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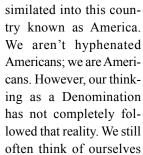
UNITY OVERVIEW

The Unity of the Brethren is at a decision point, or a fork in the road

if you will. It may also be considered that we are reaching a tipping point. In our history the Unity in Texas has served as not only a place of religions gathering, but a place of socialization, education, and solace in

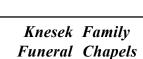
times of difficulty. We were considered immigrants in a new land and banded together for mutual support in many ways. We wanted to maintain our Czech Heritage and to worship God in a familiar way. Our numbers at one time exceeded five thousand members. Today it is around two thousand. In addition to efforts by our individual churches, we now reach out to others with our home and foreign mission programs, media outreach efforts, and with our education facility, Hus Encampment.

The good news is that as people with a Czech Heritage we have as-



as a denomination of Czechs rather than a denomination of Americans with a Czech Heritage. That thought process has kept us from opening our Denomination to other Americans. However, as often happens in any organization, we have individual churches that are leading the way. They are opening their doors to other ethnic groups needing a place to worship. Others have opened their doors to non-Unity youth with positive results. In addition, we took a major step as a denomination by supporting a church plant at Cade Lake which has no Czech heritage. This is a major step in our decision point to grow by focusing on sharing the word of Christ with a group of marginalized fellow Americans.

We will need to continue this approach if we are to grow by any measure one wishes to use. We will need to recognize that our country is changing, and the way it interacts





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socially is changing also. We will need to understand that we live in a world of social media like Twitter and Facebook. We will need to look at these changes in our society as new opportunities to share the word of Christ rather than threats to our beliefs. We will need to be hold in the way we make changes to interest youth in Christ. The way we learned and socialized as Christians in our youth isn't the way of our youth today. We have a choice to embrace the youth in today's reality with Christ or push them away with our past reality.

Our heritage is so rich that it can serve as the base for Christian growth in today's reality. We belong to the earliest group of people who yearned to read and hear the words of the Bible in our own language. Our history is rich in overcoming persecu-

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tion, hardship, and difficulty to eventually have a new life in America and to grow in our faith in God in our new environment. We are facing a new environment again, and if we are to continue our growth and share our belief in Christ we will have to adapt and overcome our fear of new ways of accomplishing things just as our forbearers did. We will need to share rather than conceal our Christian beliefs in ways we didn't even know existed a decade ago.

Christians, we have an opportunity to grow as a denomination at this juncture or to die on the vine as a fruit tree that doesn't produce. John 15 gives us guidance as to how we need to proceed by saying: "He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful."

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Unity Accomplishments

A lot has been accomplished over the past four years. Pastor Linda Chandler, among some skepticism, initiated the very successful Mission Festival where churches shared their vision and action for mission work. Thank you, Pastor Linda. James Marek initiated efficient transfer of funds and initiated the scholarship fund within Mutual Aid. The first scholarship was awarded this year to Kathryn Laza from College Station. Thank you, James, for those contributions to the Unity. Bro. Larry and Marvin Arnold of Crosby brought

to us the opportunity perform local mission work at Oak Island with our youth. It was a major success carried out independently by various congregations and volunteers. Bro. Larry, thanks for identifying that opportunity for our youth.

We are fortunate to consider Christians from North Carolina joining the Unity. They have a vibrancy that is contagious. Their initial interest in the Unity was based on our unwavering statement of our belief in Christ found on our web sites. Thank you, Ben Polasek. After several phone calls and emails, I asked Rev. Larry Koslovsky to travel with me to North Carolina and visit the people there. I can't tell you how important his knowl-



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edge and experience was during this trip and our recommendation that this group be welcomed into the Unity. Thank you, Bro. Larry.

We now have wireless internet service at Hus School thanks to the willingness of the Synodical Committee to recognize the need and to fund it.

Our annual fishing trip to Port O'Connor continues to be a big hit with our youth, and we appreciate everyone who continues to give skill, time, facilities, and boats for this outing.

Among the dedications, we had the dedication of the new Ocker Sunday School rooms and multi purpose room Building, and more recently we had the dedication of the Wall Fellowship Hall and the rededication of Fayetteville Church after its renovations. These were major projects taken on by these churches, and I trust their efforts will bear fruit. There are also other expansions and programs completed by individual Unity Churches.

