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### CONCERNS

The word “concern” has a wide range of meaning, ranging from an awareness of something to worrying about something. It falls short of meaning fear or terror. That is why this word was chosen as the title.

We each have concerns. Young school children are concerned about school. Some are really worried about meeting new classmates while others are more in wonderment about what they will be doing. As we get older and we have more responsibilities we have concerns about our life mate, then our children and our parents. Of course, after our children are grown we have concerns about their well being and our extended families. We have concerns about our faith at times. We have concerns about Christianity, our denomination, and our church, as well. Throughout our lives we have concerns about our economic well being, threats in the world, our society, and our country.

Regardless of our economic status, faith, health, or any other mea-

sure, we all have concerns. Paul, in Philippians 4:10, expresses his gratitude for renewed concern of the Philippians. He recognizes they had not had the opportunity to show their concern. It might have been due to communication or his itinerary while traveling to Rome, but when they did, he acknowledged their concern for him. In Psalm 142:4 David, while in a cave, says there is no one who is concerned about him. He then, in verse 6, asks God to rescue him from his desperate need. In verse 7 David asks to be set free so he may praise God's name. David ends verse seven by saying then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me.

The one concern we do not have as Christians is salvation through Christ. God's love and grace to believers is unconditional. Christians are the only ones who have this guarantee. Christianity is a religion of love, grace, forgiveness and tolerance.



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There is a concern that when mentioned is dismissed due to political correctness. Any attempt to address the concern based on history or circumstances is met with contempt by our government and the mainstream news media. Much of the rest of this article is going to ignore the veil of political correctness and express facts and observations. The issue of concern is the increasing recognition of Islam by our government and the simultaneous marginalizing of Christianity.

Based upon my experience traveling in the Middle East and living in Saudi Arabia, I have observed first hand how Islam functions and learned that its believers are a cross section of people. I also learned that, unlike Christianity, Islam is a complete system of life. It has a religious, legal, political, economic, social, and military component that permeates every

aspect of one's life. There are rules for every aspect of life, including the use of the bathroom.

It is important to define for the purpose of this article the term Islam and Muslim. Simply stated, Islam is the religion, and Muslim is the follower of Islam. Within Islam there are different sects and degrees of believers. However, they are all called Muslims, just as those of us, regardless of a Christ following denomination, are Christians. I have friends who are Muslims who live in Saudi Arabia as well as the United States. I also have serious concerns about the teachings of the religion of Islam. It is the teachings and practices of Islam, particularly Sharia Law, that are of serious concern. The thoughts expressed here are mine and do not necessarily represent those of the Unity of the Brethren or *The Brethren Journal*.

Over time, I have had concerns

about the way Islam functions and Christians' apparent lack of understanding of its goal of world control. It was during our recent travels in Canada when a Christian expressed his concern about the direction the United States was taking in marginalizing Christianity and supporting Islam that finally caused me to write this article. Sometimes it takes someone looking from outside to recognize what those of us inside have not seen because we have accepted the incremental changes that impact the core of our Christian love, or we hesitate to do so because of political correctness. The following will address some of the things that are so noticeable from the outside but may not be seen from within.

Islam is not simply a faith with guidance on how to live within that faith. It is not a religion that allows individuals to make a decision to accept it or reject it. The underlying goal is to conquer the world by whatever means necessary and place it under Sharia Law. The options to accomplish this goal have been summarized as convert, subjugate, or eliminate (execute) the nonbeliever who is referred to as an infidel. Although Mohammad stated that as religions of the Book, Christians and Jews should be afforded respect and safe passage, we are identified as infidels and are the main focus of this goal.

Our country is based upon, among other things freedom of religion. However, we see that our government



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sends millions of dollars to Muslim countries to rebuild mosques and other historical Islamic structures, some that celebrate the overthrow of Christians, yet, under the statement of separation of church and state, will not provide any similar financial support for Christian outreach. In preparation of the World Day of Prayer activities, the President refused to meet and celebrate it. He did, however recognize it. Conversely, the President has with great enthusiasm celebrated the end of Ramadan, a holy celebration of Islam on par with our celebration of Christmas or Easter.

The President supports the building of a Mosque next to the sight of the attacks that took place on September 11, 2001, in New York City. He has even recalled the Islamic Cleric who is traveling to Muslim countries at taxpayer expense to come back in an attempt to gain US citizen support for the project. There are over a hundred Mosques within the New York area where two of the 9/11 attacks took place, and there is no obvious necessity for a mosque to be built at that specific location. Why would Islam want a mosque at that

location? Based upon history, it is simply to recognize the location of an Islamic victory. Either the President doesn't know the history of building mosques on Islamic victory sites, including over conquered churches, or chooses to ignore that history.

This is part of the basis for the concerns for Christianity from outside America as well as by some within America. The question is what are America's Christians doing about it?

