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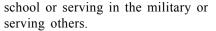
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DEDICATION

Dedication can take on many different forms. It can mean something

to be set aside for worship or devote to a sacred purpose such as a church or an individual being ordained. It might also mean to be dedicated to a special purpose or cause such as a school or fire house or individuals making good grades in



You can have other words to demonstrate dedication. When parents bring their child to be christened or baptized, they are dedicating themselves to bring that child up in a Christian home. When a young person is confirmed, they are dedicating themselves to being a Christian and

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their willingness to follow Christ's teaching. When people get married,

> they are dedicating themselves to each other before the church and God. Usually when we dedicate a building or a structure, the term used is "dedicate".

> In some cases people see a dedication ceremony as the completion of a

task or series of study. In reality it is a beginning, and the real work and commitment is only starting. By the time we reach a dedication ceremony of any type, we have put a lot of work, thought, planning, effort, discussion, and finances into that step. There is happiness, and even a sense of euphoria at the dedication ceremony.

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Although it may feel like a break is needed or even deserved, we are only on the first leg of a marathon race.

However, we all know of individuals who upon confirmation thought their need to attend church was completed, and all marriages don't last. What is expected of us when we dedicate ourselves or we as a congregation dedicate a building? What do we expect of ourselves? Does the dedication service mean total commitment or a commitment at some other lesser level? The truth of the matter seems to be that it is up to the individual or individuals who are involved to determine the level of commitment that continues after a dedication ceremony of any type.

Several buildings have been dedicated in the Unity over the past years, and we have ordained new pastors. Couples have been married, children baptized and young people confirmed during the same time period. As would be expected, each of these dedications has different expectations by those involved.

Today we have a dedication ceremony for a structure that may last from an hour to three or four hours including the service, fellowship, and communion. When Solomon dedicated the temple as recorded in 1 Kings 8:62-66, the dedication process and celebration took two weeks. Taking less time today in no way lessens the importance or meaning of the dedication. Those of you who have participated in the preparations for a dedication can be grateful you didn't have to prepare meals and all the other associated items for two weeks.

We expect the building to be used as dedicated, but that doesn't always happen. John 10:22 talks about the Feast of Dedication, which is a reference to the dedication of the temple by Judas Macabeus in December 165 BC after it had been profaned by Antiochus Epiphanes. This reference shows that even in the Bible, struc-

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tures weren't always used as intended. But they could be dedicated again to the intended purpose. People can do the same if needed.

In II Chronicles 29:31 Hezekiah said, "You have now dedicated yourselves to the Lord..." after the giving of offerings, singing, and worship. This is what we do when we accept a position or marry, baptize, confirm, or accept ordination within our church. We dedicate ourselves to that responsibility for the glory of God. If we aren't sure about making the commitment, we should refer to Proverbs 20:25, which states: "It is a trap for a man to dedicate something rashly and only later to consider his vows." Before accepting a responsibility, be it one of those listed or any number of other positions involving the Sunday school, camp, a board, etc., we need to prayerfully consider if we will be able to dedicate the time, energy, will, and understanding to the responsibility. Once accepting the responsibility, we must not lose the intent of the dedication. For example, one spouse can smother the other spouse and forget that marriage is a sharing. We can become too controlling or selfabsorbed in our perceived duties with our new responsibilities and do more harm than good if we fail to maintain our Christ centeredness.

We should all be dedicated to being more Christ like in our daily lives, also. We don't have to hold a position or build a structure to be a dedicated Christian. As Christians, we are dedicated in everything we do. We are able to strengthen that dedication by our participation and fellowship with other Christians through worship and through prayer.

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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
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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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Pastor David Johnson, and the New Tabor Congregation

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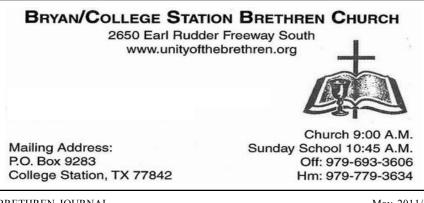
• Remembrances of membership, visiting, or other connections with the church are being collected. If you have something to contribute to this collection, please email Becky Lively at rebecca.lively1@comcast.net, by July 23, 2011.

• 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!!!!!



IMPORTANT YOUTH INFORMATION

Mark Your Calendars for JUNE 30!

