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President's Column . . . Claren Kotrla

TIC TAC TOE

Are you a tic-tac-toe Christian?  
When we were young we learned how  
to play a game called tic-tac-toe. It is a simple game  
where you have nine squares on a piece of  
paper. In playing the game  
you mark in the squares  
an "X" or an "O" in order  
to get three in a row. The  
opponent places their  
marks in an attempt to  
block you from getting three in a row.  
After a while you figure out how to  
play the game to insure you don't  
lose and most of the games end in a  
tie.




Later you learn to play checkers,  
where there are many more squares  
creating many more options on a  
board with numerous pieces to play.  
You advance the checkers toward the  
opponent with the goal of jumping  
the other person's checkers and capturing  
them on your way to get a  
crown. With this game you have to

plan and develop a more complex  
strategy to get across the board while  
losing fewer checkers than  
your opponent and getting  
the crown. Once you  
get a piece crowned, that  
piece has more ability and  
you can gain the advantage.  
This game requires  
a lot more study, thought,  
and planning than playing  
tic-tac-toe. A clear  
winner is determined at the end of the  
game.

Some people then learn to play  
chess. Although you use the same  
board you use for checkers, this is a  
game that is much more complicated  
than either checkers or tic-tac-toe.  
Each piece has specific moves it can  
make. The lowest ranking piece is a  
pawn, which can only move forward  
but captures on the diagonal. The  
knight can move one square forward  
or backward and two to the side or



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two squares forward or backward and one to the side. The bishop can move only diagonally, but as far as needed, while the castle does the same vertically and parallel. The strongest piece is the queen, who can move in any direction and cross as many squares and desired. The object of the game is to place the opponent's king in check, which means he can't move without being captured. This move is called "checkmate". On the defense you must protect your king from being placed in check. The person who places their opponent's king in check is the winner. The strategy is complex, requiring the players to adjust to constantly moving pieces and planning several moves ahead. Some of the best players can determine they will win many moves ahead of their opponent.

Now back to 'tic-tac-toe'. Remember the verse that reminds us that as children we thought as children? Our lives as Christians are a lot like both the game and the verse. Some of us become so comfortable playing tic-tac-toe Christians we never move on

to becoming checker-playing Christians, and certainly not chess-playing Christians. We learn the basic stories in the Bible, and might even be able to pick out a phrase or verse to justify our basic yet simple belief. As a Tic-Tac-Toe Christian we learn that we should love our neighbor as ourselves, but just as in The Parable of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:25-37, we don't understand who our neighbor really is. Tic-tac-toe Christians know they shouldn't murder, but use their tongue to inflict pain and unhappiness on others. They aren't aware of James 3, which talks about the need to tame the tongue. Gossip and boastful speech can be just and deadly. We all need to study and learn in our Christian growth so we can better understand what it is to be a true Christian. In many ways becoming that "true" Christian is more of a life-long journey than a final destination.

Not everyone is at the same stage in their Christian growth, and for some individuals being the tic-tac-toe Christian is to be celebrated. They are

beginning their first steps to becoming that chess-player Christian. Those who have advanced to being the checker-playing Christians and chess-player Christians have the responsibility to encourage and help the tic-tac-toe Christians grow in their faith and understanding of the Gospel. Doing so isn't only good for those

you nurture in Christian growth, but it is what the Bible encourages us to do. Hebrews 6:10 tells us that "God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them." What better way to do this than to help others in their Christian growth?

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We Do *LIFE* Together

## Preach The Word

- by Kay Polasek

The journey to ordination, Sunday, December 6, 2009, has been a long, exciting, and sometimes challenging trip with God. I owe all the honor and glory of this day to the movement of the Holy Spirit, the Lord Jesus Christ's sacrifice, and to God the Father's will which was done.

I am so grateful that New Tabor Brethren Church hosted this event. They did an excellent job! I was so pleased that so many friends and family came to share in this momentous occasion in spite of the weather. The combined choir, special music presenters, and those who spoke were without a doubt God's people who sang and spoke from the heart. Each and every one touched me deeply.