I first became aware of the practice of destroying a church and building a mosque on it while in Jordan near Petra. Within a few miles of Petra is the historical site of Aaron's tomb. When visiting Petra I asked about visiting the site, which could be seen on a distant mountain. I was told that I would need a guide and we would have to walk or ride a donkey to the site, so three companions and I made the trip of about ten miles to the site. I was also told that the site was both a church and a mosque. My initial thought was that this was a great example of two religions working together to recognize an Old Testament icon. However, upon arrival there was

a guard and we could not enter because the site might be desecrated by Jews who might want to visit. I also realized that the location was not a church and mosque, but a mosque built over a church. Later I learned that this was a practice throughout the world designed to show how Islam had conquered Christians. Regardless of what we as Christians or other Americans wish, the building of the Mosque next to the site of 9/11 will represent a conquering of Islam over Christianity and other infidels. Otherwise it would be a multi-cultural center that recognizes the faiths of all who perished on that dreadful day.

Under Islam there is no freedom of religion (Quran 2:256) as we now have in America. The punishment for a Muslim becoming a Christian in Saudi Arabia today is death by stoning. There are no churches allowed in Saudi Arabia. Islamic Sharia Law is

intolerant, non-forgiving, and is oppressive, especially for women. The punishment for a woman who is raped is death because she has embarrassed her family. Muslim fathers do kill or disfigure their daughters for this offense. Under Islam, a man can have four wives at one time, and under the Quran 4:34 he is instructed to beat his wife if she disobeys him. This is incorporated into the legal structure of the religion Islam.

While Christians demonstrate their political correctness by being tolerant towards Islam and accepting its culturally diverse beliefs, Islam is working diligently to convert, subjugate, or annihilate them. Islam is a persistent yet patient force. It is entering our prisons with a doctrine that appeals to people who are imprisoned, including those convicted of violent crimes. Many of them are



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learning that their anger over being imprisoned can be justified by switching to Islam, regardless of their crime. In other parts of the world Islam is incrementally getting Islamic Sharia Law allowed in western countries. Islam is using the tolerance of other societies to incrementally insert Sharia Law that has no tolerance.

Yes, this is a real concern. Islam has about 22% of the world population under its system and, due to conversions, very high birth rates encouraged by multiple wives, and the Islamic leaders, it is rapidly growing. We should not allow our political correctness to overshadow our common sense as Christians. Tolerance which leads to oppression is not tolerance, but rather subjugation, and a surrendering of Christian beliefs.

We must understand the need to recognize the difference between tolerance of others and our incremental subjugation by those we tolerate.

Matthew 5:13 may be appropriate to read at this point. It states "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men." Could this verse be telling us that if we lose our way as Christians, and submit to other religions and allow them to overtake us, we have lost our saltiness and deserve to be trampled? We need to concern ourselves with how we react to this real undermining of Christianity and pray for our leaders at all levels, both within our churches and within our government.



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## **Temple Brethren Church Gives Praises to Our Lord and Savior**

**- by Edna Pechal**

When Bro. Larry asked me if I would report news to *The Brethren Journal*, my first response was "oh, I can't do that..." but I immediately said "yes, I'll do it!" You see, the Lord has blessed me in so many different ways during my life that I, as a senior member, want to continue being a servant for Him in any way that I can.

I will share some praises with which the Lord has blessed us. Jackie Zabcik had the faith and vision to approach the Board of Elders for permission to have Vacation Bible School for the neighborhood children and anyone else who might be interested. The Elders approved and work began asking for volunteers to help with teaching, crafts, playtime, singing, and serving refreshments. Twenty five children attended plus many volunteers. The children learned about Joseph, David, and Jesus. On the following Sunday, the children presented several songs they learned and enjoyed singing. What a blessing for the con-

gregation to see the smiling children so happy to sing their praises. Thanks to Bro. Larry, Jackie, and all the volunteers for a successful VBS.

We rejoice that:

- Daniel Sladeczek was baptized during the worship service on June 27. Daniel's parents are Danny and Cecilia Sladeczek.

- The 90-Day Bible Study that Bro. Larry led with ten students attending has completed. Another class may be offered in the future.

- On July 11 during the morning worship service, the choir presented a Patriotic Musical. Valeria Pittman was the director.

The Elders select an organization in our city that helps those who are in some type of need. Each month the members are asked to bring clothes, food items, or items that are normally used in a home. Monetary donations are also encouraged. The collections are then delivered to the organization,



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and are greatly appreciated. This is a wonderful mission program and I would encourage all churches to take part in such a program on a regular basis in these difficult times.

On a sadder note, at the present time we have several members in assisted living, nursing homes, and individual homes who are undergoing different health issues and I request that you keep them in your daily prayer time.

We would love to hear your praises that you have been blessed with or any prayer requests you may have. Please share them with the rest of the churches in the Unity.

