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NEW YEAR – 2011

Happy New Year – Maybe? Looking back over the past year, Christians aren't doing too well, and our future doesn't look all that good for 2011, either.



Church donations are down. Membership isn't growing. Believers aren't strongly united. A Christian Church in Egypt is the center of prosecution efforts by the government, and 156 Christians are charged with various crimes after clashing with police over the construction of the church. A Christian woman in Islamabad, Pakistan, is sentenced to death for blasphemy against Muhammad. North Korea has initiated a new round of aggressive actions against South Korea threatening the frag-

ile existence that has passed for peace since the Korean War. We hear of increased threats from nuclear weapons.

Americans are experiencing heightened security measures in response to reported increased threats to airline travelers from radical Muslims. We have Mohammad O. Mohammad trying to kill people celebrating the lighting of a Christmas tree in Oregon and Mohammad Hussein wanting to do harm to fellow Americans at a military recruiting center in Baltimore. Our southern neighbor, Mexico, has a population growth that is greater than expected, which is overtaxing a weak infrastruc-



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ture. And in the battle to fill the United States' insatiable desire for illegal drugs, over 30,000 people have been killed in Mexico's drug war.

Our economy is fragile in response to countries going broke in Europe, the unsettled situation in Korea and elsewhere, as well as other factors. The US debt outlook is dismal at best. We, who are fortunate to live in one of the freest and richest country's in the world, are worried and concerned about our future, our children's future and our grandchildren's future. We recently received a report that America's education isn't measuring up to the education found in other countries. We are down in the pack in

almost all categories. This is the New Year we read about, listen to on the radio, and watch on Television.

The above information is readily found in the newspapers and on the evening news. However this news should not be a call to hide in a cave or under our bed. It should be a wake-up call for Christians to pray and to get busy. It should be a Christian call to action.

The book of Joshua gives us true hope. Joshua is a story of a people overcoming great hardship, including slavery and 40 years in the desert, to fulfillment as people of God. Perhaps we are at that point ourselves. Verse 9 is particularly meaningful, where

God says to Joshua, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified: do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Just as Joshua did, we need to move forward. We need to work together. We need to combine our many skills and resources for a resurgence of Christianity. We need to lead a more Christ-like life to the best of our ability. We need to revitalize our individual lives, our local church, and the Unity. We need to support our programs, including Hus School, *The Brethren Journal*, Mutual Aid, Christian

Sisters, our Mission Boards, Brethren Youth Fellowship, and the many other programs within the Unity.

Christians already have unsung heroes. We have pastors that work long hours spreading the Gospel. Some work for little or no pay, and some are simply underappreciated. We have missionaries who daily spread the Gospel. We have Christian nurses who work in Haiti trying to overcome a corrupt government to save people while being exposed to the risk of cholera and worse. We have neighbors who are al-



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ways there to help when needed. We have volunteers who are always there when the need arises. Let's work together to help these individuals and be those individuals.

If you don't already work in some of the examples listed above, there are other options for you as a Christian. As a Christian, you could set up mentoring and tutoring for kids in school to help them discover the joy and rewards of learning. Christians could help people find jobs, and help them bring meaning and fulfillment to their lives. Perhaps you could bring hope to someone in prison or to someone suffering from a disease or injury.

James 2:14-17 talks about the

danger of faith without actions. Verse 17 says, "In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by actions, is dead." The word for faith without action is "dead". It isn't "weak" or "poor" or "bad", but "dead". What good is a dead faith? Too often it is easy to talk the talk but not walk the walk in our Christian faith. In short, a lip service faith is no faith at all.

As important as it is, it isn't enough to just pray for others. Christians need to follow their prayers with action. God has given each of us skills and talents to use for His kingdom. In Matthew 25: 28-30 we are warned that if we do not use our talents they will be taken away from us. We each

have mind, body, and spirit that we should use. We need to use our God-given gifts, be it an encouraging word, a helping hand, financial help, or any of hundreds of other ways we show others the joy of Christ.

We may not be able to change the news, but the condition of Christianity in America need not continue. Christians can donate, attend, volunteer, and unite for Christ as individuals, Churches and as a Denomination.

We as Christians will have a Happy New Year regardless of what the latest depressing headline may show. The reason for this optimism is our last month's celebration of Christ's birth and what that means for us.

