

Lighthouse of Iowa

July 2010

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord...Psalm 33:12



I was at a baseball game several years ago with my friend Ronald (who is something of an amateur historian) and as we finished singing "The Star-Spangled Banner," he turned to me and said, "It ends with a question mark, you know."

"What?" I asked, thinking he was referring to some arcane rule of baseball.

"The Star-Spangled Banner' ends in a question, not an exclamation, which is the way most people sing it."

"What are you talking about?"

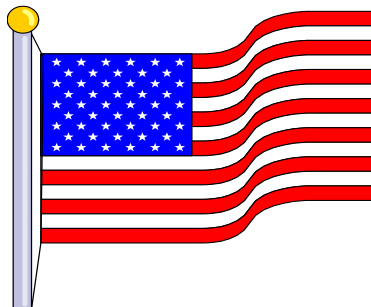
With that, Ronald went into a long explanation of how Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner" during the War of 1812. Marooned on a British ship, Key watched helplessly as it attacked Fort McHenry near Baltimore. Through the night's bombardment, he looked for the sight of the American flag flying and wrote the poem that asks the question, "Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light...?"

"So why is that important?" I asked.

"Think about it. Every time you sing our national anthem, you're asking a question. Are we still the land of the free and the home of the brave? Is the flag still flying over that kind of nation? What am I doing to insure our freedom? It makes the song a sort of prayer."

I returned my attention to the game, but I've never forgotten Ronald's words. When I go to the ballot box, when I'm asked to contribute to a worthy cause, when I'm asked to sign a neighborhood petition, I wonder, Does the flag still fly over the land of the free and the home of the brave? Then I act.

Dear God, keep this nation under Thy care.---Rick Hamlin



The Boy and the Flag

I want my boy to love his home,
His Mother, yes, and me;
I want him, wheresoe'er he'll roam,
With us in thought to be.
I want him to love what is fine,

Nor let his standard drag,
But, Oh! I want that boy of mine
To love his country's flag!

I want him when he older grows
To love all things of earth;
And Oh! I want him, when he knows,
To choose the things of worth.
I want him to the heights to climb
Nor let ambition lag;
But, Oh! I want him all the time
To love his country's flag.

I want my boy to know the best,
I want him to be great;
I want him in Life's distant West,
Prepared for any fate.
I want him to be simple, too,
Though clever, ne'er to brag.
But, Oh! I want him, through and through,
To love his country's flag.

I want my boy to be a man,
And yet, in distant years,
I pray that he'll have eyes that can
Not quite keep back the tears
When coming from the foreign shore
And alien scenes that fag,
Borne on its native breeze, once more
He sees his country's flag.

Edgar A. Guest


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

No news this month.

July Birthdays
 10 – John 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

No news this month.

July Birthdays

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

Mary (Swisher) Smith joined us in May for a service.

Elsie Negley will be moving from the Ehler House Assisted Living in Clarinda, to Westridge Nursing Care in July. She will also be having carpal tunnel surgery later in July.


Darlene Marsh had open-heart surgery on June 26th at Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. A valve was repaired, instead of replacing it. At this

writing, she is in ICU, as well as using a ventilator, but all is going well. She will probably transfer to a nursing care center for recovery and rehab, as well as for dialysis treatment. We are praying and hoping that Darlene has a better second half of 2010. She has dealt with several health challenges, thus far.

Jack Swisher is gaining strength and doing better every week. He and his family are

thankful for all the prayers for him.

Molly Gilmore and three daughters have joined us for church services a couple of times this month. There is lots of activity when the little girls arrive!

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 or Mike Penick, (515)989-4165

Mike, Tracy and Courtney Penick and Drew Tegtmeyer attended the wedding of Drew's sister, Amanda, in Missouri.

On June 20th, David Fetters from the Dean Avenue congregation worshiped with us and gave an exhortation on taking time to be holy.

Pam Deckler's daughter and grandchildren attended services June 27th. Kyle and Stephanie Stephens also worshiped with us that morning.

Dick and Phyllis Bown have been spending some time with their son, Roger, in southern Missouri.

Al and Marlene Bown are in Eminence, Missouri, doing some vacationing before the Midwest Bible Campout starts.

Joshua Soard had his wisdom teeth taken out. Things went well and he was able to return to

services the following Sunday.

Marta Weeks and her husband Bill spent a weekend in southern Iowa at a Bed and Breakfast to celebrate their wedding anniversary.

July Birthdays

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

After a study about the Fruits of the Spirit, the young girls' class shared fruit with the congregation. Thank you!

Dessie Sorensen is back at services. She has had her last treatment and is doing pretty good.

Dean and Bev Hayes have had grandchildren with them to church services.