As I took the vow to honor God, the Unity of the Brethren, and to

preach the Word, I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. The song, Preach



the Word, I found while searching the internet for a song to fit with this vow. In my search, I ran across a You Tube video where the background music is the song "Preach the Word" by Gold City, and Rev. Dr. David Gallamore of Rock Springs Baptist Church in Easley, SC,

was preaching. In the You Tube video he said this: "As long as people are getting saved, we are going to preach and sing the Word of God. And, that Jesus is the way to Heaven and the only way to get there. You say what if nobody comes? Then I'll preach to the pews that Jesus is the way. It's not my job to fill the pew. It's my job to fill the pulpit and preach the Word of God..." This video and song spoke to my heart. It was a great reminder to

me that this life is not about me but about God and being His willing vessel to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ – to preach the Word.

Over the last five years my growing edge has been sharpened several times. I have studied, completed 4 units of Clinical Pastoral Education at St. Joseph Regional Health Center, a battle with cancer, and recently the illness of both my parents which resulted in hospital stays and then a skilled nursing facility, Lampstand, for both of them. It was at Lampstand that my mother died suddenly on the evening of November 6 shortly after a wonderful visit with her and my father. We made plans for them to come home with us soon, Mama never made it.

On the day of her funeral, my father moved in with us. Unfortu-

nately, he has recently been placed on Hospice Brazos Valley service due to severe Alzheimer's disease. Three days before my mother died, we ordered my Ordination robe and stole. She wanted the best for her daughter – her only child. It was a great disappointment that neither my mother nor my father were able to attend my ordination service in the flesh. But, I know without a doubt that everyone that I have loved deeply and are in heaven were dancing on that day. God continues to give me peace and comfort as I go through the process of grieving the death of my mother and my father's serious illness.

It is my prayer that each of us will remain committed to spreading the Good News that gives others hope. And, to our pastors, don't ever forget to "preach the Word!"

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

*Please Be In Prayerful Support*

*A Brethren work crew will be in Ahuas during the first part of January. The effort will be directed at completing the installation of the solar panels for the Ahuas Clinica Morava. The members will also be available to do needed repair work on the clinic facilities and equipment.*

*Also, remember to support the Unity Missions efforts with your financial gifts.*

### **The Raifords write from Nicaragua... "Beyond Borders"**

Salutations and blessings.

Well, the rain has finally stopped. Praise God. Our house and our clothes don't smell much like mold anymore. We are glad to be back in Puerto Cabezas again after a brief stay in Costa Rica. We have come back refreshed and ready to meet the challenges of the next six months.

During the last couple of weeks we have been working on a small business for our friends Exdel and Victoria. They have a small child, which we are her Godparents, and Victoria can't get away to work, so Eunice is going to help her work at home. They live right

near the church and people pass by all day long, so we are going to put a tortilla stand outside her house. Although, tortillas aren't as popular as in Mexico, they are a growing demand here. Eunice tried the idea out at our house first and we had moderate success. Our house is a little out of they way, and we know that with high foot traffic and visibility the business will take off. We are hoping it is enough for them to cover basic food costs and allow them to catch up on some debts. Last week Eunice and I went out with our neighbor to cut down posts to make the stand. Next week we are going out to collect the palm fronds for the roof. We are going to cook the tortillas on an old oil

barrel, like they do in Mexico. So, as you can see, there is very little up-front capital, and the profit margin is quite good.



Apart from the business, we are staying busy taking care of our plants and continuing to help out with our local church. This week our youth are going to visit the jail for the first time. A neighbor of ours accidentally shot his ex-wife in the head (no joke) and we are going to visit him as well as the other inmates. Hopefully we can

have an impact with our time there.

Eunice is staying busy working at the clinic three days a week. She has learned a lot about treating people in a non-city environment. Also, with limited medicine available we are trying to find out all we can about natural remedies.

I hope everyone enjoys their Thanksgiving, if we could find a turkey we would eat it. It will probably be a feast of ham, I mean spam, and the ever delicious rice and beans. Have an extra piece of pumpkin pie for us. We are very thankful for our marriage, our hot peppers in our garden (a little taste of Mexico), our friends at home and abroad, our families, and our spiritual partners. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support.

