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TRUST

Whom do you trust? Do you trust your doctor, pastor, church, teachers, mechanic, government, judges, spouse, family, church, grocery store, accountant, media, scientists, etc.? Each of us has probably felt that some one of these has not been trustworthy. Doctors have been found to be providing poor care or worse at times. There has been wide spread reports of child abuse by priests. Pastors have been found to be stealing from congregations and committing adultery. Throughout history Churches have, as entities, been poor examples of trust. Teachers have been known not to be trusted with our children or in college not to be trusted with the information they provide, or grading system they have in place. Auto repair shops have been known to charge for work not done and done work not needed. Governments have lied, mislead their citizens, and, as happened in WWII, subjugated and



murdered specific members of their citizens. Judges have determined the outcome of cases based on politics, or to take care of a friend. On occasion spouses and family have proven to not be trustworthy. Churches have let their congregations down. Even the local grocery store has been known to not be trustworthy with its products. Accountants have “cooked the books” and stolen from those who trusted them. The media many times makes up a story or reports it in a biased manner. Scientists whom we are lead to trust have been found to be altering their data and reports to receive grants or get a specific outcome. With a partial list like this it is almost impossible to trust any one.

What about you? Who trusts you? Can your family or spouse trust you? We hear and read about any number of ways that spouses and family can't



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be trusted. Do you cheat on your taxes? Can your government trust you to do what is right? Can your church trust you to support it all days of the week and not just on Sunday? Can you be trusted to care for your own body, eat healthy, exercise, and keep your mind sharp? Can you be counted on to tell the truth in a court setting or in your daily life? Do you practice situational integrity; meaning does your integrity change with the situation or whom you are associating with at a given time? Can you trust yourself to do the right thing at all times?

Perhaps it is more important for us to focus on who trusts us than on whom we can trust? Generally we can't change how others do things, be they close friends and individuals, or large entities like our church or government bureaucracy. However, we can make certain that we can be trusted. We can be sure that if we are given a responsibility or take on a responsibility we complete it to the best of our ability. We have a choice to either be trustworthy or not. Christ's words in Luke 16:10-12 are worth serious thought. It says, *"Whoever can be trusted with very little can*

also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?" If we are to be Christ like and walk in the Spirit, we will be trustworthy. Others will choose the path of dishonesty and not be trustworthy.

We often hear that trust has to be earned. That seems reasonable and is a fact. Once someone or some entity violates a trust, it may never be regained. It is easier to maintain one's trust than it is to gain, and certainly to regain it.

There is One that has gained our trust. It is the Lord. Jeremiah 17:7 says, *"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence."* Not only has the trust been earned on the cross, we are also blessed when we do trust in the Lord. Focusing on spiritual trust will help us deal with the secular trust issues we face in everyday life.

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TWENTY-FOUR HOUR SOLAR ELECTRICITY AT AHUAS

- by Rev. Milton Maly

Ten volunteers from the Moravian and Brethren Churches traveled to Ahuas, Honduras, to complete the installation of solar panels at the Moravian Clinic there. Until last year in January, the only electricity available was provided by diesel generators.

The Texas work crew included David Miller, Dennis Miller, and myself, arriving January 23 and leaving February 3. The Moravian group included Mark Ebert, Tommy Waggoner, Jay Moser, Ron Starling, Jerry Fox, and Ron Overby. Juan Suarez of Cuba also came to help in the work. The Texas crew and Mark Ebert did the support, mounting, and wiring of the solar panels. They also carried out the installation of new surgical lights in the operating room.

The connection of the solar panels to the huge batteries located in the basement of the clinic and the wiring of staff and pilots' houses to receive that power was also done by the Moravian group.

One of the water wells that supplied water to the doctor's house was

worked on to avoid the complete emptying of the well, which had resulted in pipe and motor problems previously.

The travel for the Texas work crew from home to Ahuas was made much simpler (a one-day trip) thanks to the Mission Aviation Fellowship. (Incidentally, the Marx family requests that any memorial gifts be donated to that organization which has been serving the church and people of La Mosquitia for many decades.)



A very pleased Dr. Gerard Rudy with the installers of surgical lights.



