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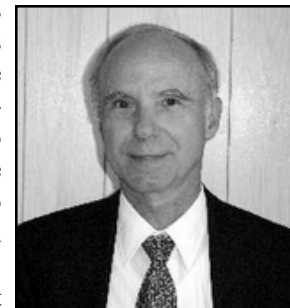
RENEWAL

Ladies and Gentlemen it is time for
Renewal! It is the theme for the Church
Convention. So what is
it? The dictionary has
several definitions. The
main ones are that re-
newal or to renew is to
begin again, to replace
that which is worn, to
cause to exist again, and
to give spiritual strength.

You know they say that
if you keep doing the same things
over again and again expecting a
different outcome, you may be crazy.
Perhaps we are doing things again
and again expecting different out-
comes. The Unity had over 5000 mem-
bers at the end of WWII. Today we
barely have 2000 and donations are
down. We also have difficulty getting
enough people to volunteer to meet
the needs of the Unity. Maybe look-
ing at things with a sense of renewal
could remedy that problem.

I have been observing the "Three
Sisters" growing in the garden and
have made a rather simple but mean-

ingful observation that applies to
renewal. Shade from a beautiful old
tree overshadows part of
the garden during the
morning. The more the
tree overshadows the
corn, squash, and beans,
the less they grow. The
corn stalks and squash
that is not overshadowed
by the tree had tassels
and fruit by the end of



May. The new growth closest to the
tree, and the most overshadowed are
much smaller and haven't started to
produce. The two closest to the tree
may not produce at all. What does
this tell us? It could be telling us that
by overshadowing new growth, even
if good intentioned, stifles new growth
and stops renewal.

The things we have been doing
may not be giving us the outcomes
we expect like new church members
and greater donations. These are in-
deed the easiest measurers of suc-
cess. However, we do not measure



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how we positively influence others, how we help people come to Christ, or conversely how if we are overbearing or self-centered we drive people from Christ and Christian service within the Unity.

I once talked with the organist for a small church. He was an elderly man who had arthritis and I asked him if he was teaching any younger people to play the organ. His response was a shock to me. He not only said he hadn't, but he would not do that. It appeared that he was satisfied to play the organ until his arthritis caused him to stop, but didn't care if the church had music after he couldn't play. He didn't care if the church continued or was renewed by another musician. His only interest was himself. The end result would eventually be the loss of music at the church and the loss of a new person who would be willing to share their talent for the glory of Christ. There would be no measure of his self-centeredness other than the continuing reduction in members.

Looking at Corinthians 12: 25-26, it tells us that the church is like the human body. Chapter twelve states that all the parts of the body should

have equal concern for the other. These verses further state that if one part suffers, every part suffers with it, and if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Think about how if your hand is unhappy with your face for having a new idea, it were to slap your face. Would the whole of your body feel good about that? No, but the hand might feel good that it put the face in its place. Conversely, if that same hand picks up a cool glass of water when the body is thirsty, the whole body feels good. Think of yourself as the hand, where you have the choice of helping the whole body suffer, or to rejoice.

The Austin Brethren Church is an example of Christian renewal. It has been stated that a church that relies on only supply ministers without having a full time pastor either as a parish or individual church is doomed to stagnation. In our case I believe the statement is true. We were shrinking and interest was waning. We took a giant leap of faith and called the first woman to be ordained in the Unity to be our pastor. The membership isn't great and the funds are adequate but not outstanding. Yet the Austin Brethren was renewed by having a full-time

pastor. The church has helped several other small churches grow, it has a garden where the local residents gather, it provides for prison ministry, it reaches out to the homeless. But most importantly, it presents a Christ-centered and prayerful focus for its members and those who are touched by its members. It is not perfect, but it has been renewed in the service of Christ.

The challenge to you is that if Austin can do it, so can your congregation. You don't have to let your congregation just whither away like the organist did. You can renew your commitment to Christ growing your church. You can combine with another Unity church, you can look at new ways to renew your spiritual presence, and encourage others to do the same.

Look what Psalm 50:10 says. It says "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Isaiah 40:31 says, "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength" Romans 12:2 says, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing, and perfect will." These verses point the way to renewal. It is not doing the old things, but it is the renewal of our mind and the belief in Christ that will provide the spirit of renewal we need.

Please reflect on these thoughts as we plan and conduct the Unity of the Brethren Church Convention this July.

