

Lighthouse of Iowa

August 2008

Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. -Acts 26:28

In the days of the Model A Ford, outdoor advertising signs had much longer messages than today. The reason is simple enough. When people were driving down the road at forty miles an hour, they could read a lot more words than at sixty or more. Speed, I'm told, doomed my all-time favorite outdoor ads, those five-sign rhymes posted by Burma Shave. Readers of a certain age will recall those entertaining fence post sayings. I'm not sure I can quote it exactly, but one of the rhymes quipped:

**He saw her beauty
And made a bum's rush
She saw his stubble
And gave him the brush.
And gave him the brush.
Burma Shave**



AUSTIN FOURTEEN "GOODWOOD" SALOON

What brought this all to mind was a series of recent outdoor ads attributed to God. An anonymous Florida resident

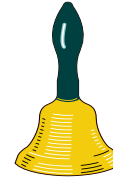
commissioned a Fort Lauderdale agency to create some billboards that would call people's attention to spiritual matters in a provocative way. What started out to be a local campaign turned national; at last count, thanks to the Outdoor Advertising Agency of America, the pithy sayings have appeared on more than ten thousand billboards. Among my favorites:

**"Loved the wedding. Invite me to the marriage."
"Let's meet at my house Sunday before the game."
"What part of 'Thou Shalt Not...' didn't you understand?"
"Do you have any idea where you're going?"** All of which were signed, **"God."**

Isn't it amazing what can be communicated in a few words? Our mistake sometimes is thinking that we need to set aside a whole hour to reach God, when in fact we can talk to Him on the move, in short takes, day or night. Something like a billboard.

*Lord, when I'm stressed and my day is peaceless,
Help me live a prayer that's ceaseless.*

--Fred Bauer



UNPREPARED

There is a legend of an oriental king, whose servant was also his personal friend and favorite. The king, one day, impatiently presented him with a golden bell, saying, "If ever you find a greater fool than you are, give this to him." Years passed and the king lay on his dying bed. To his servant the king said, "I am going on a long journey, and, alas, I am ill prepared." "Is it an unexpected journey?" "No, on the contrary. I have been forewarned these many years; but so engrossing have been the cares of government and the pleasures of court that I have given this matter little attention." Whereupon the servant silently handed him the golden bell. He had found a greater fool than himself at last. *Selected from Leaves of Gold*

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★ **LABOR DAY** ★
★ **WEEKEND MEETING** ★
★ **AT PLEASANT HILL** ★
★ **AUGUST 30 & 31** ★
★ **SATURDAY: 3:00 P.M. & 6:30 P.M.** ★
★ **SUNDAY: 9:30 A.M., 2:00 P.M. & 5:30 P.M.** ★
★ **MEALS SERVED BETWEEN SERVICES EACH DAY. BREAKFAST MONDAY SEPT. 1** ★
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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

Norm Riekens has been having back pain and is undergoing tests to determine the cause.

Norm and Mary Jo Riekens and Albert and Jeanette Schreck attended the camp meeting in Eminence, Missouri. Clarence and Deloris Van

Egdome; John, Carol, and John Wayne Smead attended a family reunion near Toledo, Iowa on July 5th. They were able to see relatives from Colorado, Wisconsin, and Iowa.

Carl and Evelyn Bennett attended services at Pleasant Hill on July 20th and then went

to Huxley to attend their great-grandsons' 3rd birthday party.

August Birthdays

4 – Deloris Van Egdome

14 – Carl 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

Clark Welcher passed away on July 23rd. At printing time, funeral arrangement had not been made. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Alna Meacham is home after a brief stay in the hospital. She is very weak. Please continue to pray for her. We were glad to have both Maxine Phipps and Grace Wilkins well enough to attend services several Sundays.

Amy Prenosil had strep throat. Jean Van Egdome had a bad round with her allergies.

Donna Meek fractured her pelvis and hip and needed a lot of physical therapy. She has been in the Carlisle Care Center for rehabilitation. She is expected to go home soon, but will need lots of help.

Peg Warren is back on her same medicine. The high risk surgery that was performed on her doesn't seem to have helped at all. Doctors have said they

can't do anything more for her. Please pray for Peg. She suffers from terrible pain.

Ashley Fitzgerald may need skin grafts after her surgery. Please pray for her.

Worshiping with us on Sunday, June 29th were Michele Kirby, and Mike, Tracy, and Courtney Penick of the Martensdale congregation. Mike was our guest speaker.