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Dr. Samuel & Grace Marx

Dr. Sam lived a full life of compassion and service to others. He went to be with the Lord at the age of 92 while at home at Salemtowne (a retirement home) in Winston-Salem, NC. He began a life of ministry by attending the

Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, PA, and then McGill University, from which he graduated with a medical degree in 1948. After his internship, he immediately left with Grace for Nicaragua... so began his 35 years of service to the native peoples of eastern Nicaragua and Honduras. The couple gradually built up the hospital in Ahuas, Honduras, and raised their children there.

Surviving Dr. Marx are his wife, four children, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Many Unity of the Brethren work crew members came into contact with Dr. Sam and Grace Marx at Ahuas.

A special memorial service, led by Rev. Sandoval Martinez, was held on the ramp of the Ahuas Clinic on the afternoon of the January 30.

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Fayetteville Brethren Church Sanctuary
Restoration Complete!
Re-dedication on April 2, 2011



The Fayetteville Brethren Church sanctuary restoration that began on September 7, 2010, is now complete. Worship services are once again being held in the sanctuary. On Saturday, April 2, 2011, the Fayetteville Brethren congregation will re-dedicate the church sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be a worship service at the church at 10:30 A.M., followed by a lunch of roast pork, sausage, and sauerkraut (free will donation).

The first Czech Protestant worship service ever held in Texas took place in 1855 in the homes of the Czech immigrants near the location of the church, which was built in 1874. The congregation officially organized in 1870 with the help of Rev. Josef

Opocensky, becoming the second Brethren congregation in Texas (Wesley was the first). The church was first remodeled in 1924 and again in 1957. Last year, the congregation began a restoration project of the sanctuary. Minarcik Construction of Fayetteville was hired as the contractor. The tile ceiling and wall coverings were removed and the old beaded boards from 1874 were once again exposed. The walls and ceiling are now painted in blue and pink water tones with an autumnal chestnut accent around the windows and trim. Six-inch long leaf pine was found for the flooring. Two of the carpenters who worked on this project, Eugene Michalsky, Jr., and Paul Michalsky,



are great-great-grandsons of John Jecmenek, one of the principal carpenters who helped build the church in 1874. Eugene also made four new doors for the church out of cypress. The doors are replicas of the front church doors from 1874. New lighting was installed, along with an improved sound system and new seat cushions. A replica of the church steeple from circa 1890 was lifted by crane to the top of the bell tower on December

16, 2010. It is made from copper with a stainless steel base. Also installed was a light pole that has a light that shines on the bell tower at night and accents the steeple. Those planning to attend are asked to please call Liz Ripple (979) 378-2239 by March 28 so enough food will be ordered.

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Fayetteville Christian Sisters Women’s Retreat



Fayetteville Christian Sisters Annual Women’s Retreat was a big success! This year we enjoyed learning about the Body, Spirit, and Soul with our guest speaker, Lillian Ferrell, along with learning about foods from the Bible with Jackie Langston. We appreciate everyone’s participation in this year’s retreat and the blessings we all received from this experience. Looking forward to next year!

**SAMPLE FORMS FOR SUBMISSION OF
WEDDING/BAPTISM INFORMATION**

RECENT WEDDINGS

(Sample: DOE-ROE. Jane Roe of the Austin Presbyterian Church was married to John Doe of the Austin Brethren Church on June 30, 1951, at the Austin Brethren Church and will live in Austin. Witnesses: Jack and Helen Mae. Minister: Jesse E. Skrivanek.)

_____ of the _____ Church was married to _____ of the _____ Church on _____, at the _____, and will live at _____
Witnesses: _____
Minister: _____

RECENT BAPTISMS

(Sample: DOE, JANE EVELYN, daughter of John and Jane (Roe) Doe of Austin, Texas, born on June 30, 1953, was baptized on July 30, 1953, at the Austin Brethren Church. Sponsors: Jack and Helen Mae. Minister: Jesse E. Skrivanek.)

_____, d./s. of _____ and _____ (_____) born on _____, was baptized on _____ at the _____, Sponsors: _____ Minister: _____

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

From the Kozaks . . .

