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President's Column . . . Claren Kotrla

SPIRITUAL

Christians often say that we should be more spiritual or that our Church leaders need to be more spiritual or that today's service was spiritual. What are Christians saying when they make these statements?

When we say "God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we seem to understand what Father means and what Son means. This sense of understanding is probably because we have had fathers and have known fathers. We see in them a certain level of responsibility and authority. When it comes to Son, we know individuals that are sons or have brothers that are sons are we are a son ourselves. We have a basic understanding of their relationship to their father and to us. Therefore, we have a sense of identity with these terms. However, spiritual is something that is difficult to understand by many people. We don't have a life reference for the Holy

Spirit or the term Spiritual and how these two terms related.



For something that is somewhat difficult to get a handle on and wrap our brain around, it has a lot of power over us. Ralph Waldo Emerson said that the spiritual is more powerful than reason. So what is this phenomenon that we experience, yet don't

fully understand? In general, the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity and it is referred to as the Counselor who stays with and is active in the lives of believers.

There are many examples of what people see or feel is spiritual. Some places feel spiritual. A church may be an example, or the giant redwoods, or a beautiful location such as a mountain or the seashore. Some events are considered spiritual, such as an Easter Sunrise Service, a reunion of people who participated in a great cause, or



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simply a music venue. Some writings feel spiritual. These could be a verse from the Bible or a meaningful poem or a passage from a book. The sight of a beautiful sunset or the stars in the heavens can feel spiritual. Then there are life experiences that can feel spiritual. These often involve personal interactions, such as the return of a loved one, the birth of a child, or perhaps the death of a loved one.

An Old Testament example of the Spirit entering someone is found in Judges 14:19 which states: "Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power." This is where Samson received his power. Samson ruled the Israelites when they needed a strong and confident leader. However, he had numerous weaknesses, including a temper and, of course, Delilah, but God used him for many great things. When you read of Samson, he doesn't sound very "spiritual" by today's standard. Spiritual may not be that "feeling" we believe it to be.

Timothy, on the other hand, lacked the spirit of power. In 2 Timothy 1:7 Paul admonishes Timothy by saying that God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and self-discipline. Paul's statement

here is very powerful not only for Timothy, but for Christians today. We too often feel that to be a good Christian we need to be timid, and cautious in our words and actions. This timidity results in us not speaking out about where Christians are headed, the dangers that they face, or taking strong actions when needed. Paul says for us to act from a spirit of power, but in doing so we can still be loving, while having the self-discipline to be strong Christians.

1st John verse 4 also speaks to us today when he says for us not to believe every spirit, but to test the spirits to determine if they are from God. He tells us there are many false profits. The test to determine if the spirit is true is the one that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come from the flesh and is from God. He warns that the spirit of the antichrist will not acknowledge Jesus. As we look at how some Christian churches are addressing Christ, it appears that those churches may not be in the spirit, and the warning in 1st John is strongly speaking to us today.

Turning inward to ourselves, how do we know when we are listening to the Spirit, are having a Spiritual experience or are working in the Spirit?

How do we know what we are feeling is not simply an emotion to the beauty of the location, the culmination of our emotions, or the reaction to a situation based on our life experiences? It isn't as easy as it first seems. We all have emotions, thoughts, and experiences that influence our actions which may not be Spiritual, but may lead us to believe they are.

Reading John 4, where Christ is at Jacob's well talking with a Samaritan woman, provides us with several lessons, including guiding us toward understanding what a spiritual decision should be based upon. In John 4:23, 24 Christ says, "Yet a time is coming and is now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks."

God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and truth." The guidance here is very clear where Christ is stating that, as worshipers our decisions and actions must be based on truth and facts rather than feelings and emotions.

After some reflection, we can identify how to make the determination that what we are doing is indeed spiritual. Accepting that the Holy Spirit is the Counselor that stays with and is active with the believer, we can look at three indicators that should be helpful in making that determination.

The first place we can look is in Scripture to determine if what we are doing has scriptural basis. This determination needs to be more than finding a verse that supports what we are doing, but does so in the context of



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how we are applying the true meaning of the verse. We have all seen how some people take a verse from the Bible without looking at the context and underlying truth of the specific verse and having it mean something totally opposite of what is intended.

Secondly, we can make our own spiritual discernment on what we are doing. If that little voice in the back of our head has reservations, we are probably on the wrong path. If we hope someone doesn't know what we are doing, it probably isn't spiritually based. This self evaluation certainly doesn't mean that we can't take action that disagrees with someone else, or that the action we are considering shouldn't be forceful, just as Samson did, or Christ did when he ran the money changers out of the temple. It does mean that we have considered the action in the light of what would Christ have us do. Whatever the conclusion we reach in the discernment of our actions, it should be based on truth and clear thinking rather than reactions or emotions of the moment, and should include prayerful thought and reflection. Further, it should not be a case where we tell God what we want, but rather where

we ask for His guidance in taking the action we are considering.