Our visitors on Sunday, July 6th were Shawn Head; and Erv and Darlene Boswell, Shirley McNeece's parents. Michele Kirby also worshiped with us on July 13th along with Denise Drake from the Vandalia congregation; Shelby and Katelin, friends of Kamryn Aswegan; and Joel, Katie, Solomon, and Eric Melton.

David, Marla, and Kara Fetters traveled to Eminence, Missouri for the camp meeting the week of July 4th, and then went to Blue Springs, Missouri

on Saturday, July 5th for the wedding reception for Alissa and Ian Garbi.

Risa and Skip Schamel were traveling around the 4th of July.

Marla and Kara Fetters went to Tent Chapel to take Marla's father, Charles Cobb to services on July 13th.

Peter and Frances Hawthorne traveled to Eolia, Missouri to visit family.

John and Donna McNeece traveled to Burlington, Iowa to visit John's brother.

Yvonne Coe's daughter, Judy Chamberlain, has a herniated disc and is in a lot of pain. Doctors are not sure if they are going to operate.

Kevin Camp, cousin of Bill McNeece, had his home flooded. He lives in the Birdland Park area of Des Moines.

Jacob McNeece, grandson of John and Donna McNeece, was

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Dean Avenue

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found to have a heart murmur during a routine sports physical for school. They sent him on for further testing which came back okay, thankfully.

Several from the congregation went to sing for Donna Meek at the Carlisle Care Center and for

Clark Welcher on Tuesday evening, July 15th. Both Donna and Clark appreciated it very much.

Courtney Penick, granddaughter of Neal and Peg Warren, was crowned queen of the Warren County Fair, and will compete at the Iowa State Fair. Congratulations Queen Courtney!

August Birthdays

- 2 – Shirley McNeece
- 4 – Glenn Meacham
- 18 – Maxine Phipps
- 18 – Ron Sharp



August Anniversaries

- 7 – Peter & Frances Hawthorne
- 9 – Don & Cathy James
- 25 – John & Donna McNeece



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

Visitors joining us for services July 6th were: Jon, Amy, and Micah Schmidt; Van, Molly, and Zoey Gilmore; Linda Lou Taylor; and David Barnes.

It has been nice to have Clint Driftmier at services this summer while he is with his parents, helping on the farm. His parents are Steve and Tammie Driftmier.

Jim Rine's mother passed away, and services were July

10th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim and Mary and their family.

Steve Driftmier's mother, Doris Driftmier lost her battle to cancer, and memorial services were July 11th. Our prayers and thoughts go out to the Driftmier family.

Jean Negley held Bible study at Eiler House July 19th. Her lesson was on 'salt'.

July 20th visitors were Paul and Dasha Negley, and Megan Steeve.

August Birthdays

- 6 – Andy Rine
- 6 – Jewell Warner
- 21 – Bobbie Swisher



August Anniversaries

- 17 – Neil & 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

Allen, Teresa, Jenna, Kyle, and Jordan Bown and Zach Wheeler attended the campout in Eminence, Missouri.

Rick Sparks met with us and gave the morning exhortation on July 6th. We have been studying with Rick on the appointment of elders

and deacons.

Joshua Stanley, grandson of Dick and Phyllis Bown, spent two weeks visiting with them.

Tracy Penick had surgery to remove a growth on her thyroid. After a couple of minor complications Tracy is doing well. We're thankful to report

that the tests came back showing no cancer.

Kyle and Stephanie Stephens worshiped with us on July 13th. They were back helping Tracy after her surgery. Stephanie also recently took her

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Martensdale

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Nursing Boards and passed those.

Fred and Marlene Bown spent a week in Colorado vacationing and visiting with family.

Courtney Penick was crowned 2008 Warren County Fair Queen. Congratulations Courtney!

Visitors this month have been Bill, Marta and Garret Weeks from the St. Mary's area; Dave Henderson, a friend of

Christy Phillips; Joyce, Randy, and Brandon Ingle; and Al and Marlene Bown.

August Birthdays

- 18 – Mike Penick
- 23 – Duane Proudfit



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

Ryan Zinnel is home following his surgery on June 25th and is doing very well.

Brad and Nancy Rankin and boys from Kansas were here visiting with Lowell and Mildred Hermon.

Dean and Beverly Hayes

attended the wedding reception of Alissa and Ian Garbi in the Kansas City area, after which they spent a few days in Branson.