All annual reports, forms, delegate information, volleyball rosters, and leadership team applications are due by June 30. These forms may be obtained on the youth website (after May 1) or by contacting Jennifer Chervenka. Anyone who does not have their items turned in by the deadline will not be allowed to participate in the tournament (see by-laws).

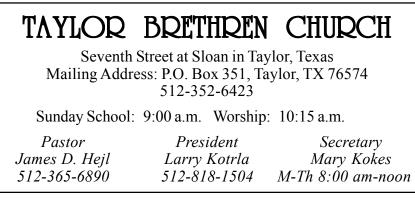
The convention, volleyball tournament, and summer retreat will be held on **Saturday, July 23-Sunday, July 24** at the Hus Encampment. Our focus will be on God's Spirit. The convention will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning, and the volleyball tournament will follow directly. There are new guidelines for this summer's tournament. They are available from your local sponsor/youth director and on the youth website.

Camp Lodging: The camp will be open for accommodations to members and visitors; however, all youth and youth workers will be given priority, and then adults will be housed on a 'first-come, first-served' based on registration forms that we receive. If you do not send in a registration form by June 30, you will be unable to stay at the encampment. Sorry for any inconvenience that this might cause.

Seeking Youth and Sponsors for State Leadership Team 2011-2012



Applicants must be at least 15 years of age and be active in their local church. Forms are available on the youth website (after May 1). All forms must be completed entirely and turned in by June 30. Nominations *are not* taken from the convention floor unless there are not at least 6 qualified youth applications and 4 adult applications received by June 30 (see by-laws). If you are interested in serving, please submit your applications in a timely manner.



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Faith In Action Youth Mission Venture: July 17-21

Youth from around the state will be teaming up this summer for a hands-on mission project. The location is to be announced, but the dates are determined. We will be gathering in the afternoon Sunday, July 17, to begin preparations and then working hands-on Monday, July 18, through Wednesday, July 20, before heading back home on Thursday, July 21. (Plans include clean up, painting, carpentry, and a mini-VBS program.) Look for more information and registration details in June.

On the Youth Calendar:

April 29-May 1: Youth Fishing Retreat (wrap-up coming next month)

SUMMER CAMPS

June 30: Deadline for summer retreat/convention forms July 17-21: Faith In Action Youth Mission Venture July 23-24: Summer Retreat, Convention, and Volleyball Tournament

Forms and information on these events as well as photos from past events are available at www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com. Please contact State Youth Coordinator, Jennifer Chervenka if you have questions: jennchervenka@farm-market.net; 254-983-1002.

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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
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

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The Wall Brethren Dedication



"For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them." (Matthew 18:20)

Nearly 300 hundred people gathered together in Wall to worship and fellowship on Sunday, April 3, 2011. They gathered to celebrate the dedication of the congregation's new fellowship building; the third and largest fellowship building in congregation history.

The service began in the church sanctuary with a prelude duet by Christa Coffman and Donna Tallas, the call to worship (responsive read-

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ing of verses from Psalms 95 and 150) followed by the choir anthem, *Sing with the Spirit*. The Invocation was given by Reverend Tommy Tallas, congregational singing of the hymn *Great is the Lord*, and then a welcome to all from Wall Board of Elders' President Dewyan Weise. Unity President Claren Kotrla also came to the pulpit to impart his greetings and blessings. The Wall BYF signed and

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sang to Shout to the Lord, then singing of Sunshine in My Soul by the congregation. The Offertory followed, and then Rev. Tallas directed the congregation to proceed to the Fellowship Building, where the service would continue. The choir sang Love Grows Here and then Rev. Tallas gave the Scripture reading from Acts 2:42-47.

Rev. Tallas emphasized the importance of kitchens and dinner tables, especially in our impersonal and technological world. He then noted that keeping the personal touch and building of relationships and face-to-face communication as our Lord Jesus Christ did is key to our Christian mission. He used the example of the two apostles meeting Jesus on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24. It was only when they sat down to eat with Him that their eyes were opened. Jesus used kitchens and dinner tables in His ministry to God's children, and for the same purpose the Lord has blessed the Wall Brethren with similar opportunity with the gift of the fellowship hall. The choir then focused the collected minds singing In This Very Room. Then the building was dedication to the service of Almighty

God and to the use of His Church. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." (Psalm 127:1) The congregation united in praving The Lord's Prayer. The first official use of the new building was the observance of the Lord's Supper.