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Chronology of Mr. Jan Hus' Life

- 1370 – Born in Husinec (south of Prague) near Prachatice.
- 1393 – Received his Bachelor of Arts Degree. at the Faculty of Liberal Arts of Charles University.
- 1396 – Awarded the Master of Arts Degree.
- 1400 – Admitted to holy orders and continued his theological studies.
- 1401 – Became the Dean of Faculty of Liberal Arts on October 15.
- 1402 – Took over the office of preacher in Bethlehem Chapel in Prague on March 14.
- 1407 – Presented his last sermon at the clerical synod on October 18.
- 1408 – The first complaints were raised about Hus from clergymen and the Archbishop.
- 1409 – On July 18, anathematized (declared a heretic) by the Archbishop, and on September 20 was summoned to see the Pope.
- 1411 – On March 15, an anathema was pronounced against Hus in all the churches, and on July 6, the Czech King Wenceslas II tried to reconcile Jan Hus and the Archbishop.
- 1412 – After indulgences had been announced in Prague, Jan Hus, together with Jeronym Prazsky publicly denounced them. (Jeronym Prazsky was burned in 1416).
- 1413 – Hus finished his major works “On Simony”, “Postil”, and “On the Church.”

- 1414 – On July 15, he left for Krakovec castle at Rakovnik, and on October 11 he set out on his journey to Constance in Switzerland, where he arrived on November 3.
- 1415 – After he had been kept in prison in a Dominican monastery between May 8 and 12, the Czech and Moravian Lords requested that a public hearing be awarded to Hus.
 - Between June 5 and 12, Hus was given a public hearing at the general assembly of the ecclesiastical Council.
 - On June 18 and 25, the Council proclaimed John Hus' works to be heretical.
 - On July 1, Jan Hus presented his last speech in front of the Council.
 - On July 6, he was deprived of his priesthood, a hat with the inscription “Hic est Haeresiarcha” (“This is the Arch-heretic”) was put on his head, and hot flames silenced his voice forever.

Editor's note: Much conflict followed in the Czech history. Wars between Hus' followers and other groups sympathetic to the Church's actions continued for many years, with atrocities carried on by both. And, of course, much history related to the birth of the Brethren and Moravian Churches followed. In the late 1990s, Pope John Paul II made a statement in which he stated his regret over the misery that had been experienced by the Czechs during this time.

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The 2009 Convention Packets were mailed (regular mail & by email) to all Ministers and Congregations. Included in these packets was information regarding meal costs and housing.

On July 9, 2009, at Noon Temple Brethren Church is hosting a luncheon for the Executive Committee, Ministers and Wives. Registration is scheduled for July 9, 2009 4:30 p.m.

Deadlines: (all to be sent to the Secretary)

The following have already passed!: 2008 Questionnaire due (also 2007 if not sent in) & 2009 Convention Credential form w/\$200 (per delegate). If you have not sent these in, please do so as soon as possible.

Note: ALL Reports from Officers & Organizations are now past due...each needs to print their own in preparation and hand them out at the convention.

June 25, 2009: Convention RSVP by Executive Committee & Ministers & Wives (July 9, 2009, Noon Luncheon @ Temple Brethren Church – 254/778-8759 or tbc@hot.rr.com

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THE CZECH REPUBLIC

A concern of many Brethren, whose ancestors came to Texas from the Czech Republic in the late 1800s, has been how many people of that country are non-believers today. After 40 years of Communist domination, statistics reveal that more than 50% of the people are non-believers. For the past two years, the Mission Board has been exploring opportunities for mission work in the Czech Republic. Fields of Faith, a small missionary sending agency here in Texas, is primarily dedicated to assisting in the evangelization of the Czech Republic. Through FOF, the Ocker Brethren Church learned of Pastor Pavel and Stanya Kozak, who have been doing evangelism work in Decin, Bohemia. A group of Ocker people visited and were very impressed with the work of the Kozaks in the summer of 2007.

When the group returned home and shared their experience with the Ocker people, the congregation decided to provide encouragement and regular financial support to the Kozaks. Ocker is continuing that support of the Kozaks. The enthusiasm of the Ocker people has inspired the Mission Board to include the Kozaks in the current and future Unity Mission Budgets.

Recently, Fields of Faith has indicated to the Unity Mission Board that FOF is planning to start work in Zlin, Moravia, which is in the southeastern part of the Czech Republic. This news has generated great interest because it is the general area from which most of our ancestors came. The Mission Board has sent \$4000 to FOF to assist in the beginning of this work. Hopefully, enthusiasm and financial contributions for this effort will increase as



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this information is shared throughout the Unity.