Last, but not necessarily least, is affirmation. Once we reach a decision, we need to be at peace with that decision within ourselves. For example, can we sleep well the night after we reach our decision knowing that it is the correct action which is Christ centered. Affirmation also comes in the form of responses from respected people and not just those who will tell us things to make us feel good.

We should consider these thoughts as we go about our actions in our daily life, as we select our church and denominational leaders, our government leaders, and our friends. They will influence our lives, and their decisions and actions should be spiritually based, just as our decisions and actions should be spiritually based.

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"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, in Caldwell, TX.

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 in Caldwell, 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

Thursday, July 7

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Saturday, July 9

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LODGING: The Hus School Encampment is available for persons wishing to stay at the Hus School facilities during the 2011 Church Convention. Please contact Susan or James Marek to make reservations. Space is limited, so it is important that you let them know as soon as your plans are set. Their contact number is 512-352-6165 and their email is marek1304@hotmail.com.

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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.

"In essentials, UNITY; in non-essentials, LIBERTY; in all things, LOVE"

- Pastor David Johnson, and the New Tabor Congregation



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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.

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A Recent Moravian Archive Visit

- by Claren Kotrla

(see pp 5, 6, & 7 of the April issue: "A Letter from the President")

During a recent visit to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Rev. Larry Koslovsky and I were given the opportunity to view the Moravian archives. Thanks to Ms. Melanie Shamel contacting Rev. Daniel Crews, the archivist, we were able to visit the archive. He was gracious enough to allow us to visit the vault where two Czech hymnals from 1615 and 1618 are archived.

The 1618 Hymnal had notes in the margins identifying the authors of the individual hymns. They happened to open to page 113 to a hymn written by Jan Hus. The hymn was written in Old Czech. Rev. Crews, who reads old

Czech, translated the words to the hymn as saying, "Jesus the Great High Priest One God with the Father and Spirit has become our life and grace." Those are good words that speak to us today.

Our visit to the archives came at the conclusion of a visit with individuals interested in associating with the Unity of the Brethren.

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Fayetteville Brethren Re-Dedicate Church Sanctuary with Special Service

The congregation of the Fayetteville Brethren Church re-dedicated the church sanctuary, which had been in the process of restoration since September of last year, with a special worship service on Saturday, April 2, 2011. The Fayette County Czech Singers, dressed in Kroj (authentic Czech dress), sang Czech songs during the prelude, accompanied by Elizabeth Ripple (church organist) on the piano, Scott Marshall on the trumpet, and Alvin Minarcik on the accordion and tenor saxophone. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ann and Milton Heintschel, members of the church and U.S. Navy (retired). The Czech Singers sang "God Bless America"

("Buh Chran Ameriku") in Czech, followed by the congregation in English.

The invocation was given by Rev. Joseph Polasek, Pastor of Snook Brethren Church and President of the Mutual Aid Society of the Unity of the Brethren. The responsive reading was led by Rev. Milton Maly, Pastor of Fayetteville Brethren.

A special Key Bearing Ceremony was performed, with the youngest members of the church carrying a 3-foot wooden key made by Eugene Michalsky. The key was carried by Riley and Reese Longobardi and Casey and Avery Marshall. They presented the key to Joe Ripple, President of the Board of Elders. A ceremony of this



Pastor Joseph Polasek, President Claren Kotrla, Pastors James Hejl, Henry Beseda, Milton Maly, and Marsha Keifer (Fayetteville Lutheran Church).

type was first performed in this church at the first dedication service in 1875. This ceremony was to symbolize the giving of the key to the church from one generation to the next. A passage was read from Deuteronomy 6: 4-9 by Rev. Maly.

The welcome was given by Joe Ripple, Jr. Greetings were given from Claren Kotrla, President of the Unity of the Brethren; Fayette County Judge, Edward Janecka; and Rev. Joseph Polasek. Letters of greetings and congratulations were read from Rev. Albert and Annie Michalik, Rev. Gordon and Pat Hejl, Linda Dennis, Chairperson of the Fayette County Historical Commission, and Tim Kleinschmidt, State Representative District 17. Several of the guests shared memories they had of the church.

Rev. Maly read scripture in Czech and gave a short message in Czech. A special Czech song, "Pojd k Spasiteli" ("Come to the Saviour"), was sung first in Czech by the Czech Singers,

and the congregation joined in singing in English. The dedicatory sermon was given by Rev. James D. Hejl, Pastor of Taylor Brethren Church. Rev. Hejl served as the Pastor of Fayetteville Brethren from 1983 to 1985.

The act of dedication was led by Rev. Maly. Rev. Henry Beseda, Jr., supply pastor at Cy-Fair Community Church and former Pastor of Fayetteville Brethren (1951-1955), gave the closing prayer, benediction, and the blessing of the meal. Rev. Beseda is the oldest serving pastor in the Unity at the age of 91. The hymns chosen for this worship and the order of service were followed closely from another re-dedication service of the church sanctuary that was held on September 22, 1957, when the church was remodeled for the second time.

