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## President's Column . . . Claren Kotrla

### DIVIDED

This month provides us a holiday  
set aside to stop and reflect upon

those things for which  
we are thankful and which  
unite rather than divide  
us. Thanksgiving is a  
wonderful time to really  
think about those people  
and things that have made  
our lives so good over  
the past year. It provides  
a dedicated time to thank

God for all of our blessings regardless  
of what is happening in the world.  
Please take advantage of this holiday  
to do so.

We live in a time where significant  
division and deception surrounds us.  
We experience it in our daily lives, in  
our work, at all levels of government,  
and, yes, within our churches. A re-  
cent study showed that there is wide-  
spread cheating in school. The expla-  
nation is that they have to in order to  
succeed. We shouldn't be alarmed at  
this finding because many of our  
elected leaders do this and explain it  
away, our TV actors and hosts do the  
same, and in many cases our children

see cheating and deception locally  
and at home.



It is easy to identify  
the problem, point the  
finger, and then go wring-  
ing our hands into the  
night. But from those of  
us who have been given  
much, much is expected.  
Therefore, according to  
God's calling, we must  
take action to change the

core causes. That may mean we change  
the way we do business, the TV  
programs we watch, the people we  
may have respected, and our own  
words and actions.

Matthew 12:25 kept coming to me.  
It simply says "Every kingdom di-  
vided against itself will be ruined, and  
every city or household divided against  
itself will not stand." In our kingdom  
we are divided and it is deception that  
is at the core of that division. We  
experience division within our churches  
and homes. It isn't always overt divi-  
sion, but it is sometimes more subtle.  
For example, Rev. Maly noted during



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the October third Synodical Committee meeting that in the Brenham paper there were 81 different churches advertised. Each one is claiming to worship the Lord. Are these churches each reaching out to the community where it is located, or is each church advertising to the same pool of believers and pulling from each other? Are they united in some way or, as it appears, are they divided? Sometimes the appearance of division is all it takes for division to occur.

In our families we argue and become divisive over what, to many, would seem to be rather petty issues. We experience the same petty problems within our churches and within our governments. It is hard to take the first step to unite, and in some cases

it can be very uncomfortable. When we are divided we are like the coals of a fire that are scattered and go out. If the coals were placed together they would make a fire that could do some good, like heat a pot of coffee or tea. Scattered they are useless, dying embers.

I was told that during the beginning of the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia, the Russian Orthodox Church was divided and was spending precious emotional and political resources discussing the height of candles in the church. They were dealing with petty issues while around them their very existence was being determined by others. Their failure to see, or willingness to address, the real threat to Christianity in Russia and their

narrow petty bickering helped result in the demise of Christianity and the institution of Communism throughout Russia and other parts of the world.

One can ask similar questions when Hitler decided to persecute the Jews and others who he saw as a threat to his vision of his world. Hitler was worshipped. Were the Christian leaders too busy dealing with petty divisive issues to be bothered with Hitler's grand plans? Were the Christian leaders intimidated or convinced it wouldn't happen to them or their flocks, or were they blinded by the promises of Hitler. Where were the Christian leaders at that time and how did they allow someone like him to quietly, step by step, take over one of the most culturally advanced nations in the world? Their failure and fear to

unite led to the murder of millions and the devastation of World War II.

Revelation 3: 2-3 admonishes us to "Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard: obey it and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you."

When you think about these verses from Revelation, it can be frightening. To overcome this fear we must ask ourselves at this time of Thanksgiving if our deeds are complete in the sight of God. If we determine they are, be ever so grateful and thankful. If we determine they are not, take steps to wake up and make those deeds complete in the sight of God.

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In God's Hands Ministry of Burleson County is celebrating the second anniversary of its food ministry. The ministry began on September 19, 2007, out of the Fellowship Hall of Caldwell Brethren Church as a once-a-month food distribution. In early 2009 the distribution moved to the ministry's headquarters in Cade Lake. Over the 24 months of service, In God's Hands Ministry, working with the Brazos Valley Food Bank, has served close to 500 families with 98,690 pounds of food.

