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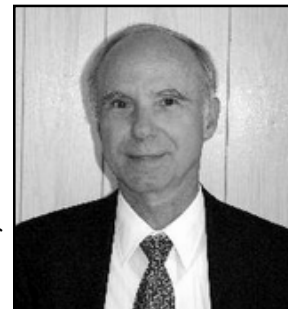
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President's Column . . . Claren Kotrla GARDENS

It seems that everyone has a book on gardening out on the shelves in the spring. This is the time of the year when we have put in our gardens and are beginning to see what we planted start to grow. It is a time of expectation and the initial indications of the fruits of our labor. In fact, it is said that presidents Washing-



ton and Jefferson referred to garden-
ing as the noblest of occupations. Go
forth ye noble gardeners!
Throughout history, going back to
ancient times, gardening by individu-
als has been a central part of human
activity. During WWII the term "Vic-
tory Garden" was coined to help win
the war. So gardening is not only an
important human endeavor, it holds a
special place for us who live in central
Texas and is an integral part of the
Czech heritage. When I visited what
was then Czechoslovakia, people had
gardens in their back yards. They
weren't hobby gardens, but provided

an important part of their food supply
because under the Soviet central au-
thority vegetables were
not readily available.
Those who could also
had small plots of land in
the country side which
were reached by train
where they planted veg-
etables and fruit trees.

Gardens take on many
different styles and de-
signs. Some are like the traditional
family farm some of us may remember,
where a horse or mule plowed a large
area for the vegetables needed to
sustain that family for the next year.
Today those types of gardens are
plowed and cultivated with a tractor.
As we have become more urbanized,
our gardening techniques have
changed also. One of those tech-
niques is called the square foot gar-
den. It is designed for intensive gar-
dening of a very small area where
each square foot is allocated a veg-
etable. These are usually in a raised or



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even portable container no more than four square feet in size and can be easily kept on a patio of an apartment that gets adequate sun. Even smaller types of gardens are simply individual pots of vegetables for even smaller space, or where the individual just wants to do a little gardening. There are even techniques that don't require soil or the sun. The vegetables are grown in a nutrient liquid flowing through a PVC pipe. Vegetables are also grown inside a building where the sun doesn't shine. A special lamp that mimics the rays from the sun provides the light. Each technique meets the needs of the individual gardener and is designed to meet their individual expectations.

There is another gardening technique that has recently attracted my interest because it not only meets my needs but seems to hold a lesson for all of us. The technique is called "The Three Sisters". Because of its compact style and ease of cultivation, some have also called it "guerrilla" or "survival" gardening. I like the term three sisters because it envisions mutual support, differences, and commonality. In some ways it reminds you of Ephesians 4, where the Bible

talks of being patient, bearing with one another in love, and talking about how we are each called differently to Christ's service. Verse 16 states, "From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." In a simple way this garden technique illustrates this verse.

The Three Sisters technique begins with the making of a mound about 20 to 24 inches in diameter with a water ring around the mound. Each mound has about a foot of space between them. Within the mound are placed three or four equally spaced corn seeds. The corn seeds are planted first and after the corn stalk has reached nine to ten inches, pole bean seeds are planted about six to eight inches from each other around the perimeter of the mound. After the beans have been up about a week, you plant squash in the middle between four of the mounds insuring they are kept about two feet from each other. Plant the garden in a sunny area. Water and fertilize as needed. Encourage earth worms to work the soil and the garden is off and growing with little additional attention.

What makes this garden unique is the interrelationships among the various elements. We have the sun, soil, and water, the worms and the vegetables themselves. The soil, water, and worms aren't seen but provide the foundation for successful growth. Without their contributions the garden wouldn't grow at all. The sun is visible, but because it is always there it is sometimes not noticed either.

Let's look at the vegetables. Each is vastly different from each other, but they do rely on each other for success. First the corn is allowed to grow some before the beans are planted, and then the beans are allowed to grow some before planting the squash. The timing is critical, because if you planted the beans first they would overwhelm the corn and it would not be allowed to grow for the good of all.

If the squash were planted first, the large leaves would shade out the corn and the beans resulting in only one third of the vegetables being allowed to reach maturity. So recognizing the importance of the timing and having the patience to allow for the growth differences greatly multiplies the ability to successfully grow this garden and increase its productivity.