The oldest members of the church present at the service were presented with corsages and boutonnieres, and



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included Lillian Blinka, Leland Miller, Laddie Ripple, and Lee Roy Cervenka. Not present was Alma Urban, who at 97 is the oldest member of the church. Other special guests included Calvin Vojtek, grandson of Rev. Henry Juren. Rev. Juren was Pastor from 1876 to 1921, and is buried in the church cemetery. The church has a Texas Historical Commission marker celebrating the life of Rev. Juren.

A catered lunch of roast pork, sausage, barbequed chicken, and sauerkraut, with all the trimmings, was served in the church fellowship hall, with opportunities for fellowship and viewing the many history and record books of the church. A variety of desserts were enjoyed, including kolaches and a specially made cake in

the shape of the church with the steeple topping it off. Guests watched a Power-Point presentation of the restoration of the church and the steeple raising. The restoration was done by Minarcik Construction and took five months to complete.

The church was built in 1874 by the Czech-Moravian Protestant immigrants that settled in the area of Ross Prairie. The First Czech Protestant worship service in Texas was held in the homes of the immigrants in 1855 by Rev. John Zvolanek. The congregation organized in 1870, and has continued through many changes in the community around it. Services are held each Sunday at 10:30 A.M., with Sunday School at 9:30.

Installation of Westheimer Elders



Installation service for the Westheimer Community Church Board of Elders was held on Sunday, April 3, 2011.

Elders pictured from left to right: Carl Blackmon, Candace Kruse,

Betty Parthum, Leroy Parthum, Debra Chemout, Daniel Psencik, Henry Nemec, Ben Kruse.

The installation was conducted and certificates given by Rev. Nello Strickland.

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

From Carolyn: Zambia-Bound...

Here is a list of activities that Blu & Darbi would like for me to do at the New Day Orphanage in June.

1. Teacher training: Mini-conferences to help the Zambian teachers in the classroom, classroom management, subject content, how to make reading fun, learning games (centers) for the children. This will be a type of in-service training for the Zambian teachers.

2. They would like me to start a basic ESL (English as a Secondary Language) class for the women in the area.

3. Of course, they want me in the classroom teaching the children. As I am teaching the children, the other teachers will be watching as I "model" how I interact with the children.

4. None of the churches in the area provide Sunday School classes on Sundays for the children. They would like for me to do a weekend Sunday School Conference/Retreat and instruct them on how to have Sunday School for the children.

I have already started planning the activities on instructing the teachers, children, and the women of the area. I am excited about the direction God is leading me in. Please pray that the things that I am going to do will be a blessing to everyone.

Carolyn Groseclose

The Raifords Visit Texas...

Phil and Eunice Raiford will be visiting with the Brethren June 11 through July 10. The following is their schedule*:

June 12 – Houston Brethren Church
June 19 – Nelsonville Brethren Church and surrounding congregations
June 26 – Taylor Brethren Church
July 3 – Wall Brethren Church
July 7-9 – the Unity Convention at New Tabor
July 10 – Temple Brethren Church

**Please contact David Miller, Mission Board Chairman, if any further visits are desired during the period of their stay.*



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From the Thiessens...

April 10, 2011

Dear friends,

Three different aspects of what we do in Mexico came together today, and I think if I tell you the stories you'll understand better what we do here.

First, around 10:30 this morning we met with Tomas and Sofia, our landlords. They live next door, and we've been studying the Bible readings that the Catholic Church prescribes for Lenten Sundays. Since Ash Wednesday we've been getting together with them and other neighbors to read and pray. The readings are substantial: two Old Testament (one a Psalm), one Epistle, and one Gospel. During this season leading up to Christ's death and resurrection, the theme always points to Jesus. For example, today we looked at Samuel's anointing of David, then Psalm 22: "They divide my clothes among themselves and throw dice for my garments." Then Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live in the light because light shines on evil and makes it clear, and he quotes some poetry: "Awake, o sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." We finished with the story of the man born blind who was healed after washing Jesus' spittle-mud from his eyes, an action that angered the religious leaders so much that they berated the healed man and finally expelled him from their "church."

We are exploring these readings with neighbors, trusting that God Himself will show up for them as we pray and study.

Second, we went to a nearby church of about a hundred members, where we finished a series of teachings

based on *Perspectives On The World Christian Movement*. They've had a month to ponder our teaching, and today took concrete steps, planning together to put into action the impulses of the Holy Spirit stirring them to share the Gospel. Together with their pastoral couple, we discussed the indigenous areas they come from, the cultural backgrounds of their neighbors, the resources available in the city for missions, etc. We were pleased by their eagerness to find ways to do something. They chose mission leaders, and we committed to meet with them for the next year to help them plan and act in obedience to God.