Blessings,

Phil and Eunice

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## Angel Food Ministries

*A Food Ministry with a Servant's Heart*

In 1994, Pastors Joe and Linda Wingo found their hearts going out to the families of many of the local families in Monroe, GA, affected by the recent industrial plant closings. On their back porch, the first Angel Food distribution fed 34 families. Over the next years, other churches wanted to get involved, and Angel Food began feeding hundreds of families across the southeast. Now, that organization feeds over 500,000 families a month in 35 states. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness!

Rev. Joseph and Linda Wingo, together with their sons, Wes and Andy, are the pastors of Emmanuel Praise Church, a non-denominational church located in Monroe, Georgia. They were ordained by the late Rev. John Osteen and Rev. Joel Osteen of Lakewood Church, which is located in Houston.

The Wingo family is committed to bringing Christ to others by providing affordable food to those in need in communities throughout the country. Through Angel Food Ministries, their principle of giving others a hand up and not a hand out is the cornerstone of their ministry.

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing food relief that serves millions of people throughout the USA. Angel Food is a high quality food at a reasonable cost, and has top suppliers. No imitation food. Anyone may purchase the food for themselves, for others who are less fortunate, or seniors who need help. Only cash, money orders, or food stamps are accepted for purchases. Orders may also be made on line by debit or credit card at [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com). The only Host Site for Bursleson County is at the Caldwell Brethren Church, 401 S. Main, Caldwell, TX 77836. Volunteers take orders for food near the 1st Friday of each month and distribute the food orders near the end of each month. Arrangements can be made between these dates to place orders. Menus change each month and are placed in Caldwell at various locations.

For more information or questions, please contact Ramona Dubcak at (979) 203 9859, or the Caldwell Brethren Church at (979) 567 7203.

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**Saturday, February 27, 2010  
8:30am-4:00pm**

**Cost \$15.00**

### **Schedule of Events:**

8:30 - 9:00- Registration & Continental Breakfast  
9:00 - 10:00- Worship  
10:00 - 10:15- Break  
10:15 - 11:30- Session 1  
11:30 - 12:30- Lunch  
12:30 - 1:45- Session 2  
1:45 - 2:00- Break  
2:00 - 3:15- Session 3  
3:15 - 3:30- Break  
3:30 - 4:00- Closing

There will be age-guided breakout sessions focusing on curriculum, teaching strategies, missions, outreach, and fellowship. VBS information from several publishers will also be available for your viewing throughout the day. It is recommended that each church send at least one representative for children, youth, and adults.

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Our work continues with studying the names of Jesus. We continue with "The Word" (John 1:1).

We continue with the names of Jesus. Our verse is John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." The Bible is God's gift to us...for direction, for hope, for comfort, for reproof. The Bible is full of real people in real life situations that we can apply to our daily lives. Jesus was and is the Living Word. He is the promised Messiah of the Old Testament. The New Testament tells of His ministry here on Earth, the beginning of the Church, and promises of things to come. As we introduce children to the Bible, we want to emphasize that it is God's Love Letter to us. It is where we can go when we have a bad day and He will be there to say, "I love



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## Kid's Beach

John 1:1



In the beginning  
was the



### Sunday School



### Easy Button

### Bible Bars

- 1 c. 1 Samuel 30:12 (raisins)
- Amos 4:8 (water)
- ½ c. Leviticus 3:9 (shortening)
- 1 c. Jeremiah 6:20 (granulated sugar)
- 1 Isaiah 10:14 (egg)
- 2 c. Exodus 29:2 (flour)

1 tsp. Exodus 13:7 (baking powder)  
 1 tsp. II Chronicles 9:9 (cinnamon)  
 1 tsp. Kings 10:10 (nutmeg)  
 1 tsp. Luke 23:56 (allspice)  
 ½ tsp. Exodus 13:3 (baking soda)  
 ½ tsp. Leviticus 2:13 (salt)  
 1 c. Numbers 17:8 chopped (almonds)  
 Cook raisins in water; drain, saving ¾ c. of liquid for later.  
 Mix together shortening, sugar, and egg. Combine remaining ingredients and add the raisins and reserved water. Follow directions in Jeremiah 7:18. Bake 20 min in greased pan at 350.

