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STATE OF THE UNITY 2010

Earlier this year the President of the United States gave a State of the Union address. Perhaps a state of the Unity address would be appropriate. The president also gave himself a B+ grade on his job. I can't be that generous with myself or with the Unity as a whole. A grade of C would be more in line with our performance. If we were grading on desire or intent rather than performance the grade would be better.

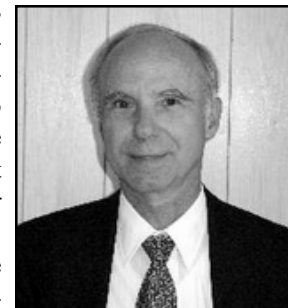
It has been said that before you can solve a problem you must recognize the problem exists. Then you must be willing to evaluate that problem, and finally you must be willing to take corrective action. If you are prudent, you may even look ahead and anticipate problems and take steps to resolve it before it overwhelms you.

However, no matter how we attempt to solve problems ourselves, without trusting in Christ it will fail. As we reflect on how we will succeed

in doing His work and being a fire for His kingdom, **John 13:35** will be helpful. It states: "Every-one will know you are my disciples by the fact that you have love for each other." We need to work together in love to resolve problems rather than work within ourselves. This verse is a key thought in the Unity motto for a reason.

Today there are bright spots within the Unity, and we are blessed with wonderful Christ-centered disciples. I have witnessed our youth in particular doing great things. I have also seen our more mature members quietly doing the same. They help with the needs of their congregations and the Unity in so many ways. They reach out and dedicate their treasure and time to others, as well. We are indeed blessed with good Christians, yet we have problems.

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are working together such as Nelsonville, Wesley, Fayetteville, and Industry to unify. We also have pastors that meet to support servant attitudes and unify.

We have churches that are healthy and reaching out to others with the Gospel, while others are struggling. Some of our institutions are struggling and are having difficulty. And some of our members are struggling in their dedication to Christ's callings.

Even with the good within the Unity, its overall health is not as good as it should be or could be. That is why I believe a grade of C is more representative of where we are.

By looking at the Unity as a charcoal fire, I believe I can illustrate what I mean. The purpose of a fire is to provide light and warmth. As long as the coals stay together those purposes are met. However, if you spill the charcoal on the ground and the coals scatter, the fire begins to go

out. Sure, some of the coals will flame for a while, but without the mutual support of the other coals, they too will slowly die.

Applying this example to the Unity, we see that after WW II the Unity had a membership of over 5000 members. Today we can't make 2000. At one time our fire was bright and warm. Today the embers are becoming scattered, just like the coals from that charcoal fire. Just like the Hussites who defeated the German Army, and then through internal strife defeated themselves, we have become our own worst enemy. We have churches, boards, organizations, and individuals that are more interested in their short-term desires and ability to control than keeping the fire for Christ going.

These problems are not unique to the Unity. Other denominations are struggling with similar problems. Some of our problems are external, such as

changes in our society, Czech heritage people becoming more assimilated into America and moving on, and the busy lifestyle of so many of us. Other problems are internal. We can't do much about the external problems. We can and should address the internal problems we can change.

Examples of Problems

As a denomination we have historically been slow to understand the changes taking place around us and as a result aren't able to reach out to others with Christ's word. We don't adapt to change and we are slow to invest in the future. In a sense, we bury our talents rather than maximizing them.

We have churches that are more than comfortable with supply minis-

ters. Having supply ministers is a sure way to having His fire go out. You don't have a pastor who gets to know the congregation, and therefore has, at best, a difficult time meeting that congregation's needs. However, it is a cheap way to have church. Do you want to be a cheap church? Would you want Christ to be cheap in dealing with you? I think not! You want Christ to keep your fire bright and warm. We should do the same!

We find individuals whose glass is always half empty, or they spread unfounded rumors. Others are more than happy to share the latest gossip or to denigrate others for their own benefit. These individuals also help to extinguish the fire others have for Christ.

Too many congregations and indi-



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viduals in those congregations fail to listen to the spiritual guidance from their pastors. Some individuals never forget a slight, be it real or perceived. Our pastors are our spiritual leaders. By ignoring our spiritual leadership, we are pouring water on Christ's embers and speeding His extinguishment.

We sometimes 'poor boy' the salary for pastors and expect them to take a vow of poverty for the privilege of being Christ's servants to us. When we lessen the value of our spiritual leadership, we lessen our dedication to being servants of Christ. We certainly would not want Christ to look at us the same way.

A board of a congregation that talks to itself can take action counter to the good of the congregation and the Unity because they don't get the full picture. Or they fight among themselves without considering how their actions can extinguish the fire for

Christ in their congregation. They go off with their own agenda, and in so doing can mislead the congregation or foster distrust of the leadership within the Unity. The sad thing is, this action may not be intentional. Regardless of how it happens, it results in members feeling disenfranchised, losing interest, and eventually leaving. They just become quiet embers going out that would otherwise glow with the warmth of His fire.

When organizations within the Unity focus on their own needs and desire rather than that of the Unity, everyone in the Unity suffers. Not only do these kinds of actions dim His embers, they are scattering others who are trying to stay together for Him.