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- Respectfully submitted, Natalie Outlaw, Recording Secretary

#### WORSHIP SERVICE

The Convention was called to order by the Rev. Joseph Polasek at 9:00 a.m. He was assisted by Rev. Michael Groseclose in the opening Service. The worship service included the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The offering, which was divided with the Nelsonville Brethren Church, was \$282.

During the Memorial Service, Natalie Outlaw read the names of 26 adult members who were deceased since the last Convention. As each name was read, a white carnation was placed into a vase by Dorothy Hinson, Board Member and Houston Local #23 member, and Sharon Hohmann, Wall Local #25 member.

Following the service, refreshments were served by the Nelsonville Local #14.

#### CALL TO ORDER

The convention was called to order by Rev. Joseph Polasek at 10:35 a.m. Rev. Polasek opened the Convention with prayer.

#### WELCOME & RESPONSES

Rev. Polasek welcomed everyone to the convention on behalf of the Mutual Aid Society.

#### READING OF LETTERS AND GREETINGS

Albert & Annie Michalik brought greetings to the convention. Dorothy Kocian also brought greetings on behalf of West #4 Local. Claren Kotrla brought greetings on behalf of the Unity Synodical Committee.

#### ROLL CALL

Guy Huffman assisted in Roll Call by distributing Convention packets to the Delegates. Officers, Delegates, and Ministers present were given their Convention packets. Present were 6 Ministers, 14 Delegates, 6 Officers, and 27 Guests, making a total of 53 people present at the Convention.

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Wilbert Milberger moved and Ann Sebesta seconded that Convention officers be the members of the Administrative Board. **Motion carried.**

The Convention Officers were: Chairman - Rev. Joseph Polasek, Vice-Chairman - Mr. John Vojtek, Recording Secretary - Mrs. Natalie Outlaw, Assistant Recording Secretary - Dorothy Hinson.

#### APPOINTMENT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Convention Committees were named by Mrs. Outlaw.

#### READING OF MINUTES OF LAST CONVENTION

Sharon Hohmann moved, Evelyn Henry seconded, that the Motions only from the 60<sup>th</sup> Convention be read. **Motion Carried.**

Natalie Outlaw read the Motions from the 60th Convention. These were accepted as read.

#### OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rev. Polasek asked for unfinished business. There was none. Mutual Aid membership options were reviewed by Mrs. Outlaw.

#### RECOGNITIONS

Mrs. Outlaw recognized 3 Local Secretaries for their service. Marie Ann Ripple, Taylor Local #3; Virginia Macik, Rosenberg #21; and Annette Korff, Robstown #31, all received bronze pins for 5 years of service as Local Secretary. Esther Breeden, Sealy Local #17, received a gold pin for 30 years of service as Local Secretary.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

**President's Report** - Rev. Joseph

Polasek read his report. Daniel Vojtek moved and Sharon Hohmann seconded that his report be accepted as read. **Motion carried.**

**Vice-President's Report** - Mr. John Vojtek gave remarks. Dorothy Milberger moved, and John Orsag seconded that his report be accepted as presented. **Motion carried.**

**General Secretary's Report** - Mrs. Outlaw gave her report. Edwin Husak moved and Angie Malicoat seconded that the report be accepted as read. **Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report** - Mr. Guy Huffman gave his report. Currently there is \$450,000 available for loan. Financial position as of April 30, 2010, was presented. Total Current Assets are \$621,160.81, and there was a decrease in net assets of -\$153.43. Mr. Huffman commented that we are not generating enough interest income to keep up with expenses. James Marek moved and Ann Sebesta seconded that the report be accepted as given. **Motion carried.**

**Junior Department** - Mr. Stanley Mrnustik gave his report. Jr. Dept has a bank account balance of \$4,869.33 and CDs totaling \$33,012.58. Angie Malicoat moved and James Marek seconded that the report be accepted as read. **Motion carried.**

**Board Member** - Dorothy Hinson gave comments on working on the MASUB Board. Sandra Stepan moved, John Orsag seconded to accept. **Motion carried.**

**Audit Committee** - Ann Sebesta reported that an audit was performed by herself and Evelyn Henry of the Treasurer, General Secretary, and Jr. Dept. Books. No problems were found. Joyce Skrabanek moved and Daniel

Vojtek seconded that the report be accepted as given. **Motion Carried.**

Rev. Groseclose led the Congregation in a prayer for the noon meal. The Convention was recessed for lunch.

Rev. Polasek open the afternoon session with prayer at 1:50 p.m.

#### Reports of the Committees:

**Publicity:** Edwin Husak read the report. The committee also recommended putting this information, as well as information on how to join Mutual Aid, on the Unity website. John Vojtek moved and Evelyn Henry seconded that the report be accepted as read and the committee released from it's duties. **Motion carried.**

**Credentials:** Evelyn Henry reported that 3460 miles were traveled today and that expense for the convention totaled \$692. The committee made the distributions.