Finally, we were able to go over to "our" house church, and there we took the Lord's Supper together. The teaching was done; this final touch remained. We moved into our circle of 30 close friends, listened to our apprentice Phil reflect on the meaning of this act, and then ate and drank together. These co-leaders of the church are capable of carrying on without us, and to reproduce the church, and this makes joining them again restful.

So, please pray with us for Tomas and Sofia, for Julia, for Mel and his family. And for *Rains of Grace Church* in their renewed missions endeavors, and for *The Way* house church.

Thank you so much for your part in this, your fellow laborers,

Robert and Anne

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From Dr. Rudy at the Ahuas Clinic...



Mosquitia, the largest wilderness area in Central America, includes a 5,500-square-mile area in eastern Honduras that has been isolated politically, socially, geographically, linguistically, and economically. Many people have never heard the Gospel, and the nearest hospital can be 12 or more hours away by canoe.

Drs. Gerard Rudy and Norvelle Goff-Rudy serve with the medical program of the Moravian Church in Honduras. Norvelle directs the medical program, which includes a hospital in Ahuas, a clinic in Cauquira,



public health programs directed from those two sites, and medical dispensaries in Ocotalas and San Jose de la Punta. Gerard is medical director of the 39-bed hospital in Ahuas. The Goff-Rudys met in 1990 when Gerard was a volunteer in Ahuas in 1991, and have a son, Peter.

Honduras Facts:

- Population: 6,800,000
- Size: 111,890 square kilometers (slightly larger than Tennessee)
- Major religions: Catholicism, with Protestantism growing rapidly.

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Dear Friends:

December, Grand Rapids, and snow seem so far away today. It's Saturday afternoon. The Clinic is quiet. I'm writing from the porch outside Hamilton's (the administrator's) office. There's lots of blue sky and sunshine. It's hot but there is a breeze out of the east.

Thank God for volunteers! Thank God for Nicole's service teaching Peter and Hazel. She continues to do a wonderful job. Thank God for Brian, who has been changing dressings for Juan. Thank God for David, who is diligently filing a pile of old x-rays.

Thank God for the many who contributed in time and money to make the solar energy collection system function. We have cut energy use by 80% on typical days. On most days, we can use the operating room without starting the generator.

These are some pressing current needs:

- First, the local church leadership has come into conflict. May God lead and guide them.
- Second, we continue the search for a teacher to teach Peter and Hazel at the junior high level for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Third, our ultrasound machine is not working, leaving us handicapped in assessing patients with abdominal problems or pregnancy.

We continue to find ways to help people in obstetrics and gynecology, such as:

- "Matilda's" ruptured ectopic pregnancy.
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From Fields of Faith Missions... an invitation

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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.

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From Beyond Borders...

Sunday, May 1, 2011

Greetings from Oaxaca,

First off, a lot of things have been going on down here, but I would first like to say that I have been watching the news and it seems there has been a lot of bad weather up there and I hope and pray not too many of you have been seriously affected. Here the weather has been normal, a few showers, but overall just very hot.

Lately Eunice and I have been planning a national conference for young people here in Oaxaca. Last week was the event, and it was a huge success. People came to Oaxaca from over eight states and met for four days to learn about missions, meet other Christians, and have some fun. We had a famous Latin American speaker come down to teach about cross cultural missions, who shared



home with me to share about our lives and experiences over the last few years. The conference took many



months of planning, and when it ended we felt good about what we accomplished, and also like, wow, it ended so fast. We had activities set up like village life, where they had to pluck chickens and eat weird food, also learning to trust others, and even a little language learning. We also learned that



many stories about living with indigenous people from Peru to Morocco. I wasn't able to listen to much of what he said because I was running around organizing activities, but what I did hear was a lot of my own experience living with the Mixtecs in Yolo. I hope to take some of his teaching methods

accommodating over 120 people is a very difficult task.

Here in Mexico we are trying to get



people to stay in country and work with the many villages without churches instead of having to go half way across the world to be missionaries. I talked to quite a few people at the conference about the struggle between their jobs and finishing college and missions. One guy in particular has been doing many things in his community while going to college, but feels like it doesn't really count because he doesn't have the title of missionary.

I told him about all of the opportunities he will have finishing his degree, because his future job will include going to villages to build roads and bridges (civil engineer). I told him about all the missionaries who struggle to get into a village, and how he will have a free ticket to these places for the rest of his life. He said, "Well, I never thought of it like that." Here in Mexico the struggle is to get people and their church leaders to see the opportunities before them every day in their own country, and that God didn't make a mistake by putting them in college. As Zinzendorf said "every heart without Christ is a mission field and every heart with Christ is a missionary." We need to learn how to

take what we have and use it to serve God, and that we are all equals.

