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GOING WITH THE FLOW

We have each heard these or similar words telling us not to complain or fuss. It isn't worth it, just go along for now. We usually hear this after we hear our conscience questioning what is happening and our raising the question. Sometime we go along and sometimes we don't.

Going along with the flow while rafting or canoeing down a river is one place where it is important to pay attention to 'going with the flow'. The following example will illustrate the risks of going with the flow. This example is when I and several others were on a one-week rafting trip down the Grand Canyon. We were on the river during a major water release from upstream. The water level was high and the current was flowing fast, making for an exciting trip. As we looked downstream, we noticed that there was a large whirlpool on the right. Large here means big enough to swallow a boxcar. I

noticed a tree floating into it and not resurfacing.



Throughout the trip the guide was operating the small motor looking downstream and watching how the current was flowing. The reason is that the flow doesn't always take you down a river by the safest route. It often takes you into a

whirlpool or against a ledge next to the bank or under old downed trees that can trap you and even drown you. You counter these risks by making adjustments far ahead of where the current becomes too strong to avoid the dangers. If you wait until you are pulled into the current, it may be too late. You need to make adjustments before you are going with the flow and before it becomes too strong for you to fight it. Our guide began early on getting out of the main flow as far to the left of the whirlpool as he could. He opened the throttle on the small outboard all the way about a



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half mile before we got to the whirlpool. At first that might seem a bit radical or the wrong thing to do, but he wanted as much momentum to pass the whirlpool as possible.

As we approached the whirlpool, its strength became even more noticeable and the flow was pulling us in its direction. The guide maintained his course away from the pull and as close as he could safely go to the other side. As we came parallel to the large whirlpool we could feel the tug of the current pulling us into the whirlpool, and even as we passed it we could feel our raft slowing, but still fighting the pull to the whirlpool.

Thanks to our guide's ability to look far downstream and maintain a safe course, we went past the danger. Had the guide gone with the flow or waited until we were in imminent danger, we would not have been able to escape the grasp of the whirlpool. Had he not been looking downstream and noticing the increasing pull of the current toward danger, we could have been drowned. He didn't wait until danger was imminent. He made corrections to our course on the river while he still had the ability to do so.

Life is like this raft trip down the

river in the Grand Canyon. As we journey down the river of life, we as Christians can't wait until the danger to us is imminent. Doing so may mean that it is too late to maintain or to change course.

In life the current of ideas and words can quickly or gently pull us into the danger if we simply go with the flow. Good words such as "fair", "equal", "inclusiveness", "diverse", "acceptance", and, "peace" are just some of the words that can be used in everyday life to slowly pull us into going with the flow of leaving Christianity and Christ. In religious circles the good sounding words like "pluralism" and "ecumenicalism", or other "isms" can be used the same way to pull us from our Biblical teachings into allowing non-Christian beliefs to be accepted by Christians. Like the river example, we need to look down our river of life and take what might be seen as a radical move to chart a course that avoids the whirlpools that can take our eternal life, regardless of the ease of simply "going with the flow".

In John, Christ makes it clear we have one way to salvation. In verse 10:9 Christ says "I am the gate; whoever enters through Me will be saved."

In verse 14:6 it is clarified further when Christ says, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Today we hear that this may not be true, or that if we read the Bible correctly we will find that there are many ways to salvation. 2 Peter 2:1 and 2 warns us of false teachers and their destruction. It says: But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who brought them – bringing swift destruction on themselves".

Being a Christian doesn't mean we have to accept everything everyone else says or does just to be nice. Christ said in Mathew 10:34 while speaking to the 12 apostles, "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword." Strong words, but they convey the importance of Christ as The Savior. He wanted the disciples to stand for Him and not be weak.