We have also reached out to former Unity churches, and I hope that the

Unity will continue to reach out to them.

We now have four women pastors, one woman in seminary, and one ready to start seminary courses this year. Pastor Linda Chandler was the trail breaker. She was followed by Rev. Whitney Amos, Rev. Kay Polasek, and Rev. Vanessa Mitchell. Ms. Denise Mikeska is finishing Seminary and assisting at the Seaton Brethren Church, and Ms. Michelle Flippin is the Pastoral Intern at the Taylor Brethren Church, who will initiate seminary courses this year. It is hard to believe, but even today there are Christian organizations that refuse to allow our female pastors to serve with them in the Mission field. We need to consider carefully our relationship with those organizations.

With support from the Unity, the Foreign Mission Board has helped provide and install solar panels that will provide electricity for the Moravian Hospital in Ahuas Honduras. Our Home Mission Board is now active and has initiatives to work with our youth. We appreciate the work of these two boards in sharing

the Gospel with others.

Church planting and Christian service for the people at Cade Lake was initiated by Rev. Heckman. Although I have been told there are a number of people who don't favor this effort, my experience has been just the opposite. It was overwhelmingly supported by the Synodical Committee. Funds have been made available and buildings have been moved on site at Cade Lake where Bro. Jim is actively ministering. Thank you to both Rev. Heckman and his wife. Dianne. and to the Synodical Committee for recognizing this need and providing the opportunity for the Unity to step up and take action in our own back yard. This project is also providing an opportunity for our youth and others to participate in mission activities. You will have the opportunity to continue supporting Bro. Jim in this Unity effort.

There are numerous other initiatives by individuals and individual churches that are not mentioned here but are important in sharing the Gospel. To you all, the Unity is grateful.

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President's Column . . . James Marek

Love God, Love One Another

This was the theme of the 64th biennial convention held at New Ta-

bor Brethren Church in early July. Not solely a theme for the Convention, but a directive that seems especially relevant for the Unity of the Brethren at this point in time.

Over the years many Brethren have expressed their 'vision' or "dream"

for the Unity. Many of these dreams have included a focus on increased membership and detailed strategies related to church growth. As a denomination, we have for years wished for more people. We have heard that if we don't grow, we will die. I, too, am interested in growth in the Unity. I, like many, want to see the Unity continue so that those who come after us can experience the rich blessings the Unity has provided for more than 600 years. I'm just not sure this is best accomplished by adding more members. I sense that God would rather we draw closer to Him, growing

in Him and let Him worry about numbers. Spiritual growth, sooner than

physical growth, seems more urgent at the juncture. My hope, my prayer, and my dream is for the Unity to grow spiritually through practicing Biblical precepts we frequently overlook. Over the coming months, some of these precepts will likely be

topics of discussion in this column.

To love God and love one another, we need help. Divine Help! Jesus instructed us to not just love those that love us back. Jesus raised the bar by saying love your enemies. In Matthew 5:46 Jesus said "if you love those who love you, what reward will you get?" Are not even the tax collectors doing that"?

Our world is filled with many unloved and unlovable people. Jesus also said in Matthew 9:37-38, the harvest is bountiful but the laborers are few, ask the Lord of the harvest to



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Secretary Mary Kokes M-Th 8:00 am-noon send out workers into the harvest field. The church is called to the harvest and to labor in love. Obviously this is easier said than done. Our human nature can come up with all sorts of reasons why we should not love those we do not know or with whom we have a hard time just getting along. Too often, we choose the path of the world – neglecting those who are difficult to love.

Although we are told not to dwell on how things were done in the past, I think we can benefit by looking back on the examples of our ancestors. Our forefathers were people of deep faith and seemed to have a deep concern for their fellow man. In other words, they loved God and loved one another. I suspect their approach toward life and dependence on God may have had its roots in farm life. I am convinced we would do well to reclaim this heritage. Many of our forefathers grew up on the farm. The farm was a place where the individual sacrificed and worked for the good of the family and good of the community. In many respects, the individual existed to serve the greater good of the family and

family success depended on contribution of each family member. If a neighbor needed help, the whole community came together to provide the help. If one suffered, all suffered, if one rejoiced, all rejoiced. This was a living example of "unity". This is a far cry from the times in which we find ourselves today, where the individual is elevated to new heights every day. While I understand times have changed and most of us no longer experience the blessings of living on a farm, selfless lifestyles such as these have never been more needed. We as the church have the privilege and responsibility of living lives that consider God and our fellow man before ourselves.