Edwin Husak moved and Joyce Skrabanek seconded that the Credentials Committee report be accepted as reported and the committee released from it's duties. **Motion carried.**

**Motions:** Before presenting the Committee's motion, James Marek commented on how churches should post a list of members of their local in

their churches and take care of one another, to fulfill Article X, #16 that says, "The Locals have a moral duty to visit their sick and otherwise suffering fellow members and to help them in their distress as much as possible." He also recommended having a potluck during Mutual Aid month and collect money to either give to the scholarship or general fund. Questions of potential members: Do you believe and agree with the ideals and tenants of the Brethren Church? Would you like to see that continue? Would you like to see the Brethren churches have access to funds for growth:

James Marek presented the following motions:

1. Motion to change Article XI #5b of the By-Laws to: Interest rates for loans shall be determined by the Administrative Board using current rates as a guideline. Seconded by John Vojtek. Discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Rev. Polasek posed the question as to how this would affect current loans and said that we didn't have an answer to that, but would take it under consideration with the Board.

Rev. Polasek asked for motions



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from the floor. There were none.

Sharon Hohmann moved and Evelyn Henry seconded that the Motions Committee report be accepted and the Committee be relieved of their duties. **Motion carried.**

**Budget:** John Orsag read the proposed budget for 2010-2012. Evelyn Henry moved and Sharon Hohman seconded that the budget be accepted. Discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.** The final budget will be submitted to *The Brethren Journal* along with the minutes from this Convention. John Vojtek moved and Brenda Schroeder seconded that the Budget Committee be released from its duties. **Motion carried.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

Rev. Polasek asked for any more new business from the floor.

Ann Sebesta moved that the Administrative Board's investigative work be accepted and they be given the authority to refine the criteria and

scholarship process and to implement the program. Dorothy Hinson seconded. Discussion. Mitigate excuse of working instead of attending Hus. Encourage youth to participate in our camping programs. **Motion carried unanimously.**

#### CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS OF DELEGATES

Rev. Polasek asked if there were any motions from the floor from delegates. There were none.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Three positions were open for election, those held by Guy Huffman (Treasurer), Joseph Polasek (President), and John Vojtek (Vice President). John Vojtek previously expressed his being unable to serve another term. James Marek moved and Brenda Schroeder seconded that Joseph Polasek, Guy Huffman, and Daniel Vojtek be nominated. Daniel Vojtek nominated Ann Sebesta, Edwin Husak, and John Orsag,

who all declined. Daniel Vojtek then nominated James Marek, who declined. Dorothy Hinson nominated Sharon Hohmann, who declined. Daniel Vojtek then nominated Brenda Schroeder, who declined. James Marek moved and John Orsag seconded that the nominations cease and that those three nominated and willing be accepted by acclamation. **Motion for nominations to cease carried.** New Board members for a four-year term are now Joseph Polasek, Guy Huffman, and Daniel Vojtek.

#### ELECTION OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

John Vojtek moved, Angie Malicoat seconded that Evelyn Henry and Ann Sebesta be re-elected to the Auditing Committee by acclamation. **Motion carried.**

#### OFFICER COMPENSATION

Sharon Hohman moved that each member of the Auditing Committee be paid \$75 for each annual audit. Second by James Marek. **Motion carried.**

Daniel Vojtek moved and Wilbert Milberger seconded to pay the Recording Secretary \$150 and the Assistant Recording Secretary \$75. **Motion carried.**

#### INVITATIONS

No invitations for the 62<sup>nd</sup> Convention in 2012 were received

#### FINAL READING OF MINUTES

Mrs. Outlaw read the minutes of the 61st Convention. Dorothy Hinson moved, Dorothy Milberger seconded that the minutes be approved as read. **Motion carried.**

In a brief meeting, the Administrative Board selected the following officers for 2010-2012: President: Rev. Joseph Polasek; Vice-President: Mr. Daniel Vojtek; Treasurer: Mr. Guy Huffman; General Secretary: Mrs. Natalie Outlaw; Secretary-Treasurer Junior Department: Mr. Stanley Mrnustik; Board Member: Mrs. Dorothy Hinson.

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Rev. Michael Groseclose installed the new officers.

#### CLOSING OF CONVENTION

Rev. Polasek asked for prayer requests, then closed in prayer. Rev. Polasek led everyone in *God Be With You* to close the Convention at 4:15 p.m.