In "The Theology of the Czech Brethren from Hus to Comenius" by Craig D. Atwood in 2009, on pages

363 and 364 he quotes Fousk. Fousk stated that the Unity was already on the road to extinction before the battle of White Mountain (1620), and the ease with which the Brethren joined Reformed Churches was evidence that their church had lost its distinction. Without arguing the specifics of how or why Fousk drew this conclusion, it is worth noting that by trying to blend in we sometimes lose our core beliefs. Today we are faced with Christians losing their distinction as Christians by allowing themselves to go with the flow in many ways as individuals, as churches, and as a denomination. We counter that risk by keeping our beliefs based in the Bible, continuing to be prayerful, spiritually focused, and Christ centered.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Brethren,

After several months of discussion with a group from the Winston-Salem area of North Carolina who contacted me wishing to join with the Unity of the Brethren, it was time to



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visit with them. I asked Bro. Larry Koslovsky to join me for a visit.

We had the opportunity to visit with members of this group ranging in age from teens to a couple in their 80s. The people we met were teachers, other professionals, craftsmen, students, and retired individuals. The members were from several communities in the area, and had previously been members of several different Moravian Churches. Some had long ancestral relationships within the Moravian Denomination. In all, we met with over two dozen individuals, individually and in small groups.

We also met with their covering pastor, Rev. B. Moorefield, who is a licensed minister in North Carolina. He has extensive experience with start-up churches and is respected within this group of Christians.

The core reason that these people, who number between a couple dozen to several dozen, wish to join with the



Rev. B. Moorefield and Dr. Larry Koslovsky

Unity is that they find our beliefs to more reflect their beliefs than the Moravian Church at this time. The Key issue is that the senior Episcopal Church Bishop has stated in several written and televised statements that Christ is not the only way to salvation. When the Moravian Church signed the full communion agreement with the Episcopal church, this group believes the Moravian Church is seen to agree with that position.

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When they spoke with senior leaders in the Moravian Church, that concern was not put to rest.

This group believes that only Christ is our Savior. After completing extensive research, they believe that the Unity of the Brethren holds their Christ-centered belief, also. When I asked why they didn't simply start their own independent church as a stand-alone church, they had three simple reasons for wanting to join with us. The three reasons were historical foundation, free will, and the essential that Christ is the Savior. This was the central theme among the people we visited with regardless of their age or background. They are preparing documents and a formal request to join

with the Unity of the Brethren at this year's Convention.

This is only a brief summary of the visit Bro. Larry and I had with these Christians from Friday afternoon, February 25, through Monday noon, February 28, 2011. Although there may be additional details and questions, the ones we have identified can readily be addressed. We found that this group, who identify themselves as Christ Covenant Church, are strong in their Christian beliefs, are spiritually focused, and Christ centered.

We find no reason that they wouldn't be able to be received by the Unity of the Brethren at our July 2011 Convention.

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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 rededicate 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).

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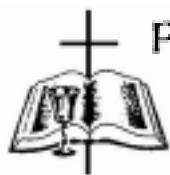
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- **Please help in contacting former members of the church, especially those who might not be currently in the Unity.**
- **A count is needed so we can be prepared for the service and open house afterward. Please RSVP to the above email by July 23, 2011, if you plan to attend.**

Questions? Email Becky Lively or call 281-984-7311

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!

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(Gal. 6:2)

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The Unity's Foreign Missions Conference – February 26, 2011

...a report by Joyce Baletka

Note #1: Rob and Anne Thiessen will be coming to Texas from their station in Mexico June 5 thru July 15. Any congregation wishing for a visit from this missionary couple should contact David Miller, Mission Board Chairman.

Note #2: Regarding memorials honoring the life and service of Dr. Samuel Benno Marx (November 25, 1918-January 28, 2011), the family of Dr. Marx requests that any memorial gifts to be given in his name be made and sent to the **Mission Aviation Fellowship, P.O. Box 47, Nampa, ID 83653.**

Participants at the Foreign Missions Conference, entitled T.E.A.M. ("Together Everybody Achieves

More"), was held on February 26. Information shared included the work in the Czech Republic, Moravian Disaster Relief Efforts, and updates on the work of the four missionary couples currently being supported by the Unity of the Brethren.

Pastor Linda Chandler served as facilitator of the event. David Miller, chairman of the Unity Missions Board, spoke about Missions and God's Word. He explained that when Jesus touched individual lives, those who believed in Him went on to share the knowledge with others. That is to say, they became missionaries.