I encourage you to pray for the harvest that Jesus spoke about. Pray for the Unity. Pray that there will be unity in the Unity. Pray for Unity leaders, that we will be guided by the Holy Spirit and will lead in accordance with God's plan for us as a denomination. Pray that the Unity will grow spiritually so that we will be better equipped to serve and glorify the Godhead, three in one.

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17th Annual Primetimers' Retreat Notice

Plans are being completed for the October 7-9, 2011, Primetimers' Retreat. This is an activity for adults of all ages in the Unity of the Brethren and their friends.

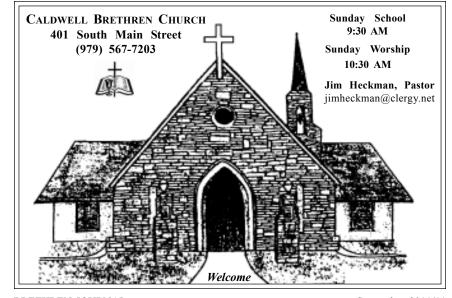
Some like to arrive Friday evening to get settled in and enjoy an early time of fellowship, various games (dominos, chickenfoot, trivia, etc.) and snacks. Others arrive in time for breakfast around 8 a. m. Saturday.

The retreat theme is "Reaching Out." We will learn first hand of the work in the Czech Republic from two pastors just back from a trip there. We will also hear about local outreach at Cade Lake near Caldwell. A Saturday afternoon special guest will be the Apostle Paul (Phil Smith) sharing with us the Book of Philippians. Other Saturday activities will include devo-

tional time, icebreakers, and singing. Good food, time for visiting and fellowship and an early vesper service are all part of Saturday's schedule.

Many participants enjoy spending all day Saturday and Sunday until after lunch. If, however, you can come only for Saturday, you will find the experience rewarding by seeing old friends, making new, ones and being spiritually blessed.

Registrations have been sent to all congregations. Information is also available on the Unity website. The cost remains \$45 per person for the weekend and \$30 for Saturday only. The deadline for registration is September 30. Send your registrations to: Marvin and Alice Chlapek, P.O. Box 1163, Caldwell, Texas 77836. See you at the retreat!!



Industry Brethren Pew Bibles

- by Liz Treybig

On Sunday, June 19, the Industry Brethren Church dedicated new pew Bibles. The blessing was given by Rev. Nello Strickland of Brenham during the regular worship service.

Fifty-one Bibles have been donated by people in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones. There will be two Bibles per pew. In addition, there is a Bible for the podium, the pulpit, and the organist. These are the Good News version with a black hard cover that has "Industry Brethren Church" imprinted on the front in gold. A label is on the inside cover of each one indicating for whom, and by whom, it was donated. This will allow everyone to be reading from the same Bible during worship services.

Everyone was enthused about the Bibles and eagerly followed Rev. Strickland's reading on that Sunday morning. In addition, people brought pictures of their fathers that Sunday (Father's Day) and came forward to talk about them. Afterward, the pictures were displayed on the table for everyone to look at...it was a wonderful way to pay tribute to fathers.

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

...the Thiessens write

(Editor's note: See the July/August issue for the background to this situation.)

Hello friends,

We have been traveling these last two weeks, and so haven't been really able to get out an update 'til now on the persecution threatened out in Cochoapa.

One of the Wycliffe translators in the area did me the favor of calling Isaul to find out the current status. We thank God that the situation there has been relative peaceful, with different sides to the power struggle between local, state, and federal government putting off dates for meetings, etc. It looks like the danger level has subsided for now, with no reports of outright violence yet.

There are some meetings still scheduled for later this month, which might prove to be flashpoints, so keep these Christians in your prayer, please.

Blessings, Robert.

Unity-Supported Missionaries visit the Houston Brethren Church...

