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DO

There are many places in the Bible where the word “do” is used. Some-
times it encourages us to do something as in a call to action. In other loca-
tions it tells us not to do something or is used in a question. “Do” is a small word with a lot of power. Throughout the Bible the word “do” is implicit as Christians are directed to do something or go somewhere.

When Jesus was gathering his first disciples in John 1:37, He says “What do you want?” as John and two of his disciples followed Christ. Then in verse 43 Jesus simply says “Follow me.” This is one of those implicit statements where they are asked to actually do something. We are all familiar with the phrase stating that we should do unto others as we would have them do unto us. Just glancing through Mathew, Mark, Luke, and John we find “do” many times.

During my early military training in the Army, I recall hearing the instruc-

tor say ‘Do something, even if it is wrong! What a strange statement coming from someone who was training officers that were to lead troops into battle, or more often just to get a job done. It took a while but it did become clear that the instructor, who had combat experience, knew what he was talking about.

What the Sergeant was saying was that we don’t always know the right response, but by doing something we often get a positive outcome. He was sharing with us his combat experience, which showed that doing nothing leads to failure, sometimes with dire consequences. He shared a real experience where his unit was in a firefight and the machine gun he was shooting quit working. He didn’t know what to do, but he did know that if he did nothing, the machine gun would not work and his unit would be over run. He did something that seemed



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crazy. He took the machine gun apart and then put it together again. Can you imagine having the parts on the ground while bullets are flying over you in such a dangerous situation? He did, and it started to work again, resulting in him being alive to teach us the importance of doing something, even if it seems wrong. Incidentally, he never knew what made the gun work.

In another more recent example, I saw a documentary about a family that decided to sail around the world. They hit a reef at night, and the father was seriously injured and eventually lost a leg. His wife, two sons, and two daughters, who didn't know exactly what to do, did do something. They prayed and prayed while they went to work removing a heavy mast from the father's body. They got the two younger children on to a small bit of coral that jutted above the water, and placed cushions from the boat on the

sharp coral for the kids to sit on. The older girl was given the responsibility to hold the emergency beacon in hopes they could be found in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The wife and son worked on saving the father/husband. The son tied a tourniquet on the leg of his father, and he and his mother succeeded in freeing the father. The wife, against all odds, was able to release a rubber raft to put her husband into to get him away from the boat, which was breaking up. If they couldn't do this, they would have to abandon him to save the younger children. See the pattern here? They kept doing and they kept praying. They were finally rescued by a family living on a small island a few miles from the reef they had hit during the night. French doctors arrived after about a day's travel and relieved the pain from the father's injuries and treated him for his loss of blood.

This family didn't have a doctor,

but they did what they could. They didn't have an engineer, but they rigged what was needed to move heavy loads. They didn't have a psychologist to comfort them, but they supported each other. They didn't have a preacher, but they prayed. In spite of an almost hopeless situation, they just kept doing until they succeeded.

We don't expect to have to do things under these dramatic circumstances, but we should be ready to do things in bringing others to Christ by being more Christ like in our daily lives. We should be willing to do things to share our Christian beliefs and to protect the ability to do so. This doesn't mean we have to stand on the street corner telling people about Christ, although we could. More likely, we can lead our children, grand-

children, adult friends, and others in more simple and direct measures by simply doing what Christ would have us do. We can teach our kids and grand kids how to tie their shoes, and show them the beauty of God's wonders, such as the stars in the sky or the beauty of nature. It doesn't have to be a sermon, but just doing something to help is often enough to demonstrate your Christian beliefs. It doesn't have to be dramatic, like saving someone from drowning or getting someone to go forward on Sunday to join the church. Most people are led to Christ by a series of steps rather than one single gigantic leap. You can do something even if it is wrong. Saying I care and being with someone in their time of need may seem wrong because you don't know



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what you should say or that you feel strange just standing there holding their hand. It isn't wrong because you are doing something. Staying away or not getting involved because you aren't sure what to do is doing nothing, and doing nothing results in nothing.