Sometimes pastors are hesitant to be open to others within the Unity because they may feel they own their congregation. Conversely, there are boards and congregations that feel

they own the Pastor. In reality, we should all recognize that we are simply Christ's servants and don't own a thing. As Christ's servants, we have an obligation to work together to maintain His fire.

We have members of the Synodical Committee arrive late, leave early, and fail to share what information is provided at the meeting. We sometimes fail to prepare for the meeting, although we only meet twice a year. By not preparing and participating in the position you were elected to, you cause His fire to go out.

At this point I believe I have covered just about everyone, including myself, and made many at least a little uncomfortable. If not, I apologize, for we are all sinners and have failed in our service to Christ.

Building Success

As I said initially, recognition of the problem or problems is the first

step. Hopefully, we now recognize that we are not as healthy a denomination as we should be or could be. We are scattered as the coals from that fire. I am sure each of you can identify other areas needing help, and you can identify how you as individuals can repair those problems in an effort to relight the fire for Christ.

Step two is to evaluate the problems we face. This is how we decide to look at what might be needed to rebuild His fire. This is not the blame game phase! It is not the time to wear your feelings on your sleeve. It is the time for an honest and transparent look at the issues stated above and others not mentioned. It is the basis for solution forming phase to move forward in becoming more Christ-like as individuals and as a denomination.

Step three is to take action to actually correct the problems we face.



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This is one of the most difficult phases. Our problems are both external and internal. We can't do much about the external problems, but we certainly can do something about our own internal divisive problems. As individuals, we can look at what is best for the Unity and become more Christ-like in our work with each other and within the Unity. We can give more to the support of the Unity and its initiatives, and we can stop and not participate in any petty bickering and backdoor rumors. We can stop being, for lack of a better term, "passive-aggressive". By that I mean that we need to stop being obstructive and dragging our feet until everyone gives up. We need to start taking part in an interactive way to embrace His fire. We need to be more honest with ourselves and others. We need to be

less scornful of others. We need to forgive, forget, and become unified for Christ.

Finally, we should look forward and learn to anticipate new situations and new problems so that we can avoid past pitfalls which divide a congregation or a denomination. By anticipating problems, we can avoid them and more rationally solve them for the betterment of the Unity and our service to Christ.

Certainly, I do not believe all is doom and gloom. However, we must face up to the problems plaguing the Unity and our ability to better serve Christ. I believe we have the ability to succeed by whatever measure we choose. To do so we must desire to be Christ's servants and willing to bring our individual embers for Christ to the Unity fire.



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Bro. Henry Celebrates His 90th Birthday (excerpts from the *Burleson County Citizen*)

Young couples looked to him for advice on the long, treacherous journey ahead. Grieving families reached out to him for spiritual renewal and compassion. And plenty of people just needed the weekly reinforcement of the Holy Scriptures mingled with some good common sense – and a little humor.

For six decades, Brother Henry Beseda reached out to parishioners of all ages in the Brethren faith, and he isn't finished yet. He is only 90.

Multitudes of friends and well wishers attended Brother Henry's 90th birthday party last Sunday, February 21, at the Burleson County Exposition Center in Caldwell and honored their spiritual mentor and friend. Among those attending and speaking were Claren Kotrla, president of the Unity of the Brethren, Burleson County Judge Mike Sutherland, and Caldwell Mayor Bernard Rychlik. Sutherland and Rychlik each presented formal recognition from the Burleson County Commissioners Court and the City of Caldwell. Caldwell Brethren Church Minister Jim Heckman served as emcee.

Serving 13 churches since he was ordained in 1951, Brother Henry (the last name is almost never used or needed for his faithful followers) can still preach a good sermon, offer a little humor, and some spiritual perspective in a world far different than 1951. But in the big picture, some things stay the same, in Caldwell and elsewhere. Friendship, love of God, and meaningful worship are still happening locally. And Brother Henry's friends thought it was time to say thanks for all of that and make him aware of the lives he has touched.

His influence extends far beyond the pulpit. His ministry and friendship, essentially one in the same, are found on golf courses, coffee shops, grocery stores, or any place where he senses someone silently hurting may need to talk.

Among those offering tributes were Bill Giesenschlag, Burleson County's most noted historian and a longtime friend. "He is a community pastor and a people's pastor," Giesenschlag said to the gathering. "Brother Henry has



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preached to, married, or buried such a broad cross section of people that his ministry must surely be what heaven will be like – a brotherhood of man with God, he said.

Giesenschlag also shared some humor about a story often told of Brother Henry at a local barber shop. When asked which he would rather do – a wedding or a funeral – Henry stunned the gathering by saying: “A funeral.....why? When I do a funeral, I know its going to stick. They are not going to change their mind and go back on me.” The room erupted in laughter – as likely the barber shop did too.

Giesenschlag also recalled Brother Henry’s first wedding, Rev. John and Joyce Baletka, in 1951. They are still together. Brother Henry often said “it was the first one for all three of us.” So it was rehearsed again and again until they got it right. And they did.