The official unveiling of the beautiful new kitchen was the amazingly in-sync raising of the two kitchen windows by David Dusek, a member of the congregation and general contractor and Charlie Farmer, a member of the board of elders who graciously served as overseer of the project for the congregation. Both men dedicated many long days and gave unselfishly of their time and talents to ensure the project ran smoothly. Then, to truly dedicate the building to fellowship, everyone enjoyed a delicious BBO brisket lunch with freshly baked kolaches for dessert.

The Wall Christian Sisters officially inaugurated the kitchen the day before by baking over 100 dozen kolaches. They were graced with a generous \$20,000 grant from the Art and Eva Camunez Tucker Foundation to equip the beautiful and utilitarian kitchen. Everyone is looking forward to many, many more kolaches being

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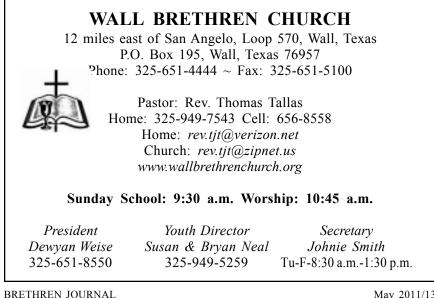
baked here in love and fellowship.

Seventy-five years ago, 75 cents and many prayers were the real beginnings of this new fellowship building. The Wall Congregation decided to buy a half-acre plot of land on November 24, 1936, if they could raise \$116.75. Their prayers were answered with the collection of \$117.50 by December. The extra 75 cents was put into a newly formed building fund that still exists today. The Lord has blessed the Wall Brethren Church with many beautiful buildings to worship and serve Him and fellowship together in His love.

The first church building that was built in 1937 became the first fellowship building in 1955, when a new and larger church was built. Twenty-seven years later the old fellowship building was bought and moved and a new fellowship building was built and dedicated to the service of the Lord in 1982. At the 2010 Spring Congregational Meeting last March, the Wall congregation voted to construct a new fellowship building after several years of discussion, careful study, and prayer.

The congregation looks forward to the many opportunities the Lord will present us to use His building to further His kingdom. Already the building has been used for Board of Elders, Christian Sisters, and BYF meetings. Scores of children from the neighboring elementary school have come over for Backvard Bible Club. The Wall Gingham Czech Quilters have already set up their frame and begun quilting in the building. Showers are being planned, as are the Annual Easter Breakfast that follows the Sunrise Service and Vacation Bible School this summer. Both the Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops have resumed meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

May the Lord watch over us and guide us all as we strive to serve Him.



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Prayers Requested.....

PRAYERS ASKED for Czech Re*public*: For the physical move from Zlin to Olomouc for Pastor Pavel and wife Stana Kozak. The ministry to Zlin will continue in the parks via outreach, but not daily. The move to Olomouc is an answer to prayer of WHERE TO REACH THE MOST PEOPLE FOR CHRIST and a better opportunity to start a new church (evangelical) in that region of the Czech Republic. Prayers for the planning stages of a few missionaries from Maranatha Church in Decin to join the Kozaks permanently in the Olomouc area. The work is difficult and the desire is to replicate the Decin Church in Olomouc. If you would like to be a prayer partner from your church with a direct link to the Czech Republic, it is simple; PRAY FOR THEM DAILY. Our omnipresent God will make the Czech it link out at www.www.fieldsoffaith.net for the American website of the group helping the Unity of the Brethren get connected to their homeland. PRAYERS ASKED for New Day

PRAYERS ASKED for New Day Orphanage in Zambia, Africa: for the arrival of the first set of orphans. The school has actually started for the kids of the staff. Ocker Brethren Church is sending missionary Carolyn Groseclose for the month of June 2011 to train the Zambian teachers hired to staff the school. She will return to Zambia for the year 2012 to work with another retired teacher from Bangs, Texas, as the lead teachers for the NDO school. Check it out at www.newdayorphanage.org.