Cheree Stump and Dan Pritchard have been sick.

Miles Wood was visiting in the Kansas City area.

Marissa Schreiber was visiting with Mike and Shirley Warner.

Zachary and Jenna Wheeler, Kyle Bown, Chantel Schreck, Courtney Penick, Drew Tegtmeyer, Jordan Bown, and Cassidy and

Bethany Phillips have attended recently.

Karla Fetters was visiting.

Audrey Brady fell and fractured her left elbow. She is doing better.

Don and Kathy Mackey from the Kansas City area were visiting, along with Nancy Clark of the Vandalia congregation.

Steve Wood was visiting with son Miles and Zinnel family.

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

Dorothy Steensland and family were visiting while they were here for the Brady reunion.

Remember our Labor Day weekend meeting on September 4 & 5.

Iowa Traveling Bible Study

The July study will be a campout at Fairview on July 17

Aug. 14 study: Paul & Michelle Zinnel

Sept. 11 study: Chariton campout

Please check with hosts to see if they would like you to bring any food.

If you have any questions, call Rodney Ingle at 515-669-0365.

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Betty Curtis was in Arkansas for the Curtis reunion.

Tyler Brady was on the Dean's list at UNI.

Joyce Ingle lost a nephew, Danny Whanger. He was 40 years old. His funeral was June 29th.

Matt Thompson is out to sea on the USS Ronald Reagan for the next 2½ months. Please keep him in your prayers for a safe return.

Recent visitors in the home of Nora Lee Ingle have been Velma Blake from Schaller; Doris Gaulke from Bondurant, Ned Ingle from Fort Dodge, and Mark and Cindy Morris of Pleasant Hill, Missouri.

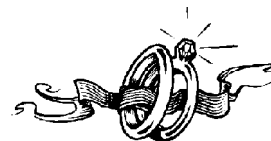
July Birthdays

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



July Anniversaries

- 7 – Jason & Theresa Brady
- 15 – Tim & Ann Casey
- 24 – Ryan & Jamie Ingle
- 28 – Bob & Marge Flack



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

The Two-Week Bible Study is fast approaching, July 25-August 6. Plan to attend as much as you can for a feast of learning and fellowship. Please register as soon as possible if you plan to attend (fill out a form at www.vandaliaoc.com, or call 515-966-2537 to request a copy in the mail).

A party was held at the church building June 5th helping Doug and Lisa Fiorentin celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

We were delighted at the good news that Kelsey Knight placed membership with our

congregation.

Among our visitors this past month included: Elliott DeBlicke, (friend of Cheyenne Goode); Brody Thompson, (nephew of Kelsey Knight); James Dowdy and friend Angel Walker and her son, Joey of Indianapolis; and Jason and Staci Miller of Carrollton, Missouri.

Kelsey Knight passed her Certified Nursing Assistant test. Congratulations!

It is always good to see Sam Peters back from college.

We were very happy to hear

the good news that Marvin Ingle has received a “clean bill of health” after his treatments with skin cancer on his face.

We extend our sympathy to Bonnie Harkins in the death of her nephew, Darrin Embray of Knoxville.

Rob Guthrie underwent gall bladder surgery and is fine now.

Rachel Daugherty has been suffering a very painful episode with a broken blood vessel in her right arm.

Casady Cummings spent a few days in Brookfield, Missouri

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with her grandparents, D.D. and Donna Russell.

The Bob Patterson family vacationed in Florida. Greg and Margaret Ingle spent two weeks at Clear Lake. Charles and Angie Ingle, Charity and Lucas spent a week vacationing at Lake Okoboji.

Brittney Dowdy enjoyed a few days visiting family in Indianapolis.

Justin Dowdy flew to Indianapolis for a few days to visit with family.

Walter and Rachel Daugherty, and Ruth Schell recently spent an enjoyable day visiting Rachel's sister and brother-in-law, Wendell and Marilyn Hardeman of Montezuma, in their log home. They all gathered for dinner at the home of Rachel's other sister, Pauline Ell, also of Montezuma, along with Pauline's daughter and husband, Butch and Anita Gilbert, who live at Anamosa.

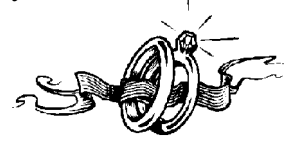
Charity Ingle spent a weekend with Vanessa Groves and family and worshiped with the Brookfield, Missouri congregation.

July Birthdays



- 1 – Sarah Clark
- 1 – Tonya Guthrie
- 24 – Drew Cummings

July Anniversaries



- 10 – Matt & Sarah Clark



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Editor's Note:

Due to the Two-Week Bible Study, the August issue of the *Lighthouse* will be published two weeks later than usual.