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**Mutual Aid Society Budget**  
**November 1, 2010, thru October 31, 2012**

Revenue:	
Interest – Reserve Fund FAB	1,000.00
Interest/Dividends – Securities	22,000.00
Operating Dues	4,800.00
Operating Certificate changes	20.00
Reserve Entrance fee	24.00
Reserve jr. Transfers to Adult	50.00
Revenue - Income Members	22,500.00
Revenue – Interest A/R	7,000.00
Revenue – Mutual Funds	10,000.00
<b>Total revenue for two years</b>	<b>67,394.00</b>

Expenses	
Advertising	135.00
Audit expenses	300.00
Commissions	350.00
Convention expenses	1,500.00
Death benefits	39,000.00
Depreciation	200.00
Director fees	1,200.00
Donations	2,000.00
Legal	50.00
Local Dues	150.00
Insuranc	1,600.00
Meals	500.00
Office expense	500.00
Postage	1,200.00
Publication	500.00
Travel	800.00
Wages	15,000.00
Fica expenses	930.00
Medicare expense	217.00

**Total expenses two years** **66,132.00**

**Total Over and Under** **1,262.00**

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

**THE MUTUAL AID SOCIETY**

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Natalie Outlaw, Gen. Secretary	Dorothy Hinson, Board Member

**Mutual Aid Society Scholarship Applications**  
**Now Being Accepted**

Applications are now being accepted from high school seniors and undergraduate students for the 1st Annual Mutual Aid Society Scholarship. Three thousand dollars (\$3,000) will be awarded. More than one recipient may be selected per year. Requirements:

Active member of a Unity of the Brethren congregation.

Mutual Aid Society member for at least 2 years.

Hus School alumni having completed at least one full term.

A minimum of 1 week of service as a counselor/CIT with the Unity camping program.

Active member of local BYF (if available).

Active member of local Sunday School (if available).

5- to 10-page essay on the history

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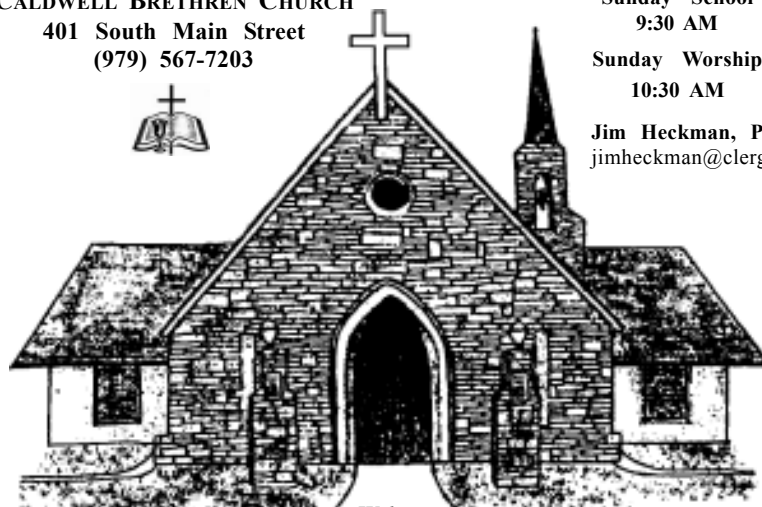
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Application and more information can be found on the Unity website at: [www.unityofthebrethren.org](http://www.unityofthebrethren.org)

**NOTE...**Anyone who would like to help a Brethren youth with his/her college education is encouraged to consider making a tax-deductible donation (of any size) to the Mutual Aid Society Scholarship Program. Please send such donation to: The Mutual Aid Scholarship Program, c/o Guy E. Huffman, Treasurer, P.O. Box 216, Caldwell, TX 77836.

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*Welcome*

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**There are many other ways to give. Contact any Board of Grants and Bequests member about what you can give and how you can give.**

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

### From the Raifords...

(letter #1)

Hello everyone, from a water logged Mexico. Eunice and I have some urgent prayer requests. We went to the doctor earlier today and the doc gave us some discouraging news. Eunice shows signs of having a complication called preeclampsia in Spanish (I'm not sure the name in english). It is where her blood pressure is high and it blocks the placenta from giving all the nutrients to the baby. It is a genetic thing from her family and there is no known cause. Tomorrow we are doing some tests to see how grave the situation is. Hopefully it is just a little high blood pressure, but most likely it is preeclampsia, from what the ultrasound has shown. The development of the baby is fine as far as her organs, just a little small. The good news is we caught this before she showed symptoms. We will have to control her blood pressure with pills and prepare the baby for a delivery most likely in the 7th month, or in about 6 weeks. We ask for prayer tonight and throughout the pregnancy. We know God has control and

the final say in what goes on, so we can only confide in him. Thanks for supporting us and we know and feel your presence behind us.

God bless us all.

Phil and Eunice

(letter #2)

29 July 2010

Hello everyone, I hope you are enjoying the summer weather. Here in Oaxaca it is the rainy season so it has been a little cool, but it is a refreshing change from the blistering hot days in May and June.

Around here things have been fairly routine. Eunice is doing great with her pregnancy, she is now 5 months along, and it is officially a girl. She is going to be taking some yoga classes to get ready for the delivery. I have been doing the same things for the last month, working in the carpentry shop, teaching on Saturdays and helping out with church stuff. Also, Eunice and I have been meeting with some couples who are in the process of getting ready for marriage, they



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both have long waits ahead of them for school reasons, so we try to give them some advice about waiting and temptation.