Rev. Ron Winsman, Pastor Ocker Brethren Church (254) 742-0827; 721-7513 cell

An Offer from the Theissens

We are beginning to make plans for visiting the Unity of the Brethren this summer, at the convention and with churches. We should arrive in TX around June 15 and stay through July 12. We will be accompanied some of the time by Phil and Eunice. They finally got a travel visa for her, and want to be at the convention, too. Would you be able to "look after" them for some of the time, in terms of visiting churches?

We are also open to coming out for any other activity you might want to plan. We have developed a presentation of the Perspectives on the World Christian Movement (originated in the US Center for Mission, Pasadena) that looks at missions from

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NOTE: Any congregation(s) that would like to take advantage of this opportunity to host these servants for a program is asked to contact David Miller... (325) 651-7597. dm103157@hotmail.com

From Fields of Faith Missions... an invitation

Short Term Mission Trip, Olomouc, Czech Republic, Church Planting Campaign, August 4-August 14, 2011.

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Proposed itinerary:

August 4: Depart DFW August 5: Arrive Prague August 6: Tour Hradcany Castle, Charles Bridge, Clocktower. Travel to Olomouc by train.

August 7: Attend worship service. August 8-12: Morning devotions, worship, prayer, evangelism, briefing, sharing Gospel in parks, conduct opinion surveys, childrens VBS, evening discussions, entertainment and games, celebration dinner.

August 13: Travel to Prague, shopping.

August 14: Return to DFW.

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 email: tom@fieldsoffaith.net

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From the Theissens March 30, 2011

Dear friends,

We want to present to you Isau and Ruth. Their Biblical names mask their Mixtec identity. These two believers, one in Oaxaca, and the other in Guerrero, have both been led by God, over several years, to become evangelists among Mixtecs outside their own territory. This is a big step for Mixtees, whom experience has taught to mistrust any outsider, even a Mixtec from the next town. We ask you to pray for them as they follow this calling. Isau was our language helper when we first tackled Mixtec 16 years ago, a young man just finishing high school. Since then he has grown up, been to the U.S. and back, pastored his family's church, and become a family man, gaining the right to be heard in his own culture. When he returned from the U.S. three years ago, he and his two brothers started a new church that grew to more than 50 in less than two years. Convinced that God wants to reach the Mixtecs outside his own circle, and after praying for nine months as a church, he started to visit Felix, an evangelist working in Cochoapa. (We wrote a bit about this church last December, in the letter about contrasts.)

Through his guidance they were able to start a church that celebrated its first year at Christmas with close to 50 people too! They are looking at, and praying about, other Mixtec towns around Metlatonoc, the largest unreached area of all southern Mexico. We are renewing our relationship with Isau and finding places to come alongside what God is already doing among these committed men.



Ruth

Ruth is mentored by two women whom we mentor. She has been the leader of a church in her own Mixtec village a few hours from, here but feels God's call also to reach out beyond. A few weeks ago she kneeled on the grass with five Latino church planters who are also called to go to

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*This must be done well in advance.

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the unreached, and we, along with others, laid hands on them, commissioning them to raise up healthy, indigenous churches among the unreached Indian communities here in Gurerrero and Oaxaca. Praise God!

To give you some context, this team of Mexican church planters in Tlaxiaco is one we have mentioned in the past (May 2010). Alex, from the north of Mexico, leads this group, and every year he invites candidates from churches throughout the country to come train in this field of unreached and join his team. This year he had six new trainees, and we taught them for a week about Church Planting Principles. We were joined by the participants of a training program in Guadalajara, run by fellow MBMission missionaries, and we took Ruth along (making a group of 24). By the end of the week, Ruth was certain

God was calling her to join this missionary team in Tlaxiaco, and she is now serving there, supported by Mexican churches and individuals. She will be church planting among other Mixtec groups, places where God's love is yet unannounced.

Evangelism for Mixtees is a huge step of obedience to Christ. Mixtec culture is not naturally confident, extroverted, or concerned about anyone beyond family. Ruth's and Isau's calls are signs that God is stretching their definition of family. They are signs that God is up to something.

So please pray with us as God builds His family among Mixtees, as lives are changed, as more and more people come into a saving relationship with God and each other. And thank you so much, you who are our family, who support us in so many ways.

Blessings, Robert and Anne



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Youth with a Mission, La Mosquitia

Dear friends of YWAM La Mosquitia

Greetings from YWAM La Mosquitia, Honduras. We want to give you an update of what is going on at our base.