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Fayetteville Ladies Minister through Operation Christmas Child

The Fayetteville Brethren Christian Sisters sent 39 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Started in 1990, Operation Christmas Child is an initiative of Samaritan's Purse, a Christian relief and development charity working amongst communities in need. The mission of OCC is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world. This year, the boxes will be distributed in Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia, Kenya, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Romania, Serbia, Swaziland, Ukraine and Zimbabwe. Ladies from the church have been supporting this project since 2003.

The 6th Fayetteville Brethren Chris-

tian Sisters Society retreat will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2011, from 9 A.M. till 4 P.M. at the church fellowship hall. The speaker will be Rev. Lillie Ferrell, who is the Associate Pastor of Evangelism and Lay Ministry at Clear Lake United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas. She has taught several workshops on various spiritual formation topics and is a creative inspirational poet and author that published her first book, a spiritual devotional entitled "Songs of Three Sisters" in 2002. The topic for the retreat will be "Soul Care" Rejuvenation of Body, Spirit, Soul, incorporating the scripture: Matthew 6:25-30. The fee will be \$30 and includes lunch. Registration forms are avail-

able on the church website: www.fayettevillebrethrenchurch.org.

The Sisters are also busy making plans for their spring fundraiser that will be held on March 25 and 26, 2011. They will be selling raffle tickets for \$2.00 each or a book for \$10.00. There will also be a rummage sale and a bake sale with hot dogs and frito pies. In the morning, breakfast tacos will also be available.

The funding of several charities and church projects was approved for this year. Funds will be distributed to the Unity of the Brethren Home and Foreign Missions, the Brethren Journal, Hus School Building Fund, American Bible Society, mailing military packages, AMEN, St. Marks Hospital Foundation, La Grange Hospice and to the Church Building Fund for a light in the church sanctuary.

Fayetteville Christian Sisters' Invitations

Please visit the church website: www.fayettevillebrethrenchurch.org for more info.

Ladies' Retreat... You are invited to participate in the Fayetteville Brethren Christian Sisters' Retreat on Saturday, January 22, 2011, from 9-4 at the Fayetteville Brethren Fellowship hall. The speaker will be Rev. Lillian Ferrell, topic: "Soul Care" Rejuvenation of Body, Spirit, Soul, incorporating the scripture: Matthew 6:25-30. The \$25 fee includes lunch and snacks. Registration forms must be filled out completely with \$25 fee and returned to Martha Dove, 1452 W FM 1291, Round Top, TX 78954, by January 3rd. The check can be made out to Fayetteville Brethren Christian Sis-

ters. Registration forms will be available on the church website. Hope to see you there.

Rummage Sale... The Fayetteville Brethren Christian Sisters' will have a rummage sale Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26, from 8 AM to 1 PM at the church fellowship hall. On Saturday there will be a bake sale with breakfast tacos, hot dogs, and frito pies sold from 9 AM to 12:00 PM. Raffle tickets are available at \$2 each or a book for \$10; 30 prizes to be given away - The top prize is a queen size hand-quilted Quilt called "Glory Be!".



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

(See Unity Schedule for upcoming work crew's trip to Honduras.)

From the Raifords....

Date: Fri, 26 Nov 2010

Well, it's been 5 years since I first left home for Mexico, and it still stands as one of the greatest decisions of my life. First off, thanks for all the support you have shown me and now Eunice through many changes, good times and bad times. Being a missionary is something I enjoy every day, whether it's at our house church, in the carpentry shop, on the streets, or in villages. Without your partnership, this isn't possible. Eunice and I are looking ahead to a new change, and I wanted to lay it out for you. Our heart has been and I feel will always be in the villages and we are heading back. We have chosen a village amongst the Mixe people here in Oaxaca. We have a contact family in the village that will give us an entryway in. The village had to meet

a few requirements for us to start working there, and they are; an indigenous village with no church, with no doctor, and within a network of villages of 5,000 or more people who speak the same dialect. We found this village over the summer while taking a few mission interns there this summer. It has some interesting aspects that really attract us, such as some nuns who run a small basic clinic out of the Catholic church (which needs much help) and the Mixes are the indigenous group to never have been conquered, which we hope to do for Christ! Now that my apprenticeship with the Theissens is officially over, we look forward to working on our own project. Although I am not in the apprenticeship, we still form part of a team with Rob and Annie, and our church here in Oaxaca. Without their input and knowledge we couldn't

have gotten this far, and their guidance will continue to help us. Our leadership in the church is very tight knit and is a valuable resource for talking out new ideas and spiritual support. We always try to be as biblical and fresh as possible. The collective experience we have has helped us develop a strategy for church planting among the Mixe.