Looking at the vegetables individually, we find that the corn grows tall and straight. The wind pollinates the tassels and allows the corn to grow for harvesting. That is why the corn is planted in close groups, to allow the pollination to occur. The corn takes nitrogen from the soil and depletes it from future use. The corn provides the trellis for the beans to climb on to get enough sun to grow



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the beans to maturity for harvest. The bean plants, which are a legume, replaces the nitrogen in the soil. They also provide an anchor for the corn to withstand winds, like a tower uses its guy wires. The squash, which was planted last, provides the leaf cover over the soil which keeps out weeds and helps hold moisture in the soil.

The Three Sisters garden is a lot like the Unity of the Brethren. We are small, just like the garden, and as individuals and congregations we are at different places in our Christian growth and service. Each congregation and each individual brings something different to the garden at different times. Some congregations and some individuals serve more visibly, while others serve more quietly and in the background. Some start their Christian service at different times and require the patience of the rest to be allowed to grow to maturity in their service. Just like the squash, we must

be patient and allow for the Christian growth and service of others before providing the cover to sustain that growth for harvest. We also need to be like the corn stalk and allow the bean to grown up the stalk. Rather than viewing the beans as uselessly hanging on, we need to recognize the service they provide in supporting us in the winds and nurturing the soil we grow in. Initially the corn is the most visible of the vegetables and provides the core for the garden to reach a time of harvest. The rest must be patient and allow it that initial time to grow for the benefit of all to reach a time of harvest.

Each is important and each must be allowed to make their contribution in their time for the whole to reach a time of harvest. Just like this garden, the Unity must be willing to recognize the gifts of each and be supportive of those gifts to reach its time of harvest.

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The theme for this month is **PATIENCE**. The guiding verses for this issue is Romans 8:25. **"But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience."**

Waiting is hard! Patience is often not a natural thing, but it is something that can be developed. Abraham, Jacob, Job, Hannah, and Paul are all examples of people with great patience. Here are some ideas to help develop patience in the children in your life. First, make the passing of time tangible. Place M&Ms or marbles in jar that are the same as the number of days to a special event. Then each day, remove one. A great way to develop patience is to plant a garden. Children not only have to wait for the fruits of their labor, but you can both have a lot of fun learning patience. Learning to wait (have patience) is a sign of spiritual growth and maturity.



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Sunday School Teacher's



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Teen Cabana

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(See Numbers 14)
OH MAAAAAAN ... WE WERE ON TRACK TO MAKE IT TO THE PROMISED LAND IN LESS THAN THIRTY YEARS



Why does it
seem like I have
to wait for

Patience is one of the most difficult fruits of the Spirit to develop. While we all have various levels of patience, it is something that all teens (and adults) could use more. We live in a society that promotes instant gratification (instant oatmeal, instant mac and cheese), instant solutions to problems (30-minute sitcoms), and no-waiting communication (instant messages, texting). Yet, you've often heard great things come to those who wait. Well, waiting can be frustrating. We want what we want and we want it now. Society tells us that now is all that matters. However, the Bible tells us that God has His own timetable. Sometimes His answer is now, but sometimes His answer is to wait. God's timing is most important, because we don't know His eternal plan. Think about what impatience cost the Jews. They didn't get to enter the Promised Land. Instead, they spent 40 years in the desert before their descendants were finally allowed to enter Canaan. So next time you have to wait for a new video game or to go to the movies, ask God to help you gain the patience and strength to wait for the things He desires for you.

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Youth Section

From the Unity Youth Director... “Working in Unity”

-by Jennifer Chervenka

The Lord's work. I open with this phrase because it is seemingly simple. What is the Lord's work? Simply put, it is winning others to Christ.

We are all called to be unified in the Lord's work. This is where our hearts are to be united. Our differences begin in the next step. We are all called to the Lord's work, but He has given each of us different gifts and talents in order to fulfill that calling. The Bible is clear that we are all separate but equally important parts of one body (Romans 12:4). Sometimes I believe that we, in our humanness, forget that we are equal. None is greater than another. We are all servants, serving one mission, serving ONE GOD. Whether we are a newborn who shows the world the love and tenderness of God, or an elder who shares the Lord through their wisdom and knowledge, or in someone in between, we are all united as God's servants seeking to win others to Him.