## Teen Cabana



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### The Bible and Halo 3 (adapted from dare2share.org)

Have you ever thought about what the Bible and Halo 3 have in common? Master Chief John 117 is out to save humanity from invading aliens. Aliens may not physically invading Earth today, BUT there is a spiritual battle going on. We are fighting against evil rules and authorities (Ephesians 6:12). Just like Halo is all about the weapons, God has also provided us with weapons in the fight—the Bible. See Ephesians 6:14-18 for the whole armor of God. You have to know how to use these weapons—you have to study God's Word and memorize passages that will help you in the fight. So enjoy Halo, but don't forget about the real battle!



## Report on Fall Youth Retreat



The Fall Youth Retreat was right on target. 61 youth and several adults joined together for sessions such as God's Will Hunting, Camo and Ammo, Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition, and more.

We had several Bible studies that reminded us that friendships are important, but that we must make Christian choices. We must be committed to prayer, not just praying for the things we want, but praying for God's guidance and direction. Our faith cannot be given to us by our parents and peers. They can help us in our faith, but we must experience it and live it ourselves. We were challenged to STAND OUT, and DON'T BLEND IN!

God has given us the ammunition we need. We've got His Spirit, His Love, His Word, His super listening skills, and most importantly His Son.

Aim for God's Mark; Use His Ammunition; and You'll Hit the Target!

I am looking forward to seeing you all again on January 16 for Mission: Makeover, the Winter Youth Retreat. Bring your friends and share with us as we meet missionaries, work on local mission projects, and makeover ourselves from the inside out.

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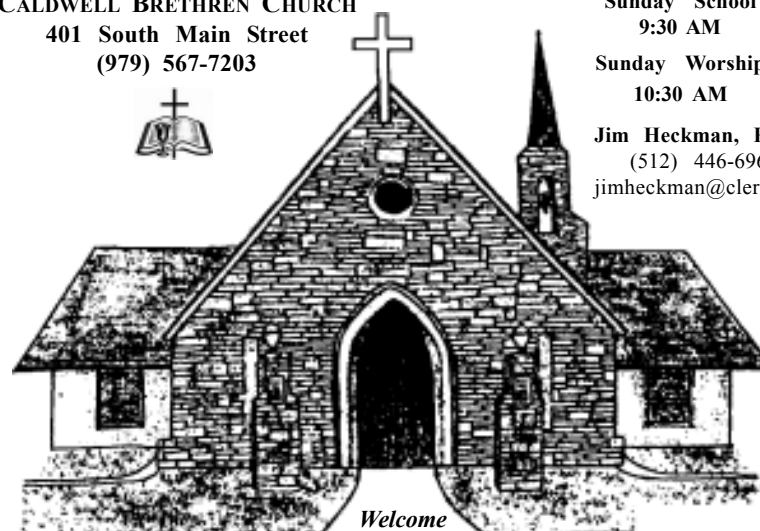
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2. “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” Jn. 1:29
3. **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 Jn. 1:9**
4. Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Deut. 8:3
5. Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love Him. James 1:12
6. I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires. 1 Pet. 2:11
7. If sinners entice you, do not give in to them. Prov. 1:10
8. For our struggle is against the spiritual forces of evil. Eph. 6:12
9. “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” Mt. 6:13
10. **God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. 1 Cor. 10:13**
11. Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only. Mt. 4:10
12. They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress. Ps. 107:19
13. This is what the Lord says, “I have heard your prayers and seen your tears; I will heal you.” 2 Kings 20:5
14. The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is reached to the poor. Mt. 11:5
15. Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who needs a doctor, but the sick.” Lk. 5:31
16. “I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” Lk. 5:32
17. **A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. Prov. 17:22**
18. Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in Me.” Jn. 14:1
19. Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” Jn. 11:40
20. It is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God’s sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. Rom. 2:13
21. Tell the righteous it will be well with them, for they will enjoy the fruit of their deeds. Isa. 3:15
22. Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart. Ps. 37:4
23. Accept one another just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. Rom. 15:7
24. **Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Mr. 11:28**
25. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering... and we esteemed him not. Isa. 53:3
26. My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. Hosea 4:6
27. Jesus said, “You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men.” Mk. 7:8
28. Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love covers all offenses. Prov. 10:12
29. There is forgiveness of sins for all who turn to Me. Lk. 24:47
30. Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 2 Pet. 1:2
31. **Though you have not seen Jesus Christ, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him, you believe in Him. 1 Pet. 1:8**