A couple of weeks ago we took the students from our missions program to an indigenous village to spend 5 weeks getting to know the culture and build relationships. While we were there dropping them off, Eunice and I realized it could be a place for us to go and live in the future. The people who live there are Mixes (meehey), and are known for being stubborn like the Mixtecs. In this area there is no church, and in the surrounding areas the churches are under heavy persecution. Also, they are in need of medical attention, and the only clinic in the area is one run by nuns. The nuns aren't doctors, some are nurses, but they just treat basic problems and try to just ease the pain until the patient can be taken to a hospital: three or more hours away. We still have a lot of investigating to do, but it is a good place to start.

I hope the summer days are treating everyone well and you have had time to relax some. Eunice and I are going to take a couple of days in September with some friends, and we

can't wait. Please continue to remember us in your prayers. Pray for my immigration papers being processed, and the preparation of Eunice's papers and those for the baby. We think of you often and hope to see you all in the near future.

Blessings,

Phil and Eunice

### From the Woos...

Subject: home visit

Greetings to our friends and partners, We hope all of you are doing well. We love to hear from you and know what is new in your life. Thank you for joining us in His work over here. The rice harvest has started and the D are drying rice all over the roads. It is everywhere, every day. The harvest truly is plentiful!

Please make note that we will be speaking in Winston-Salem soon and invite you all to come.

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## The Ocker Christian Sisters Create a Quilt Mission to Zambia



The Ocker Christian Sisters presented hand made quilts to Darbi Tidwell of New Day Orphanage in Mapanza, Zambia Africa on August 15, 2010. The presentation and blessing of the 19 quilts was made by Lanelle Lesikar. The Christian Sisters' quilters, during a monthly quilt day, decided to undertake this project when they learned about the orphanage that Bro. Ron and Dee Winsman's daughter, Darbi and her husband, Blu Tidwell, were planning to establish in Mapanza, Zambia Africa. The quilters decided this would be a worthwhile project for the monthly quilting group. However, they wondered if completing the number of quilts needed in about a year's time would be possible.

With help from neighbors and friends in the form of scraps, sewing supplies, a few completed tops and hands-on quilting the Ocker Quilters

completed 19 of the 21 quilts needed for the orphans' beds. This project, lasting many months, included cutting, designing, machine and hand sewing, visiting, eating, and praying for the orphans that would be cuddled under each quilt. Each quilt had a label reading:

"...and his banner over me is love."

Song of Solomon 2:4b  
Made for you with love by  
Ocker Christian Sisters  
2010

(quilt pix 2)

The quilts returned with Darbi on her return flight to Zambia on August 18. They will be on each bed waiting to cover the children with warmth...and a reminder of God's love! Our prayer is, "God bless the New Day Orphanage and the children that will be placed there. May God hold you Darbi, Blu, and your children in His hand as you serve Him."

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If you don't have a tractor to drive, then jump on the hay wagon and ride through the countryside pulled by an

antique tractor (\$2.00 per person). Join us after the drive for a hamburger plate lunch with fries and all the fixin's.

Proceeds from the tractor drive, hayride, and lunch (\$6.00 per plate) will be used to support the projects of the Seaton Men's Brotherhood. Seaton Brethren Church is located at 12651 State Highway 53 in Temple (Seaton), Texas.

### SOCK-IT-TO-ME

The youth of the Unity are collecting **new** socks to benefit help centers. The socks can be any size, children through adults, and can be given to your local youth group, brought to the Hus Camp November 14-15, or arrangements for pick up can be made with Jennifer Chervenka, [jennchervenka@farm-market.net](mailto:jennchervenka@farm-market.net). Thanks for helping us with this project!

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### Sunday School Island

This month will focus on the *Parable of the Pumpkin*. This parable is not found in the Bible, but this month's Sunday School Section will focus on this story to share with kids of all ages.

***"For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."***

***2 Corinthians 4:6***

The Parable of the Pumpkin is based on the children's book, *The Pumpkin Patch Parable* by Liz Curtis Higgins and Tommy Nelson.



*Today I want to tell you a story. It's a special story called a 'parable'. A parable is an earthly story that has a heavenly meaning. In the Bible there are many parables that Jesus told so we could understand His teachings better. This is a story about a farmer and a pumpkin. The Farmer lives wa-a-a-a-y out in the country. On his farm He has a pumpkin patch.*

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

- Send all suggestions/questions/ideas to [hairrell@gmail.com](mailto:hairrell@gmail.com)

## Sunday School



## Easy Button

### The Parable of the Pumpkin cont.

Pumpkins are really special. They start out as small oval seeds that grow into big, orange pumpkins. The farmer plants the seeds, waters, and cares for the pumpkin vines and patiently waits as they grow. Finally by October there are big, orange pumpkins in his pumpkin patch! Some are tall and lean, some are short and round, and some have bumps and lumps. But they are all pumpkins and all were planted and cared for by the Farmer. One day the Farmer chose a pumpkin for a special project.