Note: A response to this assistance was received recently:

Dear Kent,

Thank you very much for your email. We are so overjoyed about the partnership that is starting to evolve between The Unity of the Brethren and Fields of Faith. To see churches planted and Czechs come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ couldn't make us any happier...and I'm sure the Lord is, as well.

You are right. Pastor Winsman has made a great connection with Pavel and Stana. In fact, I think he and his wife are in the Czech Republic as this email is being typed. Pastor Ron has bent over backward to not only arrange a short-term mission to the Czech Republic last year, but has been in contact with the Kozaks since then.

Just a point of clarification and accuracy, the Kozaks are not living in Moravia – yet. They are waiting for the Unity Board's decision on the extra funding. I understand the meeting is scheduled for later this summer. Once they get the go ahead, they will relocate to Zlin (a Moravian city).

The board of FOF will be meeting soon to discuss your letter and how the Unity as a whole can be more involved in Moravia. I do very much understand the denomination's desire to "invest" in their homeland. I am Czech as well, and that is my heart's desire to see the whole country evangelized.

Lastly, thank you very much for the generous gift. I am sure the cooperation (spolucenstvi – in Czech) between our two organizations is just beginning, and I'm sure great things will be achieved in the name of our great God and Savior.

Our board will be in contact with you soon, and we will plan to meet

face to face with you and others on the board of Mission.

God bless,

Tom Prohaska,
President/Founder
FOF Ministries, Int'l

JILL MILLER

Jill Miller is going to Uganda, Africa, in July for a month of service as a midwife. She and a former YWAM classmate will be returning to an area where they received part of their training about a year ago. Her airfare is being covered by the Unity Mission Budget. Jill will return to her teaching position in San Angelo, Texas, and could be available for invitations to visit congregations this fall.

THE THIESSENS

Robert and Annie Thiessen and their children will be guests at the

upcoming Unity Convention in Temple with their travel expenses paid from the Mission Budget. They plan to visit a few congregations while in Texas during the first part of July. Their exact schedule is uncertain at this writing. For later information, contact Chairman David Miller.

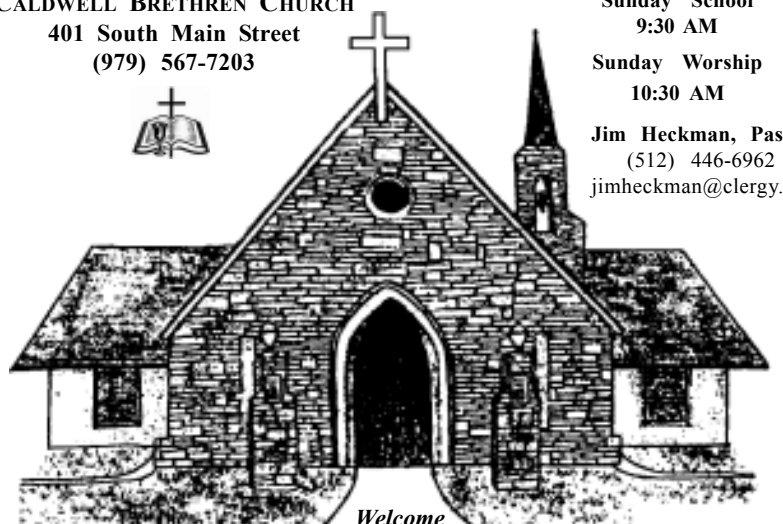
OTHER MISSIONARIES

Michael and Caroline Woo are continuing their work in China and trying to set up classes for teaching English. They invite others to go to China to assist in these classes for short or longer periods of time. If interested, contact Chairman Miller.

A note from Caroline (*the following is a note sent on May 25 to Mrs. Joyce Baletka in response to her concern for that family*):



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We will try to turn in our visa papers this week and are praying for a work visa. If we can only get a three-month tourist, then I don't know what we will do.

Thank you,

Caroline Woo

AHUAS WORK CREW

This past January, a work crew went to Ahuas, Honduras, to work on solar panels for the clinic there. The solar panels will be very beneficial in reducing the use of generators to

provide electricity for the clinic. Another work crew to Ahuas is being planned for early in 2010. Anyone interested in being a part of this crew should contact Chairman Miller soon.

This year's FEBRUARY MISSION CELEBRATION

An outstanding Mission Celebration was sponsored by the Mission Board at the Hus Encampment on February 28, 2009. This event demonstrated that there are many different ways that we can all become involved in sharing the love of Jesus at home and abroad and thus fulfill Acts 1:8, "Be witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth."