Tom Prochazka, administrator for Fields of Faith Ministries, clearly stated the Gospel as "Christ died, was buried, rose from the dead, and individu-

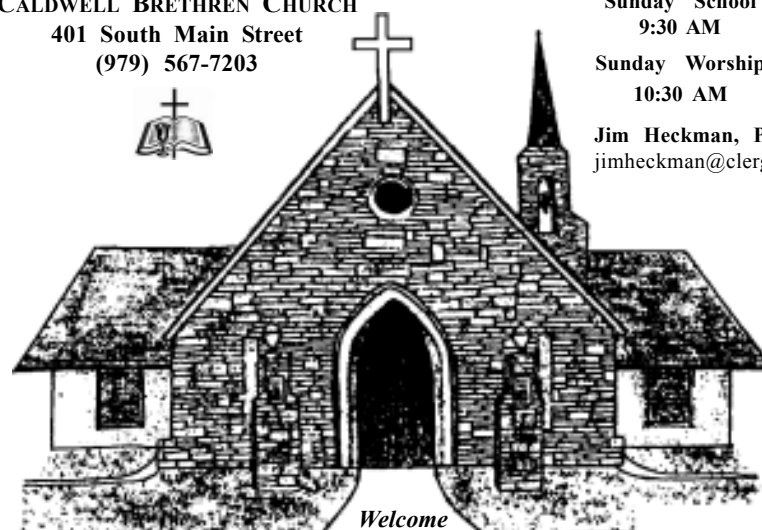


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Welcome

als must believe this in order to be saved. Tom explained that the ultimate goal of Fields of Faith is to set up a church planting team in each of the 14 provinces of the Czech Republic. Such teams would be patterned after the work of Pastor Pavel and Stana Kozak, who began their work in Decin, Bohemia, with outdoor evangelism on the streets and in the parks of the city. As individuals were converted, a small leadership of a group church formed. After training some of these individuals to take over the leadership of the group at Decin, Pastor Pavel and Stana have now moved to Zlin, Moravia, to repeat the process of direct one-on-one evangelism and beginning another church group there. Once they have trained people to become leaders in Zlin, the Kozaks hope to move on to the larger city of Olomouc and repeat the process.

Mr. Prochazika thanked the Unity for support of the Kozaks, and encouraged continued support of them through emails, prayers, and finances. He suggested that perhaps the Unity could send short-term evangelistic teams to visit the Czech Republic. In fact, Tom is forming a five-member team now to go there in June. Anyone



Pastor Kozak

interested in becoming part of that team should contact David Miller right away. Pastor Pavel Kozak is pictured above in his new robe. The Unity of the Brethren have come alongside the evangelistic work of Pavel and his wife, Stana, in the Moravian cities of Zlin and Olomouc. A mission trip for 5 participants is available for Unity of the Brethren members from any church for August 4-14 to the city of Olomouc. Fields of Faith is sponsoring this trip for the first five folks who contact them.

Estimated Cost: \$1100. Includes lodging, meals on ministry days, ground transportation, translator, literature, tour, and advertising. Does not include food for travel days or shopping. Plus airfare – varies from \$1000 to \$1400. For more information: Tom Prohaska, (214) 399-8550

Pastor Milton Maly gave a report on the work crew that recently returned from Ahuas, Honduras, where they completed installing the solar



Mark Ebert

panels at the clinic there. The solar panels, plus the batteries charged by them, now supply electricity around the clock to the clinic and its facilities.

Mark Ebert, Director of Moravian Disaster Relief, had been part of the work crew at Ahuas. He commented that the clinic would never be without needs. An endowment for the clinic would be extremely beneficial. Mark also voiced the hope that sawmills which Ray Griggs had worked with in Nicaragua (and now lie idle) could be moved to Ahuas so that the people there could make money for that area.

Mark described Moravian relief efforts in many hurricane-devastated areas. Since August 2005 when Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, over 140

Moravian missions groups have responded graciously and traveled to Ocean Springs, Mississippi, to help repair homes and lives. In 2006, the Moravian Board of World Missions bought one of the damaged homes, restored it, and is using it for free housing to be used by volunteers who continue to go to Ocean Springs. It has been estimated that it will take at least 8-10 years to complete the rebuilding of that area. Mark provided printed information to conference participants about the ongoing "Mission in Mississippi". Anyone interested in this project can visit www.moravianmission.org, or contact David Miller.