Isn't this so important, so refreshing, to step back from our own ideas and agendas and look at His? Isn't it so inspiring to know that throughout the Bible our ancestors struggled, yet remained faithful? Isn't it awesome that God can work through “messes” like us to bring His love to those who need it?

I challenge you to refresh yourself. Read Romans 12. Then, have a follow-up with God. Open your heart to Him. Let go of your agenda, and see what He is calling you to be. How is God calling you to reach out to those around you? How is He asking you to work in unity with others as His servant?

I pray that God will fill us with His Spirit. I pray that He will soften our hearts and open our eyes to His mission. I pray that He will show us how to be unified and that He will dwell in us and among us as we set about His work. Amen.

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Upcoming Youth Activities...

In June...

During the last week in June the Unity has two outstanding Christian growth opportunities for our young people. We will have both the Senior High Camp at Hus School, and a Mission Trip to the fishing community of Oak Island, TX, which was devastated by Hurricane Ike. Both of these activities will provide opportunity for Christian fellowship, learning, and service. Please contact Kim Stewart for further information about the Senior High Camp

(kcstew@austin.rr.com)
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about the Oak Island, TX, Mission Trip.

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Bryan-College Station Brethren Christian Sisters



We have about 11 active members of our Christian Sisters Group, including our Unity Christian Sisters Union President, Patsy Blaha. Many more women of our congregation are also very supportive and help with our activities and events. Every year we host a Harvest Dinner, sell poinsettias and Easter lilies, and participate in the Kolache Festival in Caldwell. This year we are hosting a Mother and Daughter Tea on April 4 at 2:00 PM. We will have beautiful tables set with antique dishes and flowers, finger foods, and a fashion show. We are reaching out to the women of all

ages... including those of our community. Lots of door prizes have been donated.

At our meetings we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. We also pray for those that are ill and send them cards. We are so happy to have Ray and Laurie Griggs back from five years in the mission field.

We would like to extend an invitation for other sisters to come and join us on the second Sunday of each month for fun and fellowship.

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In Christ's Love . . . from the Mission Field

Solar Panels Atop the Ahuas Clinic



The above are two of several pictures by Tommy Waggoner showing the result of efforts by the Brethren and Moravian work crews at the Clinic in Ahuas. Others showed the batteries that are being used to store the electricity and a converter to turn the 48 volts produced by the panels to 120/240 volts. This should replace

half of the output of the present generator. David Miller notes that next year there is a plan to add 29 more panels.

The following are three letters we have received from Anne Thiessen regarding recent developments in mission work in which she is involved:

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February 23, 2009

Dear friends,

In Mexico we have a sandwich called a "sincronizada." This is a "synchronized" grilled tortilla sandwich with ham and cheese melting into each other. And maybe "sincronizada" is a good way to describe the way God made us, too. Here we are, uneasy blends of spirit and flesh, torn between two worlds, the physical and the spiritual, and the only way we ever understand one of them is through what we experience in the other.

Take baptism. A few weeks ago our church piled 50 people into six cars and drove out 20 minutes the opposite way from Linda's (the older lady I wrote about in December) to a graceful waterfall. We stepped carefully over and around and through piles of rocks until we made it to a still dark pool under a gushing white waterfall. Rodrigo stepped into the water, and

while he prayed with Natán, it looked like a black and white movie still – two dark and white t-shirts against a backdrop of white falls and dark pool, the falling water drowning all sound. He came up beaming, and we moved forward to welcome him at the bank.

I was sitting on a rock enjoying it all, and my friend Eli sat next to me. Eli is not yet a believer, though she has come on and off to our church gatherings for awhile – "just for the fun of it," she says. As Rodrigo came up out of the water, glistening, Eli blurted, "Maybe I should be baptized." I was surprised. Somehow this experience of clambering over rocks and gullies, feeling the cool spray of the water, and watching Rodrigo make his commitment to Christ a visible, physical thing, got Eli to thinking maybe she was missing something.

