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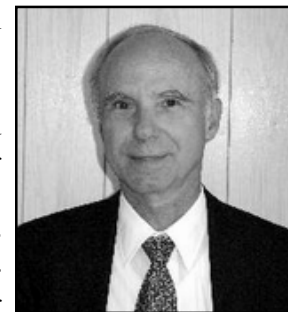
We can look to our friend Webster for a current definition of “essential”. Among the choices, we find that essential is that which is absolutely necessary; indispensable; requisite. Pretty simple and straight foreword – or is it?

Folks who have studied survival have identified four essentials for human survival. They are water, food, shelter and clothing. It makes no difference if you are in outer space or on a beach along the Gulf Coast, these things are essential to survival. The real difference would be the technology to meet those needs. The reason it is important to identify the true essentials is to set priorities, focus your efforts, and conserve energy. If you waste time and effort trying to find a water cup, getting your ipod to work, looking for your makeup, building

a table and chairs, worrying about what you don't have, or feeling sorry for yourself you won't survive.

On the beach the essential needs are met by the environment God provided. Water is attained by going behind the first row of sand dunes from the beach and digging a shallow

well couple of feet deep until you reach water. That first water will be drinkable, but if you dig deeper it will become salty. The second essential of food is found scurrying across the beach or burying itself in the beach. You safely pick up the critters, break open the shell if there is one and eat the critter raw. An essential sushi bar if you will. Some say the seaweed is also good to eat. Shelter can be made from the debris found along the beach or



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digging into a sand dune. Clothing can be made by weaving grasses that are found in and around the dunes. All of your essentials to survive are met. Granted it is not a five-star hotel, but the essentials for survival are met.

While on that beach, if it is cold and you know how to rub sticks together, you could also make a fire. Does a fire become an essential when the temperature drops? It is not an essential according to the initial definition. What if you are trying to evade an enemy? Would concealment, evasion, or protection then become an essential? A strong argument could be made for including them as essential. But they aren't. Yes, they are important and will need to be addressed, but if you don't have the essentials taken care of, you won't need to

deal with the ministrative issues.

Looking to survival in space while orbiting the earth, we find a completely different set of circumstances. In addition to water, food, shelter and clothing, we have to contend with a much more complex environment. There is a need for a supply of oxygen to breathe, where on earth it was just there. In addition, they need protection from solar radiation; maybe the shelter will meet this need. There is also a need for external re-supply, waste recycling, and communication. Maintaining the orbit and not burning up by reentering the earth's atmosphere might be considered an essential to survival by those orbiting in space. It is beginning to look like essentials are not as easy to define as we might think. In fact a case could be made that circumstances

may dictate what constitutes an essential. But again the argument would be false, because the essentials are what allow you to survive. The technology changes and the environment changes, but the essentials remain. The technology assumes that the orbit will be acceptable and the recycling of the exhaled air and re-supply will be part of the ministrative support required. As things get more and more complex it is easy to incrementally add to the essentials. The real danger isn't adding a couple of essentials, or doing something important, but rather it is that while focusing on the ministrative items added to the essentials, we lose

sight of what is essential, resulting in failure.

Now let's turn to our spiritual essentials and their importance to Christians. Brethren tradition recognizes essentials as being "two-fold: on the part of God, there is the grace of the Father, the merit of Jesus Christ, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit; on the part of humanity, as one receives Christ, individuals respond in faith, love, and hope (but even these are gifts from God)."

Looking at Acts 2:42, the earliest Christians met these essentials by devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread (Holy Com-



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munion), and to prayer. Today members of the Unity continue to follow this early example. We teach the word of God through the Bible, we develop and maintain Christ-centered relationships within our churches, we participate in the Lord's Supper as well as Baptism as mentioned is verse 41, and we pray.