Betty George and Rena Christian both had pacemakers implanted in early July. Ashten and Josh Brady have both had mono. They are better now. Fred Brady had surgery, and is up and about and doing well. Kina Franklin has been ill. Mary Fillman has not been feeling well.

Robert White has been in California visiting his mother. He arrived back

home safely.

Thanks to all who attended the meeting with Roger Wanasen. It was a very good lesson. It can be heard at: www.pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org

Carl and Evelyn Bennett were visiting with us.

Dave and Gwen Bradley from Omaha, Nebraska were visiting with Bud and Mary Fillman and Audrey Brady. They were neighbors in Texas.

Paul Zinnel had wisdom teeth pulled and wasn't feeling well.

Rena Christian is still not

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August Birthdays

- 4-Carson George
- 6-Marilyn McClurg
- 9-Suzanne Harvey
- 11-Dani Brand
- 13-Madison Hermon
- 14-Troy Brand
- 17-Tim Harvey
- 18-Kirby Franklin
- 21-Marquis Franklin
- 25-Cody Brady
- 26-Amy Pritchard



August Anniversaries

- 15-Troy & Dani Brand
- 18-Keith & Connie Price
- 19-Dave & Joyce Ingle
- 25-Paul & Michele Zinnel



Iowa Teen Study (ITBS)

The August study will be Sat. Aug. 16 at 5:00 p.m. at Paul & Michelle Zinnel's house.

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

Oct. study: Oct. 11 at Tim & Ann Casey'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

Pleasant Hill

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feeling well. She is in Methodist Hospital at this time having

tests. Please keep those that are ill in your prayers.

The Franklin family will be leaving the last week of July

when they will move back to the Chicago area. We will miss them and we wish them well.

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

Among those attending the campout at Eminence were Joy Cummings, Morgan, Drew, and Casady; Justin Dowdy; Lynnette Dowdy; Staci and Trent Fiorentin; Charles and Angie Ingle, Charity and Lucas.

Randy and Nancy Clark; Matt and Sarah Clark and Ethan; and Charles and Angie Ingle, Charity and Lucas attended a wedding for Joshua Bunse and Kala White in Macon, Missouri, on June 28th. Joshua is Randy and Nancy's nephew and Matt and Angie's cousin.

Our visitors on June 29th were Ryane Brady and Miles Wood.

Paul Weir is staying with the Doug Fiorentin family while his son Joe and family are on vacation for three weeks.

Dave and Joyce Ingle, Nora Lee Ingle, Miles Wood, Sam Peters, and Ryane Brady worshiped with us on July 6th.

Derek and Amy Ingle vacationed in Clear Lake for several days.

Bob Connett has been ill for

about three weeks, but is now improving.

Margaret Ingle's step-father, Melvin Bolinger of Carrollton, Missouri passed away July 13th, and funeral services were July 17th. Greg and Margaret Ingle; Melody Ingle, Gavin and Cameron; Staci Fiorentin; Marvin and Melda Ingle; Lisa Fiorentin; Derek and Amy Ingle; Devon and Erin Ingle; Joyce Ingle of the Pleasant Hill congregation; Bobbi Duckstein; Linda Christianson; Nancy Clark; Charles and Angie Ingle, Charity and Lucas were there to attend the funeral or visit Thelma at various times during this time of sadness. Margaret stayed an extra few days with her mother. We extend our sympathy to Margaret and her family, along with her mother, Thelma.

Tim and Melody Burkman, Mason, Gavin, and Cameron spent two weeks vacationing at Clear Lake.

Several of our number

enjoyed a wiener roast and hay rack ride Saturday evening, July 19th.

Jason Miller of Carrollton, Missouri, joined us for the wiener roast and worshiped with us on Sunday, July 20th.

Trent Fiorentin broke his right arm while playing football at the wiener roast. He will be wearing a cast for several weeks.

August Birthdays

- 7 – Clifford Duckstein
- 13 – Ruth Schell
- 14 – Justin Dowdy
- 15 – Paul Weir
- 15 – Benjamin Patterson
- 22 – Bob Connett
- 25 – Trent Fiorentin
- 25 – Jack Flickinger



August Anniversaries

- 5 – Derek & Amy Ingle
- 14 – Tim & Melody Burkman
- 19 – Marvin & Melda Ingle
- 23 – Clifford & Bobbi Duckstein



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