Our long-term plans for going to the Mixe village are still going strong and has taken a very exciting turn. A few days ago I received a call from a fellow missionary whom I had briefly met last year. He told me that he is working with a group that helps coffee growers grow and sell coffee at fair prices. He has been working with the Mixe and Zapotec people in coffee country, and has been trying to work with the people from the village where we want to live. So tomorrow we are going on a trip to meet the board of directors of this organization in a Zapotec village, then we will be going to the Mixe village to scope things out. Eunice has always had a reason to be in the village as a doctor. now I can be there not just as her husband, but as a partner in coffee exportation. This is great news, after many months of trying to go and having things go wrong at the last minute, we are finally going in. Please pray for our trip, and that we have a good first impression with the leaders there. The name of the village is San Juan Juquila de los Mixes, and we



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should be arriving there on Wednesday.

The other good news is that we are finally coming to visit all of you! We have a visa, we have a flight, and everything is set. We are arriving in North Carolina on June 8, but leaving the next day for Texas, where we will be for a month. Then we are coming back to NC until December 1. We will

have plenty of time to visit and speak, wherever and whenever. Also, it will give Eunice a good amount of time to learn English. Please pray for our trip tomorrow, and for our house church here, which is going through some changes. Thanks for all your support and prayers, and we WILL see you soon.

Blessings, Phil and Eunice

Prayers Requested....

PRAYERS ASKED for Czech Republic: 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 link. Czech it out at

www.fieldsofffaith.net for the American website of the group helping the Unity of the Brethren get connected to their homeland.

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.

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To communicate with the Hus Encampment...

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

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**This must be done well in advance.*



Sunday School Island

This month we will focus on Prayer.

***Our Bible Verse is
Thessalonians 5:16-18
Rejoice always, pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in
Christ Jesus.***

According to the world, when we have problems and concerns, we should worry and fret. You know, misery loves company. There is no doubt, many are doing that today! We live in a world riddled with diseases that are brought on or made worse by the daily stress of living in our busy, modern world.



But the Bible has a different take on how we should respond when we have worries and strife. We should pray. The Bible says to get your mind off yourself and pray about it. Nothing is too small to pray about. Some people think they should only bother God with great big important stuff. God isn't bothered at all when we pray. He wants us to pray about everything! Why is an adult's prayer life important to children? Because children model what they see.

So the next time your world is crashing around you, will the children see you worry and fret or drop to your knees in prayer?

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

The Lord's Prayer Revisited?

We work with our children to learn the Lord's Prayer, primarily because it is the model Jesus used to teach us to pray. Here are two new twists on learning the Lord's Prayer.

1. Sing it! There are some older versions, but here's a modern version: "As It Is In Heaven" by Michael W. Smith.

2. Sign it!

<http://www.lesstutor.com/ltstore.html> This website is one resource. You could also use community and church resources to teach your children a new way to pray!

Give me Five Prayer

(adapted from multiple resources)

Trace each child's hand. If the children are very young, trace your own hand to allow more room to write.

Thumb: Offer praise! (God, You're awesome!)

Pointer: Thanksgiving! (Thank you for my parents!)

Middle finger: Confession! (I'm sorry I didn't clean my room when I was asked.)

Ring finger: Needs! (I'm really worried about my spelling test tomorrow.)

Pinkie: Needs of others! (Please be with my friend, James. He broke his leg at baseball practice.)

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As you mature in your faith, your prayers should move beyond those you recited as a toddler. Do you remember "Now I lay me down to sleep"? and "God is great, God is good, let us thank him for our food"?

Prayer should be like talking to a friend. It is just a conversation with God where you spill out your love, fears, worries, everything.

Even so, sometimes prayer can feel awkward. Try these prayer ideas to rejuvenate your prayer time with God. (adapted from rethinkingyouthministry.com)

1. Be quiet. Simply close your eyes and sit in silence.
2. Pray scripture. Select a verse and turn it into a prayer. "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, you did it to me," and turn it into a prayer: "God help me to reach out to the least of these in my world and to treat them as your beloved children."
3. Give thanks. Write down or draw all the things you are thankful in your life.
4. Sit in nature. Go outside and experience all that God has created. Think about the sounds, smells, and textures around you.
5. Imagine how God would have the world. Then think what you can do to make that possible.

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Youth News . . .

From the Unity Youth Coordinator

Hello All!

Just wanted to let you know that all of the information for this summer's retreat, convention, and volleyball tournament are on the youth website. We are finalizing the details for this summer's mission project, and it will be posted by next Monday, May 16.

For the summer retreat/convention, please remember that all forms and reports are due by June 30. Locals that do not submit the required information by the deadline will be unable to participate in the tournament. Those forms are available on the website or by contacting me.

The Faith In Action Mission Venture will be Sunday, July 17-Thursday, July 21. We will be based at the Encampment and will be working on a project at Cade Lake. We will also be coordinating and providing a mini-VBS program (Mon-Wed nights). There will be a small registration fee to cover most of the meals and insurance, but we are hoping to secure supplies and materials through donations. All of the information, donation

requests, as well as registration forms will be available soon. We must have commitments from participants no later than June 30, so please be announcing and communicating the project.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached through e-mail jennchervenka@farm-market.net, phone 254-983-1002, or cell 254-913-1244. I will be involved in several of the summer camps, so I will have limited communication from June 10 through the end of July. PLEASE leave a message so that I can get back with you as soon as possible.

