

Lighthouse of Iowa

December 2011

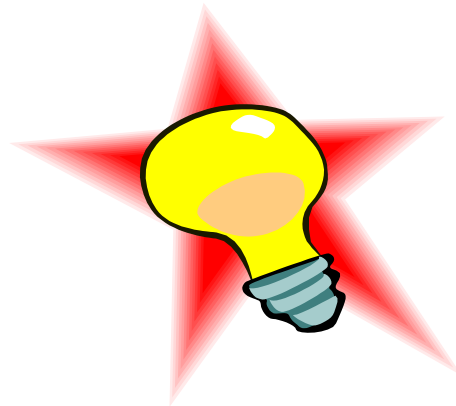
He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. II Corinthians 9:6

A new secondhand furniture store had opened in our little town of Moberly, Missouri. We drove by to see it, but the windows were dark. "Must not be open yet," my wife Sharon observed with a shrug.

Several days later Sharon was walking by the store and noticed that it was still unlit, yet a small sign hung on the door. Curious, she stepped inside and browsed through the shadows. The storekeeper watched mysteriously from the darkened back room door.

"Do you have any lights around here?" Sharon finally dared to ask.

The manager flipped the switch. "I don't like to turn on the lights," he explained, "until I know someone is really interested. My light bill can run as high as a hundred fifty dollars a month."



Sharon and I got a good laugh out of the incident, but it made me pause and examine my own life for similar contradictions. How often do I try to flout the law of sowing and reaping, looking for a bargain or a shortcut? I have to remind myself that I can have the things I want, but only if I make an investment.

If I want more friends, I'll need to turn on the light of my smile.

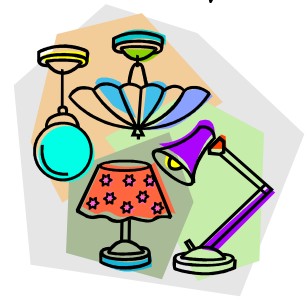
If I want a better job, I'll need to invest in a more illuminating education.

And when I want to feel closer to God, I'll have to invest in some time reading the Word of Light and

talking to the Light of the World.

Father, sometimes I try to reap where I have not sown. Teach me to tap into Your riches by planting seeds of love and hard work.-----Daniel Schantz

Lamps



My friends are little lamps to me,
Their radiance warms and cheers my ways,
And all my pathways, dark and lone,
Is brightened by their rays.

I try to keep them bright by faith,
And never let them dim with doubt,
For every time I lose a friend,
A little lamp goes out.

Anon

Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.


Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

For information call—Clarence Van Egdorn, (641)932-5686 or Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

NOTE: We will not have Wednesday evening services during the months of December, January, February, and March.

Those spending Thanksgiving Day with Clarence and Deloris Van Egdorn were Keith, Denise, Megan, and Riley from Dodgeville, Wisconsin; Jared,

Stacy, Enoch, and Chase Van Egdorn; Jean and Kelli Van Egdorn from Des Moines; and John, Carol, and John Wayne Smead from Albia.

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| December Birthdays | |
| 9 – Albert Schreck |  |
| 31 – Brian Schreck | |



We wish to thank all who sent cards, prayers, visits or helped us in any way during Norm's knee operation. He is progressing but still has quite a bit of pain.

Norm and Mary Jo Rieckens



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

Evangelist Rick Sparks of Greenwood, Missouri brought spiritual enlightenment and encouragement to our congregation and visitors during the week of November 6-11.

Bill and Shirley McNeece returned from a visit in Texas. Shirley reported her family and five-month-old grandchild are doing well.

Margaret Warren was admitted to Lutheran Hospital on November 2nd, where she underwent a series of tests. She was released six days later. She later suffered a fall and was bedridden at home. She was joyfully welcomed back to church several weeks later. It was wonderful seeing her smiling face. But she fell again at home in the last weeks of November. Her husband, Don, and son, Mike, and other family members are taking good care

of her. She has had some physical therapy.

Mary Lou Allen has been suffering bad pains in her back. She underwent a series of tests but no serious medical problems were found. She continued her church attendance throughout and seems better now.

Other members who have been ill included Ron and Karma Sharp, Glenn Meacham, Pam Climpson, Mike Warren, and Jean Van Egdorn. Neal Warren also was sick for 10 days with a bad cough and cold.