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Sunday School Island

The theme for this month is **SELF-CONTROL**. The guiding verses for this issue is 1Peter 5: 8 "Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

Self-control is a life-long learning experience, but it is a spiritual characteristic that God desires for us. Self-control can simply be thought of as rejecting sin. Self-control has many dimensions, from the words we speak, to the thoughts we think, to the actions we do. If self-control is so hard for adults, imagine what it is like for a child. Many two year olds respond to anger by biting. This is actually very similar to when we speak out in anger to someone. Help the children in your life practice self control by:

- Looking for ways to serve others
- Limit the time they watch TV
- Not reacting immediately when they are angered

Pray for the children in your life that they may develop self-control!



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Good Fruit Lesson:

Show children 2 bananas—one that is really fresh and one that is really rotten. Ask children which one they would like for a snack and why. Remind children that our life is like these two fruits. God wants us to be good fruit. Some people do things that are bad and make us sad, but God wants us to do good things and help others. He wants us to be a yummy banana! When we use self-control by not hitting or talking back, then we are being good fruit!

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Self-Control Reminders

Make a stop sign shape for each child. Have them color it or cover it with torn tissue paper. Print the following prayer for each child and glue in the middle of the stop sign.

*"Dear Jesus,
Help me know your way
And use self-control every day
Show me how to be good
And do the things I should."*

Annual Christian Sisters Bazaar, 2nd Saturday in September
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MATT FINALLY LEARNS TO CONTROL HIS TONGUE

It is easy to give into the temptations that Christian teens face. In fact, it may be harder work to walk away from temptation than to give in to it. There is so much peer pressure around. But God rewards self-control. Read the story of Joseph in Genesis 39. He faced many temptations that you may face. Instead of giving in, he repeatedly "ran" away from the temptation. As a result, he was thrown in jail—for using self-control. But God worked through that and Joseph eventually became the highest-ranking leader in all of Egypt. God rewards self-control.

While Joseph had to wait a while for the reward, God was faithful. You are and will continue to be faced by many temptations (as are your parents, youth leaders, pastor). Be strong and have patience. Talk to God about the areas of your life where you need his help. Make a list of areas in your life that you feel you need more self-control. Make that the focus of your prayers this month and allow God to do a good work in you.



Self-control in an out-of-control world

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE
"Bear ye one another's burdens
And so fulfill the Law of Christ."
(Gal. 6:2)

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Back to School Ideas

- ✓ Set up a homework area. This can be an actual desk area, but it can also just be a box or basket you can pull out when needed.
- ✓ Buy 2 sets of school supplies. Send 1 to school and keep 1 at home. You can place them in the box or basket from #1.
- ✓ Stay in contact with the teacher or teachers. This is even easier today with email.
- ✓ Set up a reward system. Allow our child to place a cotton ball in a jar everyday they complete their homework. Tape a picture of the reward (picked by your child) to the side so they are reminded everyday what they are working toward.
- ✓ Tag Team. If homework is a stressful time, tag team with your spouse or a close friend. When you are frustrated it only makes your child more frustrated.
- ✓ Ask for help. If homework is taking an extremely long time (see below), talk to your child's teacher. There may be able to help.
- ✓ The National PTA has established the 10 Minute Rule regarding homework. That is 10 minutes per day per year in school. So that would be 10 minutes in first grade, 20 in second, etc.
- ✓ Break big tasks in to small assignments and praise your child as each step is completed.
- ✓ Provide a break. Don't begin homework as soon as the child comes in from school. Give them some time to relax and eat a snack before hitting the books again. Remember, they've been in school for 7 hours already!
- ✓ PRAY for your child, his/her teacher(s), and all school personnel.

Interesting Fact: Homework was outlawed in 1801 in California! That law only remain in effect for 15 year.

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Oh Yes – GREAT FISHING, too!

Youth Section . . .

STATE BYF SUMMER RETREAT, CONVENTION, AND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, July 25-Sunday, July 26, 2009

Note: All paperwork, volleyball rosters, and registration forms are now past due. If you have not submitted this information, do so immediately. Forms can be accessed at www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com. If you do not submit membership and leadership rosters, an annual report, and delegate information, you will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.

Order of events:

Saturday	Sunday
8:00-9:00am- Registration	8:00- 'Come and Go' Breakfast
9:00- Worship	9:00am- Worship
9:45- CONVENTION/Business meeting	10:00- Dismissal
12:00pm- Lunch	
1:00- Volleyball Tournament Begins	
6:00- 'Come and Go' Supper	

FAITH IN ACTION MISSION TRIP TO OAK ISLAND

Sunday, June 28-Friday, July 3. Look for a full report and photos in the September issue of the *Brethren Journal*.