Our vision is to provide practical care and spiritual care for the Mixes. By offering practical medical services, we fight on various fronts; a reason to be in the village, provide basic health care, be tentmaker missionaries (where a portion of our income comes from the clinic), and use the clinic to build trust, and evangelize the area.

By working in a community as "real" people, we will have more freedom to get into their lives. Having a job and a visible source of income as a missionary is a valuable tool for being accepted into a society. Even though some missionaries excel in language and culture, there always seems to be a gap between the people and the missionary because of money. Using Eunice's gift as a doctor, we can live just as they do, and none of

our life will be left for them to guess about. Having lived in villages and learned from the experiences of others, we are convinced that this form of missions is the most adequate for where we want to be. This will be a long process that could take anywhere from 4 to 6 years.

I would like to share our strategy with a few points of how we expect to develop relationships and eventually live in the village full time.

Eunice has developed a program to help out the nuns with the clinic which already exists. We have learned that it is best to join something that already exists and is important to the village than creating something completely new. We will be traveling once a month helping the nuns with basic community care such as hygiene, prevention of illnesses, diagnostics of high blood pressure and diabetes, etc. During our stay we will offer consultations for whomever.

While Eunice is working, I will be visiting with the community leaders, getting to know specific people and learning language.

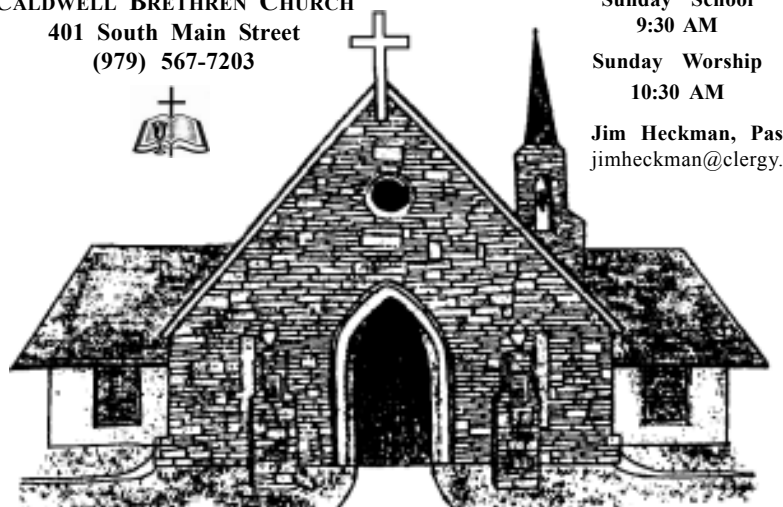
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acknowledged by the community. At that time we will offer to stay longer periods, eventually half a month in the village and half in Oaxaca. Our relationships should be fairly strong and we will look for a place to stay in the village.

During our visits we will try to understand where the village stands on issues of social justice, religion, poverty, and recreational activity. Our goal is to let our Christian principle live out more than be spoken. We desire to be a valuable part of the village, showing honesty, a good work ethic, fairness, etc. From their point of view we should be normal, upstanding Mexican citizens. Our faith will be something that they can explain by actions, not necessarily by doctrine. We want to be seen as different by how we live there, not just by being outsiders who want to change their views on religion.

Being one of their own is a concept almost never achieved, but we hope to present the gospel in a way and over a long enough period of time that our ideas will come out of them. That means we will be seen doing things differently, and they will come to us to participate or give new ideas.

Therefore holy spirit will be born among them, not just brought.

We hope to be half time in the village by the summer.

One of our plans for a long time has been to visit each of you in the States, throws a bit of a monkey wrench in the whole process. We would like to come to the U.S. in July or so to visit for a few months. I want Eunice to meet you, my family, and learn english. One of my Mexican friends here told me that if we leave for a time it won't be the end of the world for the village. They are used to people going to the U.S. to work, and when we do come back to the village, it may be better than if we never left. These people are so used to being marginalized and abandoned, that, when we come back, we will be fulfilling a promise that so many before us haven't. Our relationship with you is equally important, and we want that to grow.

When we come back to Mexico, we hope to continue visiting for a short time, until we can live in the village full time and put a clinic there of our own.

We plan on focusing on basic care and pregnancies. After our own expe-

rience, we understand how important it is to have good medical attention during a pregnancy. Also, in Mexico there is an epidemic of high blood pressure and diabetes among indigenous groups which can be easily controlled with cheap medications and a good doctor.