Date: Thursday, 23 Dec 2010
From: pavel.ko@vohy.cz
Subject: Newsletter December 2010

Dear Brother and Pastor Ron, Dear leadership committee of the Ocker Brethren Church, Our dear Brothers and Sisters of our SISTER church, Dear Friends, Dear Sponsors:

This is the last newsletter in this special year 2010 Stana and we do greet you all in the name of our Holy Lord Jesus Christ!

We do have the Christmas season both in Europe and US reaching the top. All people here are occupying the shops to buy some presents for the dear ones and family members. It is very hectic time here.

This season is the time we do like. It is mainly GOOD CHANCE to share the Good News about the NEW BORN MESSIAH in the Bethlehem, the Son of God. People are more open to listen to...

Because here in Czech republic we do NOT have almost any public regular radio or TV sound Christian broadcasting, most people DO NOT know

the REAL SPIRITUAL meaning of the Christmas season. Here (it is a national tradition) people are wishing to each other the "rich little Jesus"... It means to get a lot of PRESENTS under the Christmas tree... It is pretty silly...

It is thanks to the darkness, which is spreading over for years. Maybe the best time concerning believing in God was somewhere before the Second War 2. After this war ALL religious activities was under absolute control of the communists, till 1989. After this breakthrough there were "GOLD AGE" for the churches and ministries, which lasted for about 15 years. After this time people in the former communist countries fully discovered the "advantages" of the FREEDOM with it's all negative aspects.

And because they did stop to seek and to listen to the Lord, and rather followed their pleasures, carriers, fun and a family lives only... So the typical picture of the Czech society is total ungodly lives, zero knowledge of the Word of God, having a prejudice concerning the "church" from

the past and so on...

The same situation is here in the former very religious Moravia. We do have many, many talks with people during each week. Each week we can reach about 60-100 with the Gospel and we can explain them the reason of the God's Grace! When I am asking people IF they DO BELIEVE, the most common answer is NO. And when I ask the WHY, they do reply: "Probably nobody did lead me to it when I was young (the parents)." Isn't it strange?

Mostly people do have mixed reactions when we do talk to them and share the Gospel. Some are badly laughing over; some are looking VERY SURPRISED... In those days we did have many nice talks while we did share the Lord's Message with people.

This story is GOOD... TWO young guys were really wondered WHY we are doing this ministry... We told them that this ministry **was done already** by Jesus Christ, apostle Paul and by OTHERS almost 2000 years AGO... Do you know what they said? "Sir, WHY you came again so late, after those 2000 years..." Isn't it significant??? Isn't it sad???

In the END of our Gospel presentation, mostly I do ALWAYS ask people IF they DID HEAR those things someday BEFORE??? The MOST COMMON answer is: "NO sir"... Then I do ask them another question: "Did you meet somebody before, who would be

willing to share with you those things about Jesus???"... The typical answer is again – NO, sir...

Yesterday we did prepare a Christmas party for the youth in our hall... Some of them came. So we did offer to them some Christmas little deserts (we say "cukrovi"), tea, coffee, good time and we did watch the Jesus movie. It was nice... Step by step...

Well, if we put ALL things together, IF Lord Jesus Christ will come very SOON, but NOT as Czech people think – with some Christmas presents (as the Santa), but as the King of kings, Lord of lords, the Messiah, the Judge, then MOST of the today's population will go the separation from God... Majority has NO personal relationship with Him, NO Love to Him, NO knowledge of His Words...

This is VERY HEAVY BURDEN on the heart of Stana and me. We cannot share the Gospel with ALL citizens of the Czech land; we cannot save any people... We are just those ones who are putting aside the fear, the comfort, the devil's attacking thoughts, when he tries to persuade us that all this is in vain and we DO WORK HARD in this LARGE REGION...

We ALWAYS remember the hardships of our Lord Jesus Christ; we do remember ALL the persecution of the apostle Paul, when while in a jail was writing his best letters to the churches WITH JOY and FAITH... In those



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latter days WE ALL will NEED this courage and power of the Holy Spirit... The times and ministry are becoming hard and harder! The FULL armor of God is MORE than NEEDY!