He brings it in from the field and washes it off. One day the Farmer chose a pumpkin for a special project. He brings it in from the field and washes it off. You have to be careful with pumpkins; they're tough on the outside, but if you drop them, they break into pieces! The Farmer takes a large knife and cuts a hole in the top of the pumpkin. Inside there is yucky, slimy pulp waiting for Him. That has to go! He cleans it all out and throws it away – never to be seen again. After that He gives the pumpkin a new face! He cuts two triangles for eyes, a square for a nose, and a big, wide smile! Then He does something really special. He puts a small white candle down inside the pumpkin and lights the wick. How that pumpkin glows! As people pass by, they see the smiling pumpkin and smile back. They know that once again the Farmer has taken a simple pumpkin and changed it into a glorious sight!

***How that pumpkin glows! As people pass by, they see the smiling pumpkin and smile back. They know that once again the Farmer has taken a simple pumpkin and changed it into a glorious sight!***

## Teen Cabana



### FACT 1: It's Old

More than 2,000 years ago, the Celts lived in Ireland, Great Britain, and France. Among the Celtic people was an elite intellectual class known as the Druids, who served as religious priests, judges, lawmakers, and scientists. They had an elaborate pagan religious festival. Samhain was observed at harvest time to mark the Celtic New Year. The Celts believed that on this night the spirits of the dead were able to move freely among human beings.

### FACT 2: Christians had a Part

After the Roman Catholic Church brought Christianity to the Celts; some of their traditional folk customs were Christianized. In 835 Pope Gregory IV moved the church's "Feast of All Saints" to November 1st to replace Samhain. All Saint's Day honored believers who had died. The night before became known as "All Hallow's Eve," or Halloween. The practices of the Druids died hard and were denounced as witchcraft. This is how Halloween became known as a witch's holiday.

### FACT: Today's Customs are Different

"Trick-or-treat" is thoroughly American. In the 19th century, Irish and Scotch immigrants brought their Halloween traditions to North America. The night became an occasion for pranks, and these pranks were playfully said to be the work of witches and ghosts, but by the 1920s the damage to neighborhoods was mounting. To counteract vandalism, clubs began to organize alternatives that were safe. Children were encouraged to go door-to-door and receive treats. More recently, renewed interest in vampires and witches make occult themes and witchcraft seem fun and acceptable (Sabrina the teenage witch, New Moon). The result is that Halloween today has become strongly associated with the occult and a preoccupation with the dead—two influences that Scripture and the church have always warned against. (source: <http://www.october31st.org/>)



**Trick  
or  
Truth?**

# DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for October 2010

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him. Gen. 1:27
2. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures through all generations. Ps. 145:13
3. **O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. Ps. 8:1**
4. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding. Ps. 111:10
5. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. Ps. 19:7b
6. Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always. Ps. 105:4
7. Keep Your servant from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Ps. 19:13
8. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Rom. 12:2
9. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God." Jer. 31:33
10. **The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. Ps. 19:7a**
11. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. Ps. 103:13
12. In you our fathers put their trust, and you delivered them. Ps. 22:4
13. Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1
14. I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you. Ex. 33:22
15. Come near to God and He will come near to you. James 4:8
16. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him. Ps. 37:5
17. **The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deut. 33:27**
18. Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. Ps. 95:6
19. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command. Heb. 11:3
20. "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns." Rev. 19:6
21. The Lord is coming with thousands of His holy ones, to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly. Jude 14, 15
22. Jesus said, "I am a King. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world." Jn. 18:37
23. Shout for joy before the Lord, the King. Ps. 98:6
24. **How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth! Ps. 47:2**
25. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. Ps. 63:3
26. When anxiety was great within me, O Lord, your consolation brought joy to my soul. Ps. 94:19
27. The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Deut. 31:8
28. Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall. Ps. 55:22
29. Lord, you know the hopes of the helpless; You encourage them and You listen to their cry. Ps. 10:17
30. Surely, O Lord, the righteous will praise Your name and the upright will live before You. Ps. 140:13
31. **I will praise You as long as I live, and in Your name I will lift up my hands. Ps. 63:4**

## To communicate with the Hus Encampment . . .

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

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## THE 16th ANNUAL PRIMETIMERS' RETREAT

**October 8-10, 2010**

Although in years past the Primetimers' Retreat has been advertised as "for adults age 50 and above" – this year AN INVITATION to attend is being extended TO ALL ADULTS OF ANY AGE.