There is a strong effort underway to marginalize Christianity not only in American but worldwide. We have seen efforts to leave out the Christian faith of our founders in historical writings. We have monuments that leave out the full text of our leaders' statements because someone doesn't want to have the word God on the monument because it might offend someone. We find that the Muslims are doing things. For example, a mosque is being opened in a building that was damaged during the 9-11 attacks in New York. If you look at the history of Islam, it is not placed there simply as a place of worship for another reli-

gion. It is making a statement of power for Islam. Yet all but one person in the New York City governing entity signed off on the placement of the mosque at this location as a symbol of our tolerance. In reality, it is a symbol of submission to Islam. Just sitting and watching other religions take over because we aren't sure what to do or don't want to seem insensitive or intolerant of their beliefs results in doing nothing. It is time to do something; it is time to go to church, worship, praise, and pray, to join in unity in support of Christianity in all aspects of our life.

In summary, it is time for us Christians to do something!

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ARCHIVIST VISIT HUS SCHOOL

Tuesday, June 8, the Unity Archivist Clint Machann, and David Chroust with Texas A&M University completed an initial overview of the documents located at Hus School. They located several "Primary Source Documents" during this review and were excited about the content. A primary source document is something that is an original document rather than a published account of the document. For example, they found hand-written Synodical Board meeting records which met that criteria.

Clint and David also noted that, although the documents are protected from the weather in the present location, it would be best to store them in non-cardboard containers and to place them in an air conditioned location. The reason is that humidity can ruin these paper documents over time. These recommendations are being addressed by the Synodical Executive Committee.

The next phase is to review and catalogue all the documents and place them in non-cardboard containers for placement in an air conditioned location. Some documents will be scanned to allow them to be available for on line research.

There are a number of documents located elsewhere, and it is planned to over time identify those documents and their location for a comprehensive listing.

One of the interesting things that developed with our discussions, visits, and communication with Rev. Milton Maly is that we have several complete sets of *The Brethren Journal* and no longer need additional editions to be filed by the Rev. Maly. Although we no longer need additional copies of *The Brethren Journal*, we greatly appreciate those who thoughtfully sent copies to him in the past.

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Pastors' Gathering Held at the Hus Encampment

Pastors throughout the Unity of the Brethren occasionally gather for times of fellowship with no set agendas; at other times, it is to carry out various tasks within the Unity such as Credentials Committee or Hus International School of Ministry. The group may be anywhere from two to ten pastors. On April 30 and May 1, a group of pastors gathered at Hus Encampment to share conversation about the book entitled, *Becoming a Blessed Church*, by Graham Standish, pastor of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Zelienople, PA.

For pastors and laity alike who recognize that mainline churches are both shrinking in numbers and struggling to meet the demands of a world

that is changing more rapidly than ever before, this book addresses, from a Trinitarian perspective, how the Body of Christ today can be what the Lord wants it to be in its local setting. Most congregations miss out on being the Church the Lord wants it to be because both leadership and congregation fail to tap into the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit. We know that God the Father is the Creator of the universe and humanity for the expressed purpose of fellowship with the Lord. We know that Jesus is the bodily expression of God's love as Redeemer and Savior, evidenced in His death on the cross and the resurrection. Most of us, however, do not have a clue to how the Holy Spirit

works among and through us as individual believers and the Body of Christ.

The primary premise of the book is that mainline churches today are not plugged into the power of the Holy Spirit, but have allowed tradition, by-laws, and Robert's Rules of Order to rob the Church of the power of the Holy Spirit for individuals and the Body. Admittedly, most mainline churches and church goers are afraid to turn over their individual or corporate lives to the Holy Spirit. It is just easier to function by established routine and mechanisms of order (*the way we have always done it according to by-laws*) instead of prayer,

waiting on the Holy Spirit, and then following the Spirit in obedience, thus experiencing the Spirit's transforming power and the Lord at work. The fear is that the Spirit may take us out of our comfort zones; however, our ineffectiveness in carrying out the mission and ministry of Jesus as the Body of Christ today can also be explained by this same fear.

Between conversation about the book and its impact on individual pastors, time was also spent in small group conversation, prayer and worship, meal preparation and a competitive game of putt-putt golf on the Encampment's course.



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News of the Mutual Aid Society...

New Mutual Aid Scholarship Seeks to Fulfill Scriptural Instruction.