The Antioch Project, another mission opportunity for young adults (ages 17-21), was explained in printed materials provided by Mr. Ebert. This short-term mission opportunity is carried on in many parts of the world. For more information, contact www.moravianantioch.org.

David Miller, the Unity Foreign Missions Chairman, and Joyce Baletka, the Board Secretary, presented updates on the current missionaries



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Carolyn Groseclose to do Mission work in Zambia



Carolyn Groseclose with Her Parents.

Carolyn has announced that she is going to Africa this coming June to visit Brother Ron and Dee Winsman's daughter, Darbi, and her family, who are starting a new orphanage there (The "New Day Orphanage"). Carolyn plans to return there for a year in 2012 to train English teachers. Blu and Darbi Tidwell are the facilitators of the New Day Orphanage in Zambia. I will be working closely with Darbi. (At the conclusion of the Conference, all participants gathered around her to pray for her.)

Approximately 55 persons representing 11 congregations attended the Conference. It is the hope and prayer of the Unity Foreign Missions Board that God will continue to work in the hearts of the participants to share what was learned and generate a greater interest in carrying on our joint responsibility of spreading the Good News of Jesus.

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SWAMP 2011 – Children's Rally

Mud and muck from early morning rains turned the camp into a true swamp for the "SWAMP 2011" state children's rally on March 5th. 40 children ages 3 through 3rd grade gathered together to FROG (Fully Rely On God). We learned Psalms 121:2, "My help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth." God did make everything. God made me and God made you, and God takes care of us. He gives us everything we need. We

were also reminded that when we are scared, or lonely, or sick, or sad, or just having a bad day, God is there to help us out. What a simple lesson with such a great message for the youngsters and us as adults! God was awesome enough to make us and we need to rely on Him all the time!

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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
Early Bird	By April 15	\$200	\$300
Deadline	By May 1	\$250	\$350
Late Registration	By May 15	\$275	\$375
Space Available	After May 15	\$300	\$400

Relax in Port O'Connor at Kotrla's Coastal Retreat!

Reservations: Contact Valerie at 361-920-4663, or Valerie@tigrett.com
Oh Yes – GREAT FISHING, too!

GPS...God's Perfect Salvation Winter Youth Retreat February 18-20, 2011

38 youth, and 10 adults gathered at the camp on a beautiful weekend and shared about the ultimate destination, heaven. Salvation is God's greatest gift and He forgives EVERYTHING. Nothing is too great for God to forgive. Once we accept His forgiveness, we change. We begin to grow, and that requires our commitment to seek Him and follow Him every day, even in the midst of our struggles. God will use EVERYTHING in our

lives to make us who He wants us to be, and we will be complete when our trip is over and we reach our final destination right beside Him. Salvation is simple. JESUS DIED FOR YOU! Remember to keep growing as you travel day to day. Use your Bible, pray, look for God in every situation. Choose His path and the road will bring you to a new peace, a new hope, and one day eternal glory.



Joanna Avila (B/CS) introduces new friend Talyor Krcha (Ocker).



Sarah Smith (Caldwell), Taylor Brinkley (Ocker), and Monique Duron (B/CS) work through a Bible Study.

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

For questions or concerns regarding the Unity youth activities, please contact State Youth Coordinator, Jennifer Chervenka
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Announcing: the New Tabor Youth Ministry



SYLO youth ministry (New Tabor Brethren) has been traveling and ministering in many of the Brethren churches for the past 6 months. Their unique ministry has touched the hearts of both young and older members. To secure them for your church, call Seth Johnson at 979-220-9423. SYLO will be performing at this year's state convention.

To communicate with the Hus Encampment . . .