Jean Davis of Dime Box, a leader in the Czech Heritage Society, also shared

fond memories. Reading from a letter she wrote, she thanked him for sharing his love of God, his fellow man, and for his gentle disposition. “In the field of religion, you are a natural. You were destined to become a pastor,” Davis said. “You have influenced many people... and I like to think I am one of them.”

Davis recounted her experiences as a young woman, teaching Sunday School but still enjoying dancing on Saturday night. Vexed by the dilemma, she once asked him for advice. A life of good sense, faith, and restraint, not doing anything to excess nor to harm anyone, is a life well spent, he shared. Armed with this new perspective, Davis felt comforted, she said. “I hope you have many more days of being that natural,” Davis said.

Brother Henry’s wife, Carolyn, also shared her thoughts – being grateful for “a wonderful husband” with a “gentle, sweet spirit.” She honored his talents as an orator, linguist, musician and golfer.

“You have even taught me how to chase that little white ball,” she said. “You are God’s brave, armored warrior with the strength to overcome the adversities of life.”

When it was his turn to talk, he insisted on talking about Caldwell and its strengths – good churches, schools, athletic teams, service organizations, a good hospital, good parks, an airport, museums, and a golf course.

“This is a wonderful community to live in,” he said. “I don’t want to live anywhere else. I appreciate being part of this wonderful city and hope I live the rest of my days here and we fellowship together in wonderful ways.”

Brother Henry said each birthday needs a Bible verse. Quoting from the scripture, he recounted, “The outward man may perish, but the inward man is being renewed.” He added, “I feel renewed every single day.”

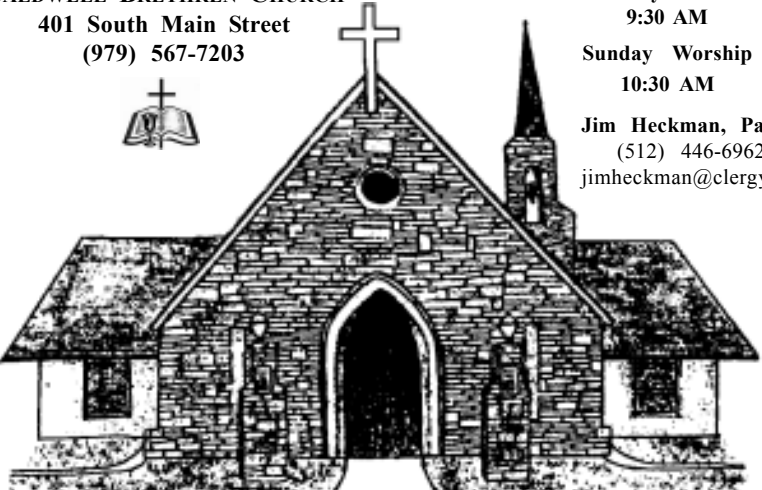
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This Committee requests that all delegates be present and on time for the opening of the convention, and make arrangements to stay until the convention ends.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by a morning worship service at 9:00 a.m. The memorial service will be held after the noon hour.

Pray with us that this convention will be a blessing to each one who attends.

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The 2010 work crew to Honduras...A report

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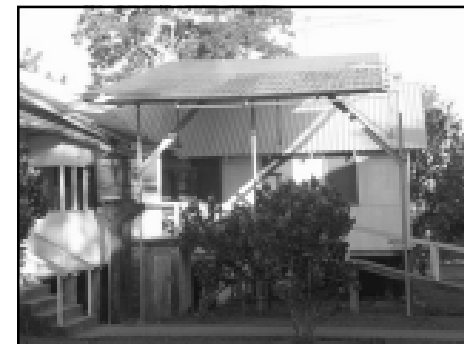
Thanks to those who went and also to those who supported this project directly and indirectly, we completed the second stage of solar panel installation. The first stage involved 27 solar panels, inverters, and batteries supplying 24-hour electricity to the clinic and the doctor's house. This year, this project involved adding additional framework and support structure

for 27 more solar panels and adding the operating room, water wells, airport hanger, and the nurses quarters to 24-hour service. Dr. Rudy said: "It's hard to express how nice it is to have exterior security lights and 24-hour lights in the clinic, not to mention cutting the expensive fuel bills almost in half... this relieved one of the largest expenses on their limited budget."

Also, along with numerous other projects, we built a fire escape/rear entrance on the back of the clinic and a cattle guard at the entrance of the

hospital compound (a closed gate limits speedy access to the hospital and an open gate seems to be a magnet for local cattle and horses... a big problem for shallow, hand-dug wells).

Future plans are to install the last 27 solar panels and add 24-hour service to most of the compound... also, there is a great need for clean, deep water wells.



- David Miller, Mission Board Chairman

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

From the Thiessens...
 February 16, 2010

Dear friends,

If you had to plan a course of study for a group of future missionaries, what would you include? What would you teach? What would you do? Here are three suggestions: start up a temporary church, study Acts, and watch *Avatar*.