During all of this, we will be assessing how to best start planting churches and making disciples to reach further into the unconquered Mixes.

On an interesting note, my friend Manuel was having his washing machine worked on, and the mechanic was Mixe. I was working in the shop and we struck up a conversation, and I shared with him our plans to go to his people. He was thrilled, and told me to look him up when we go. He is from one of the neighboring villages, and so it seems our plan is going well. We already have a contact in another village! God is ahead of us, and we feel so excited to see what else he has in store for the Mixes. For the next year we have a few things in which we need help from back home. We want to start building up a small pharmacy to take with us, for the consultations. Also, Eunice wants to participate in

some medical conferences to keep up to date and learn some new things, such as reading ultrasounds. Once we are established in the village, we need to build a house/doctor's office. It is a one time cost, seeing that we will be charging for her services. We plan to charge for medicine, and for more involved consultations. We aren't looking to get rich, just enough to help us out some and provide financial transparency in the village.

You all have been so good to us over the last 5 years and we hope to keep partnering into the unknown future. God is good, and has given us the opportunity to be kingdom builders with Him. It is something we thank him for daily, and enjoy. We are so lucky to be one of the few who do what they love every day. God bless you all, and we hope to hear from you soon, and you are welcome anytime.

Have a great Christmas season and we will see you soon.

Blessings, Phil and Eunice

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The Unity's 2011 Mission Festival: February 26 ... Save the date!

The Unity Foreign Missions Board is presenting "T.E.A.M. Mission - *"Together Everyone Achieves More!"* at the Hus Encampment from 9 am to 3pm.

Two years ago, we asked the question of our churches, *"Where in the World Are You and Jesus Working?"* As a community of churches we took a day like this one to meet and work together on strategies for answering this question. The strategies looked at both local and foreign missions. Two years later we are going to take a day and concentrate this time on Foreign Missions and how we can *"work together to achieve more"* in the mission fields we are already invested in and then explore new areas God is calling us to. So Plan Now to:

- ❖ Come connect and catch the excitement!
- ❖ Hear first-hand Tom Prohaska, Founder and Executive Director of Fields of Faith, fresh from the fields of the Czech Republic and his vision for us to join in more church-planting in the Czech Republic.
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Sunday School Island

This month will focus on the beginning of a new year.

This month focuses on not one Bible verse, but several; not just one lesson. These verses and lessons all revolve around NEW!

NEW CHOICES

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Talk with children what a resolution is and why people make these at the beginning of the year. Explain that a resolution is a commitment we make to make ourselves better. Help children think of resolutions for the Bible on how to live better. These can be listed on a doorknob hanger.

Ideas for the doorknob hanger:

- I will learn more about God.
- I will invite someone to church.
- I will tell a friend about Jesus.
- I will pray for others.
- I will help my family with ____.
- I will give some of my money to ____.
- I will learn ____ new Bible verses.



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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NEW SCRIPTURE

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

Have students choose 12 verses they want to learn this year. You could even provide these on a Bible markers. Each month you can focus on a new verse in your Sunday School lessons.

NEW LIFE

Read the story of Nicodemus in John 3:1-2

Talk with children about what it means to be born again, and how we live our lives for God. One way to show God our thankfulness is to celebrate! We can worship and praise God for his goodness! Remind children to remember God this New Years, what he has already done for us, and what he is yet to do! Celebrate the New Year and New Life with noisemakers and music!

NEW COMMITMENTS

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Hebrews 12: 1b-2a

Just making a resolution is not enough. Learning something new can be difficult and may require a lot of practice and patience. You also have to plan how to meet those goals. Have students complete a planning sheet. For each resolution, have children think of a verse and a plan.

My goal: _____

My path: _____

My verse: _____



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“SWAMP”

STATE CHILDREN’S RALLY

Saturday, March 5, 2010

Hus School Encampment

Check in is from 9:00-9:30am; Dismissal at 4:00pm

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 11; Cost \$15

Children ages pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to a day filled with Bible lessons, crafts, singing, games, and much more! Registration forms are available online at www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com

or by contacting Jennifer Chervenka – jennchervenka@farm-market.net; 254-983-1002.