I had been talking to Eli about the level of her commitment to Christ, but



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here, under the shadow of the waterfall's rumble and the photo still of Rodrigo's baptism, Eli could see it for herself. "When will you give yourself like this?" I asked. She looked away.

"I'm not ready," she said. What if I mess up?"

"You'll never be ready. You will always mess up."

"But it would complicate things."

"You'd let that stop you?"

In hours of interaction with Eli, never had I had an interchange like this. It was Rodrigo's baptism.

God is smart. He knows what hybrids we are. Baptism is a physical gift to us – to help us understand what is happening in the spiritual world when we give ourselves to Him. We feel it. We hear it. We smell it – the cold deathlike drop; the rush up to breath and life. We are buried with Christ and rise to new life with Him. We know it.

Somehow Eli could see this and want it, there sitting on that rock in front of God's movie still. What she will do with it, I don't yet know. I pray for her. Meanwhile, I turn my face up to the sun that heats us all, His odd, beloved, synchronous creatures.

Blessings, Anne

March 08, 2009

Dear friends,

Mexico's most famous painter, Diego Rivera, insisted that art should be plastered all over the sides of buildings and walls for everyone to enjoy. He popularized the mural, a collage of figures and events and symbols and ideas and colors that you can never take in at one glance. Murals celebrate Mexican history in every city you visit.

This Sunday we experienced a collage of teaching, a blend of stories

told by different people from different perspectives. They were all connected by a theme and a spot – marriage and a well. But you could watch how each speaker turned his own particular story from side to side, like a prism, and caught the light just a bit differently.

Now that people are developing their gifts more in the group, more of the colors of the prism are showing through. Take this Sunday, for example. Tere, our prayer warrior, has an uncanny (i.e. prophetic) sense of who needs extra prayer, extra care, and this week she insisted it was our couples. So when, as we prepared stories for Sunday's teaching, two marriages came up (Isaac & Rebecca and Jacob & Rachel), we ran with it. We're working through the great stories of the Old Testament, matching them with stories from the New, so we added the Samaritan woman for good measure.

We see ourselves as a training "school," a discipling church, so we've been taking our new leaders and coaching them in how to teach stories in front of a group. We are intentionally handing over the teaching time to new leaders. This week three of the guys taught the stories. Next time it will be a gal or two. In total five of us took up the prism of Scripture and watched the colors roll and flash throughout the room. From the silence and the eyes, I knew it was exactly right. We had connected, all of us, with our collage of stories and perspectives, with what people needed right then – to see how Jesus leads us into good relationships. Afterwards one of the women came up to me and gave me a big hug. "I get it," she murmured, "I finally get it." Later that week, she took the initiative to resolve her differences with another



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woman in the church.

What happened this Sunday does not happen often, this sense of rightness, when both emotion and brain say, "yes." Most of the time it is just by faith I know God's up to something. But this time the light was palpable.

As a church, we want to create many collages. We want more people to share and teach, pray, play instruments, and lead music. We want them to develop ministries we've never even heard of. We want them to know that when they leave this living room this Sunday, they can take the church with them. They can do church anywhere. They can "be" the church all the time.

Like Diego Rivera, we want the Church to belong, not in a private gallery (hidden away except for a few hours each week to a select few), but splashing color and beauty on public walls and buildings everywhere, belonging to everyone.

Thank you for what you all do in your part of the mural, and for keeping us here in the midst of this other part. We see how God is combining these parts more and more, and rejoice to be one of the ways He brings

different worlds together. You help make this possible.

Blessings, Anne and Robert.

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April 14th, 2009

Dear Friends,

What a difference it makes to be in a country where one out of every three people you meet is an evangelical believer! A few weeks ago I was in Honduras leading a seminar on church planting. It was great, eating rosquillas, tajadas and mantequilla and listening to that emphatic, breathy Honduran accent that goes up at the end of sentences and gushes on the "s's."

As part of the training, we divided into "temporary churches," applying church planting principles to a small (rabbit-sized) group that could meet and multiply anywhere while keeping a low profile. Each group held simple worship that new believers could imitate, and committed to giving, as a group, in a practical way, throughout the week. Our church decided to visit

a woman in the hospital, a woman who would have been in our group if emergency gallbladder surgery had not placed her in the public hospital instead.