The Retreat provides Christian fellowship, fun, worship, education, and great meals. Several people choose to arrive on Friday evening after supper in order to have additional free time for fellowship and dominoes. The Saturday schedule begins with breakfast about 8 a.m. and a full day of activities follows. There will be singing and worship, mixer activities, Bible study sessions led by camp pastor Rev. James Hejl and based on a DVD series by Max Lucado, a special musical program by "Sweet Harmony" (a trio from Hilltop Lakes), and plenty of free time for relaxing and visiting or playing games with friends. Early supper and a vesper service end the scheduled activities for the day. Plans for Sunday morning include a worship service and a noon meal.

Registration forms are available in local churches and on the Unity website. Pricing options are offered for the entire time of the retreat or for Saturday only.

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## Choral Retreat...October 22-24, 2010

### At the Wall Brethren Church, Wall, TX

Join us for the 5th annual denomination-wide choral retreat! Spend the weekend rehearsing new worship music while sharing your talents with other members of the denomination and followers of Christ. Adult and Youth choirs are available.

#### Adult Clinician: Daniel Farris

*Daniel Farris is a professor of music and head of graduate vocal studies at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He has taught music at the public school and college levels for 13 years, and has worked in professional choirs, opera, and church music for a combined 20 years in Texas and Oklahoma. Daniel has performed and been an invited presenter at conferences both in the USA and internationally. He currently sings and conducts in Oklahoma, and serves as a clinician and adjudicator for various public schools. This is his fifth year as clinician for the Joyful Noise! Choral Retreat.*

#### Youth Clinician: Amanda Hughes

*Amanda Hughes is a vocal performance graduate student at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She is the music teacher and classroom assistant at The Learning Tree preschool in Weatherford, OK. Amanda has been featured as a soloist in various major works in the Oklahoma area. She serves as cantor at St. Eugene Catholic church. This is her 2nd year as the youth choir clinician for the Joyful Noise! Choir Retreat.*

#### Accompanists:

**Dr. Dennis Widen**, piano pedagogy professor at SWOSU

**Angela Farris**, piano pedagogy graduate student SWOSU

**Registration Fee: \$40.00 per person. Deposit due by September 30, 2010. (Registration forms available at your church office)**

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## VITAL STATISTICS

### RECENT WEDDINGS

YUSUFOVA-MELNAR. Gulnara (Sophia) Yusufova of Baku, Azerbaijan was married to Vince J. Melnar of Hallettsville at the Vsetin Czech-Moravian Brethren Church at 2:00 PM on September 5, 2010, and will live in Hallettsville. Witness: Larry Melnar. Minister: Mark Labaj.

### RECENT DEATHS

ZABCIK, JOHNNY EVERETT, age 84 and a member of the Temple Brethren Church, died on August 10, 2010. He was born on October 26, 1925, in Barclay, Texas, and married Dorothy Bedrich on December 23, 1946. Mr. Zabcik is survived by his wife, three children, three grandchildren, and one brother. Services were on August 14, 2010, at the Temple Brethren Church with burial in the Ocker Brethren Cemetery. Pastor: Larry Zabcik.

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## Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

**...Syndical Committee Meeting:** Saturday, October 2nd, at the Hus School Encampment, beginning at 9 AM.

**...Primetimers' Retreat:** October 8, 9, 10 at the Hus School Encampment.

**...Seaton Brethren's Tractor Drive:** October 9th.

**...5th Annual Joyful Noise Choral Retreat:** October 22-24, 2010, at Wall, Texas. Contact Angela Farris, akaycat@gmail.com, for scholarships and any other information.

**...2nd Annual Fish Fry:** October 23rd at the Hus School Encampment (see story inside).

**...Seaton Christian Sisters Bake Sale and Quilt Show:** November 6 at the Seaton Brethren Church.

### You Are Invited...

– The Christian Sisters of Seaton Brethren Church are hosting a bake sale and quilt show on Saturday, November 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the church, located at 12561 State Highway 53, Temple (Seaton community). Some of the items featured in the sale will be kolaches, cakes, pies, cookies, bread, and jellies, as well as craft items and homemade canned goods. Sandwiches and homemade soup will be available to purchase for lunch. Quilts will be on display in the sanctuary. A hand-made quilt, a \$75 gift card from Wal-Mart, and a \$50 gift card from Wal-Mart will be given away for a donation of \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00. The proceeds from the fund-raiser benefit the many projects the Sisters support. The sale is open to the public with free admission.

– The Bryan/College Station Brethren Church is hosting the 2nd annual Unity Fish Fry at the Hus Encampment on Saturday, October 23. This event is a combined effort of several congregations to bring in monetary donations for a specific purpose. This year, the proceeds from the meal will be used toward the creation of an awning/covering for the tennis court area in order to provide a shaded play area for children and events at the camp.

The meal will begin at 5 p.m. and will continue until the food runs out. A free-will offering will be collected for the meal and to-go plates will be available.

Questions may be directed to Kent Laza, B/CS church, kent.laza@verizon.net. We hope that you can come out and enjoy some great food and great fellowship!

## 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  
– 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

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.  
– Rev. Bill Rinderknecht, supply pastor

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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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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