WWG WRAP-UP

The WWG state youth retreat was held November 19-21 at the Hus School Encampment. 53 youth and 15 adults learned how “We’re With God” every second of every day. We were reminded of the wrestling rings we compete in, be it at home, school, work, church, or even within ourselves, and were challenged to become champions by seeking God in all situations and making the choice to follow Him. The ultimate champion in life is Jesus Christ, who offers us forgiveness for our sins and asks us to make the choice to forgive others in the most difficult of circumstances. We sumo-wrestled, josted, searched in our Bibles, searched in our hearts, laughed at the Johnson skits, and then we concluded the weekend with a praise worship singing our favorite hymns. Special thanks to those congregations and groups who supplied socks for the ‘sock-it-to-me sock drive’. 96 packages were collected and delivered.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

February 11:
Registration Deadline
for
SWAMP & GPS events

February 18-February 20:
‘GPS’ State Youth Retreat

March 5:
‘SWAMP’ State Children’s
Rally

April 29-May 1:
State Youth Fishing
Retreat

“G.P.S.”

STATE YOUTH RETREAT
Friday, February 18-Sunday,
February 20

**Friday night is optional and check-in begins at 7pm.

Saturday registration is from 8-9am.**
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Cost \$30

Winter Retreat Team: Monique Duron, Riley Milberger, Chris Stauffer, Megan Stauffer, and Jennifer Chervenka



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:

1. Active member of a Unity of the Brethren congregation.
2. Mutual Aid Society member for at least 2 years.
3. Hus School alumni having completed at least one full term.
4. A minimum of 1 week of service as a counselor/CIT with the Unity camping program.
5. Active member of local BYF (if available).
6. Active member of local Sunday School (if available).
7. 5-10 page essay on the history of the Mutual Aid Society, the Unity of the Brethren, or both.

Submit application and essay by February 28th and participate in an interview with the Selection Committee in March or early April.

Send application to: Rev. Joseph Polasek, PO Box 54, Snook TX 77878
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DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for January 2011

Dorothy E. Kocian

- Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us. Gal. 3:13
- Rise up and help us; redeem us because of Your unfaithful love. Ps. 44:26**
- A time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. Jn. 4:23
- Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12
- The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior! Ps. 18:46
- I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation. 2 Cor. 6:2
- I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. Rom. 1:16
- Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Ps. 51:12
- Turn to me and be saved, all of you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. Isa. 45:22**
- He will not let your foot slip – He who watches over you will not sleep. Ps. 121:3
- Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. Heb. 10:23
- And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Heb. 10:24
- Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Mt. 6:33
- Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. Ps. 34:10
- Satisfy us early with Your majesty, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Ps. 90:14
- The Lord said, “Be careful to obey all the law My servant gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left.” Josh. 1:7**
- “My eyes have seen Your salvation which you you have prepared in the sight of all people. Lk. 2:30,31
- “A light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory to your people Israel.” Lk. 2:32
- You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light. Eph. 5:8
- Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Ps. 23:4
- I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. Isa. 42:6
- “All mankind will know that I, the Lord, am your Savior, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.” Isa. 49:26
- I will make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring My salvation to the ends of the earth. Isa. 49:6**
- God demonstrated His love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8
- Having loved His own who were in the world, Jesus now showed them the full extent of His love. Jn. 3:1
- When we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Rom. 5:6
- Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. Jn. 15:13
- He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness. 1 Pet. 2:24a
- By His wounds you have been healed. 1 Pet. 2:24b
- He was wounded for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; by His wounds we are healed. Isa. 53:5**
- “We know that this man really is the Savior of the world.” Jn. 4:42

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Daily Morsels for February 2011

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1. The Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son." Isa. 7:14
2. They will call Him "Immanuel", which means "God with us." Mt. 1:23
3. A voice from heaven said, "This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Mt. 3:17
4. In these last days God has spoken to us by His Son. Heb. 1:2
5. Christ is God over all, forever praised. Rom. 9:5
6. Give Him the name Jesus because He will save His people from their sins. Mt. 1:21
7. An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt." Mt. 2:13
8. So was fulfilled what the Lord said to the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my Son." Mt. 2:15
9. "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my Son." Hosea 11:1
10. We rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:11
11. We know that this man really is the Savior of the world. Jn. 4:42
12. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Heb. 13:8
13. And this is God's command: to believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ. 1 Jn. 4:23
14. If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. Mk. 8:34
15. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me and for the gospel will save it. Mk. 8:35
16. Go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Jer. 1:7
17. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Col. 3:24
18. Jesus said, "This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples." Jn. 15:8
19. Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Heb. 13:16
20. Jesus said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." Mk. 9:35
21. "I am going there to prepare a place for you." Jn. 14:2
22. "I will come back and take you to be with Me." Jn. 14:3
23. He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him. Rev. 1:7
24. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Lk. 21:28
25. At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. Mk. 13:26
26. We shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 1 Jn. 3:2
27. The words of Jesus: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away." Mk. 13:31
28. I want everyone everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer. 1 Tim. 2:8

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

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VITAL STATISTICS

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By Letter of Transfer:

ERNEST PLATTE was received into the membership of the Industry Brethren on November 14, 2010.