- by John David Skrivanek



Phil and Dr. Eunice Raiford

Members of the Houston Brethren Church were honored to have as special guests Unity Missionaries from Mexico worshipping with them on Sunday, June 12. They included Rob and Anne Thiessen with children Ruth and Philip, and Phil and Dr. Eunice Raiford. Claren Kotrla, President of the Synodical Committee, and his wife, Jean, of Austin also attended. Rev. Adolfo Gonzales from the Good

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Shepherd Moravian Church in Port Arthur came with members of that church's Christian band and singers to perform several numbers during the services. Sixty Houston Brethren Church members and guests enjoyed a bountiful lunch afterward and heard more entertainment from the Port Arthur ensemble.

Claren Kotrla commented on the Unity missionaries we support and the upcoming 64th Convention of the Unity of the Brethren, which was scheduled at the New Tabor Brethren Church July 7-9. Then Dorothy Hinson, the Houston Board President, introduced the Thiessens and the Raifords.

Phil Raiford spoke at length about his journey into missionary service from his North Carolina roots. His theme was "The Good Samaritan", following the teaching of Jesus. He noted that it's not just about helping a neighbor, but being a neighbor, living and working with the unreached, but not creating a dependency.

Rob Thiessen spoke about the importance of mentoring new workers and the essential of having knowledgeable trainees. It was a ruminative time listening to these dedicated individuals as they spoke of their love for Christ and their efforts to reach all those in the southern parts of Mexico who are unaware of the Kingdom of God and His loving grace, faithfulness, forgiveness, and salvation. "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations..."

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FROM THE STATE YOUTH COORDINATOR...

FAITH IN ACTION YOUTH MISSION VENTURE



A few youth teamed up for a few days to serve together and reach out to those in need. Mission projects for the Cade lake area included picking up trash, painting a wall, putting together and filling bookcases, and repairing chairs for the sanctuary. The youth team also served at Caldwell Brethren Church Vacation Bible School during the week. They prepared desserts for each evening, and served as group

leaders for children. A special thank you to those who made donations for this endeavor

SUMMER RETREAT 2011

The Summer Retreat, Convention, and Volleyball tournament held Friday, July 21-24, was a great success. Thank you to all who came out and supported the youth. Volleyball winners: 1st place – Wall A; 2nd place – New Tabor, Crosby, Granger; 3rd place – Taylor A; 4th place – Wesley, Nelsonville A. For a full report, visit www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com.

FALL RETREAT COMING

The State Youth Fall Retreat will be held November 18-20! Registrations will be due on October 30. Watch for more details! The fall retreat is being coordinated by Mrs. Jenn, Angie Hairrell, Erin Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, and Lanie Watts.

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Our Bible Verse is Romans 10:13 Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be

saved.

Salvation. Our decision to accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior is the single most important decision we will or ever made in our entire life. Sin separates us from God and the only way to bridge that gap is through Jesus. Even young children can begin to understand the message of salvation. It begins with



small steps – belief that God is real even though we cannot see Him, belief that God loves us, and the idea that sin is real. These small steps in faith lay the groundwork early. These small building blocks prepare a child's heart for the message of salvation. The lessons this month will focus on preparing a child's heart with these foundational beliefs.

The ABC's of Salvation

A: ADMIT you are a sinner and ASK forgiveness

B: BELIEVE in Jesus as your Savior and BECOME a child of God.

C: CONFESS that Jesus is Lord and CHOOSE to follow Him daily.

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

Do you Believe?

Materials: Pictures of the moon, Christmas presents, and a heart.

Show the picture of the moon and ask, "Do you believe the moon has rocks? Do you believe man landed on the moon?

Show the picture of the gifts and ask, "Do you believe there is something nice in the present?"

Show the picture of the heart and ask, "Do you believe you have a heart inside your body? Do you believe it is the right size?"

Explain we believe many things even though we cannot see them. Although we cannot see God, we believe He is real and He loves us. He loves us so much that He gave His son Jesus.

A Little Bit of Sin

Materials: Cake mix, eggs, oil, water, dog food.

Mix up the cake according to the package directions. As you add each ingredient, talk to the kids about adding a LITTLE BIT of each ingredient. Then tell kids you are going to add a LITTLE BIT of dog food. A LITTLE BIT won't ruin it, will it? Explain that sin is like the dog food. You might think it is only a little bit, but even a little bit in your life can mess things up. Explain that Jesus died for our sins – big and small.