First, let's take a look back:

2007: As many of you know, in 2007 we built the YWAM base in Ahuas and started the first base ministry. The first building was almost ready (left building on the picture above) as the students of the first Disciple Training School (DTS) arrived, even though it was still missing some doors and windows as they moved in!

2008: The staff house was built (building to the right of the picture above) and Doris and BjarteTonheim from Norway that helped starting the base and the DTS, moved in. We also run our second DTS with 11 students. Several of these are still in YWAM.

2009: The 3. DTS was completed, and we established a children ministry in the village. In the fall of 2009 we sent out our first mobile team, with 2 miskito staff and 3 DTS alumnies. They spent 6 weeks in the village Karaswatla, where they encouraged the youth with drama and music practice, did children's ministry, preached, evangelized, and helped the local churches. We get students every year from that village.



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2010: We ran our 4th DTS and also the new YWAM Primary School, "Blessing to the Nations" was established. The founders and directors of the School are Elga and Scott Broughton, and together with a couple of local staff they were able to run both kinder and preschool for more than 20 local kids



this year. The 14th of November our 13 first preschool students received their diplomas, and in February 2011 they will start 1st grade. (The Honduran school year goes from Feb. to Nov.)



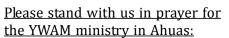


DTS Outreach

The work of YWAM La Mosquitia has brought fruits these last 3 years, and a lot has happened. However, we are now facing maybe the greatest challenge to be able to continue the work and see the ministry grow; lack of workers. As we are writing this, we do not have enough staff to be able to run the DTS starting Februarv 2011 (we do have students), and we also need at least one teacher to be able to add another grade level to the Primary School.

We have many dreams and visions for the base ministry and future ideas and ministries we would like to see started, but without workers there is not much we can do. This year we had 5 great miskito staff working with our DTS. However, most have a hard time committing to more than a few months at the time, and this year many of these showed up first at DTS start and even later. Only one might come back to work with the next school. This makes planning hard.

We believe God wants to raise up committed miskito - youth that wants to raise up this generation to love God and know His character and His ways, and teach it to others.



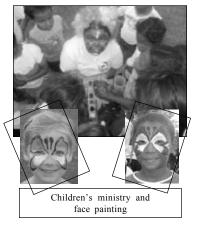
- Staff with long term commitment (miskitoes and others)
- DTS staff for the DTS 2011 (Feb.-Jul.)
- Teacher(s) for the Primary School (beginning in Feb)

• A greater revelation of God's heart for the Miskito people, and vision and guidance for the continuous work of YWAM

If you would like to receive more personal news of what's going on at YWAM LA Mosquitia, we are happy to send you our newsletters.







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Thank you for believing in what we do, and support us with prayers and/or financial support. We greatly appreciate all of vou!

Greetings from YWAM La Mosquitia





Sunday School Island

This month we will focus on MOTHERS.

Our Bible Verse is Deut. 5:16,

Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

The Bible has a lot to say about moms. As we plan to honor our mothers on Mother's Day, let's think about six mothers in the Bible and what they can teach us.



Eve – The first mother made THE monumental. mind-blowing, affects-everybody forever mistake and she suffered the mother of all heartache (buried her child).

Sarah – Sarah got a late start on motherhood, but learned that good things come to those who wait and trust in the Lord.

Rebekah – Rebekah reminds us that it is a dangerous thing to use maternal power for manipulation.

Bathsheba – Bathsheba's motherhood gives hope that God can redeem any situation. You never know, you might just have the wisest person ever on the planet staring back at you from that high chair.

Jochebed – Moses' mom shows us that the determination and ingenuity of a desperate mother can result in surprising circumstances.

Mary – Mary is a tapestry of real motherhood: a lot of excitement followed by years of work and moments of pain.

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

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



Sunday School Teacher's



Easy Button

Who's Your Mother?

Collect a variety of items:

oatmeal box, clock, Bible, book, dishwashing detergent, camera, blanket, vegetables, etc. These should be items that would remind children of their mothers. **Display the items**. Ask a volunteer to pick one item that reminds them of their mother. Have them explain why. For example, they may pick the oatmeal box because their mom fixes oatmeal in the morning. **Continue until everyone has a turn.**

Mother's Day Rhyme

Who was there from the start. (Hold hands out to side, arms bent, wrists flexed, as if asking a question.)