Donna McNeece had surgery on her hip and is still improving well. Risa Schamel had the flu, and David Fetters also has been ill.

David Fetters received word on Thanksgiving Day that his aunt had passed away.

During the last Sunday in November, Bill and Shirley

McNeece were absent due to illness. Don Warren reported his wife, Margaret, was not doing well, and his sister Marilyn McClurg has blockage to her heart, which is of great concern. Yvonne Coe reported her grandson was rushed to Iowa City hospital for heart surgery.

Our visitors during November included Kim and Terry Lanc of Ottawa, Illinois; Karla Fetters and Bev Hayes from Pleasant Hill; Jessica Strable; Morgan Hamilton; Skip Schamel; Kari and Tyler Aswegan; Alexis Naatas from Nevada, Iowa; and Connor Naatus and Reese Weatherman from Slater, Iowa.

Our congregation rejoiced on November 20th when Jessica Strable made confession and was baptized by her great-grandfather, Earl Allen.

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Dean Avenue

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Prayers are appreciated for those who are recovering from or enduring illness.

John and Donna McNeece are happy to report that their grandson, Joey Bauman, has completed his four years of serving in the military and is home at last.

December Birthdays

13 – Sierra Coe
18 – Yvonne Coe
18 – Kara Fetters
18 – Travis Head
28 – Risa Schamel



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 Lou Madden and Elsie Negley were both able to attend services this month.

Jack and Bobbie Swisher had a safe trip to Florida and were warmly welcomed by their winter congregation!

Rick Sparks gave messages on November 12-13. We're always glad to have him in Clarinda.

Bryan Martin and Justin Head both attended with the Crumms this month.

Carlita and Maddie McCoy joined grandparents Neil and Becky McCoy on November 20th.

December Anniversaries

18—Will & Cassie Crumm



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

Drew Teghtmeyer placed his membership with our congregation in June. Drew comes from Pleasant Hill, Missouri, and worshiped with the Smart Road congregation. He married Courtney Penick in May and they are living in Indianola. Their address is: 2004 W. 4th Ave. #7, Indianola, IA 50125.

Tracy Penick attended a business conference in Florida for her job.

Randy and Laura Teghtmeyer, Drew's parents, came to Iowa to spend a weekend with Drew and Courtney. Randy and Laura worshiped with us on November 6th. Also worshiping with us that

morning was Megan Stevens, who was visiting with her cousin, Jordan Bown.

Duane and Mary Proudfit, Dick and Phyllis Bown, and Cassidy Phillips spent a weekend in the Kansas City area visiting various family members and friends.

Leta and Grace Fenton from the Lone Jack congregation worshiped with us on November 13th. They were visiting the Bown family and helped Jordan Bown celebrate her birthday. Justin Stevens also met with us that morning while visiting his cousin, Kyle Bown.

In October, Marlene Mae Bown was diagnosed with Bell's

Palsy. She was able to return to worship services on November 20th, and she and Alvin have headed to Texas for the winter.

Many of our members took part in a progressive supper November 19th. We visited the homes of Drew and Courtney Teghtmeyer, Dick and Phyllis Bown, Duane and Mary Proudfit, and Allen and Teresa Bown. It was a fun evening of fellowship for all ages! We were happy to have Maddy Hermon attend our progressive supper and Sunday morning service while spending time with Cassidy Phillips.

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Martensdale

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Zach and Jenna Wheeler spent a weekend in Holt, Missouri, visiting with Joel and Aubrey Morris. They worshiped with the Excelsior Springs congregation November 20th.

Dick and Phyllis Bown spent Thanksgiving in Lone Jack, Missouri, with their daughter, Cindy Stanley, and her family. They worshiped with the congregation at

Murray Road while there.

Steve and Cerine Proudfit and girls worshiped with us November 27th. They were in the area to spend Thanksgiving with Steve's family.

We will be holding a week-end meeting with Wade Stanley December 10th and 11th. Wade will speak at 7:00 Saturday evening and we will serve desserts afterward. On Sunday, Wade will speak at our

morning and afternoon services. We will have a potluck dinner after our morning service with our afternoon service starting at approximately 1:30. Everyone is welcome!

December Birthdays

10 – Mary Proudfit

12 – Teresa Bown

29 – Drew Teghtmeyer



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 ♦ Website: pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org

For information call—Bob Flack, (515)262-7329; Lowell Hermon, (515)989-0727; or Mike Warner, (515)967-4529.