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

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Job Description

Hus School Encampment Summer Staff

Summer 2011

The Board of Trustees of the Hus Encampment is pleased to announce two resident staff openings for the Summer of 2011. Individuals applying for the positions should have attained the age of 21 years by the end of May 2011. The period of service for the advertised positions shall be from Friday June 3, 2011, until Saturday July 16, 2011. The Summer Staff persons will both serve to facilitate the camping program and participate in their own leadership training throughout the service period. Prior to the June 3 date, those chosen are required to complete certification for low ropes courses and archery, such certification to be arranged and paid by the Board of Trustees. A detailed job description follows.

Who:

- 1) Applicants shall have attained 21 years of age prior to June 1, 2011.
- 2) Applicants must demonstrate a sincere devotion to Jesus Christ as well as a heart for service.

3) Applicants must be willing and able to reside on site for the period advertised.

4) Applicants shall submit to background screenings and participate in Abuse Recognition Training.

5) Applicants must be able to lift and carry heavy loads and be in a state of general physical and emotional fitness.

Summer staff will report directly to the camp caretakers and work in conjunction with each week's directors to facilitate the needs of each camp. The educational and spiritual component for the Summer Staff will be overseen by the chairperson of the Board of Trustees. Evaluation of the summer staff will be a joint effort of those individuals.

Duties Prior to Alpha 2011

- 1) Gaining certification for leading campers and counselors through the ropes course and in archery, prior to June 1, 2011.

2) The week beginning June 3, 2011, will include orientation and working as part of the team which prepares the camp for summer use, including a deep cleaning of the buildings and premises.

3) Participate in training to be able to operate the camp's technological equipment to include, but not limited to, computers, projectors, sound equipment, duplicators, and copiers.

Duties During Summer Camps:

1) Assist directors with camper check-in.

2) Meet with each week's directors prior to each camp, and meet with an appointed director daily to coordinate service. When in doubt of responsibility, the staff shall seek direction from the camp caretakers.

3) Run ropes course and archery as needed by each camp.

4) Oversee campers in the kitchen and during the counseling staff's daily meeting.

5) Assist directors in procuring/setting up facility-related items (eg: cinder blocks, boards, firewood for campfire; chairs, waterhoses for water games).

6) Create Power Point slides for music, deep the CCLI/VI log up to date, operate Power Point and sound equipment.

7) Take daily photos and upload them to a password-protected website

on a daily basis, checking to ensure parental permissions for uploading camper images (also, print and deliver at mail call any parental email messages that arrive for campers).

8) Assist directors with camper check-out.

9) Perform a walk-through inspection after camp cleanup, prior to director departure, to ensure the facilities are in order.

10) Assist the caretakers in preparing the camp for the next incoming camp.

11) Other duties as assigned

Remuneration:

The Summer staff positions are not deemed "employee" positions. Staff successfully completing the summer's program will receive an honorarium of \$1,000 in consideration of their devotion and service. During the time of their residence, they will also receive their lodging and meals. They should also expect to receive leadership training and experience, as well as guidance in furthering their personal spiritual life. Staff not fulfilling the requirements shall forfeit these hopes, both monetary and otherwise.

Application deadline: April 1, 2011

Inquiries may be made to: Rev. Whitney Amos, Chair, Hus Board of Trustees, (254) 913-5757. Chatney@aol.com



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Diane Heckman, Manager

Application – Hus School Encampment Summer Staff 2011

Statistical Data:

First Name: _____ MI _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Alt. Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Church Membership: _____ Pastor: _____

Do you meet the minimum age requirement for this position: Yes No
(Must be at least 21 years of age by the end of May, 2011)

Education/Skills:

Last Educational Facility Attended: _____ Date: _____

Level Attained: _____ Degree Program: _____

Employment (Include Volunteer Work)

Last Place of Employment: _____ Date: _____

Supervisor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Skills Utilized: _____

Prior Place of Employment: _____ Date: _____

Supervisor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Skills Utilized: _____

(You may include further employment/skills development history as an attachment, along with any prior camp experience you possess.)

Certifications Held:

First Aid: _____ expires: _____ CPR: _____ expires: _____

WSI: _____ expires: _____ Archery: _____ expires: _____

Ropes: _____ expires: _____ Other: _____

Other: _____ Other: _____

Applicable Skills:

_____ Power Point _____ Website Design _____ Digital Photography

What other skills do you feel you bring to the task?