Teaching future Mexican missionaries is one of our favorite jobs here. For the next few months, Robert has joined Jack and Vasti Rose in leading a school for Oaxacans getting involved in missions, and I taught the first seminar last week on church-planting. What a joy. First of all, most of the class is involved in starting up baby churches. Right now. A prerequisite for the school was disengaging from their own churches for one year (with permission), and starting a home church. As a bonus, some of them had already been involved in church planting before the course (albeit based on traditional models that slowed them down). How likely would prior church planting experience be in a

missions training group in the US or Canada? That is why we love working in Latin America – it's normal for churches to get started. Our job is helping them be healthier, more spontaneously reproducing.

So as we discussed the nature of the church, the sacraments, and the instructions and models we find in the New Testament for new groups of believers coming together, everyone had a story to tell, an example to give, a burning question to ask. Best of all, everything they learned they could immediately apply. To us, this apprenticeship style of training seems the most effective. This week was only an introduction, a basis for the mentoring throughout the coming year.

What impressed me the most was the discussion about church leadership, always the sticky issue (along with the sacraments, which we mentioned in our last letter). How do you choose and train new leaders? How much tether do you give them? And what happens when members want to go out and start something new?



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Then what? Most of the participants of the seminar were women, and although some had freedom to start new groups, they had little freedom to pass on leadership. Most churches here hold on to leadership tightfistedly, warning members about rebelling against God should they do anything unapproved. When we talked about the missionary models we find in Acts, as well as the Pauline language of “co-workers” (Gal 2:9), we hit a nerve. They had never imagined that kingdom work could be done outside of a rigid hierarchy of command, that accountability works two ways, and that mutual submission extends throughout the whole body. Their only model is one pastor to whom all report and submit – period. We emphasized that this isn’t meant to change existing churches, but to offer freedom and alternative models for new baby churches. Where multiple elders work together to equip the saints to move out and do mission, reproducing the church in all its ministries, including leadership (Eph 4:11-16, 2 Tim 2:2). Most of the participants were floored by this suggestion, and some wept, comforted.

And just for fun, for a colorful illustration of our favorite missionary model – the incarnation – we sug-

gested that the participants go see *Avatar*. Once you disengage all the New-Age-Worship-Mother-Earth motifs, you find someone from one culture leaving everything behind to bond, as a complete beginner, with a foreign culture, bringing redemption (I love the scene where the girl shouts in the boy’s face, “You are such a baby! you don’t know anything!” – just what a new missionary experiences). The two women who went to the movie, both involved in a Mixtec church plant, were moved by the movie. “That’s me!” both exclaimed. “That’s exactly how it is.”

Your assignment: find the other missionary and church planting principles in *Avatar*; write us, and we’ll compare notes.

Blessings, Anne and Robert

The Thiessens’ March letter...

Friends, pray with us:

We mentor Cleo, a creative woman who wants to plant churches among the Chatino people of Oaxaca. She has been praying for the Chatinos for eight years now and has spent the last year preparing to live among them. For this she lived in a village next to the Chatinos, learning how to

speak Spanish, how to make tortillas, and how to ride the local bus eight hours into the village. She has made friends and been a servant whenever she could.

Now, this week, it’s time to begin moving toward the neighboring Chatino village of Zenzontepec. She and Robert will go back to her Latin community and meet with the authorities she has gotten to know there. She has been busy creating a coffee-table book filled with pictures of village events, families and scenery, and she plans to present this to the village elders as a thank-you gift. She and Robert will also carry thank-you letters to the village and a request that the authorities now help her find a home in Zenzontepec.

This request follows the Biblical model of working through a “man of peace.” When Jesus sent out the 72 in Luke 10, He instructed them to search for a worthy or peaceful person in town and to stay with him (or her).

We have often found that working this way opens doors. I remember our first man of peace, a man aptly called Cornelius. When we arrived in town with kingdom stories to tell in our early broken Mixtec, Cornelius would

listen carefully and then call out to the neighbors, “Hey, come listen to this...” and he would repeat our story (greatly embellished, I’m sure, but with the errors edited out, too), and a crowd would gather to hear stories about God.

We are praying for a Cornelius for Cleo. We want someone from the Latin town to vouch for her in Zenzontepec and make sure that she is placed with a worthy family. We want God to open doors in Zenzontepec through men and women of peace. The Chatinos have shown resistance to the gospel. Three years ago, right outside the village, the Chatinos brutally murdered a Latin believer who tried to evangelize there. May God use Cleo to finish what he started.

Thank you, Anne and Robert.

From the Woos...

Dear friends,

Some of our friends that live and work over here with us have gone to Nepal for two weeks. In that country



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... regarding scheduling* of meetings or events there, contact:

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there are many gangs of children, homeless, rejected, and trafficked. Lots of the boys are addicted to sniffing glue and die from this problem. There is also AIDS going around in that group. Below is the first email we got from them as they are trying to help get some of these boys off the street into homes that will help them. Would you say a pray for them. Thanks.

P.S. Chinese New Year is Sunday. So Sat. night will be FULL of fireworks for us.