Don and Wanda Burkman super-enjoyed a two-week vacation in Branson, Missouri from November 3rd to the 18th. They said, “Veterans Day celebrations and the many Christmas shows and cruises were awesome. We attended church services at Riverside Church of Christ, Ozark, Missouri. It was great seeing some of our brothers and sisters in Christ that we hadn't seen in quite a while. Our vacation was wonderful, but it is great to be back home.”

Karrie Best has placed her membership with us. We welcome her!

Tim Brady left for training to go to Afghanistan. He will be home for a few days towards the middle of December and then will be going overseas.

Jason and Theresa Brady, Ashten and Ava Brady went to visit with Ryane Brady in Kansas.

Melba Tingle is in Arizona for a few weeks visiting with family.

Joyce Ingle is visiting with family in Missouri. Ryan and Jamie Ingle and Elijah visited with family and went to see Jamie's family also.

Nora Lee Ingle was at daughter Cindy's visiting with her family.

Josh Brady spent two weeks in Arkansas for Guard duty.

Doug Bown spent some time visiting family in the Kansas City area.

Tom and Fred Brady are spending some time in Florida. Julene and family spent a week with her parents. Jason and Theresa are also spending some time with them.

Nels and Marje Turnquist are in the St. Louis area visiting with family.

Brenda Bohall was diagnosed with breast cancer.

She is the daughter of Bud and Mary Fillman.

Nels Turnquist had laser surgery on his throat. He is doing well.

Tricia Brady Baird has been suffering with mastitis and a fever.

Suzanne Harvey spent some time in the hospital. She is home and doing better.

Paul Zinnel didn't have surgery in November.

Marilyn McClurg had a cataract removed and will have the other one done this week.

Carroll and Betty Warren both had pneumonia. They are better and back at services.

Junior Barlow, Karla Feters, Tyler and Ryan Curtis, and Josiah Pritchard were on the sick list.

Steve Thompson will be going to Mayo Clinic on the

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Pleasant Hill

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15th, and hopefully will have surgery on his back on the 16th. We wish him the best.

Allison George is having some vein surgery.

Lowell Hermon had a reaction to some medication he was taking.

Mark and Susie McClurg were back visiting with family.

Matt and Kelly Harvey, Blake and Alexandria were visiting with Matt's family.

Steve Woods was visiting with his son, Miles.

Bev Hayes attended Dean Ave. for the baptism of her great-granddaughter, Jessica Strable.

December Birthdays

4 – Steve Brady
18 – Jason Brady
18 – Paul Zinnel
25 – Ashten Brady



December Anniversaries

30 – Nick & Susan Conner



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.
Website: vandaliacoc.com

For information call—Greg Ingle, (515)994-2824 or Charles Ingle, (515)966-2537

Marvin W. Ingle has chosen to resign his position as an evangelist, effective November 13th, and has turned in his letter to his elders at Vandalia. He regrets that his physical and mental conditions are such he can no longer meet the demands of an evangelist. He says, "May the Lord bless each of the congregations who have generously supported me and my family in our work." The church cannot begin to express the gratitude and thankfulness we have for Marvin's many years of service, and we know he will continue to serve us in many ways as a member.

Visitors during the month were: Denise Drake, and sons Max and Jack; Kevin Waits; Dylan Gray (Tonya Guthrie's nephew); Greg and Deb Wing

and daughter, Tori; Jason and Staci Miller; Karla Deppe and son, Shannon of Grinnell (Tonya Guthrie's aunt and cousin); Brooke Matson (friend of Charity Ingle); James Dowdy; and Kelly and Allison George, Brady, Carson, and Sophia.

A surprise 50th birthday party and supper was held at the church building for Doug Fiorentin on Saturday evening, November 19th.

Lynnette Dowdy underwent arthroscopic surgery on her knee recently and is doing well.

Doug Fiorentin and Trent, and Justin Dowdy were in Kansas City for a weekend.

Greg and Margaret Ingle spent a few days at Clear Lake.

Bonnie Harkins is struggling with some nerve

problems that cause her to lose strength in her legs and fall. Please pray for her recovery and improvement.

Walter Daugherty continues to have back trouble and has been sick with a cold.

Matt Clark has started a new customer service job at ADP in West Des Moines.

December Birthdays

2 – Bonnie Harkins
27 – Melody Burkman



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