With God's Love,
Jennifer Chervenka
www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com

Youth Update

The Fisher-People and some Fish

What a Catch!

The state youth fishing retreat was held Friday, April 29-Sunday, May 1 in Port O'Connor. Over 20 youth and several adults headed out into the bay to catch lots of sunshine and plenty of fish. Thank you to all of the



volunteers for donating the use of their boats, tackle, bait, lodging facilities, etc. And most importantly, thank you for volunteering your time and energy to the youth. Thank you to Port O'Connor Rods for donating a brand new custom rod to the youth who caught the biggest fish by weight. The rod was won by Kassie Benner, who reeled in a red drum measuring 39" and weighing over 20 lbs. Retreat photos at

www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com.

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 or by contacting Jennifer Chervenka. Groups



not meeting 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. 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. Obtain them from your local sponsor/director or 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 'first-come, first-served' based on reg-



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istration 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

Youth applicants must be at least 15 years of age and be active in their local group. Applications must be completed and turned in by June 30. Nominations *are not* taken from the convention floor unless sufficient applications are not received (see by-laws).

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. We will be gathering in the afternoon Sunday, July 17, to begin preparations and then working hands on Monday-Wednesday before heading back home on Thurs-

day, July 21. For more information contact Jennifer Chervenka. This program is in the planning process and details will be available soon.

On the Youth Calendar:

June 30: Deadline for summer retreat/convention forms and leadership applications

June 30: Deadline for Mission Venture Registration

July 17-21: Faith In Action Youth Mission Venture

July 23-24: Summer Retreat, Convention, and Volleyball Tournament

Forms, information, and photos, are available at

www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com. Please contact State Youth Coordinator, Jennifer Chervenka if you have questions: jennchervenka@farmmarket.net; 254-983-1002. Please note that my communication and accessibility will be limited from June 10-July 15 due to camping programs.

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Unity of the Brethren 2011 Summer Camping Program

Information and Registration Form



Alpha Camp (ages 9 & 10)

June 12-14 (Sun. 3 p.m.-Tues. 3 p.m.)
Deadline / Registration Fee: By 4/15 – \$200; By 5/1 – \$250; By 5/15 – \$275.
Directors: John Paul & Jennifer Chervenka, Mike & Danna Dowling, Brett & Becky Norris

Pioneer Conference (ages 11 & 12)

June 19-24 (Sun. 4 p.m.-Fri. 3 p.m.)
Deadline / Registration Fee: By 4/15 – \$300; By 5/1 – \$350; By 5/15 – \$375.
Directors: Don and Laurie Bagby, Arnold Motl, Jennifer Chervenka

Discovery Conference (ages 13 & 14)

June 26-July 1 (Sun. 4 p.m.-Fri. 3 p.m.)
Deadline / Registration Fee: By 4/15 – \$300; By 5/1 – \$350; By 5/15 – \$375.
Directors: Todd & Amy Snelgrove, Mark Olsen, Steve Gleinser

Challenger Conference (ages 15 & 16)

July 10-15 (Sun. 4 p.m.-Fri. 3 p.m.)
Deadline / Registration Fee: By 4/15 – \$300; By 5/1 – \$350; By 5/15 – \$375.
Directors: Rev. Whitney Amos, Jennifer Chervenka, Brett & Becky Norris

Send All Registration Forms and Fees to:

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Registration

Importance of Registration – It is important that all young people send in their registration forms as early as possible so that programming plans may be completed. Registration deadlines are 3-tiered this year: **Early Bird – April 15; Regular – May 1; Late – May 15.** Completed Medical Release, Registration forms, fees, and copies of insurance cards should be sent to:

**Glenn Fojtasek
2 Guinevere Place
The Woodlands, TX 77384**

Checks should be made payable to: **Hus School Food & Activity Account.** If cancellation is made by the deadline, this fee will be refunded. If, however, cancellation is made after the deadline, or if campers simply do not come to the activity, the fee will not be returned.

Medical Release Form

Medical Services are available in Caldwell, four miles from the Encampment. We hope there is no need to use those services; but, in case it be-

comes necessary, the Medical Release Form on the back of the Registration Form is a must. Please complete it in its entirety, and sign it, in order to ensure that medical services can be secured should they be required. Please also include a copy of your insurance card.

Camp Discipline Procedures

We hope all campers come with the right intentions, but every now and then an issue may arise that requires some disciplinary action on the part of the staff. Please be aware that the camp's policy is as follows: 1st offense: Conference with camper, write out agreement for rest of stay. 2nd offense: Conference with camper and parents, review agreement from 1st conference, write out agreement for rest of stay. 3rd offense: Conference with student reviewing actions and previous agreements, call parents to pick up camper, conference with parents.