Loving me with a great big heart? (Form heart by placing thumbs together and index fingers together, and bring index fingers down, forming point in heart.)

Mommy was!

Who takes the time to teach me about love? (Point up to God.) Who has a touch as gentle as a dove? (Flap your arms like wings.)

Mommy does!

Who forgives me when I make a mistake? (Point to yourself.) Who praises the pictures that I make? (Who praises the pictures that I make?)

Mommy does!

Who sings me songs and tucks me in bed? (Place hands together, and lay head on hands sideways.)

Who gives me aspirin for my aching head? (Point to head.) Mommy does!

Who takes me out to play on sunny days? (Run in place.) Who shows me love in a thousand ways? (Hug yourself.) Mommy does!

Thank you, God, for giving me the best mommy ever!

Teen Cabana



Many Christian teens find that they want to follow the commandment to "honor thy father and mother," but the actual practice is more difficult and complicated. So, what are some things you can do to develop a Godly relationship with your parents?

1. **Spend Time Together:** While you don't have to spend all your time with your parents, spending some time with them allows you to get to know one another better.

2. **Talk to Your Mom and Dad:** When you talk to your parents about some of the things that are going on in your life it allows them to see how you are growing up and becoming more responsible.

3. **Show You Care:** Showing affection is not easy for every family. You can show you care about your mom and dad in your own way by at least being polite, caring, and thoughtful.

4. **Be Fair:** Sometimes the best way to get along with your parents is to make compromises. Then come up with a solution that will fit what your parents need from you and what you need.

5. Keep Your Cool: Next time you talk to your parents, try to ask them questions to understand where they are coming from and remember to share what you are thinking so they can understand you.
6. Take Your Disappointments Elsewhere: Frustration with your parents is normal. One great outlet Christian teens have is prayer. God is always willing to listen.

7. Remember...They are the Parents. No matter how responsible and grown up you think you are, your parents are still the heads of your household. They are your authority. God commands us to honor our parents, your parents' rules still stand.

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Thanks to Blana Oppedal Russell ISee Matthew 6:28) 01-12-20 YES, I'M AWARE OF WHAT MATTHEW 6:28 SAYS ... BUT I THINK YOU SHOULD STICK WITH "HONOR THY FATHER AND MOTHER" THIS TIME

A REMINDER FROM THE UNITY SECRETARY

The Questionnaire and ALL Covention information has been sent to all ministers, synodical representatives, and all organizational members and all who chair a committee (I actually emailed it to over 200 people in hopes that it will get to the person in charge) ALL were asked to work together to be sure that it was distributed to the person within their Church who is in charge....

There is a deadline date of June 1 for ALL information to be returned to me or to Dewyan Weise (this includes questionnaires for 2009 & 2010 and ALL Convention information/payments - please review all information has been provided).

The Minister and Synodical Representative have a duty to see that any information received from the Executive/Synodical Committee is distributed to whomever it goes to within their Congregation.

Please note as previously informed.... the Questionnaire form has been and stays on the Unity Website.....look by the date for the Convention, July 7, 8, & 9....

In Prayer ~

Kathy Harrison, Secretary Unity of the Brethren

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for May 2011

Dorothy E. Kocian

- 1. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Rom. 12:10
- 2. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Pet. 1:3
- 3. I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Ps. 146:2
- Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Jn. 6:68
- 5. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise. Ps. 48:1
- 6. Stand up and praise the Lord your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting. Ps. 90:2
- 7. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father. Eph. 5:19,20
- 8. Whatever you do, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to the Lord through Him. Col. 3:17
- 9. Confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord", and believe. Rom. 10:9
- 10. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thes. 5:18
- 11. May all the peoples praise you, O God. Ps. 67:3
- 12. How good it is to sing praises to our God; how pleasant and fitting to praise Him! Ps. 147:1
- Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name.
 1 Chron. 29:13
- 14. Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb. Rev. 7:10
- 15. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift. 2 Cor. 9:15
- 16. The Lord says, "Be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create." Isa. 65:18
- 17. We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. 2 Pet. 3:13