Pressing on, Caroline Woo

Today we brought the first boy to the home. His name is Rodney and is about 10 years old... sooo cute and smart. Cheryl and I took him in a taxi with another little boy we were hoping to take in. The other boy is mentally disabled, probably due to all the trauma he's experienced (he was badly burned and turned out by his family). He tried to get out of the taxi and eventually took off when we stopped for him to use the restroom. Rodney was willing to come, though he watched the road very carefully as we drove, memorizing the route back to his "gang". He seemed pleased

with his new clothes and nice food, but then grew very agitated as the day drew on. He is addicted to glue and experiencing withdrawal (which can be very intense). The people at the home are very strong in the Lord and eager to help these children, but they really need supernatural wisdom on how to care for this small one. They are hoping to pick up another little boy tonight or tomorrow morning (the one who had surgery on his foot). This whole thing is so far beyond all of us and we really need prayer cover! The attack of the enemy has been pretty apparent today (the boys from the gang even threatened the pastor with bricks when we took the boys in the taxi). We know that nothing is impossible with Him and are holding fast to His promises! Please lift this little boy up as well as the workers who are trying to help him! Feel free to pass this on to others who will stand with us. Tomorrow, Cheryl will be doing some more training with the workers at the home on how to care for recovering addicts. I will be sharing with their church group about worship and dance.

In Him! Naomi

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Caldwell Youth Collect for Haiti Relief



Caldwell BYF President Lane Walton and members Christopher Poe-Heckman and Hope Smith

After the devastating earthquake in Haiti, the Caldwell Brethren Youth Fellowship asked permission to collect funds from the children of Caldwell to aid the children of Haiti. The BYF set up collection bottles at the Caldwell Elementary and Intermediate Schools. Children collected change for two weeks. The Elementary School collected \$400.18; at the Intermediate School children raised \$346.59 and an

anonymous donor contributed \$300.00. The total collected was \$1046.77.

The proceeds of the collection were donated to the A & M United Methodist Church to help finance the conversion of three shipping containers into mobile medical units. Pictured are Caldwell BYF President Lane Walton and members Christopher Poe-Heckman and Hope Smith.

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It's Time to Sign Up for Camp!

(By program director Kimberly Stewart)

Attention Parents, Grandparents, Uncles and Aunts! It is time to sign your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews up for the Hus Encampment's summer camps! The directors have been hard at work to develop great camps this summer. Now all they need are all the children who will attend!

Please note there have been a few changes in prices and deadlines this summer. You can get a really good deal if you make your plans and send in your registration by April 15th! Mark your calendar now, if you haven't already, and make a note to get your forms in by the deadline.

Forms are available at your church and online at the Unity's website (www.unityofthebrethren.org). Please be sure to include your completed form with all signatures, your payment, and a copy of your insurance card. These will be mailed to Cathleen Schlechte at 3635 CR 225, Caldwell, TX 77836.

Special Notice for Hus School-age (or soon to be) campers

Summers are busy for high school students and we want you to be able to make your plans for this summer and in the future. Hus School, three weeks of further Christian development and leadership training, will be held every other year (even years). The odd year summers will offer a one-week Senior High Conference. This summer, 2010, the three-week Hus School Program will be available for those 15 years old and up. Next summer, 2011, there will be a one-week Senior High Conference.

2010 Camp Dates:

Alpha Camp	June 13 – 15
Pioneer Conference	June 20 - 25
Discovery Conference	June 27 - July 2
Hus School	July 5 (Mon.) – July 23

DEADLINES & FEE STRUCTURE:

Deadline	Date	Alpha	Pioneer/Discovery	Hus School
Early Bird	By April 15	\$175	\$250	\$550
Deadline	By May 1	\$225	\$300	\$600
Late Registration	By May 15	\$250	\$325	\$625
Space Available	After May 15	\$275	\$350	\$650

Annual Christian Sisters Bazaar, 2nd Saturday in September
The Rosenberg Brethren Church
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 5220 Reading Road, Rosenberg, Texas 77471

Summer Camp Counselors

- by Kimberly Stewart

Are you 19 years old or older? Are you looking for something fun and exciting to do this summer? Do you love kids, outdoors, sports, singing, learning about God, and having fun? Then there is a spot waiting for you in the summer camping program at the Hus Encampment!

Directors put together great camps. Kids sign up and attend. Counselors make camp work!!! Counselors are the connection that the campers have with the camp experience. Won't you be a part of the fun?

If you are interested in being a counselor and haven't been approached yet, please contact Kimberly Stewart, 512-846-2925, kcstew@austin.rr.com for a staff application and information on open positions. *(An application process and background check is required of each staff member.)*

Some helpful info:

- Counselors need to be 19 years old (Counselors-in-Training should be 16). Counselors should love God and young people, have an energy level to keep up with 6-7 campers day

and night, have a huge capacity to serve others, have good leadership skills, and be comfortable leading others (given material) in small group discussions.

- New Counselor Training will be April 23-25 (Friday evening 8 PM to Sunday afternoon 1 PM) at the Hus Encampment. This is for anyone who has never been a counselor or who might want a refresher course.