We do always THANK God for the PRIVILEGE to STAY FIRM in the FIRST LINE as the servants of God, servants of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are sure that we do our BEST in the Lord to sow the seed of His Words in this REGION... This Gospel ministry HERE is VERY NEGLECTED and we SEE just some Mormons and Jehovah witnesses time to time being active outside...

This is the GREAT CHANCE for Stana and me, in the END of this our last newsletter of this year 2010 to HUMBLY SAY to you ALL, THANK YOU, our DEAR BROTHERS and SISTERS, our FRIENDS and CO-MINIS-

TERS for your LOVING and MINISTERING HEARTS!

We THANK YOU, dear OCKER Brethren Church for the ALL PRAYERS for us, for ALL BLESSINGS, ENCOURAGEMENT and all amounts of financial SUPPORT, which can KEEP us MINISTERING FULL-TIME, while sharing the Word DAILY and helping people to understand Him with prayers concerning of their SALVATION.

We would like to WISH you ALL Merry and Happy Christmas Time, together with your families, and MAINLY – **VERY BLESSED and HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011, in our LORD JESUS CHRIST! THANK YOU ALL ONCE AGAIN!**

With much of His LOVE, BLESSINGS, Humbly Yours,

Pavel & Stana Kozak

From the Thiessens...

December 17, 2010

Dear Friends:

We live in a world of contrasts, of startling differences and the unexpected. For example, this afternoon we went ice skating! In Oaxaca?! Who would have guessed? The new governor of the state, the first non-PRI in 80 years, wanted to give us something new, and came up with this monstrous project to “wow” us. After standing in lines for two hours, we got to circle around the rink on very dull skates with hundreds of people whose only experience with ice so far has been in their glasses of water. It’s been 19 years since I put on skates, and I think if they had been sharp it would have been a whole lot more enjoyable.

Last week I was in Yuvinani and got to see another unexpected thing, quite minor, really, but mentionable. The Bible translator, George, had brought a family there a couple things for their meals; boxes of apple juice and soy milk. One morning, as we waited for breakfast in the near-freezing open kitchen, Rosa served us what I thought was an oatmeal milk drink, piping hot. After the first sip, I had to stop for a bit and try to figure out why the flavor was both pleasant and rotten at the same time. I looked around, surrepti-



The Cochoapa Church



tiously, since I didn’t want to offend, and saw both boxes in the garbage. Then it occurred to me that Rosa wouldn’t have had any “norms” to go by that dictated these two should never mix. The rest of the cup went down okay, and by the end I was thinking “well, why not?”

On a more significant level, this Tuesday past I attended a service of a new church in one of the main Mixtec towns an hour away from Yuvinani (in Guerrero), started in part



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by indigenous friends who we lived with years ago in Tlapa (the late nineties). I've included two pictures to give you an idea of what it looked like (although this is only a fraction of the overall experience). Another two pictures are included for you to see the contrast I'm writing about. This last Sunday, Anne taught from Jeremiah, bringing up the finding of the Torah under Josiah's reign. She used a pile of plastic chairs jumbled together, covering a Bible, to get at the idea visually. She sits to the side, drinking a cup of coffee, while impromptu actors dramatize the event. From pre-modern all the way to post-modern in a few days and a few hundred kilometers!

And in this next week, we will first be on the Pacific coast to celebrate our 20th anniversary, sunning and swimming, and then up to 8000 feet above sea level to celebrate Christmas with a few team mates, freezing and huddled around a primitive fireplace. Never a dull moment!

I want to thank all of you, our supporters in purpose, prayer, and finances, for a good year. Without you, none of this would be possible. You have blessed us, and we trust are



The Camino Church



blessed for having done so. This season is one of many contrasts, and we pray that the mystery of God incarnate enliven you to follow even closer our Lord and Saviour.

Peace, Robert and Anne

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From the Woo's...

Dear friends and family,

Greetings from the other side of the world. We had a great Christmas with two of our English teachers from Misty City joining us for the weekend. On Christmas day we invited about 13 local D people over for dinner and fun. We acted out His story starting with creation and going on until JC's birth, life, death, and resurrection. Our helper, May, was the narrator, while our kids and our English teachers helped us act out the scenes. These people are our contacts, not May's, so it was a fun and great way to have May clearly share with all these friends.