Some might want to add that an essential should include the Bible or that Acts 2:42 defines essentials. Because the Bible is the book that forms the basis for our beliefs and is where we look for teaching others about salvation, that argument could be made. But even without the Bible, the above-stated essentials would still be valid. That is not to say that it isn't important, but it might better be considered a ministrative since it is a tool used to

impart the essentials, just as are the church building, and the sacraments of the Lords Supper and Baptism.

The essentials remain the same. We might choose to add something here and there due to circumstances, but the key is that no matter how we add to them faith, love, and hope are the core essentials and without them the other things have no meaning. Without them we Christians are but a weak, hollow, and useless vessel for the gospel. If we have a church with the biggest Bible ever and don't have faith, love, and hope in our beliefs, that church is useless.

Essentials and ministratives are not exclusive of each other, but are joined together to accomplish the will of God through us. Simply put, the ministratives provide the mecha-

nism to implement the essentials. It doesn't matter if it is building a new facility, looking at where best to place resources, witnessing, or cleaning the church; they all have a place in God's plan.

We must not lose sight of the essentials. We must not let the ministratives of the church replace the essentials or add ministratives. Those ministratives are important because they compliment the essentials, just as the survival example on the beach or in space. When properly implemented, those ministratives help to provide structure in meeting our earthly obligations.

Our society is becoming more complex each day, and we will have to meet the demands of our society while maintaining our essentials. It is easy to slip into

dealing with ministrative issues at the expense of our essentials because we feel we can control them. Remember the example from Russia? When the communists were active and taking control, the church was reported to be arguing about the height of candles in the sanctuary rather than focusing on the survival of Christianity and countering the onslaught of communism through faith, love, and hope, or even ministratives. What resulted was 80 years of Christian persecution.

As we contend with the daily administration of the church to meet our internal guiding documents, the demands of our society, and governmental requirements, or overcome opposition, we must not lose sight of our true essentials of faith, love, and hope.

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Button Soup in Granger



The Granger Brethren Church held a “Button Soup Social” this month, inviting the Granger community and neighboring towns to join them in a bowl of homemade soup. It was a wonderful day of fellowship for the congregation and opportunity to meet new people while enjoying a hot bowl of delicious homemade soup.

The Story of Button Soup

Some travelers come to a village, carrying nothing more than an empty pot. Upon their arrival, the villagers are unwilling to share any of their food stores with the hungry travelers. The travelers fill the pot with water, drop a large button in it, and place it over a fire in the village square. One

of the villagers becomes curious and asks what they are doing. The travelers answer that they are making “button soup”, which tastes wonderful, although it still needs a little bit of garnish to improve the flavor, which they are missing. The villager doesn’t mind parting with just a little bit of flour to help them out, so it gets added to the soup. Another villager walks by, inquiring about the pot, and the travelers again mention their button soup, which hasn’t reached its full potential yet. The villager hands them a little bit of seasoning to help them out. More and more villagers walk by, each adding another ingredient. Finally, a delicious and nourishing pot of soup is enjoyed by all.

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Fayetteville Brethren Church Restoration Project

- by Elizabeth Ripple



The Fayetteville Brethren Church has started a restoration project of the church sanctuary and foyer. The church was built in 1874 and was first remodeled in 1924. The last time the church sanctuary was remodeled was 53 years ago (1957). At that time, plaster board, paneling and ceiling tiles were installed; covering the old beaded board, and carpet and a new oak floor was put in. In the last few years, the condition of

the floor has deteriorated and the bell tower was experiencing some water leaks, as evidenced by the ceiling tiles.

On September 7, 2010, all of that was torn out and the beaded board exposed once again. It is planned to paint the sanctuary with the same colors from yesteryear – dusty rose and sky blue with a heavenly blue wainscoting trim. A new wood floor will be



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installed using old 6" pine. After the carpet was removed from the alter, it was discovered that the hardwood pine floor was in excellent condition, and will be refinished.

This is an exciting project, but the most joy felt by the congregation is about the steeple that is being built to replicate the one on the church from 1896. It will be made of copper with a stainless steel base. The bell tower will also have extensive work done on it. Other plans include new church lights, new seat cushions, a better sound system, maintenance of stained glass circle window, new sidewalks, new roof and new doors. The church will be completely repainted, with repairs of rotten wood done.