Nothing about the visit was what I had expected (I am too used to Mexico). Because we arrived outside of visiting hours, we had to find a way in other than the main entrance. With a cell phone call, Argentina's husband directed us to the emergency entrance where we set our bags down next to the elevator, waiting for a family member to come escort us up to her room. There was not a single chair anywhere. No receptionist. This was no waiting room, but a foyer where people milled around waiting for news or the chance to slip unobserved into the elevator to visit a patient ("I'm sorry, love, what are you thinking," says the exasperated nurse on duty as a dozen people rush into the unattended elevator when someone gets off). Yes, we could have

waited for visiting hours, but not all the group could stay that long, and well, you know, it would work out one way or another.

After waiting around and wondering if we should take our chances with the elevator (I was convinced I was a little too obvious to pull that off), our fearless member Angel (yes, that's his name) ambled over to the guard. I could see him smiling. Yep. He'd persuaded the guard to let us climb up the eight flights of stairs if we promised to be back down in ten minutes. And we couldn't all go, just two of us. The guard's name, by the way, was also Angel, and he was also a believer. "Oh, I always let people up to pray with the patients, you know," he assured us. We blessed him, and up we went. "Oye," he said, "You count those ten minutes from the time you reach the top." Good thing. We had to take a breather before going into sister Argentina's room.



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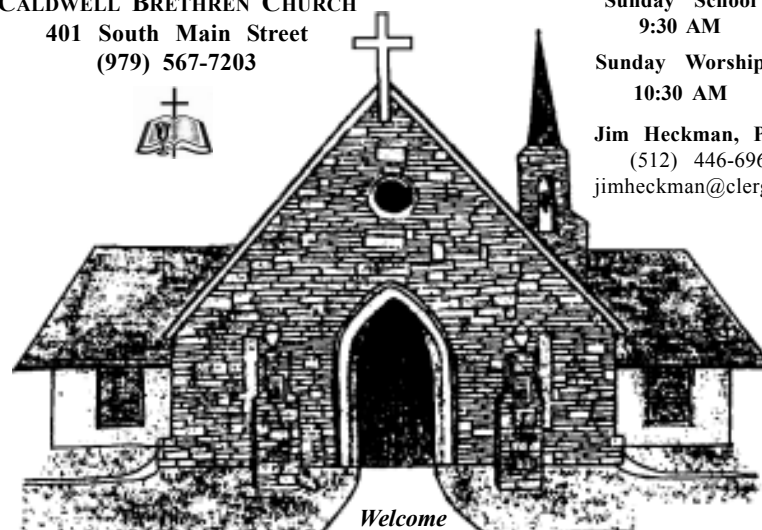
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We walked pass the nurses' station with a greeting and made our way into the room. There were eight women in there with family members and friends. I met Argentina, a 62-year-old woman known, as the Bible puts it, "for her good works and faithful prayer." We chatted and asked if we could pray with her. We had ten minutes.

"Of course," she nodded. "You know, I wasn't as much afraid of the surgery as I was of my stay in the hospital. I thought it would be lonely and awful. But it isn't. The women in here are Christians, and we pray every night together and one of the doctors prays with us." The woman in the next bed piped in, "Yeah, I'm new in the faith, so I've been learning the choruses we sing." "When someone is having trouble," added Argentina, "the rest of us pitch in. We all help each other." To tell the truth, it felt like a women's retreat rather than a surgical ward.

I sat down next to Argentina to pray with her, but she was already calling the other women from their beds. "Doña Concepcion, come on in. You two help Dona Maria get in here: we're going to pray now." In they shuffled, awkward in their bedclothes. "Hold hands," Argentina commanded. And we prayed there on the top floor of that hospital, in the woman's surgical ward, patients and visitors together, some 14 or 15 of us. What else could I say but, "Lord, I've never seen this in a hospital before. I think this is a miracle. Bless these women. Thank you." While we slipped down the elevator and one Angel headed over to thank the other Angel, it occurred to me, there must be more than a few angels hovering around that place. I look forward to the day these kinds of stories come out of southern Mexico, too!

