our guest speaker.

Teresa, Kyle and Jordan Bown spent a weekend in Kansas City visiting friends.

### July Birthdays

5 – Irene Followwill  
23 – Cassidy Phillips



### July Anniversaries

16 – Apache & Sarah Rodriguez

# 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

Among our visitors this past month included the following: Beverly Griffin, who was visiting with Rena Christian; Dan and Amy Pritchard, who were visiting with Amy's parents; Terry and Amanda Martin and family; Matt, Kelly, Blake and Alexandra Harvey, who were visiting with family; Denise Drake; Jerad and Amy Penick; Rick Felice; and Bruce Fiorentin.

Miles Wood had an accident at work. He caught his finger in a steel roller and lost part of his finger. Dave Ingle has been having throat trouble. Mary Alice Fillman is having pain in her neck and shoulder. She is doing better now. Sydney Brand sprained her ankle while playing softball. She will be out for a

few weeks. Pat Thompson's mother, Patricia Cluney passed away June 23rd. We extend our sympathy to Pat and her family. Ryan Zinnel had surgery June 25<sup>th</sup>. Please keep him in your prayers. Betty George, Jason Brady, Suzanne Harvey, Alena Brady, Marge Flack, and Shirley Warner have all been sick.

Paul, Michelle, and Ryan Zinnel, and Niki Hermon vacationed in Florida.

Tim Brady and Josh Brady, who were on active duty, were helping with the flooding.

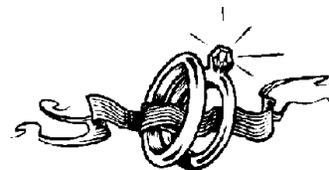
Thanks to all who brought their children, grandchildren, and neighbors to VBS. We had a good turn out each evening with the children.

## July Birthdays



- 2-Chad Turner
- 3-Alena Brady
- 4-Clay Felice
- 5-Michele Zinnel
- 5-Rodney Ingle
- 8-Julene Felice
- 9-Tyler Brady
- 12-Steve Thompson
- 13-Marian Parrish
- 13-Sydney Brand
- 13-Mike Warner
- 16-Cindy Brady
- 18-Ryan Curtis
- 22-Grace Harvey
- 23-Tyler Curtis
- 28-Nancy Brady
- 29-Kelly George
- 30-Ginger Hermon
- 31-Dave Ingle
- 31-Vernon McClurg

## July Anniversaries



- 7-Jason & Theresa Brady
- 15-Tim & Ann Casey
- 28-Bob & Marge Flack

## Iowa Teen Study (ITBS)

**The July study will be Sat. July 12 at 5:00 p.m. at Nora Lee Ingle's house.**

**August study:** Aug. 16 at Paul & Michelle Zinnel's

**Sept. study:** Sept. 6 at Mike & Shirley Warner's

Note: It was suggested that the kids make something and bring to the meal. Please check with the hostess to see what she would like you to bring.

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

Joy Cummings, Morgan, Drew and Casady attended the funeral of Joy's great-aunt, Evelyn Fritz of Lone Jack, Missouri. Evelyn, 93, passed away May 26<sup>th</sup>, and the funeral was held May 31<sup>st</sup>.

We thank everyone who attended our annual meeting. We are richly blessed with many capable men throughout the brotherhood, who inspire us and teach the Word of God.

Bob and Tonya Guthrie, Robbie and Nick, who live six miles south of Kellogg, were the victims of a tornado that swept through their area on June 6<sup>th</sup>. It destroyed a 1913 barn and their garage. Windows were blown out of the house, and a barn board went through the roof of the house. Their trampoline was found a mile away! To add to their

problems, Tonya's stepfather had passed away on June 5<sup>th</sup>. She attended his funeral in Kansas City, Missouri. Other victims of a tornado that night were Greg and Margaret Ingle. They had slight damage to the siding on their house and lost about 25 trees on their property.

Miriam Ross left June 11<sup>th</sup> for Elizabethton, Tennessee, where she will spend a few weeks with her son while he recovers from back surgery.

Dawn Dowdy was our visitor on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin, Staci, Bruce, Trent and Nathan spent eight days in Washington, D.C., where they visited many of the national monuments and the Smithsonian

Institute. They all had a great time and had fun riding the subway.

Doug Fiorentin was sent to Chicago for a few days of job training.

Greg and Margaret Ingle are spending two weeks vacationing in Clear Lake, Iowa.

## July Birthdays

- 1 – Sarah Clark
- 1 – Tonya Guthrie
- 20 – Galen Duckstein
- 23 – Noma Brunner
- 24 – Drew Cummings



## July Anniversaries

- 10 – Matt & Sarah Clark



## A Persian Proverb

He who knows not,

And knows not that he knows not,  
 Is a fool—shun him.

He who knows not,

And knows that he knows not,  
 Is a child—teach him.

He who knows,

And knows not that he knows,  
 Is asleep—wake him.

He who knows,

And knows that he knows,  
 Is wise—follow him.

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