Rev. Jim Heckman, President of In God's Hands Ministry says, "This ministry would have been impossible without the help of our volunteers, particularly the Palicka family, all of whom have worked since the incep-

tion of In God's Hands Ministry to assist their neighbors in Cade Lake and throughout the northern portion of Burleson County."

The ministry's mission statement is "Everyday ministries to meet everyday needs." It is exploring the feasibility of extending its outreach food ministry with a once-a-month food distribution to other parts of Burleson County during the first quarter of 2010.

The ministry is also active in this year's Make Christmas Happen program and will assist the families with food boxes.

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

### A Letter from the Kozaks

(Directed to all who are supporting them in their work in the Czech Republic.)

Stana and me are sending you our VERY WARM greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Fall is here already: the tree leaves are covering the roads and the winter season is almost here. At the higher places the snow has already come down. We usually say: "the kids came back to the school, the Christmas will come soon..."

It is always a blessing when we can give a testimony about a great salvation of the lost ones. This month we experienced this kind of a blessing! In our church we do have two young people, a blood brother and a sister... both baptized already, seeking the Lord from the bottom of their

hearts. But for many years they had HUGE problems and troubles at home with their parents.

Their parents didn't live right; so many times it took police to solve their problems. About six months ago the father went to jail, so there was just the mother to take care of all the family responsibilities... there were five kids at home, serious financial problems, violence, smoking and drinking, and the kids did have lice bugs in their ears often. The mother was beating up this believing brother and sister often, just because they wanted to go the church. Too bad for our Christian youngsters. So, we all prayed a LOT for the mother and for the father. We did minister regularly to all the family, and one day the mother said: "On Sunday I will come to the church!" And, she really came! The



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message was very evangelistic, concerning the love of God and the CROSS of Christ Jesus. At the end of the sermon, there was a challenge for anyone who really wants to open the heart and dedicate his/her life to Jesus Christ. THREE people came to the front, and the FIRST ONE was the mother of our youngsters! She took her FAITH really seriously... She is NOW a very FINE Christian lady, attending the church meetings THREE times per week; mainly the Biblical teaching and study.

Because of the pretty bad life before, she was under the strong anti-depressive medicine, and visiting the psychiatrist regularly. Her soul was really ill. But now we do see the progress. Lord is healing her scars

and pains while she is washed by the Blood of Jesus Christ from her sins...

We do have also the news concerning her husband... He is attending the Bible study in the prison, and we do pray for him to OPEN his heart to the LORD there also... ONE DAY!

So we are VERY HAPPY and are rejoicing in the Lord for such great miracle. Now we do plan the baptism...

We are so THANKFUL for ALL your PRAYERS... Our ministry here is VERY specific and also, many times, very difficult.

Also, Stana is doing very BLESSED, faithful, and hard work. Most of the kids she is ministering to are – of course – from the problematic families. Many times those kids like her MORE than their own mother.

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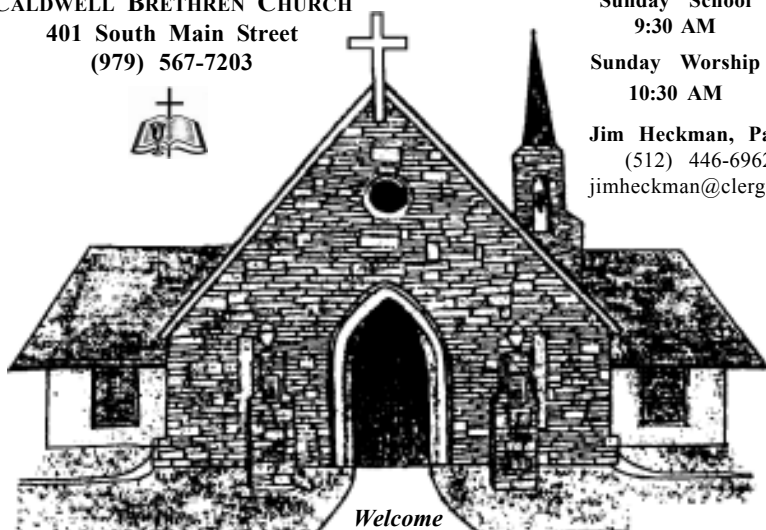
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Stana tries to have very close friendships with many mothers and with their kids. She is preparing the short devotional – prayer time for them, and also she works hard to minister to the kids. After the Sunday worship church meeting and lunch she returns to the church, where she is having her program for mothers and their kids... It is always a blessed experience!