The work is being done by a local contractor, Minarcik Con-

struction. Two of the carpenters from this crew, Paul Michalsky and Eugene Michalsky, Jr., are great-great-grandsons of John Jecmenek, one of the principal carpenters who helped build the church in 1874. Eugene will also be making the doors for the church out of long-leaf pine to match the doors that were on the church in 1874.

The congregation of 34 active members has been planning for several years to start this project and had in their building fund approximately \$70,000, but the estimate of the project was over \$125,000 and would take several more years of saving to begin. They have received a loan from the Mutual Aid Society in the amount of \$55,000. Without this loan, this project would not have been able to be started at this

time. Money is raised throughout the year for the building fund by donations and memorials. On the fourth Sunday in June, a celebration is held as the primary fundraiser for this fund. If anyone would like to donate to the building fund for this project, you may mail your donations to Fayetteville Brethren

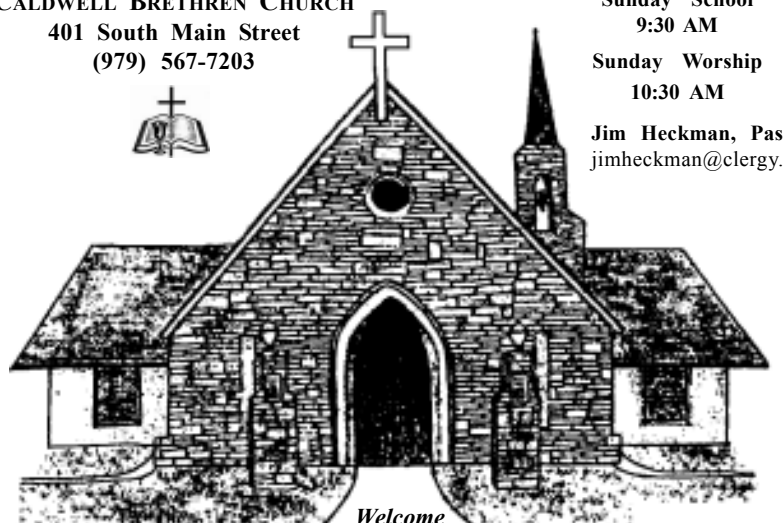
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Sunday School Island

This month will focus on the *Parable of the Mustard Seed*. This parable is found in the Bible in Matthew 17:20-21 and Mark 11: 22-24.

“For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” Matthew 17:20-21



To have faith is to believe in something; to trust that it is so. Some people believe everything they are told.

Others want proof for everything! Most people cannot have faith in something unless they know something about it. That is why God has always provided man with lots of proof of His existence and His love—so we can easily believe it and have faith in Him.

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

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

Sunday School Teacher's



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Faith Books

Premake a book with 6-8 pages for each child. On the front write "I have faith..." On each page, help children glue pictures of items they have faith that God will provide, such as food, family, housing, friends, church, Bible, etc. You can find these pictures in magazines ahead of time for younger children.

Mustard Seed Faith Bookmarks

One of the important ideas in mustard seed faith is the small size of a mustard seed. To help children grasp and remember this concept, complete the following craft.

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Here's a quick summary.

1. You believe God as Father and Jesus Christ as Lord, Savior, and Son.
2. You believe in the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, Holy Spirit.
3. You believe we are all sinners.
4. You believe Jesus died on the cross in payment for our sin.

Review the Apostle's Creed and remind yourself of the foundation of our faith.

Thoughts about giving...

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

The Thiessens..

Thursday, 23 September 2010, 17:40:02 -0500

Subject: babies



Sometimes it is hard to hold together the contradictions of life. This past week we planned to join friends for "El Grito," when citizens gather at 11 p.m. in homes and town squares, and someone (usually an elected official on a balcony) shouts out the names of the patriots who helped free Mexico from Spain and ends with the words, "Viva Mexico", which everyone shouts out together three times. This re-enactment of the spark of the Mexican Revolution starts off Independence Day, and since this is Mexico's bicentennial, this Grito was especially important.