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Daily Morsels for May 2009

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Eph. 1:3
2. You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:26
3. **God predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will. Eph. 1:5**
4. When you were dead in your sins and in your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. Col. 2:13
5. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 6:23
6. The law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Jn. 1:17
7. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him! Isa. 30:18
8. Whether you turn to the right or the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, "This is the way, walk in it." Isa. 30:21
9. O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you. Ps. 84:12
10. **For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not of yourselves, it is the of God. Eph. 2:8**
11. Just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do. 1 Pet. 1:15
12. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Heb. 4:16
13. There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Rom. 8:1
14. The Lord says, "I made the earth, and created humankind upon it." Isa. 45:12
15. Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Heb. 4:16
16. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Mt. 11:28
17. **"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Mt. 11:29**
18. The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked, but He blesses the home of the righteous. Prov. 3:33
19. Each one of you must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. Eph. 5:33
20. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Eph. 6:1
21. Guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth. Mal. 2:15
22. He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord. Prov. 18:22
23. The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Gen. 2:18
24. **Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Eph. 5:21**
25. Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Eph. 6:10
26. Put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground. Eph. 6:13
27. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Mt. 5:6
28. You know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. James 1:3
29. The word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. Heb. 4:12
30. Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. Eph. 6:18
31. **Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 1 Pet. 5:8**

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RECENT BAPTISMS

NAOMI EVELYN GOSTYLO, daughter of Jake and Alicia (Zappone) Gostylo, born on September 26, 2008, was baptized on March 22, 2009, at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Austin. Ministers: Rick Murray and Mark L. Labaj.

BROOKLYN RENEE THOMAS, daughter of Matthew Dale and Renee Suzanne (Scheler) Thomas, born on September 23, 2008, was baptized at the West Brethren Church on November 23, 2008. Sponsors: Keven Schler and Chris and Carrie Rogers. Minister: Curtis Holland.

RECENT WEDDINGS

SARAH MICHELLE DAMERON and BRADLEY RYAN MATTHYS were united in marriage on November 8, 2008, at the West Brethren Church. Witnesses: Brent Matthys and Jennifer Pharr. Minister: Curtis Holland.

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RECENT DEATHS

SELF, MARILYN (MAREK), age 66, born on February 22, 1943, died in Houston, Texas. She was married to John Wayne Self in 1961. Mrs. Self is survived by her husband, one daughter, one grandson, one brother, and one sister. Services were on April 1, 2009, from the Vsetin CMB Church, with burial in that church's cemetery. Minister: Mark Labaj.

FOJTASEK, GAYLON J., age 44, died on March 25, 2009. He was born on January 18, 1965, at Temple and is survived by his former wife, Jeanette O'Keefe, one stepson, one brother, and two sisters. Services were on March 28, 2009, from the Scanio-Harper Funeral Home Chapel. Minister: Mark Labaj.

BROKMEYER, GABRIEL SAMUEL, age 4 months, a child of the Nelsonville Brethren Church, died on February 24, 2009. He was born on October 5, 2008, in College Station. Surviving him are his parents, grandparents, three great-grandparents, and two great-grandmothers. Minister: Mike Groseclose.

ANNE MAE (POPP) EMERY, age 78 and a member of the West Brethren Church, born on September 28, 1940, died on February 17, 2009. She is survived by two sons, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Services were at the West Brethren Church, with burial in that church's cemetery. Minister: Curtis Holland.

VEACH, JOSEPH VERNON, age 86 and a member of the West Brethren Church, born on November 26, 1922, died on February 13, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Angeline (Volcik) Self, one daughter, three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and one brother. Services were from the Oak Crest Funeral Home in Waco, with burial in Chapel Hill Memorial Park in Waco, Texas. Minister: Curtis Holland.

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9:30 a.m.

Sunday School for ALL Ages

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service

Wednesday Schedule

6:30 p.m.

Kid's NITE Out (ages 3-5th gr.)

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– Rev. Joseph Polasek

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Holy Communion on 1st Sunday.
Guest speaker on 4th Sunday.
– Rev. John Kueker

Caldwell – Sunday School at 9:30 AM,
worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
Bible Study on Tuesday at 10:30 AM.
– Rev. Jim Heckman

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Sunday – 9:00 AM: Worship
10:00 AM: Faith Adventure
11:00 AM: Celebration
– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

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Wednesdays: 5:30 PM, Dinner; 6:30 PM,
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