MR. AND MRS. HARRY BLINKA were received into the membership of the Fayetteville Brethren Church.

RECENT WEDDINGS

MALCIK-WEBB. Ronald Eugene Malcik and Lisa Lynne Webb were joined in marriage on July 24, 2010, at Waco, Texas, and will live in Round Rock, Texas. Witnesses: Donna and Maurice Winner III. Minister: Lawrence JuneK.

RECENT BAPTISMS

MERZ, DANE ELLIS, son of Eli and Brittney (Jackson) Merz, born on July 27, 2010, was baptized on December 5, 2010, at the Nelsonville Brethren Church. Sponsors: B.J. and Dawnielle Shrader. Minister: Michael Groseclose.

RECENT DEATHS

BLINKA, HARRY H., age 89, a member of the Fayetteville Brethren Church, died on December 11, 2010, in Houston. He was born on October 5, 1921, in Fayetteville to Henry and Matilda (Slovacek) Blinka and married to Lillian Franta on October 6, 1946. Mr. Blinka served in Italy as a member of the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He is survived by his wife, Lillian, one daughter, several granddaughters and great-grandchildren. Services were on December 14, 2010, at the Fayetteville Brethren Church with burial in that church's cemetery. Minister: Milton Maly.

MASSAR, MARY (PACHA) age 98, and for many years member of the Holland Brethren Church died December 4, 2010, at Temple. She was born on November 30, 1912, in Schwertner to Anton and Bertha Pacha. She was married to Frank Massar on April 16, 1936. She is survived by 6 sons, 3 daughters, 13 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren. Services were on December 8, 2010, from the Goodnight Family Home Chapel in Bartlett, followed by burial in the Holland City Cemetery. Minister: Mark L. Labaj.

MELNAR, HENRY, age 89 and member of the Vsetin Czech-Moravian Church, died November 20, 2010, at Hallettsville. He was born on January 15, 1921, in Lavaca County. He married Hilda Vornsand on October 21, 1941, at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Hallettsville. Mr. Melnar is survived by 1 son, 2 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren. Services were on November 24, 2010, from the Vsetin Czech-Moravian Brethren Church with burial in the Vsetin Czech-Moravian Church Cemetery. Minister: Mark L. Labaj.

MIKESKA, LILLIE SOPHIE (DIERKING), age 94, a member of the Nelsonville Brethren Church, died on December 10, 2010, in Brenham. She was born on January 4, 1916, at the Prairie Hill Community in Washington County and was married to Edmund Mikeska on November 18, 1937. Mrs. Mikeska is survived by one child, five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Services were on December 13, 2010, from the Memorial Oaks Chapel with burial in the National Cemetery. Minister: Michael Groseclose.

Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

January 22: Beginning at 9:00 a.m., the Fayetteville Christian Sisters Retreat.

January 22-February 3: A work crew comprised of at least three Brethren men and three or four from the Moravian Church will be in Ahuas, Honduras, completing the final stage of the solar panel system which will provide 24-hour electricity for the hospital there. They will also be looking for ways to solve the troublesome water system and carrying out various other maintenance projects. *(Let's pray for safety in their travels and in their work there.)*

February 26, 2011: The Unity Foreign Missions Board is presenting "T.E.A.M.". Mission – *"Together Everyone Achieves More!"* at the Hus Encampment from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

NOTE: See cover story in this issue for Fayetteville Christian Sisters Invitations to two upcoming activities.

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

It is with regret that we announce that the Hus School Encampment will not be available for 2011 Convention accommodations. We will be in the midst of summer camping programs and appreciate your understanding. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and thank you in advance for your prayers and support for the 2011 campers and staff.

Sincerely,

The Hus Encampment Board of Trustees

(read of Youth Activities Schedule in the Youth Section)

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– Visiting Ministers

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Bible Study on Tuesday at 10:30 AM.

– Rev. Jim Heckman

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Sunday – 9:00 AM: Worship

10:00 AM: Faith Adventure

– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

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School for children at 9:00 AM; worship

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Wednesdays: 5:30 PM, Dinner; 6:30 PM,

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