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DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for July 2009

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. Love the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Mt. 22:37
2. **Love your neighbor as yourself. Mt. 22:39**
3. Do not merely listen to the Word. Do what it says. James 1:22
4. "You shall have no other gods besides me." Deut. 5:7
5. "Hear the laws and decrees I declare to you. Learn them and be sure to follow them." Deut. 5:7
6. Come near to God and He will come near to you. James 4:8
7. For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as a shield. Ps. 5:12
8. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to His name. Ps. 135:3
9. **Jesus said, "For where two or three come together in My name, there am I with them." Mt. 18:20**
10. You are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household. Eph. 2:19
11. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. Gal. 6:10
12. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, that you may also have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. 1 Jn. 1:3
13. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His. Ps. 100:3
14. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in love. Joel 2:13
15. How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me? Ps. 116:12
16. **Live a life worthy of the call you have received. Eph. 4:1**
17. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with each other in love. Eph. 4:2
18. Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant. Mt. 20:26
19. **Since we have a great high priest who has gone into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Heb. 4:14**
20. The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His unfailing love. Ps. 33:5
21. The Lord guides the humble in what is right and teaches them the way. Ps. 25:9
22. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Isa. 40:29
23. **"All things are possible for Him who believes," said Jesus. Mk. 9:23**
24. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. 1 Jn. 5:5
25. In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps. Prov. 16:9
26. Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. Isa. 40:28
27. Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble; but take heart! I have overcome the world." Jn. 16:39
28. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised. Heb. 10:36
29. The apostles foretold, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." Jude 18
30. **Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jude 21**
31. Give to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering and come before Him. 1 Chron. 16:29

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2. Humble yourselves under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. 1 Pet. 5:6
3. Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law. Prov. 29:18
4. Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands to God in heaven. Lam. 3:41
5. **Serve the Lord with all your heart; and do not turn aside after useless things that cannot profit or save. 1 Sam. 12:20,21**
6. You cannot serve both God and wealth. Mt. 6:24
7. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in His sight? 2 Sam. 12:9
8. Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people. Prov. 14:34
9. Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness. Isa. 5:20
10. The Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn His face from you if you return to Him. 2 Chron. 30:9
11. Let no evil talk come out of your mouth, but only what is useful for building up. Eph. 4:20
12. **The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. 1 Jn. 3:8**
13. I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin. Ps. 38:18
14. I called to the Lord out of my distress, and He answered me. Jonah 2:2
15. O Lord, answer me, so that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God. 1 Kings 18:37
16. In all you do acknowledge God, and He will direct your path. Prov. 3:6
17. Do what is right and good in the Lord's sight, so that it may go well with you. Deut. 6:18
18. His anger is but for a moment; His favor is for a lifetime. Ps. 30:5
19. **Submit to the Lord. Come to the sanctuary, which He has consecrated forever. 2 Chron. 30:8a**
20. Serve the Lord your God, so that His fierce anger will turn away from you. 2 Chron. 30:8b
21. I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. Ez. 37:26
22. Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God. Phil. 2:14
23. I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments. Deut. 30:16
24. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Ps. 33:12
25. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair. 2 Cor. 4:8
26. **For me it is good to be near God. I have made the Lord God my refuge. Ps. 73:28**
27. We will serve the Lord, because He is our God. Josh. 24:18
28. The Lord is the true God, He is the living God and the everlasting King. Jer. 10:10
29. They sang praises with gladness and bowed their heads and worshipped. 2 Chron. 29:30
30. **Blessed are those who keep His statutes and seek Him with all their heart. Ps. 119:2**
31. The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad. Ps. 97:1

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By Confirmation of Faith:

ERIN BRINKLEY, TREVOR COOTS, AUSTIN MCNEILL, and RACHEL SNYDER on May 24, 2009, at the Ocker Brethren Church.

RECENT WEDDINGS

WEHRING-BUSA. Sara Wehring of the Nelsonville Brethren Church was married to Danny Busa of the Catholic Church on May 23, 2009, at the Fireman's Training Center in Brenham. The couple will reside in Kenny, Texas. Witnesses: Lindy Macat and Patrick Busa. Minister: Michael Groseclose.

MARTINEZ-COOK. Crystal Martinez was married to Dustin Cook on Friday, May 15, at the Rosenberg Brethren Church. The couple will reside in Rosenberg, Texas. Minister: Larry Butcher.