But we just couldn't go. In the middle of the previous night, our teammate, Phil Raiford, called us be-

cause he had taken his wife, Eunice, 29 weeks pregnant, to the hospital. She needed an emergency C-section because of preeclampsia. Robert and Phil trailed the ambulance carrying little Taylor, weighing 750 grams (1.65 lbs.), to a children's hospital in a nearby town. No one was expecting Taylor to survive. Robert and Phil spent the day in the waiting room of the children's hospital while Eunice, miles away, recuperated. People all over Mexico were celebrating, but we waited grimly for updates on Taylor.

Yet, in this time of distress, God has given us another birth.

Samuel, a leader in our church here in Oaxaca and a disciple of ours, has



helped birth a new church in his home. This past Sunday we filled our cars with people and went out to one of the few rivers that is not brown and dangerous with all these hurricane rains, and we watched Samuel and his brother baptize three family members. As the newly baptized believers came out of the river, appropriately, it started to rain.

The men of the family had strung up tarps, and standing under them, soaked, we hurriedly shared a “common meal” of chicken in salsa, joking about our common “rebaptism,” while the rain poured down over and around us. Also appropriate, after this, Samuel’s family went home to celebrate the Lord’s Supper together for the first time, a seal on their decision to be the church in their home.

One of our goals as a congregation has been to explore how “church” can be any group of people covenanting together to obey Jesus out of love. They don’t have to have a building, or a professional preacher, or a certain number of people. As Samuel’s extended family has responded to God and brought in new

believers, he helped them form a church in their own home, reaching an entirely different network than our own. He was able to pass on to them the things we had taught and shown him, with simple obedience and trust.

We give thanks to God for the birth of this new, already growing baby church even while we grieve over Taylor’s precarious condition (hanging in for a week now). Celebrations and grief mingle in this contradictory week.

Thanks for praying for us, and our team, and the churches where we work. Blessings to you,

Robert and Anne
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Editor’s note...

Family and friends of the Mission field mourn the death of little Taylor, the recently born daughter of Phil and Eunice Raiford. The following email was received from the Thiessens on September 29th:

“Friends, today at 1 p.m. we will be joining Phil and Eunice as they bury the body of Taylor. She died

yesterday in the early afternoon, and we have been with them since then. Today will be a hard day for all of us. Thanks for your prayers. Robert”

All in the Unity of the Brethren and all friends of Mission Work are in prayer for the Raifords, and also thank the Thiessens for their ministry of compassion to that family both before and after Taylor’s death.

The Woos...

Dear Friends and family,
Greetings from the other side of the world!

We are excited to come home, but we are also excited about what the Lord is doing here in Target City. Our helper, May, is sharing with as many

people as she can. Several have believed and are seeking her out for more prayer time and study. She is learning to play the guitar and is joyfully singing the few Dai praise songs that have been written. Her husband, the driver, has been baptized and is growing in his love for Jesus. We have also been going over several stories with her that she is able to share and teach to others. While we are gone we are praying that she will use her extra time to share with many and that many will come to know the Lord. Would you please pray that thousands of Dai would come to know the Lord? Would you pray that there would be a church in every village through China, Burma, and Thailand?



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Six Opportunities for You to Serve Asia and Partner with the Woos

We will be sharing lots about what He is doing here when we come home. But we also want to give you some opportunities to partner with us in this ministry. Here is how you can do that:

1) Receive this newsletter and/or more regularly prayer email updates – contact us if you wish to receive one or both of these updates. The email update is more regular and has more detail. Contact us: mcswoo@psmail.net

2) Come and teach English with us – we are looking for people to teach for 6 months to a year. It's a great and fun way to experience Asia. Please contact us or Mark Ebert at mebert@mcs.org.