The Mutual Aid Society mission statement taken from Galatians 6:2 “Bear one another’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ”, represents one of the core values of early Christians and early Brethren. This tenet seeks to put into action the words of Jesus to “love your neighbor as yourself.” Membership in the Mutual Aid Society provides an illustration of what it means to be Brethren. As the mission statement suggests, it is by looking after other people (especially in a time of need) that we fulfill what we are called to do as Christians and Brethren. Members of the Mutual Aid Society share a common mission to care for their neighbors. The Apostle Paul said “let us do good to all men especially to those of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:10). The early Brethren knew how important caring for others was and moved to formalize their belief and obedience to scripture by creating The Mutual Aid Society in 1905. Historically, the Mutual Aid

Society has provided death benefits to its members not as a life insurance company, but as group of caring Christians who care about their neighbor and seek to provide assistance in times of need. The Mutual Aid has suffered in recent years from a perception problem fostered by the prevalent secular attitude “what’s in it for me?” It should be noted that the Mutual Aid Society has NEVER existed to compete with a life insurance company. It is instead a stewardship opportunity for Brethren to exercise their faith and affirm the beliefs and practices of the early Brethren. To belong to the Mutual Aid is to say, “I believe it is important as a Brethren and as a Christian to “bear one another’s burdens” and I also value the history and the continuation of the Unity of the Brethren and its role in the execution of God’s will.

In recent years, excess funds have been used to provide low interest building loans to Brethren congrega-

tions. However, due to the rising construction costs coupled with the limited resources of the Mutual Aid Society, it has become more difficult to match the loan capacity of the Mutual Aid with the loan needs of congregations undertaking building programs. As most building projects today can easily top more than a million dollars, the \$200,000 loan limit of the Mutual Aid Society is often inadequate to fund an entire building program.

The idea of the Mutual Aid offering scholarships to Brethren college students originated at the 2009 church convention as a new and progressive way to fulfill the mission of the Mutual Aid “To bear ye one another’s burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ.” This additional outreach effort is intended to augment the current work of the Mutual Aid Society in providing death benefits and low interest rate loans for Brethren building programs.

The scholarships will be offered for the fall semester of 2011 school year and will be funded exclusively through private donations. All money collected will remain separate and apart from the dues paid by current members. The creation of scholarships will in no way impact the funds set aside for death benefits or building programs currently being offered by the Mutual Aid.

The call is now being issued to all Brethren. Those who are interested in a stewardship opportunity that subscribes to the scriptural instruction to “love your neighbor as yourself” while helping to ensure the Brethren tradition of bearing one another’s burdens should consider joining the Mutual Aid Society. To do so is to formally promote our Brethren theology, heritage, and service and to take action to ensure the work and service of the Unity of the Brethren will be around for generations to come. Being a member of the Mutual Aid Society says I am Brethren in name and practice.

Those who are looking for a new way to support our youth, especially those best equipped to be our Unity leaders of tomorrow, can now assist these young people with their college education.

Contributions to The Mutual Aid Scholarship may be sent to:
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Please prayerfully consider this new program and be attentive to the Lord’s leading as to how you should be involved.

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The Administrative Board of the Mutual Aid Society extends an invitation to all Ministers, Delegates, and Members of the Society to attend its 61st Biennial Convention to be held Saturday, July 10, 2010, at the Nelsonville Brethren Church. A warm welcome is extended to visitors who would like to observe the proceedings. We also ask you to remember this gathering in your prayers.

Rev. Joseph J. Polasek, President

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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.

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FYI – a Christian Sisters group wanted to do that and Pavel sent it back rather than face the authorities that hassle him/them so much as they do ministry... it is NOT like America... PAVEL AND STANA are so grateful. Have a great day!

- Ron Winsman

*"Know that the Lord Himself is God;
 It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
 We are His people and the sheep of His pasture."*
 Psalm 100:3

From the Thiessens...

Mobilizing

Dear friends,

Since the beginning of our time in Mexico we have wanted to see Mexican churches and missionaries going to their own unreached people groups. In Guerrero we saw that when an Acapulco church sent three ladies to join us in Ometepec. There weren't many other opportunities for mobilizing, though. Now, in Oaxaca, there are. These last few weeks have been

some of the most encouraging of our time in Oaxaca. Robert and I have been involved with two missionary training schools equipping Mexicans so that they can go to the unreached of their own country, including Indian groups of southern Mexico. Here are two situations that have come up recently:

Alejandro heads up a church planting team of nine members and five trainees. A few weeks ago, I taught all



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of them a five-day seminar on church planting. At the end, I took part in the commissioning of these church planters headed toward unreached areas of Oaxaca. Laying hands on these 14 Mexican missionaries as they knelt in the grass, I felt that God was answering a prayer we've been making for the last 18 years, that missionaries be raised up from right here in Mexico who would reach their own people for Christ. I am convinced that the Mexican church needs to be faithful in reaching its own "Samaria" before it will be effective in reaching those further afield.