- Camp Planning Day – when all directors and staff gather to assign duties, go over the theme and direction of the camp, get to know each other, etc. – will be April 24, beginning at 9:00 AM. ***This day also includes state required training that all staff members must complete before serving at the camp.***

- Day Before Camp – The Sunday afternoon when camp begins is busy and full of preparation for the arrival of the campers. Directors request staff to gather on Saturday, the day before camp begins, for a variety of reasons. This gives staff a chance to get in and get settled in their rooms, time to set



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up special interest areas, time to get to know each other, time to go over any changes or additions since camp planning day, and time to break from the busy-ness of life and get ready for the awesome week ahead.

• During Camp – (short list). Counselors should be available to welcome parents and campers, help get campers settled in the room, guide and

direct his/her campers, be aware and involved in all that they do, lead an activity or two, lead a small group, actively help with dorm and kitchen duties, be there for the campers, actively participate in camp activities, lead devotionals and prayers, help campers in leadership/participation roles, be a role model, and assist the camper on his/her walk with Christ.

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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 – 5th gr.)
Priority ONE Youth (6th gr. – 12th gr.)
& Adult Bible Study
7:30 p.m.
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Youth News....



The Praise Parade...a report

- by Jennifer Chervenka

"I will praise the Lord all my life. I will sing praise to the Lord as long as live." Psalm 146:1-2

On March 6, 2010, 44 children, 11 teens, and 12 adults were giving praise to our God at the annual State Children's Rally at the Hus Encampment. We sang songs, danced, played games, made crafts, ate great food, and most importantly, we learned what the Bible says about praising God.

From the book of Genesis, we learned about the "bow" and God's promises. Our visitor, Noah, took us onto His ark. We were his animals and we were caught in a storm. But God was in control, and He kept us safe. He kept us dry and warm, and when the land was dry, we got off the ark and praised God for His promise.

The Bible says that we are to praise God all of our lives. We are to lift Him up, give Him honor, and give

Him thanks in all things. The children were able to share that we praise God when we worship Him, pray to Him, sing to Him, love others, obey our parents, and tell Him thank you for what we have. They also said we praise God for His Son, for making us, taking care of us, loving us, giving us homes, parents, and friends, bringing us to camp, keeping us safe, and so many other things. We toured the camp, and as we concluded the day, we stopped to thank God and praise Him.

Have you thanked God today? Have you stopped in the midst of your storm to give Him praise for His power, His control, and His love? Remember that God *is* in control. He



made you; He knows you and your struggles; and He's got you in His hands. There is nothing that He cannot handle. We need to give it to Him and give Him the glory and the praise as He walks with us every day.

What a blessing to be with so many little ones that love God and praise Him unashamedly! Oh, to be like a little child and come unto Him singing praise and thanksgiving.

Upcoming Youth Activities ..

State Youth Fishing Retreat, Port O'Connor, Texas

Friday, April 30-Sunday, May 3

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 2

Forms available at www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com

or by contacting Jennifer Chervenka

Friday, April 2: Registration Deadline for Youth Fishing Retreat

Friday, April 23-Sunday, April 25: Camp Planning Retreat for all camp staff.

Contact kcestew@austin.rr.com

Friday, April 30-Sunday, May 2: State Youth Fishing Retreat at Port O'Connor

Wednesday, June 30: Annual youth reports due for all congregations

Friday, July 10: Summer Retreat Registration Deadline

Saturday, July 24-Sunday, July 25: BYF Retreat, Convention, and Volleyball Tournament

Saturday, November 20-Sunday, November 21: BYF Fall Retreat

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Sunday School Island

This month we conclude our study of the Names of Jesus with **"The Resurrection " from John 11:25.**

"Jesus said to her, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."

The resurrection is critical to the Christian faith. In fact, you could call it the single most important even in the life of the Christian Church! Where would we be without the resurrection?!? Because of its importance, we want to share this event with our children from a very early age. We want them to experience the joy of that glorious morning. My hope is that this issue provides you with some ideas to share the story of Christ's Resurrection in a meaningful and memorable way.



Coming in the next months: The Parables of Jesus.

See the Unity of the Brethren website for the online version!

- Send all suggestions/questions/ideas to hairrell@gmail.com

Sunday School



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Web Resources:

Easy Resurrection Stories:
<http://www.first-school.ws/features/biblest/resurrec.htm>

Tomb craft:
<http://mybiblecrafts.com/CraftThemes/EasterTheme/tombcrafts.html>

Rainbow Crosses

NOTE: This activity will take 2 class meetings!
Materials: coffee filter, water-based markers, spray bottle, permanent marker, scissors, cross pattern

Give each child a coffee filter. Have them color it with water-based markers. They can scribble! Encourage them to NOT draw pictures, as they will become distorted. After the child is done coloring, help them spray the filter with water. Watch as the colors begin to bleed. Allow the filter to dry. Once it is dry, cut it into a cross pattern. Across the top, write "I am the Resurrection" using the permanent marker.