For one of the ladies that came, it was her first time to hear of the story. We gave her a movie to watch for a Christmas present. This week when we went to visit her she asked questions like "Can you eat pork and beef?" She must know a little about Muslims to ask this. She said she

watched the video and really responded when I asked her questions about it. We will send May by next week to reach out to her more.

May has trained Lisa in how to share the gospel story from Creation all the way to JC! It is an 8-story set. May took two days to help Lisa learn it. As a result, Lisa and May went to a D new year's party with hundreds of D there. As they watched singers go up on the stage and people going up to give them money as a show of appreciation, they got an idea. May, Lisa, and May's cousin quickly went home and hand wrote out some Bible verses and then wrapped them around some flowers they bought. Then they went back and handed out 10 of these scripture/flower bouquets to the D singers on stage.

The next week was May's 1 year wedding anniversary. She invited us to a party to eat dinner with her and many of her family and friends. She



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said that D people don't usually celebrate their wedding anniversary, but she wanted to do this as a praise and thanks to God. She invited many that do not believe, and they arrived to hear testimonies and Bible teaching. We rejoice that the Holy Spirit continues to motivate May and give her creative ways to reach out to her own people.

We are praying that May can train her young cousin in the stories this next week. We are also praying for Lisa's husband, a drug addict, to come to the Lord. There are three women and one man that May has been hanging out with. They are all D and also desire to learn more about the Lord. We hope that May can train them, too. There is a training in Burma in March. Last year May went to this training and came back so pumped. We are asking that He would call 7-10 people from our area to go this year.

God's blessings on you all in 2011, Michael, Caroline, Samuel, Ian, Zach



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This month will focus on marveling at God's creation.

This month's Bible verse is
Psalm 8:1– ***Lord, O Lord, How
majestic is your name in all
the earth!***

As the weather warms, kids and adults alike love to spend more time outdoors. This creates a perfect opportunity to talk to children about the wonder of God's creation. You can help them marvel in the beauty of a sunset, the power in a running stream, the gentleness of a spring breeze, or the majestic display of power in a lightening storm. Don't forget to admire His handiwork at night also. The stars and moons are spectacular displays. This is all God's amazing creation! When you are done, read Psalm 8 and discuss the many ways we see God's greatness in His creation.



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

- Send all suggestions/questions/ideas to
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**Sunday School
Teacher's**



Easy Button

Creation Globes

Materials:

20 oz. soda bottle, funnel, light corn syrup, water, blue food coloring, star-shaped confetti, silver and gold glitter, tacky glue, paper towels.

Preparation:

Line a table with newspaper and set the bottles, measuring cups, funnels, and paper towels on it. In another location, place the confetti, glitter, and glue. Keep the corn syrup, water, and blue food coloring out of the children's reach until you begin.

Directions:

Place the funnel in the opening of your empty soda bottle. Measure $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of corn syrup in a measuring cup, and pour it into the soda bottle.

Place one drop of blue food coloring in the bottle, and then fill the bottle with water, leaving about a thumbs length of air on top. Replace the lid and shake to mix the food coloring.

Reopen the lid and pour in some star-shaped confetti and glitter.

Pour a little glue inside the bottle cap and screw it onto the bottle. When the glue has dried, shake the bottle to see the stars shine!

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A LITTLE TO THE LEFT AND A LITTLE UP

Imagine the scene. Young David out under the stars at night watching his sheep. The air at that time and place was not darkened with smog. The stars were brilliant, and the moon, in its full phase, was crossing the heavens. He felt, as we have all felt as we have stood under the stars at night, something of mingled mystery and awe as he looked up into the star-spangled heavens. He considered the beauty of nature and its silent witness to the wisdom of God. All the breath-taking beauty of this scene broke upon his eyes as the sun set. He was astonished at the greatness of a God who could create such things. Thirty centuries after David wrote these words, we feel the same awe when we consider the starry heavens. Astronauts have been physically able to walk on the same moon that David could observe only from a distance, yet all the knowledge that has been gained about the universe in which we live only serves to deepen our impression of the tremendous wisdom and power of God. How vast is the universe in which we live! These billions of galaxies whirl in their silent courses through the deepness of space. How tremendous is the power that sustains it all and keeps it operating as one harmonious unit! That is what impressed this psalmist.