Just as encouraging is the way these missionaries are being trained. The 14 Mexicans we commissioned are being trained right on the field, where they can marry head knowledge and practice from the get-go, apprenticeship style. If you think about it, apprenticing is how Jesus and Paul trained their disciples... and Francis of Assisi and Martin Luther and Charles Spurgeon and many others. It's also the way these missionaries will need to train their own disciples so that these disciples can train others spontaneously.

This Sunday Alejandro and Robert

will be taking three of the trainees to Mixteco villages in Guerrero. They will learn Mixteco and fit into village life under the watchful eyes of fellow believers. What we pray is that God will fill them with love for this culture so that they will return as longer term missionaries to Guerrero. Join us in praying for them in the months to come as they serve out their apprenticeships in Yuvinani and Yoloxochil.

And:

Last Monday I taught a Perspectives class on church multiplication to a group of 45 Oaxacans. We asked ourselves, "What is the difference between the commands that Jesus gave us in the Gospels and the patterns that we develop to apply these commands?" Do our methods ever keep us from being obedient to Jesus? Here in Oaxaca, it happens all the time.

A century ago a missionary wrote a controversial book entitled *Missionary Methods: St Paul's or Ours?* and missionaries have been trying to answer the question ever since. As North Americans we have developed methods for spreading God's kingdom that work for us. We have started

Bible schools and Sunday Schools and Missionary Training Schools. We have used crusades, roman roads, and membership classes. But what happens when we export these methods to other cultures? Do they work? *Are we willing to give them up if they don't?* Pray with us for these potential missionaries (our team has two more teaching sessions) that they will answer these questions with grace, and take steps toward this high calling.

Blessings, Anne

Ocker Ministry in Mexico

During the period of June 26 through July 3, the Ocker Brethren Church is sponsoring church member, John Brinkley, on a medical mission trip to Saltillo, Mexico. John, a Temple ocularist, donates his time and supplies, to make eyes for seven people. This is Ocker's 5th trip to Saltillo under Brinkley's leadership as we join hands with Silver Lining Ministry of Saltillo to share the gospel in this unique way.

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Sunday School Island

This month will focus on the Parable of the Wise Man and the Foolish Man. This parable is found in Matthew 7:24-29.

This month's Bible verse is Psalm 62:6-7, "**He only is my rock and my salvation... The rock of my strength.**"

In my class, the kids love to sing "The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock." The movement and the rhythm makes this a favorite. But as we were singing, I wondered if I had shared with them the true meaning of this song? That is the motivation for this month's activity. Our lives get so busy so quickly that we often forget who should be the foundation. Storms come and we forget that we have a Rock.

<http://parablesforkids.com/html/contents.html>

Coming next month: The Parable of the Wise Man and the Foolish Man.



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

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Sunday School



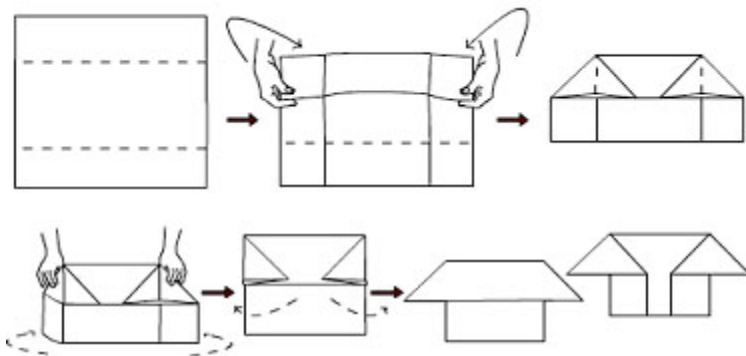
Easy Button

A lesson demonstration

Decorate 2 paper cups to look like houses. In a pie plate, make a dome of sand. In another pie plate, build a "rock" foundation with Legos. Create a rain storm by pouring water over the houses with a watering can. Discuss with the children how the foundation of each house differed when the rain came.