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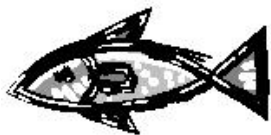
Thanks to Pam Winn (See John 20:1-18)

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NOTHING IS CERTAIN EXCEPT WHAT AND TAXES?!?

One Wild Morning!

It takes faith to believe that someone could be raised from the dead, but without Jesus' resurrection there is no salvation. The fact is we all have to determine whether we will believe it or not. John 20:1-18 shares some powerful eyewitness testimonies to the reality of the resurrection. God has revealed himself to us through Scripture and through the Holy Spirit. While we may not have a physical eyewitness account of the resurrection, our own spiritual experience is a real witness to the power of the resurrection. All of us have a unique ***witness*** to share – your personal witness! We all have our doubts at times about whether our words have any impact on those whom we seek to reach. We may not ever see the impact, but we can have the confidence that God will take what we share and use it to bring others to know and experience the resurrection of Jesus.



YOUTH FISHING RETREAT

At Port O'Conner, Texas

Friday, April 30-Sunday, May 2

Retreat Fee: \$60

This fee includes lodging, food, and all of the supplies for fishing. You are responsible for your food and snacks while traveling, and a salt-water fishing license (ages 17 & older).

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 9th

There are a limited number of spots available. This is a first come first serve retreat! Get your forms turned in as soon as possible. Forms available at www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com.

Mail forms, rules, and \$60 registration fee to:

Jennifer Chervenka
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Rogers, TX 76569

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If you would like to be a guide and provide the use of your boat, or provide lodging, or if you have any questions, please contact:
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A Special Gateway

Contest



The entrance to the Hus School Encampment has been special to many people on their spiritual life journey. The reality is that this special gateway is in need of replacement due to weathering, ground shift, and the deterioration of the materials.

The Hus School Board of Trustees is holding a contest for the design of a new entrance. We are asking for ideas and sketches from which blueprints will be later created and the entrance built. Design and materials are up to the contestant, but the entrance would need to be accessible in some way to heavy and tall equipment.

The prize for the contest: 1 free camp registration for 1 child to a camp of their choice at the Hus School Encampment, plus a gift certificate to a Darden's brand restaurant (Olive Garden, Red Lobster, etc.).

Mail entries to:

Gate Contest

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Or email: schlechte86@msn.com, subject "Gate Contest"

For more info: call 979-255-8266 after 4 pm.

Deadline for Entries: Postmarked by July 15, 2010

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for April 2010

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. Jesus Christ, the Righteous One, is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and for the sins of the whole world. 1 Jn. 2:2
2. God demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8
3. Mary saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. Jn. 20:12
4. **"He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay." Mt. 28:6**
5. "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself."
6. Let us love one another, for love comes from God. 1 Jn. 4:7
7. Whoever who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 1 Jn. 4:8
8. Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will obey what I command." Hn. 14:15
9. He said, "Because I live, you also will live." Jn. 14:19
10. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. 1 Jn. 4:15
11. **By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another. Jn. 13:35**
12. Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. Ecc. 12:13
13. God said, "I will put My laws in their minds and write them in their hearts. I will be their God and they will be My people." Heb. 8:10
14. He who belongs to God hears what God says. Jn. 8:47
15. I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. Eph. 3:17, 18
16. Jesus said, "Whoever has My commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves Me." Jn. 14:21
17. No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him. 1 Cor. 2:9
18. **Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Mt. 22:37**
19. Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of God. Isa. 2:3a
20. God will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in His paths. Isa. 2:3b
21. Great and marvelous are Your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are Your ways. Rev. 15:3
22. Live in harmony with each other; be sympathetic, love one another with compassionate and humble hearts. 1 Pet. 3:8
23. **All of you can join together with one heart and voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 15:6**
24. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Col. 3:13
25. Jesus said, "A new command I give you: Love one another as I have loved you, so you must love one another." Jn. 13:34
26. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Pet. 4:10
27. The Lord says, "You will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you." Jer. 29:12
28. It is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. 1 Cor. 4:2
29. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ. Rom. 15:5
30. As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Col. 3:12

Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

Keep these activities in your prayers.

April 24: Christian Sisters' Convention at the Taylor Brethren Church.

(see the Youth Activities Schedule in the Youth Section)

VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERS RECEIVED

By Reaffirmation of Faith

...At the Ocker Brethren Church
Jan 3 – RENE GREEN
Jan 17 – JEREMY & CINDY WENTRCEK
Jan 24 – JAMES and MILDRED WENTRCEK
Feb 7 – ROBERT & MISSY DOLGENER
Feb 21 – ROBERT & RHONDA CABLA

...At the Taylor Brethren Church
JERRY WAYNE and LINDA ROZNOVAK joined by transfer from the Immanuel Lutheran Church on December 6, 2009.

SAM and JUNE KUBALA joined on December 27, 2009, by transfer from the Granger Brethren Church.

ROSEMARY FAULKNER and SUZANNE SEBEK joined on January 10, 2010.

ALEXIS BURNETT, VICTORIA GARDNER, and IAN ZAMORSKY, by Confirmation of Faith, on December 27, 2009.