It's Time to Sign Up for Camp!

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

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

Forms are available at your church and online at the Unity's website (www.unityofthebrethren.org). **Please be sure to include your completed form with all signatures, your payment, and a copy of your insurance card.** These will be mailed to Glenn Fojtasek at 2 Guinevere Place, The Woodlands, TX 77384. *If you are not able to fulfill the entire registration fee, please contact Glenn to let him know you would like a scholarship. Full and partial scholarships are available through the Friends of the Encampment organization.*

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

Summers are busy for high school students and we want you to be able to make your plans for this summer and in the future. Hus School, three-weeks of further Christian development and leadership training, will be held every other year (even years). The odd year summers will offer a one-week Senior High Conference. This summer, 2011, the one-week Challenger Conference will be available for those 15 years old and up. Next summer, 2012, there will be a Hus School Program.

2011 Camp Dates:

Alpha Camp	June 12 - 14
Pioneer Conference	June 19 - 24
Discovery Conference	June 26 - July 1
Challenger Conference	July 10-15

DEADLINES & FEE STRUCTURE:

Deadline	Date	Alpha	Pioneer/Discovery/Challenger
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Deadline	By May 1	\$250	\$350
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YOUTH FISHING RETREAT–

Port O'Connor, Texas; Friday, April 29-Sunday, May 1

Youth ages 12-21 are invited to meet in Port O'Connor for a weekend of bay fishing.

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 9; Cost \$60/youth or adult.

This fee includes lodging, food, and all of the supplies for fishing.

You are responsible for your transportation, food, and snacks while traveling, and a salt-water fishing license. There are a limited number of spots available. This is a first come-first served retreat! Please get your forms turned in as soon as possible.

Forms available at www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Friday, April 29-Sunday, May 1:
State Youth Fishing Retreat

Sunday, July 17-Wednesday, July 20:
Faith in Action Youth Mission Venture
(Details TBA)

Friday, July 22-Sunday, July 24:
State BYF Summer Retreat, Convention,
and Volleyball Tournament

"SWAMP" State
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Retreat
summaries and
photos
coming next
issue!

For questions or concerns regarding the Unity youth activities, please contact State Youth Coordinator, Jennifer Chervenka
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DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for March 2011

Dorothy E. Kocian

- Let us come before the Lord with thanksgiving, and extol Him with music and song. Ps. 95:2
- Pray for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words will be given me so that I may fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel. Eph. 6:19
- "I urge, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for everyone." 1 Tim. 2:1
- "Lord, teach us to pray." Lk. 11:1
- Jesus said, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Lk. 11:9
- There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ. 1 Tim. 2:5**
- Direct my footsteps according to Your word; let no sin rule over me. Ps. 119:133
- When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice. Prov. 29:2
- For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith. 1 Jn. 5:4.
- This is the testimony. God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 1 Jn. 5:11
- He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 1 Jn. 5:12
- I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears. Ps. 34:4
- Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. Ps. 119:1**
- They must keep hold of the deep truths of faith with a clear conscience. 1 Tim. 3:9
- Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. Rom. 14:19
- Blessed is the nation whose god is the Lord. Ps. 33:12
- Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourselves to be godly. 1 Tim. 4:7
- Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Rom. 12:21
- Devote yourselves to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching, and to teaching. 1 Tim. 4:13
- If My people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2 Chron. 7:14**
- Serve one another in love. Gal. 5:13
- Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Gal. 6:9
- Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart. Ps. 27:14
- The Lord is my strength. Hab. 3:19
- I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. 3 Jn. 2
- Godliness with contentment is great gain. 1 Tim. 6:6
- "But you, man of God,... pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness." 1 Tim. 6:11**
- And this is the testimony: that God has given eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 1 Jn. 5:11
- My spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. Lk. 1:47
- But as for me, it is good to be near God. Ps. 73:28
- We do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are renewed day by day. 2 Cor. 4:16

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By Letter of Transfer:

EDITH CERVENKA, on December 26, 2010,
 at the Temple Brethren Church.