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Campers are asked to leave **ALL** electronic devices (radios, iPods, cell phones, etc.) at home. We realize some parents may prefer that their child have his/her cell phone in transit. Therefore, when phones are brought to the encampment, they will be collected at check-in by the directors, locked up for the week, and returned to the camper at dismissal.

What to Bring to Camp

Bedding: 2 or 3 sheets, a blanket, a pillow, a pillow case, and an old rug or quilt to sit on outdoors.

Personal Items: Toilet articles, towels, wash cloths →

Clothes: Regular “school type” clothes and sports wear such as jeans and shorts (modest), swimwear, if requested, should be one-piece or covered.

Other Items: Bible, notebook, pencils, flashlight, raincoat or umbrella.

Please Note: (1) All items brought to the camp should be clearly marked with the camper’s name, and (2) No radios, CD/tape players, Gameboys, DS, iPods, cell phones or other electronic devices will be allowed.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available on a limited basis to those who would like to attend a conference or Hus School and would be unable to do so without financial aid. Please contact Glenn Fojtasek (address & telephone number listed) for further information.

Directions to the Hus School Encampment

From the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 21 and Texas Hwy. 36 in Caldwell, Texas, go south on Texas 36 approximately 1/2 mile. Turn east (left) on Farm Road 166. Stay on Farm Road 166 for 2 miles. Turn north (left) on County Road 225. Follow 225 approximately 0.8 miles to New Tabor Brethren Church, then past the church approximately 0.2 miles. Turn left at the Hus School Encampment directional sign (across the road from the SPJST Lodge Hall). Continue another 1 mile to the Hus School Encampment.

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Home Address _____
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Parents’ Names: _____

Parents’ Email _____ Camper’s e-mail _____

Age as of 9/1/2011 _____ School grade completed as of 6/1/2011 _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐

Home Church: _____ Pastor: _____

I plan to attend: (Check one) [age is by start of school/September 1 after camp – ie: summer birthdays count]

Alpha Camp (ages 9&10)	Pioneer Conference (ages 11&12)
June 12-14 (Sunday-Tuesday)	June 19-24
Discovery Conference	Challenger Conference
(ages 13 & 14)	(ages 15 & 16)
June 26-July 1	July 10-15

Have you previously attended any of the camps/conferences at the Hus School Encampment? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please list the camp and the year. _____

T-shirt size (sometimes required for art/craft activities)

Youth sizes: ☐ Medium ☐ Large

Adult sizes: ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ Extra Lg

I () do, () do not give my permission for my child’s contact information to be included in a camp roster that will go home with each camper.

I () do, () do not give my permission for my child’s photo to be published on the Unity website, in *The Brethren Journal*, on a take-home CD, camp scrapbook, etc.

Parents’ signature _____ Date _____

Please include a copy of the camper’s medical insurance card and the entire registration fee with this form.

Hus School Encampment Health and Medical Release Form

Name of camper: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐

Name of parent or guardian _____

Home Address _____

(city) (state) (zip)

Telephone Number _____

Business Address _____

(city) (state) (zip)

Telephone Number _____

Mother's Cell _____ Father's Cell _____

If person named above is not available in the event of an emergency, notify:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Telephone _____

Name _____ Relationship _____ Telephone _____

Personal Physician _____ Telephone _____

Health insurance carrier _____ Policy No. _____

List medications to be taken during camp: _____

List allergies to: Medications: _____

Foods: _____

Plants/insects: _____

List any physical or behavioral conditions that may affect or limit full participation in Hus School Encampment activities: _____

Immunizations: (last year given) vaccinated or had disease

Tetanus	_____	Measles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diphtheria	_____	Mumps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Polio	_____	Rubella	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Pertussis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Chicken Pox	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I give permission for full participation in the Hus School Encampment Program, subject to limitations noted herein including my child's inclusion in a group conference photo and I grant my permission for the group photo to be posted on the Unity of the Brethren's website. In case of emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the directors or other adult leaders of the Hus School Encampment to secure the services of a licensed physician to provide proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child.

Date _____ Signature of parent/guardian _____

Please include a copy of the camper's medical insurance card and the entire registration fee with this form.