RECENT BAPTISMS

JONAH AARON RIETHMAYER, born October 16, 2009, son of Aaron and Valori Riethmayer was dedicated to the Lord on February 21, 2010, at the Taylor Brethren Church. Minister: Rev. James Hejl.

JUSTIN WAYNE MATHEY, son of Lorrie and Shane Mathey, born, April 14, 2009, was dedicated to the Lord on November 29, 2009, at the Taylor Brethren Church. Minister: Rev. James Hejl.

ALEXIS BURNETT, daughter of Robert and Andrea Beard was baptized on December 27,

2009, at the Taylor Brethren Church. Minister: Rev. James Hejl.

KOLTEN WAYNE ZRUBEK, son of Terry and Amanda Zrubek, born August 13, 2009, was baptized January 10, 2010, at the Taylor Brethren Church. Minister Rev. James Hejl.

RECENT WEDDINGS

RAESZ-MENEFE. Brandon Raesz and Erin Menefee were joined in marriage on January 9, 2010, at the St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pflugerville. Minister: Rev. James Hejl.

RECENT DEATHS

TALLAS, FRANCES, age 85, of Taylor, born March 20, 1924, died on November 20, 2009. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jerry; 5 sisters; and 1 brother. Survivors include a sister, 3 daughters, 1 son, 3 granddaughters, 7 grandsons, 10 great-grandchildren and 1 sister. Funeral services were held at the Taylor Brethren Church, November 23, 2009, with Rev. James Hejl officiating.

HURTA, ELEANORA, age 84 of Taylor, born December 31, 1924, died December 5, 2009. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Bennie. She is survived by 2 sons, 4 grandchildren,; and 10 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Taylor Brethren Church on December 8, 2009, with Rev. James Hejl officiating.

SPACEK, ROBERT E., age 80, died January 3, 2010, in Richmond, Texas. He was born October 15, 1929, in Richmond, Texas. He was married to Ruby Mosier, his wife of 47



years. He is survived by his wife, 1 son, 1 daughter, 1 brother, 1 sister, and 1 grandson. Services were on January 6, 2010, from the Rosenberg Brethren Church with burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg. Minister: Larry Butcher.

JOHNSON, NORMAN EDWARD, age 80, died January 11, 2010. He was born on June 18, 1929. Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by his wife and is survived by 1 son and 2 granddaughters. Funeral services were held at the Taylor Brethren Church, January 15, 2010, with Rev. James Hejl officiating.

SORRELLS, ADELINE, age 89, died February 8, 2010, in Richmond, Texas. She was born March 13, 1920, near Nelsonville, Texas. She was married to J. W. Sorrells. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Lorene Liska, several nephews and a niece. Services were held February 11, 2010, by the Rosenberg

Brethren Church with burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg. Minister: Larry Butcher.

PRINZ, GLADYS JEAN, age 71 and of Austin, born on April 23, 1938, died on February 11, 2010. She was preceded in death by her parents Joe and Mary (Klima) Malish. She is survived by her daughter, Kim Brummett, and husband, Tracy, and her best friend, Leroy Filla. Funeral services were held February 15, 2010, at Providence, with Rev. James Hejl officiating.

HANNAH, LILLIAN, age 85, of Taylor, died February 14, 2010. She was born December 3, 1924, in Jourdanton, TX, and was preceded in death by her husband, Gilford Mack Hanna, her parents, 3 sisters, 3 brothers, 4 daughters, a brother, 7 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. Services were held February 18, 2010, at the Taylor Brethren Church, with Rev. James Hejl officiating.

MUTUAL AID SOCIETY GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT Period of July 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008

Membership July 1, 2009 906

Deaths	4
Withdrawn	5
Dropped	20
Reinstated	2
New Members	9

Membership December 31, 2009 888

Those members received since the last report:

NAME	LOCAL	DATE JOINED
Vickie S. Brandon*	Caldwell #27	July 13, 2009
James V. Branon*	Caldwell #27	July 13, 2009
Mary Frances Owens*	Cadlwell #27	July 13, 2009
Shanna Michelle Holik	Wall #25	August 27, 2009
Donald Lancaster	B/CS #34	August 27, 2009
James Bradley Ging	Taylor #3	September 26, 2009
Erica Lynn Sebesta	Nelsonville #14	September 26, 2009
Larry D. Zabcik*	Temple #20	November 1, 2009
Johnnie F. "Buddy" Michna*	Taylor #3	November 16, 2009

*Not Junior Transfers

Those members for whom death benefits were paid since the last report:

NAME	LOCAL	DATE OF DEATH
Adelle Strobel	At Large	July 7, 2009
Corey Don Kovar	Snook #7	September 15, 2009
Viola Lydia Chervenka David	Ocker #8	October 31, 2009
Denisse Lynette Wuensche	Taylor #3	October 19, 2009

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.
– Visiting Ministers

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 School – 9:30 AM; Worship – 10:45 AM.
– 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 First 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, Rev. Whitney Amos
4th & 5th Sunday – Mark Sebek

Houston – 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.
Sunday School at 9 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

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

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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