We do thank all of you for all your love, care, prayers, support, and encouragement! (Pavel's website: <http://maranatha-czech.church1.info/>)

Yours, in the Holy Name of our  
Precious Lord Jesus Christ,

Pavel & Stana Kozak.

#### From the Thiessens...

Part of the Family, Sept 14, 2009

Dear friends,

We held a baptism recently. Saturday night Manuel had dragged out a kid's blue plastic swimming pool onto the concrete pad that serves as his front yard and begun filling it with the hose. The water barely trickled in all night, so by Sunday morning there was only an inch or two in the rippled square bottom. We discussed the

possibility of rolling the person to be baptized around in the bottom for a while to give the same effect as immersion. But Manuel assured us that the guy who sells water out of a tank on the back of his truck would get there in time to fill the pool with 1500 liters of cold Oaxaca water. And he was.

After the singing and the teaching on Joshua and the visiting and the drinking of heavily creamed coffee and before the prayer, Samuel the leader gave the announcement. He said, "We have a custom in our church that people about to be baptized give their testimony. So this is the time for a testimony."

She made her way through the gaggle of white plastic chairs, flipping her long brown hair from her face and out of her eyes to stand in front of the group. They waited. She was young and a bit shy to speak, though she knew them all.

"I don't really know what to say," she began. (I might not have all the words exactly right here, but this is the gist of what she said.) "I'm not getting baptized because I'm perfect or anything. I mean, I'm no saint. But



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I know that I need God in my life to forgive me and help me live a new life. When I was young, I was under my parent's tutelage. Their faith covered me. But now I'm old enough to make this choice for myself. I have to choose where my life is going now. I choose to give my life to God."

We escorted the white chairs back into stacks and corners and meandered outside like a lively stream full of banks and boulders. Eventually we stood around the plastic pool so full of still clean water it still looked empty. I had to dip in my fingers to make sure it was full. I had to taste with my hand the event about to take place, to sample it for myself. It was mine, too, this baptism.

Robert and I rolled up pant legs and shook items out of pockets (and removed handkerchiefs from belt loops) and stepped into the blue plastic square of water. Then she came in. She knelt. We prayed. We blessed her. We baptized her. When

she came up, she dripped out of the pool and gave her awkward wet hug to everyone congratulating her. A line formed. Hands wiped eyes surreptitiously. She was baptized, this young woman, buried in Christ and raised, resurrected in Him, to a new life. My daughter, RuthE. There's more to family than just bloodlines.



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## From the Woos...

Greetings from Asia.

### 1) Urgent Prayer

So, we just heard about the following, where 10,000 people are crossing over the border just south of us. These could possibly be our D people as we had heard this week that the Burmese government was raping, burning villages and killing. We have not seen any people come across into our city. Our guess here in the Northern S/D state there is a cease fire between them and the Burmese government, but in the south there is not, and that is where the fighting is.

Please pray for this situation, for peace, and for these people beautifully created by our Lord, to know Him.

### 2) Language for the next 6 months...

we hope to learn

- 20 Bible stories in Dai, one per week
- learn to pray in Dai
- continue to go out and meet and share with others
- our helper has become our language helper – she is educated and teaching us lots

Yesterday and today are turing out

to be some of the best weather of the year – clear, cool, beautiful.

The Dai are out and taking advantage of this, too, by harvesting their rice, then drying it on the street for a few hours, then they must take it to shell it and pack it up.



Dai Woman showing Caroline the Rice.

In Christ's Service, Caroline

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## FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT AND 2010 BUDGET

- Joyce Baletka

According to recent emails, all missionaries being supported by the Unity of the Brethren are well and continuing to work energetically in the four areas in which they are located - Thiessens in Mexico, Raifords in Nicaragua, Woos in China, and Kozaks in the Czech Republic. (Jill Miller went to Africa for a short period of time this past summer, but is now teaching school in San Angelo this fall and waiting to see how the Lord will lead her in the future). The editor of *The Brethren Journal* has been very supportive in publishing letters from all these people as he has received them. The letters are informative and interesting to read - please do so.