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## Daily Morsels for February 2010

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. You have been my hope, O Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth. Ps. 71:5
2. Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. Mk. 1:41
3. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for, and certain of what we do not see. Heb. 11:1
4. I will be glad and rejoice in Your love, for You saw my affliction and knew the anguish of my soul. Ps. 31:7
5. Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." Mt. 15:28
6. Honor one another above yourselves. Rom. 12:10
7. **For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost. Lk. 19:10**
8. He, too, shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is the devil. Heb. 2:14
9. He will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isa. 9:6
10. Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Jn. 14:6
11. "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jn. 21:17
12. He has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Rev. 19:16
13. God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above of every name. Phil. 1:2-9
14. **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Mt. 16:16**
15. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Isa. 53:3
16. The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth be silent before Him. Hab. 2:20
17. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised. Ps. 113:3
18. O Lord, You have searched me and You know me. Ps. 139:1
19. The Lord is righteous in all His ways and loving toward all He has made. Ps. 145:17
20. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up. James 4:8
21. **Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Jn. 6:68**
22. "Whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will find it." Mt. 16:25
23. I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. Prov. 8:17
24. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Jn. 20:19
25. Count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Rom. 6:11
26. Offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life. Rom. 6:13
27. Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love. Eph. 6:24
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### RECENT DEATHS

SYPTAK, VLASTA HERMINA (MACAT), age 91 and for years a member of the Nelsonville Brethren Church, died November 14, 2009, at Sealy, Texas. She was born on October 30, 1918, at Nelsonville and was married to Johnnie Syptak on September 11, 1934. Mrs. Syptak is survived by two children, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one sister. Services were on November 17, 2009, from the Nelsonville Brethren Church with burial in National Cemetery. Minister: Michael Groseclose.

LUDWIG, STEPHANIE CECILIA, age 93, of Brenham, died December 8, 2009, in Brenham. She was born on September 25, 1916, in Corinth, Texas, and was married to H. A. Ludwig in 1942. Mrs. Ludwig is survived by one daughter, three grandchildren, and two great-grandsons. A graveside service was held at the Corinth Cemetery near Buckholts on December 11, 2009. Minister: Milton Maly.

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*Keep these activities in your prayers.*

**January 8-10, 2010:** "The Joyful Noise" Choral Retreat at the Hus Encampment (contact person: Angela Farris, akaycat@gmail.com)  
**January 30:** The Fayetteville Christian Sisters' Retreat (see below).

### *We are invited . . .*

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 – 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.  
 – 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  
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 – Rev. Milton Maly

Nelsonville – Sunday School at 9:00 AM  
 Worship at 10:15 AM  
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New Tabor – Sunday School at 9:30 AM &  
 Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday,  
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 – Rev. Dave Johnson

Ocker – worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.  
 Sunday School at 9 AM every Sunday.  
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 Bible Study at 7:30 PM on Wednesday.  
 – Scott Keaton

Rosenberg –  
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 School for children at 9:00 AM; worship  
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 Wednesdays: 5:30 PM, Dinner; 6:30 PM,  
 Bible Study; 6:50 PM, Prayer Meeting.  
 – Bro. Larry Butcher

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 10:30 AM – Worship Celebration Service.  
 Wednesday, 6:30 PM – Kid's NITE Out  
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 Bible Study.  
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 Worship at 10:45 AM.  
 – Pastor Larry Zabcik

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 Worship at 10:00 AM every Sunday.  
 – Dr. Mark Labaj  
 5th Sunday – Visiting Ministers

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 – Rev. Thomas Tallas

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

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