This position requires physical labor and some heavy lifting. Is there any condition which may prevent or limit you from such activity?

Spiritual Habits:

On a separate page, please describe your relationship with God, noting your strengths as well as your weaknesses.

What do you hope to gain from a summer spent working at the Hus Encampment? (Again, attach this as a separate page).

Criminal History:

Harassment: The Camp's policy is to prohibit all forms of harassment by staff personnel. This includes sexual, racial, religious, and other forms of harassment. Have you ever been indicted for, or formally accused of, harassment of any person? YES NO

If YES, Please attach an explanation.

Criminal Record: Have you ever been convicted of a felony?

YES NO

If YES, Please attach an explanation.

I authorize investigation of all statements herein, including any attachments, including any checks of criminal records, and release the camp and all others from liability in connection with this application. I understand that, if selected to serve, I will serve as an at-will employee unless there is an agreement or law which alters that status. Furthermore, I understand that any agreement must be in writing and signed by the designated camp official. I also understand that untrue, misleading, or omitted information herein or in any attachments or other documents completed by the applicant may result in dismissal, regardless of the time of discovery by the camp.

Drivers License Number: _____ Expires: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

References/Recommendations: We ask that you gain and submit three letters of recommendation. One of these should be someone, like your pastor, who is aware of your spiritual development. These may be mailed separately from the application in order to expedite the application process. They should be mailed or e-mailed by your reference and not by yourself. Mailing Address: Rev. Whitney Amos 618 N. 7th, Temple, TX 76501; Via e-mail: Chatney@aol.com, Subject Line: Summer Staff.

Reference #1:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

Reference #2:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

Reference #3:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

Applications should be sent as described above and be received prior to April 1, 2011.



Sunday School Island

This month we will focus on God's Love for us as shown through the Cross.

***"He is not here; he has risen!"
(Luke 24:6a)***

My goal for this section was a list of ways to prepare for Easter. In my search for Biblical ways to prepare, I came across a blog called Stuff Christians Like by Jon Acuff. He had some "funny" DON'TS for Easter Sunday.

- Don't tell any visitors "I look forward to seeing you again at Christmas."
- Do not bring back your candle from the Christmas Eve service and light it during service. That'd just be weird.
- Don't steal all the Cadbury crème eggs from your kids' baskets.
- Don't complain about the crowds at church. We spend all year trying to get people to visit church. Don't be mad that some showed up.
- Do an "Easter dry run." Dress up, get ready, and pretend it's Easter on some Sunday in October. Just for practice.
- Don't set off the smoke alarms in your house as a way to wake up/motivate your family.



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

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

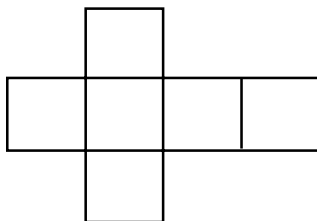
**Sunday School
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Easy Button

The Gift of God's Love

Cut and assemble the box (see below for the shape). Write John 3:16 on the inside. Talk about God's gift to us. Open the box. Show that it is in the shape of a cross with John 3:16 written on it. Talk about God's love for us.



The Warmth of the Cross

What you will do:

You will select one child to take a small cross (paper cut out as displayed above will work fine) and hide it somewhere in the classroom while the other kids wait outside. After the child hides the cross, let everyone back into the room. The child who hid the cross will call out the names of the kids and say warm or cold depending on how close they are to the cross. Have them continue until they find the hidden cross. If time permits, the one who finds the cross can hide it again so the class can play the game again.

What you will say:

As we get closer to God, we can feel His warmth and love, and He draws us nearer and nearer to Him. However, when we turn from Him, and go the other way, it becomes harder and harder to feel the warmth and love He has for us.

"You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you." (Psalm 86:5 NIV)

Teen Cabana



Scripture: Romans 5:8

Here's a math lesson to find out how much God loves us.

From a strictly mathematical viewpoint: What Equals 100%?

What does it mean to give MORE than 100%? How about ACHIEVING 101%? What equals 100% in life?