In October, David Miller, chairman of the Foreign Missions Board, traveled to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to attend a meeting of the Moravian

Board of World Missions. The purpose of the trip was to reconnect with the Moravian Mission Board to learn about things they are doing and to share with them things that the Unity Mission Board has been doing. David was well received, and during the meetings there was discussion about areas in which the two boards could cooperate in the future, such as improvements to the hospital in Ahuas, Honduras. David is currently finalizing plans for a work crew to go to Ahuas during the first two weeks of January to continue work on installing solar panels at the hospital, which will vastly improve the electrical power system for the hospital.

At the October meeting of the Synodical Committee, the Foreign Missions Budget for 2010 was presented and approved. It is as follows:

Robert and Anne Thiessen (So. Mexico) .....	\$20,000
Micael and Caroline Woo (Southeast Asia) .....	12,000
Phil and Eunice Raiford (Nicaragua) .....	8,000
Pastor Pavel & Stana Kozal (Czech Republic) .....	4,000
Czech Republic Outreach Project .....	8,000
Ahuas Work Crew .....	11,000
Administrative Board Expenses .....	1,000
Special Projects .....	17,000
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$81,000</b>

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## Sunday School Island

Our theme for the next few months will be **the Names of Jesus**. Revelation 22:13 "I am the Alpha A and the Omega W, the First and the Last,, the Beginning and the End."

This month we will continue to study the names of Jesus. The verse for this month is all "red letter words", meaning they are word spoken by Jesus about Himself. This simple reference of Jesus to Himself reveals a lot about who He is. First, it affirms His deity, the eternal nature of God. Second, it expresses Jesus' power to carry out the Father's plan for redemption. This directly relates to Hebrew 12:2 "...looking onto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...". But helping children understand such abstract ideas can be very difficult. The take-home message here is that Jesus is IT. He is our ALL.



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Revelation: 22:13



**A & Ω**  
*am the alpha omega*

Sunday School Teacher's



Easy Button

### *Alpha & Omega Craft*

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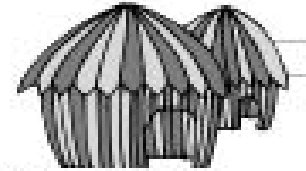
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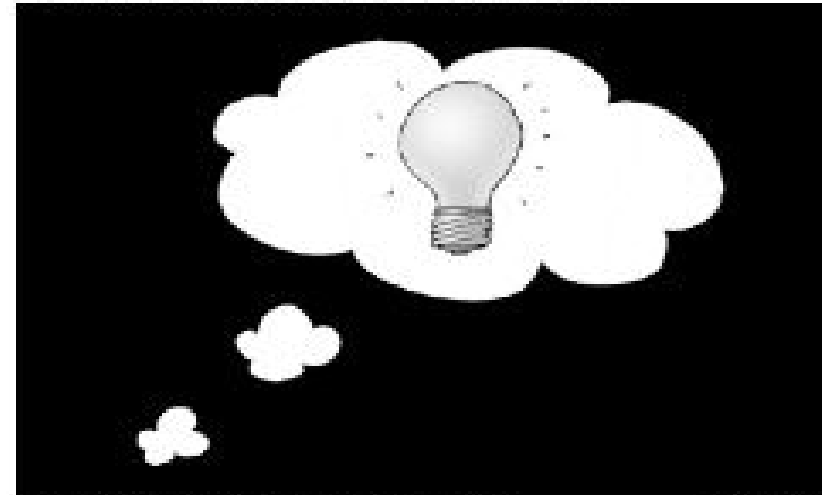
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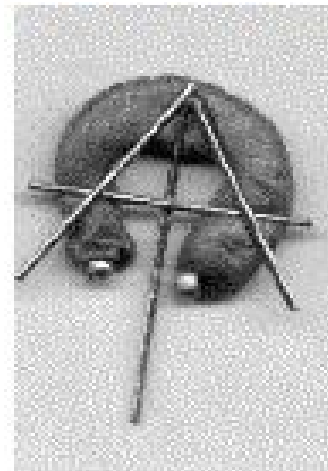