RECENT DEATHS

SYMMANK, FRED W., of Belton, died on May 26, 2009, at the age of 88. He was born on August 22, 1920, in Giddings, Texas, to Herman H. and Ida L. (Goebel) Symmank. Mr. Symmank served his country as a member of the Army Air Corps during World War II, and on June 6, 1948, he was united in marriage to Dorothy L. Motl in Temple. He is survived by his wife, one son, two daughters, six grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and one sister. Services were held on May 28, 2009, at the Temple Brethren Church, with burial at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen. Minister: Larry Zabcik.

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Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

Keep these activities in your prayers.

July 9, 10, & 11, 2009: The 63rd Convention of the Unity of the Brethren in Texas . . . hosted by the Temple Brethren Church.

August 22, 2009: Fayetteville Brethren Church Christian Sisters Salad Luncheon (see complete information below).

October 9-11: Prime Timers' Retreat! (Further information will be sent to the churches and by e-mail to church conacts.)

We Are Invited . . .

The August 22nd Salad Luncheon of the Fayetteville Brethren Church (held in the church fellowship building) is a fundraiser for Brazos Valley Hospice of LaGrange. Lunch will be served 11 AM-12 noon. Marlise Lonn, the Bereavement Hospice coordinator, will be the speaker. Tickets are \$6, and advance ticket purchase from a Christian Sisters member would be appreciated.

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Austin – Bible Study at 10:00 AM
Worship at 11:00 AM.
– Rev. Linda Chandler

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Snook – worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Joseph Polasek

Buckholts – worship at 9:00 AM every
Sunday except the 5th Sunday.
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

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

Cy-Fair Community Church – worship at
10:45 AM every Sunday.
1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays – Rev. Rick Chandler
2nd & 4th Sundays – Rev. Henry Beseda
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Dime Box – worship at 9:00 AM every
Sunday.
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Faith Brethren in Bryan –
Sunday Worship (Communion on 1st
Sunday): 10 years old & adults – 5:30
PM; Children's Church 5:45-6:30 PM
Thursday, 6:30 PM: Sister Chics & Youth
– Pastor Kay Polasek

Fayetteville – Sunday School at 9:30 AM,
worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Milton Maly

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Palm Beaches – worship at 1:00 PM every
Sunday at Boynton Springs Presbyterian
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– Rev. James Henry

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11:30 AM and 6:30 PM every Sunday.
– Rev. Adolfo Gonzalez

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9:00 AM; Sunday School at 10:15 AM.
1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sunday – Rev. Charles Amos
4th & 5th Sunday – Mark Sebek

Houston – Every Sunday:
Sunday School at 9:15 AM;
Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
– Visiting Ministers

Industry – worship at 9:00 AM every Sunday
with Sunday School for all ages following.
– Rev. Milton Maly

Nelsonville – Sunday School at 9:00 AM
Worship at 10:15 AM
– Rev. Michael Groseclose

New Tabor – Sunday School at 9:30 AM &
Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday,
"Tune Up" on Wednesdays, 7:30 PM.
– Rev. Dave Johnson

Ocker – worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Ron Winsman

Pasadena – Sunday School at 9:30 AM
and worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
Bible Study at 7:30 PM on Wednesday.
– Scott Keaton

Rosenberg –
Sundays: Adult Bible Study and Sunday
School for children at 9:00 AM; worship
at 10:30 AM.

Wednesdays: 5:30 PM, Dinner; 6:30 PM,
Bible Study; 6:50 PM, Prayer Meeting.
– Bro. Larry Butcher

Seaton –
Sunday, 9:15 AM – Sunday School, All Ages;
10:30 AM – Worship Celebration Service.
Wednesday, 6:30 PM – Kid's NITE Out
and Priority ONE Youth (BYF), Adult
Bible Study.
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Taylor – worship at 10:15 AM every
Sunday.
– Rev. James Hejl

Temple – Sunday School at 9:30 AM.,
Worship at 10:45 AM.
– Pastor Larry Zabcik

Vsetin –
Worship at 10:00 AM every Sunday.
– Dr. Mark Labaj

5th Sunday – Visiting Ministers

Wall – Sunday School (for all ages) at 9:30
AM; worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Thomas Tallas

Wesley – worship at 9:00 AM every
Sunday. Sunday School follows.
– Rev. Michael Groseclose

West – Sunday School at 9:00 AM and
worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Curtis Holland

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