By Reaffirmation of Faith:

VICKI STRMISKA, on January 9, 2011, at the
 Taylor Brethren Church. Minister: Rev. James
 D. Hejl.

RANDY & JANET HOELSCHER and DUANE
 & PEARL HOUGHT, on January 2, 2011, at
 the Ocker Brethren Church. Minister: Ron
 Winsman.

JULIAN MCKINNON, on January 16, 2011, at
 the Ocker Brethren Church. Minister: Ron
 Winsman.

RECENT DEATHS

LIMMER, ALICE REBECCA (BISCAMP), age
 73, and for years a member of the Wesley
 Brethren Church, died on December 23,
 2010, at her home near the Wesley Commu-
 nity. She was born on October 23, 1937, at
 Orange, Texas, and was married to Lloyd
 Limmer on June 20, 1956. Mrs. Limmer is
 survived by her husband, two children, six
 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and
 two sisters. Services were on December 27,
 2010, from the Wesley Brethren Church with
 burial in the Wesley Church Cemetery. Min-
 ister: Michael Groseclose.

BLAHA, DANIEL, SR., age 87 and a member
 of the Taylor Brethren Church, died Monday,
 January 10, 2011. He was born October 25,

1923, in Granger to Joe F. and Louise (Labaj)
 Blaha. He married Sadie Machu on Novem-
 ber 29, 1949. Among all who mourn his
 passing are Sadie Blaha of Taylor; son Daniel
 Blaha, Jr., and wife Katherine; daughter
 Patricia Raesz and husband Larry; four
 grandchildren; one great-grandson; brother
 Raymond Machu and wife Betty; brother-in-
 law Darwin Machu and wife Nancy; four
 nieces, and a great-nephew. He was pre-
 ceded in death by his parents and a
 daughter. Services were held on January 14,
 2011, at the Taylor Brethren Church. Minis-
 ter: Rev. James D. Hejl.

REGINA ANN (LICHNOVSKY) ZABCIK, born
 September 7, 1917; died January 20, 2011.
 She was a longtime active member of Ocker
 Brethren Church. Survived by daughters
 Barbara Docekal and Betty Jean Hall. Ser-
 vices were held January 24, 2011, at Ocker
 Brethren Church, with burial at the Ocker
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Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

March 25 & 26, 2011: 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!". Please visit church website www.fayettevillebrethrenchurch.org for more info.

April 2, 2011: Re-dedication of the Fayetteville Brethren Church (see article this issue).

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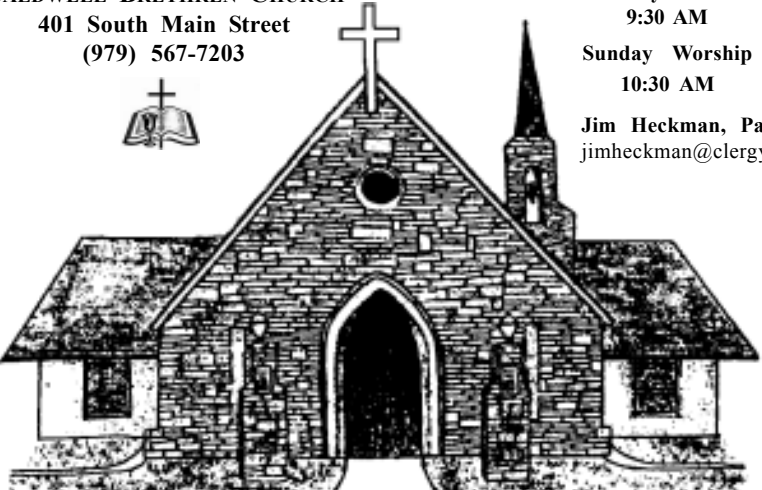
It is with regret that we announce that the Hus School Encampment will not be available for 2011 Convention accommodations. We will be in the midst of summer camping programs and appreciate your understanding. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and thank you in advance for your prayers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

Sincerely,
The Hus Encampment Board of Trustees

(Youth Activities Schedule in the Youth Section)

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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 – 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.
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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.
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Snook – Sunday School – 9:00 AM; Worship – 10:15 AM.
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Wall – Sunday School (for all ages) at 9:30 AM; worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
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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.
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