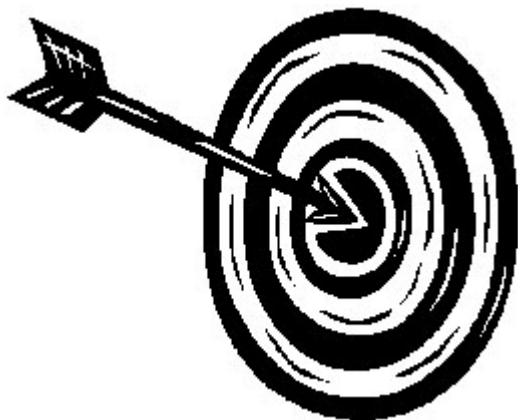
Thanks to Stephen Mich. (See Genesis 1:1-2:3)

08-02-2009

### BEFORE THE BEGINNING

Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. He is, was, and always will be. Whatever turns your focus away from Christ is a hindrance to your running the race He has planned for you. He is the Alpha and the Omega.





**“STAYING ON TARGET”  
FALL YOUTH RETREAT  
SAT. NOVEMBER 14- SUN. NOVEMBER 15  
HUS SCHOOL ENCAMPMENT  
RETREAT FEE: \$30**

Retreat forms available at your church or  
online at [www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com](http://www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com).

Questions? Contact Jennifer Chervenka,  
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- 2 Check out is at 11:00am Sunday
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TARGET’**

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Sunday, November 15.  
Registration and \$30 fee due by  
Saturday, October 17

(Although this is the deadline, if there is an extenuating circumstance and you have someone who would like to come at the last minute, we can probably work it out. Just call me or email me, because I would love to have everyone who is able participate.) Forms can be obtained at [www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com](http://www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com) and should be mailed to me, Jennifer Chervenka, 9494 Big Elm Creek Rd., Rogers, TX 76569.

And, looking further ahead:

- **Winter Retreat** – January 16-17;  
Registration Due December 18. Coordinators: Chris Stauffer, Megan Stauffer, Monique Duron, Taylor Brinkley, Brittany Coots, Angie Hairrell.
- **Childrens' Rally** – Saturday, March 6th.
- **Summer Retreat** – July 24-25;  
Registration Due June 30. Coordinators: Sarah Holik, Mary Jones, Dave Love.

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Holy Communion



# DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

## Daily Morsels for November 2009

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. **I am the Lord your God, your Savior. Isa. 43:3**
2. The word of the Lord is right and true; He is faithful in all He does. Ps. 33:4
3. Put away the foreign gods that are among you, and yield your hearts to the Lord. Josh. 24:23
4. How true it is that God does not show favoritism, but accepts (those) from every nation who fear Him and do what is right. Acts 10:34,35
5. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. Acts 10:36
6. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God. 1 Pet. 2:9
7. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in You. Ps. 33:22
8. **The Lord is God, and He has made His light shine upon us. Ps. 118:27**
9. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Mt. 5:10
10. For Christ's sake I delight in weaknesses, insults, insults, hardships and persecutions. For when I am weak I am strong. 2 Cor. 12:10
11. Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you. Ps. 55:22
12. The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Ps. 147:3
13. We rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance. Rom. 5:3
14. Those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good. 1 Pet. 4:19
15. **Stretch out your hand and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. Acts 4:30**
16. Be strong, do not fear; your God will come to save you. Isa. 35:4
17. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. Acts 4:31
18. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light. Eph. 5:8
19. Jesus said, "For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them." Mt. 18:20
20. Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king. 1 Pet. 2:17
21. Live as free men; live as servants of God. 1 Pet. 2:16
22. **You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of human masters. 1 Cor. 7:23**
23. Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord there is unfailing love. Ps. 130:7
24. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the Most High. Ps. 92:1
25. Those who look to the Lord for help will be radiant with joy; their faces will never be shamed. Ps. 34:5
26. Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. Heb. 10:23
27. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. Isa. 12:2
28. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Ps. 139:24
29. **See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Ps. 139:24**
30. "For I am coming, and I will live among you," declares the Lord. Zech. 2:10

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### MEMBERS RECEIVED

#### By Letter of Transfer:

MARVIN and ALICE CHLAPEK on September 26, 2009, by the Dime Box Brethren Church from the Houston Brethren Church.