Fold-A-House

Use these steps to make an origami house. Then write the Bible verse on the front.



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*"Bear ye one another's burdens
 And so fulfill the Law of Christ."*
 (Gal. 6:2)

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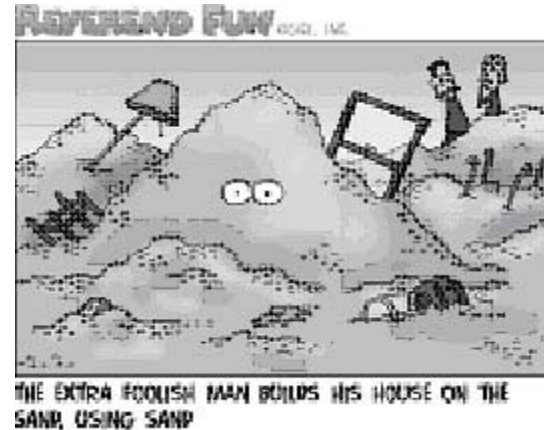
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What are your storms?



Every time you log on to the news site, turn on the tv, or open the newspaper, there has been some kind of storm...hurricane, flooding, tornado, oil spill...The list goes on and on. At times, these storms literally crash down on us. At other times, we are merely spectators. However, in the parable of the wise man and foolish man, we know something about how to handle storms. In this parable, the builder who listens and builds his house on the Rock (Jesus) is safe in the storm. The winds come and the water rises, but he is safe and secure. The foolish man builds on the sand, which is blown away by the strong winds and rising waters. His house goes right along with the flood. Just like the wise builder, we need to build our house (our life) on the rock (Jesus Christ). We need to depend on Him. With Him as the foundation, the storms of life that come will not sweep us away.

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Upcoming Youth Activities ..

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

Friday, July 10: Summer Retreat Registration Deadline

July 23-25: Summer Youth Retreat, Convention, and Volleyball Tournament

Theme: **"NOT IMITATING NON-JESUS ACTIONS"**

July 26-31: Youth Mission Project (see below)

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

Regarding the Summer Youth Convention

All local reports are past due as of June 30. These reports must be submitted in order to participate in the tournament and convention. If you have not sent those in, they are still available online at www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com, or by contacting Jennifer Chervenka (254)983-1002; jennchervenka@farm-market.net.

Order of Events:

Friday, July 23

7:00pm- Check-in begins

10:00pm- Worship

Saturday, July 24

7:00am- Registration re-opens

8:00am- Convention

10:00am- Volleyball Tournament (tentative)

12:00pm- Come & Go Lunch

6:00pm- Come & Go Dinner

Late-night Service (following tournament)

Sunday, July 25

8:00am- Come & Go Breakfast

9:00am- Worship

10:00am- Clean-up

10:30am- Dismissal

Registration forms must be submitted for EVERY participant, adult, and child that will be on Encampment premises at anytime during the retreat. *[Remember that the registration fee is for YOUTH.]* Housing

Annual Christian Sisters Bazaar, 2nd Saturday in September

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is available to youth first, visitors second (on a first-registered/first-served basis).

The Details:

It's time to begin preparations for the annual BYF convention. All locals must turn in their annual reports by June 30 to be eligible for the tournament. Registration and report forms are available at www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com. Please use these forms as they are current and correct. If you have any further questions, you may also contact Jennifer Chervenka (254)983-1002; jennchervenka@farm-market.net.

Any youth (age 16 or older) or adult who wishes to be on the State Leadership Team will find applications online as well. Leadership team members need to be able to plan and participate in the upcoming retreats: Fall Retreat, November 20-21, 2010 and Winter Retreat, February 19-20, 2011.

This summer's retreat will begin with a Worship Service at 10:00pm on Friday for those who arrive that evening. The convention proceedings will begin at 8:00am, so delegates are encouraged to arrive on Friday. Look for the Saturday schedule to be posted soon.

Faith in Action
Unity of the Brethren Youth Mission Project
Monday, July 26-Saturday, July 31

Plans are being made for the youth of the Unity to participate in a week-long mission venture this summer. The location and full details will be available online as of May 1. All participants must be at least 12 years of age and submit their forms by June 30.