3) Two week summer team in Thailand – June 2-13. We need youth and child care workers to come and minister to our kids as we go to our annual conference in Thailand. You can come individually or put together a group, 18 and up. Please contact: Lanette Meister at mgltaassist@psmail.net.

4) Start a Dai prayer group in your home: Would you consider starting a group that meets monthly just to pray

for the Dai. We would keep you informed of prayer requests. This is a spiritual battle that must be won on our knees. Please contact us if you are interested.

5) Tuesday is Dai Fast Day – every Tuesday would you be willing to fast, in some way or another, for the Dai people and their salvation.

6) Financial partners – we are asking the Lord for financial partners in this ministry. Please contact us if you are interested at mcswoo@psmail.net.

Thank you for your partnership and commitment to us and to the Dai, and to the Lord!

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DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for November 2010

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!" Ps. 66:3
2. The Lord will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. Isa. 40:28b
3. Let all inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. Ps. 33:8
4. Come and see what God has done, how awesome His works in man's behalf! Ps. 66:5
5. Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise. Ps. 48:1
6. And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. 2:11
7. **Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Ps. 111:2**
8. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come. Rev. 4:8
9. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. Ps. 90:2
10. O Lord, all your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal. Ps. 119:160
11. Jesus said, "Surely I am with you always." Mt. 28:20
12. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Ps. 23:6
13. Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Ps. 90:12
14. **Glorious and majestic are His deeds, and His righteousness endures forever. Ps. 111:3**
15. The Lord is gracious and compassionate. Ps. 111:4
16. God has surely listened and heard my voice and prayer. Ps. 66:19
17. Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. Lam. 3:22
18. They are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness. Lam. 3:23
19. You have been my refuge, a strong tower of strength against the enemy. Ps. 61:3
20. He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge. Ps. 91:4
21. **I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Ps. 91:2**
22. O Lord, you know my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Ps. 139:3
23. The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. Isa. 11:9
24. How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Ps. 139:17
25. For God is greater than our hearts, and He knows everything. 1 Jn. 3:20
26. The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good. Prov. 15:3
27. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. 1 Chron. 29:11
28. **How great are your works, O Lord, how profound Your thoughts. Ps. 92:5**
29. See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and His arm rules for Him. Isa. 40:10
30. Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!" 1 Chron. 16:31

Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

... **November 6:** 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 fundraiser benefit the many projects the Sisters support. The sale is open to the public with free admission.

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KEITH AND MELISSA NAVIAR on September 12, 2010; and
CIL KRCHA on October 3, 2010... all at the Ocker Brethren Church.

RECENT BAPTISMS

CAL VERNON ZAK, Son of John and Ani (Critchell) Zak, born on June 11, 2010, was baptized on September 20, 2010, at the Vsetin Czech-Moravian Brethren Church. Sponsors: Kathleen Smolik and Jean Wick Minister: Mark Labaj.

RECENT WEDDINGS

JOHNS-MILLER. Christina Miller and Julian McKinnon were joined in marriage at the Ocker Brethren Church on October 2, 2010. Minister: Ron Winsman.

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RECENT DEATHS

BRINKMAN, OLGA MARIE (KUBENA), age 75, died in Bryan, Texas, on October 5, 2010. She was born on February 8, 1935, in Dime Box, Texas, to William and Albina (Balcar) Kubena and was married to Stonewall "Buster" Brinkman on January 10, 2002, and was a member of the Dime Box Brethren Church and that congregation's Christian Sisters. Mrs. Brinkman is survived by her husband, two daughters, two step-children, two grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, a sister, and many relatives and friends. Services were held on October 8, 2010, at the Dime Box Brethren Church with burial in the Hranice Cemetery in Dime Box. Minister: Rev. Jim Heckman.

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– 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.
– Rev. Whitney Amos and Rev. Charles Amos

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
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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.
– Pastor Larry Zabcik

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

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– Rev. Thomas Tallas

Wesley – worship at 9:00 AM every 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

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– Visiting Ministers

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