Here's a little mathematical formula for our math object lesson that might help answer these questions:

If:
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
Is represented as:
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21
22 23 24 25 26.

If:
H-A-R-D-W-O-R- K
 $8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$

And:
K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E
 $11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96\%$

But:
A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E
 $1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100\%$

THEN, look how far the love of God will take you:

L-O-V-E-O-F-G-O-D
 $12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4 = 101\%$

Therefore, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that: While Hard Work and Knowledge will get you close, and Attitude will get you there.

It's the Love of God that will put you over the top!

Thoughts about giving...

Remembering the Unity of the Brethren or any of its ministries is a fitting testimony of your belief. Your gift in a will can be a legacy that continues to affect the Christian values, mission, and ministry that is important to you.

You can give without restrictions and let us use the funds for the most pressing needs or you can specify how, when, or where you want the funds used.

You can require that we hold the principle as an endowment and use only the earnings each year.

You can give in memory or in the honor of someone.

Your gift can be contingent. The funds go to someone if they survive you and if not, then to the Unity.

You can tell us now that you have named the Unity in your will and allow us to express our gratitude...or you can let it be known later.

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

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Unity Convention Invitation...

“LOVE GOD, LOVE ONE ANOTHER,”

The theme of the 64th Convention of the Unity Of The Brethren.

Dear Delegates, Ministers and members of the Executive Committee,

The Pastor, Elders, and Congregation of New Tabor Brethren Church invite you to the 64th Convention of the Unity of the Brethren, July 7-9, 2011.

This year's Convention theme is "Love God, Love One Another". John 17: 26. *"And I have declared unto them Thy Name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them."*

As we come together this year, may we come in unity and in love as we seek God's will together.

Listed below is information that will help you in making your plans. New Tabor welcomes you, and if we can be of any further service, please call on us!

Pastor David Johnson, 979-220-3822

Elder President Jeff Garbs, 979-406-0526

Meals will include:

Thursday, July 9: 5:30 p.m., Dinner – \$9.00

Friday, July 10: 8:00 a.m., Cont. Breakfast – Complimentary;

Lunch, 12:00 p.m. – \$9.00; Dinner, 6:00 p.m. – \$9.00

Saturday, July 11: Cont. Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. – Complimentary;

Lunch, 12:00 p.m. – \$9.00

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We look forward to hosting this year's Convention, and we believe God's presence will take preeminence over the meetings.

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DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for April 2011

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 1 Cor. 11:26
2. As servants of God we commend ourselves in every way; in great endurance. 2 Cor. 6:4
3. **Do your best to present yourselves to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed. 2 Tim. 2:15**
4. "Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel." 2 Tim. 2:1
5. We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. Rom. 8:37
6. "(Nothing) will be able to separate us from the love of God that is Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom. 8:39
7. To the wicked, God says, "What right have you to recite My laws or take My covenant on your lips?" Ps. 50:16
8. This is my prayer, that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight. Phil. 1:9
9. May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. 1 Thes. 5:23
10. **Continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel. Col. 1:23**
11. To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord before all ages, now and evermore. Jude 25
12. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. Lam. 3:26
13. Be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God. Joel 2:23
14. You, God, are ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Neh. 9:17
15. Do not fear, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Joel 2:21
16. Our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, gave Himself for us. Titus 2:13
17. **"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Mark 11:9**
18. Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me." Mt. 28:18
19. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." Mt. 28:19
20. "Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you," Mt. 28:20
21. Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Ps. 105:1
22. Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Cor. 11:1
23. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified." Mt. 28:5
24. **"He is not here; He has risen just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay." Mt. 28:6**
25. Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith. Col. 2:6,7
26. Encourage one another and build up each other. 1 Thes. 5:11
27. God is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. Ps. 63:6
28. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Ps. 19:14
29. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Mt. 5:9
30. Jesus said, "In the world you will have trouble. But take courage. I have overcome the world." Jn. 16:33

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Youth Minister: Debbie Gloria