If there are any questions concerning the youth activities, please contact Jennifer Chervenka, Unity Youth Coordinator, jennchervenka@farm-market.net; 254-983-1002.



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It's Time to Sign Up for Camp!

(By program director Kimberly Stewart)

If you haven't signed up for this summer's Hus School Program, do so ASAP! 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.

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Daily Morsels for July 2010

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. Follow the ways of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts. 1 Cor. 14:1
2. And we know that in everything God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His plan. Rom. 8:28
3. May your spirit, soul, and body be kept without fault when our Lord Jesus Christ comes. 1 Thes. 5:23
4. **God did not choose us to suffer His anger, but to have salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thes. 5:9**
5. I love the house where You live, O Lord, the place where Your glory dwells. Ps. 26:8
6. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Ps. 100:2
7. Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. 2 Tim. 1:2
8. I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed and am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him. 2 Tim. 1:12
9. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty. 1 Chron. 29:11
10. Live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Eph. 4:1
11. **God comes to be glorified in His holy people. 2 Thes. 1:10**
12. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those whose lives are blameless. Ps. 84:11
13. We have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law. Gal. 2:16
14. God called you through the gospel, that may share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thes. 2:14
15. Stand firm and hold to the teachings passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by scripture. 2 Thes. 2:15
16. May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father encourage hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 2 Thes. 2:17
17. By the gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word preached to you. 1 Cor. 15:2
18. **"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures." 1 Cor. 15:3**
19. May the Lord lead you into God's love and Christ's patience. 2 Thes. 3:5
20. God, who has called you into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful. 1 Cor. 1:9
21. Though He brings grief, He will show compassion, so great is His unfailing love. Lam. 3:32
22. The Lord does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men. Lam. 3:33
23. The Lord is faithful, and He will protect you from the evil one. 2 Thes. 3:3
24. He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Cor. 12:8
25. **The Lord gives strength to His people; the Lord blesses His people with peace. Ps. 29:11**
26. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Mt. 5:6
27. Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Phil. 1:27
28. The Lord is merciful and gracious; He is slow to get angry and full of unfailing love. Ps. 103:3
29. My tongue will tell you righteous acts all day long. Ps. 71:24
30. The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Ps. 126:3
31. How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God. 1 Jn. 3:1

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Daily Morsels for August 2010

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. **He had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on earth – to every nation, tribe, language, and people. Rev. 14:6**
2. Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Rom. 12:1
3. “Who knows but that you have come... for such a time as this?” Esther 4:14
4. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way. Col. 1:10
5. Jesus said, “Whoever serves Me must follow Me.” Jn. 12:26a
6. “My Father will honor the one who serves Me.” Jn. 12:26b
7. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Phil. 2:5
8. **It is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose. Phil. 2:13**
9. God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus. Eph. 2:6
10. Whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. Rom. 14:8
11. It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Gal. 5:1
12. By faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness for which we hope. Gal. 5:5
13. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Cor. 1:18
14. “Be still and know that I am God.” Ps. 46:10
15. **I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3:14**
16. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Phil. 4:4
17. Let your gentleness be evident to all. Phil. 4:5
18. I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. Isa. 61:10
19. Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: The Lord has done mighty things! Ps. 118:15
20. Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. 2 Thes. 3:16
21. Jesus said, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.” Lk. 7:50
22. **The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever. Isa. 32:17**
23. The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Ps. 121:7
24. Sustain me according to your promise and I will live. Ps. 119:116
25. My God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:19
26. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Phil. 4:20
27. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Ps. 46:7
28. Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Pet. 3:18
29. **And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:7**
30. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but rather a spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline. 2 Tim. 1:7
31. Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Eph. 6:10

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LYNWOOD, BETTY, DALE, and PAULA ULLRICH, on June 13, 2010, at the Industry Brethren Church.

By Profession of Faith:

ALEX MAGANA, on April 4, 2010, at the Ocker Brethren Church.

By Reaffirmation of Faith:

VERONICA MAGANA, on April 4, 2010, at the Ocker Brethren Church.

CHERYL BOWLEY, on April 18, 2010, at the Ocker Brethren Church.

LONDON KLEYPAS, KACI JOE KLEYPAS, ALLEN HILL, and MELODY HILL, on May 23, 2010, at the Ocker Brethren Church.