### RECENT BAPTISMS

AVA MARLY TOUGH, daughter of Keith Michael and Lauren Brooke (Jones) Tough, born on March 9, 2009, was baptized on July 19, 2009, at the West Brethren Church. Sponsors: Keith and April Riewe & Hank and April Tough. Minister: Rev. Curtis Holland.

### RECENT WEDDINGS

LIGHTSEY-MARTIN. Dorothy Jo Martin and Glynn Edwards Lightsey were joined in marriage on July 25, 2009, at the West Brethren Church. Witnesses: Meagan Martin and Rev. Brent Lightsey. Minister: Rev. Curtis Holland.

HOGAN-WEICHERT. Lara Elaine Weichert and Richard Joel Hogan, Jr., were joined in marriage on October 10, 2009, at the Caldwell Brethren Church. Minister: Rev. Jim Heckman.

FITZGERALD-SIPTAK. Holly Fitzgerald was married to Adam Siptak of the Vsetin CMB Church on September 5, 2009, at Bay City.

Witnesses: Jonathan Mirelez and Ashley Brown. Minister: Mark L. Labaj.

SULAK-STROUD. Kaylie Sulak was married to Matt Stroud on September 12, 2009, at the Chapel of the First United Methodist Church of Salado, and will live in Temple. Witnesses: Kacie Sulak and Lane Davis. Minister: Mark L. Labaj.

### RECENT DEATHS

HEIN, MILADY ALBINA (ZELENKA), age 87, died September 20, 2009, at Round Rock, Texas. She was born July 15, 1922, in Dime Box, Texas. She married Otto W. (Pete) Hein on October 10, 1945. Mrs. Hein is survived by two sons, five grandchildren, two sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews. Services were on September 25, 2009, at the Caldwell Brethren Church, with burial at the Masonic Cemetery in Caldwell. Minister: Rev. Jim Heckman.

MELNAR VIOLA JESSIE (KRIZAK) of Hallettsville, age 88, a member of the Vsetin CMB Church, died September 22, 2009. She was born on March 18, 1921, at Oakland in Colorado County and was married on October 30, 1939, to Victor Melnar in Weimar. Mrs. Melnar is survived by two children, five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Services were on September 26, 2009, from the Vsetin CMB Church, with burial in the Vsetin CMB Cemetery. Minister: Mark L. Labaj.

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## Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

*Keep these activities in your prayers.*

**November 7, 2009:** The Seaton Christian Sisters bake sale and quilt show.

**November 21st, 9:00AM-4:00PM:** Temple Brethren's Fall Bake and Crafts Sale....Booths available.

### Seaton Brethren Church

12561 State Highway 53, Temple, Texas 76501

(254) 985-2694

#### Sunday Schedule

9:15 a.m.  
Prayer  
9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School for ALL Ages  
10:30 a.m.  
Worship

#### Wednesday Schedule

5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Meal  
6:30 p.m.  
KiD's ZoNe (ages 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> gr.)  
Priority ONE Youth (6<sup>th</sup> gr. – 12<sup>th</sup> gr.)  
& Adult Bible Study  
7:30 p.m.  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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Annual Christian Sisters Bazaar, 2nd Saturday in September

**The Rosenberg Brethren Church**

**Christian Sisters**

5220 Reading Road, Rosenberg, Texas 77471

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

Bryan-College Station – worship at  
9:00 AM every Sunday.  
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  
– Rev. Henry Beseda

Dime Box – worship at 9:00 AM every  
Sunday.  
– Rev. Jim Heckman

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

Good News Fellowship Church of West  
Palm Beaches – worship at 1:00 PM every  
Sunday at Boynton Springs Presbyterian  
Church, Boynton Springs, Florida.  
– Rev. James Henry

Good Shepherd Moravian – worship at  
11:30 AM and 6:30 PM every Sunday.  
– Rev. Adolfo Gonzalez

Granger – worship services every Sunday at  
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.  
– Rev. Joe Emerson

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

Westheimer Community – 9:30 AM, Christian  
Education; 10:30 AM, Worship, with Holy  
Communion every 5th Sunday.  
– Visiting Ministers

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