VITAL STATISTICS

RECENT DEATHS

ALICE ALBINA HEJTMANEK JUREK, age 92 years, 10 months, and 8 days, was called home on February 8, 2011. She was born on March 31, 1918, in Temple. She grew up on a farm in Matagorda County. She was married to Hubert Robert Jurek for 55 years. Alice and Hubert were founding members of Pasadena Brethren Church, and remained active in church activities until they could no longer leave home. Alice was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, two brothers, and two sisters. She is survived by daughters Shirley Bryson, Karen Howery, and Sandra Jurek, and two grandchildren. Services were conducted at the Pasadena Funeral Home chapel, with internment at Hawley Cemetery in Blessing, TX. Minister: Rev. Jim Heckman.

DORSETT, MARY FAYE (MCKINNEY), age 92 years and 25 days, died on March 9, 2011. She was born in Ashville, Alabama, and married to James Thomas Dorsett in 1937, who preceded her in death. She was an active member of the Fayetteville Brethren Church. Survivors include her one son and two daughters. Services were conducted at the Koenig and Strickland Funeral Home in La Grange, with internment in the San Jacinto Cemetery near Houston.

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Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

April 9, 9:00 AM: Synodical Committee Meeting at Hus Encampment.

July 7-9: The Unity Convention at the New Tabor Brethren Church.

You are invited...

...to the rededication of the Fayetteville Brethren Church on April 2
(see page 8).

...to the dedication of the Wall Brethren Fellowship Building on April 3
(see page 9).

...to the 50+ Anniversary of the Pasadena Brethren Church on August 6
(see page 10).

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,
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David Skrivaneck
Secretary
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Austin – Bible Study at 10:00 AM
Worship at 11:00 AM.
– Rev. Linda Chandler

Bryan-College Station – worship at
9:00 AM every Sunday.
– Visiting Ministers

Buckholts – worship at 9:00 AM every
Sunday except the 5th Sunday.
Holy Communion on 1st Sunday.
Guest speaker on 4th Sunday.
– Rev. John Kueker

Caldwell – Sunday School at 9:30 AM,
worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
Bible Study on Tuesday at 10:30 AM.
– Rev. Jim Heckman

Crosby – 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
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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.
– 1st & 2nd Sunday, Dr. Jerry Terrill
3rd & 4th Sunday, Pastor Mark Sebek

Industry – worship at 9:00 AM every
Sunday with Sunday School for all
ages following.
– Rev. Milton Maly

Nelsonville – Sunday School at 9:00 AM
Worship at 10:15 AM
– Rev. Michael Groseclose

New Tabor – Sunday School at 9:30 AM &
Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday,
“Tune Up” on Wednesdays, 7:30 PM.
– Rev. Dave Johnson

Ocker – worship at 10:15 AM every
Sunday. Sunday School at 9 AM every
Sunday.
– Rev. Ron Winsman

Pasadena – Sunday School at 9:30 AM
and worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
Bible Study at 7:30 PM on Wednesday.
– Rev. Bill Rinderknecht, supply pastor

Rosenberg –
Sundays: Adult Bible Study and Sunday
School for children at 9:00 AM; worship
at 10:30 AM.
Wednesdays: 5:30 PM, Dinner; 6:30 PM,
Bible Study; 6:50 PM, Prayer Meeting.
– Bro. Larry Butcher

Seaton –
Sunday, 9:15 AM – Sunday School, All
Ages; 10:30 AM – Worship Celebration
Service.
Wednesday, 6:30 PM – Kid's NITE Out
and Priority ONE Youth (BYF), Adult
Bible Study.
– Rev. Joe Emerson

Snook – Sunday School – 9:00 AM;
Worship – 10:15 AM.
– Rev. Joseph Polasek

Taylor – worship at 10:15 AM every
Sunday.
– Rev. James Hejl

Temple – Sunday School at 9:30 AM.,
Worship at 10:45 AM.
– Pastor Larry Zabcik

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

Wall – Sunday School (for all ages) at
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Sunday.
– Rev. Thomas Tallas

Wesley – worship at 9:00 AM every
Sunday. Sunday School follows.
– Rev. Michael Groseclose

West – Sunday School at 9:00 AM and
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