RECENT BAPTISMS

ROWDY DOLGENER, son of Robert and Missy Dolgener, was baptized on May 9, 2010, at the Ocker Brethren Church.

KASH STEPHENS, son of Robert and Kelly Stephens, was baptized on May 16, 2010, at the Ocker Brethren Church.

RECENT DEATHS

MORRIS, ELENORA (MIKESKA), age 89 and a member of the Pasadena Brethren Church, died on April 9, 2010, in Pearland, Texas. She was born in Welcome, Texas, on June 14, 1920, and grew up attending and was confirmed in the Nelsonville Brethren Church. She is survived by two sisters and one brother, one daughter and two grandchildren. Services were on April 12, 2010, at the Nelsonville Brethren Church, with burial at the National Cemetery. Minister: Rev. Michael Groseclose.

STALMACH, HENRIETTA B. (BABOVEC), age 91 and a member of the Temple

Brethren Church, died on May 18, 2010. She was born on July 15, 1918, in Fayetteville, Texas, and married Alvin Stalmach on October 8, 1938. Mrs. Stalmach is survived by one son, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Services were on May 20, 2010, at the Scanio-Harper Funeral Home in Temple, with burial at Bellwood Memorial Park in Temple. Pastor: Larry Zabcik.

ZETTEL, CLARENCE ALFRED, age 73 and a member of the Nelsonville Brethren Church, died on May 24, 2010, at Bleiberville. He was born on February 4, 1937, in Austin County and married Ruth Schroeder on March 1, 1958. Mr. Zettel is survived by his wife, two children, two grandchildren, and one step great-grandchild, one brother, and one sister. Services were on May 27, 2010, from the Nelsonville Brethren Church with burial in National Cemetery. Minister: Rev. Michael Groseclose.

EDWARDS, WILLIAM M. (BILL), age 77 of Houston and a frequent visitor at the Fayetteville Brethren Church, died on April 25, 2010, in Houston. He was born on August 28, 1932, in San Diego, Calif. Bill is survived by his wife, three children, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He had a great love for bicycling and devoted his retirement years to that sport, including coaching and mentoring others in it. A memorial service was held at the Fayetteville Brethren Church on May 22, 2010. Internment was in that church's cemetery. Minister: Rev. Milton Maly.

WEBER, ELSIE, age 91 and a member of the Taylor Brethren Church, died Monday, May 10, 2010. She was born December 11, 1918, in Beaumont, Texas, and married Henry Schirpik in 1941. Later she married Calvin Weber. She is survived by one daughter and her husband, a sister, three grandsons, one granddaughter, five great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Services were held on May 18, 2010, at the Condra Funeral Home, Taylor. Minister: Rev. James D. Hejl.

WEBER, MARGARET, age 90, and a member of the Taylor Brethren Church, died Saturday, May 15, 2010. She was born April, 3, 1920. She was married to Harry Carl Pearson,



who preceded her in death and later to Lonnie Weber. She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law and one daughter and son-in-law, one sister, two granddaughters, four grandsons, 19 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandsons. Services were held on May 18, 2010, at the Taylor Brethren Church. Minister: Rev. James D. Hejl.

TESCH, GENE A., age 63, and a member of the Vsetin CMB Church, died April 27, 2010, at Hallettsville. He was born December 20, 1946, at Hallettsville. Mr. Tesch is survived by one brother, one sister, and nephews. Services were on April 30, 2010, from the Vsetin CMB Church with burial in Hallettsville City Cemetery. Minister: Dr. Mark L. Labaj.

Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

...We are invited to the *61st Biennial Convention of the Mutual Aid Society* which will be held on Saturday, July 10, 2010, at the Nelsonville Brethren Church.

...*Primetimers' Retreat*...October 8, 9, 10 at the Hus School Encampment. So, primetimers, put this on your calendars and plan to attend an always-fun time!

And, during the remainder of this summer, keep the Encampment Youth Programs in your prayers: for the leaders, the workers, and the young people.

(see the Youth Activities Schedule in the Youth Section)

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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.
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Good Shepherd Moravian – worship at
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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 – Sunday School – 9:00 AM;
Worship – 10:15 AM.
– 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.
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– Dr. Mark Labaj
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– Rev. Thomas Tallas

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Sunday School follows.
– Rev. Michael Groseclose

West – Sunday School at 9:00 AM and
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