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for June 2011

Dorothy E. Kocian

- The Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. Ps. 85:11
- Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. 1 Sam. 16:7
- Know that the Lord your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commands. Deut. 7:9
- The Lord said, "I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you." Josh. 1:5
- Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. Jer. 33:3**
- I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse – the blessing if you obey the commands of the Lord your God. Deut. 7:9
- Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Josh. 1:9
- We must obey God rather than men. Acts 5:29
- The Lord Almighty said, "Obey Me, and I will be your God, and you will be My people." Jer. 7:23
- If anyone obeys His word, God's love is truly made complete in him. 1 Jn. 2:5
- Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will obey what I command." Jn. 2:5
- Do what is right and good in the Lord's sight, so that it may go well with you. Deut. 6:18**
- We say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" Heb. 13:6
- He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. Ps. 91:1
- For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power and of love, and of self-discipline. 2 Tim. 1:7
- In God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? Ps. 56:11
- The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Ps. 9:9
- A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all. Ps. 34:19
- God has said, "I will never leave you, nor forsake you." Heb. 13:5**
- Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 1 Jn. 5:5
- God gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57
- The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry. Ps. 34:15
- Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the battle is not yours, but the Lord's. 2 Chron. 20:15
- Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith. 1 Cor. 16:13
- From the Lord comes deliverance. May Your blessing be on Your people. Ps. 3:8
- Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith. Heb. 10:22**
- Do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Rom. 6:12
- A wise man fears the Lord and shuns evil, but a fool is hotheaded and reckless. Prov. 14:16
- A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones. Prov. 14:30
- Therefore submit yourself to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. James 4:7

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By Confirmation of Faith

DEVIN ASHWORTH made his profession of faith on April 17, 2011, and joined the communicant membership at the Taylor Brethren Church. Minister: Rev. James Hejl.

By Adult Baptism and Profession of Faith:

CARL D. BLACKMON made his profession of faith and was baptized on Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011, at the Westheimer Community Church. Witnessed by his wife, Jackie Blackmon, and Leroy and Betty Parthum, Elders. Minister: Nello Strickland.

By Letter of Transfer:

LARRY and DARLENE PECHAL, to the Ocker Brethren Church on April 10, 2011.

RECENT DEATHS

CORRECTION: In the May issue of *The Brethren Journal* in the obituary for **Bennie Polasek**, it should have been mentioned that he is survived by two daughters, **Annie and Martha**.

BETAK, PATSY, age 81 and a member of the Taylor Brethren Church, died March 7, 2011. She was born April 21, 1929. Survivors include her husband, Charlie Betak, Sr.; a daughter and a son, a stepdaughter and 2 stepsons, 1 sister, 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother. Services were

held at the Taylor Brethren Church, March 10, 2011. Minister: Rev. James D. Hejl.

HOLUBEC, CATHERINE, age 78 and a member of the Taylor Brethren Church, died March 13, 2011. She was born November 26, 1932. Survivors include her husband, Marvin Holubec, one daughter and one son, two stepsons, two granddaughters, two great-granddaughters, and a sister-in-law, Georgia Kasperek. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, and one nephew. Services were held on March 17, 2011, at the Taylor Brethren Church. Minister: Rev. James D. Hejl.

LUKSA, LOTTIE, 100, member of Seaton Brethren Church, died April 18, 2011, in Belton, Texas. Survived by 4 children, Janet Marek, Shirley Waits, James Luksa, and Marvin Luksa. Services were held April 20, 2011, at Scanio-Harper Funeral Home in Temple with burial at Seaton Cemetery. Minister: Rev. Ron Winsman.

SIMEK, JOSEPHINE, 95, long time Ocker Brethren Church member, died February 22, 2011, in Temple, Texas. Survived by one son, Jon Simek of Temple. Services were held at Ocker Brethren on February 25 with burial at the Ocker Brethren Cemetery. Minister: Rev. Ron Winsman.

SMITH, WILLIE B., 86, member of Ocker Brethren Church since 1999, died April 5, 2011, in Temple, Texas. Survived by 3 daughters, Brianna, Gayla, and Kathy. Services were held at Ocker Brethren Church on April 8, 2011, with burial at the Ocker Brethren Cemetery. Minister: Rev. Ron Winsman.



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(Unity of the Brethren)

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Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

You are invited...

...on June 26 to the 13th Annual Celebration of the Fayetteville Brethren Congregation.

Worship is at 10:30 AM at the church. Then, at noon at the Ellinger Chamber of Commerce Hall, there will be a meal of turkey, ham, and dressing. You may eat at the hall or take it home. Plates will be \$8.00. Starting at 9 AM there will also be a bake sale, country store, musical entertainment by Kovanda's Czech Band, and a 1:00 PM live auction. Proceeds benefit the Building Fund of the church. The Christian Sister's will have a Vintage Apron Show & Silent Auction at the celebration, which will benefit Unity of the Brethren programs and local charities. Antique sewing machines will be on display. For more info, contact Joe Ripple at 979-378-2239. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

...and, of course, on 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.

...The Pasadena Brethren Church is setting up a 50+ anniversary celebration on August 6, 2011 (see ad this issue).

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!

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Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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

NOTICE: June 12 The Thiessens and Raifords
will be present for the morning worship and
a noon meal. Afterwards they will share
information about their work in Mexico.

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 9:30
AM; worship at 10:45 AM every 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
worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Curtis Holland

Westheimer Community – 9:30 AM,
Christian Education; 10:30 AM,
Worship, with Holy Communion every
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– Visiting Ministers

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