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- "I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God." Rev. 21:2
- 19. "Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life." Rev. 21:27
- 20. The Lord says, "Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool," Isa. 66:1
- 21. If God is for us, who can be against us? Rom. 8:31
- 22. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. Rom. 8:18
- 23. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news. Mk. 1:15
- 24. You are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:28
- 25. Go into all the world and preach the good news. Mk. 16:15
- 26. May the Lord our God turn our hearts to Him, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commands.1 Kings 8:58
- 27. Let your heart be loyal to the Lord our God. 1 Kings 8:61
- 28. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples. Ps. 96:3
- 29. Live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Eph. 5:2
- 30. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life. Ps. 23:6
- 31. The Lord said, "I have loved you with an everlasting love. Jer. 31:3

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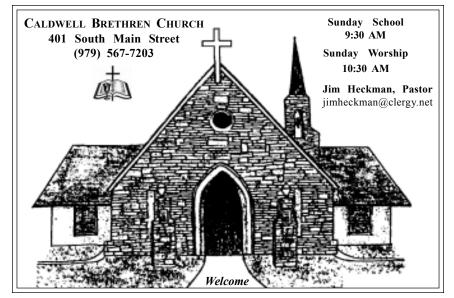
POLASEK, BENNIE LEE, SR., age 85, and a member of Caldwell Brethren Church for many years, died on March 12, 2011, in Caldwell at the Coperras Hollow Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He was born on September 6, 1925, in Cooks Point, Texas, to John Anton and Carrie Julia (Hronek) Polasek. He married Annie Tracy Lee Faust on December 31, 1946, at the Caldwell Czech-Moravian Brethren Church.

He was a member of Caldwell Brethren, where he served on the Board of Elders and as Superintendent and Teacher in the Sunday School. He is survived by his wife, Annie, five sons and daughters-in-law, one sister, 18 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Services were held on March 16, 2011, at Caldwell Brethren Church with burial at New Tabor Cemetery. Arrangements by Strickland Funeral Home/Caldwell. Minister: Rev. Lawrence Junek.

SODEK, ELSIE OLGA (NOVOSAD), age 96 and a member of the Temple Brethren Church, died April 2, 2011. She was born on September 2, 1914, and married to William Sodek November 2, 1936, in Temple. Mrs. Sodek is survived by a daughter, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Graveside Services were held on April 5, 2011, at the Seaton Cemetery. Pastor: Larry Zabcik.

COTTRELL, MARGARET LILLIAN DUSEK, passed away on Saturday, April 2, 2011. Born October 18, 1918, at her family home in San Antonio, Burleson County. Margaret was one of four children born to Joseph and Terezie "Kristoff" Dusek. She married John Hilton Cottrell on September 11, 1937, in Caldwell TX. She was baptized in the Baptist faith at the First Baptist Church in Lexington, TX. Mrs. Cottrell was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her one brother and two sisters. She is survived by her nieces and nephews. Services were held on April 3, 2010, at Hranice Cemetery in Dime Box, TX. Minister: Jim Heckman.

LOEWEN, ANGELINE K. (STEFKA), age 95, and for years a member of the Houston Brethren Church, died on March 4, 2011, in Woodville, Texas. She was born November 13, 1915, in Shiner, Texas, and was married to Jess Loewen on April 23,1936. Mrs. Loewen is survived by several nephews and nieces. Services were held on March 7, 2011, at the Woodlawn Funeral Home in Houston with burial in the Woodlawn Garden of Memories. Minister: Rev. Eugene Vickery.



Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

- May 1: 22nd Annual Industry Brethren Church Fundraiser, Industry Fireman's Hall.
- July 7-9: The Unity Convention at the New Tabor Brethren Church. New Tabor's SYLO Youth Ministry will be performing during worship times at this denominational event.

August 6, 2 P.M.: Pasadena Brethren Church 50th+ Anniversary.

(read of Youth Activities Schedule in the Youth Section)

You are invited...

...to the 22nd annual Industry Brethren Church Fundraiser on Sunday, May 1, 2011, at the Industry Fireman's Hall. It is a fried chicken meal with desserts available, raffle, auction at noon, and country store with many one of a kind homemade items. The meal ticket is a free-will offering. You may eat at the hall or take it home. We invite all to attend, and gratefully appreciate your support.

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

It is with regret that we announce that the Hus School Encampment will not be available for 2011 Convention accomodations. 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



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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