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Teen Cabana



For this lesson you will need: Flour, loaf of unsliced bread, a glass, a gingerbread cookie cutter, green and red food coloring

In the beginning, a long, long time ago, God created man. He made man from dust in the ground (pick up some flour in your hand, and blow it into the air), and poof! Man was created. (Hold up loaf of bread). Now let's pretend that this loaf of bread represents all of mankind. Now, let's talk about you. (Slice off a piece of bread) God created you. A long time ago, sin came into this world, and messed up everything. (Use the glass to cut a circle out of the center of the slice of bread.) Now, in every person, there is a hole. The only thing that can fill that hole is Jesus. But some people don't know that. They feel this hole in them, and try to fix it with other things. Some people try to use another person to fill the hole. (Use the gingerbread man to cut into another piece of bread and make a person shape. Try to make the person fit into the circle hole in the first slice of bread. It doesn't fit.) Some people try to get a boyfriend, or girlfriend to make them feel loved and accepted. But it doesn't work. The hole is still there. (Cut out a rectangle shape of bread, to represent money. Use the green food coloring to draw a dollar sign on it.) Some people try to use money to fill the hole. (Try to put the money into the circle hole) But it doesn't work. There is only one thing that can fill the hole. (Use the red food coloring to draw a cross on the circle.) Jesus is the only one that can fill the hole in your life. You can try all different things, but they won't fit. People were made to have God in their life, but when sin came along, it wrecked everything. Jesus fixed the problem by dying on the cross, but now it is up to you to put the right piece of the puzzle back into your life. All you have to do is ask Jesus to be there!

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for September 2011

Dorothy E. Kocian

- The Lord said, "You will remember to obey all My commandments and will be consecrated to your God." Num. 15:40
- 2. "I am the Lord your God." Num. 15:41
- You who know Him, trust in the Lord. He is your help and shield. Ps. 115:11
- The Lord says, "But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings." Mal. 4:2
- Above all else, guard your heart for it is the wellspring of life. Prov. 4:23
- Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, the person who gains understanding. Prov. 3:13
- 7. Let love and faithfulness never leave you. Prov. 3:3
- Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always be in reverence of the Lord. Prov. 23:17
- Lord, better is one day in Your courts than a thousand anywhere else. Ps. 84:10
- 10. "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him for he acknowledges My name. Ps. 91:14
- 11. Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evil men. Prov. 4:14
- 12. Honor the Lord with your wealth. Prov. 3:9
- Wisdom is supreme; therefore, get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. Prov. 4:7
- Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life. Prov. 15:16
- Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil. Prov. 15:16
- 16. A cheerful look brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones. Prov. 15:30
- 17. The Lord is near to all who call on Him in truth. Ps. 145:18

- 18. Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me in a straight path. Ps. 27:11
- When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. Prov. 11:2
- A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. Prov. 25:11
- 21. A prudent man keeps his knowledge to himself, but the heart of fools blurts out folly. Prov. 12:23
- 22. Do not let your mouth lead you into sin. Ecc. 5:6
- Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work. 1 Thes. 4:11
- Like a muddied spring or a polluted well is a righteous man who gives way to the wicked. Prov. 25:26
- 25. A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. Prov. 22:1
- Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe. Prov. 29:25
- A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control. Prov. 29:11
- Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. James 1:19
- Man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. James 1:20
- Humility and the fear of the Lord bring wealth and honor and life. Prov. 22:4

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VASUT, ESTELLA, age 92 and a member of the Fayetteville Brethren Church, died July 2, 2011, in Columbus. She was born in Fayetteville on October 7, 1918, and was married to Edward Vasut on August 7, 1938. Mrs. Vasut is survived by three sons, a sister, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Services were on July 5, 2011, at the Fayetteville Brethren Church with burial in the Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery in Houston. Ministers: Vanessa Mitchell and Milton Maly.

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October 7-9: Primetimers' Retreat at the Hus Encampment (see detailed notice this issue).

October 22: Fall meeting of the Synodical Committee at the Hus School Encampment.

November 18-20: State Fall Youth Retreat.

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Bible Study on Tuesday at 10:30 AM.

- visiting ministers

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2nd & 4th Sundays - Rev. Henry Beseda - Rev. Henry Beseda

Dime Box – worship at 9:00 AM every Sunday.

Rev. Jim Heckman

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— Rev. Dave Johnson

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

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Wednesdays: 5:30 PM, Dinner; 6:30 PM, Bible Study; 6:50 PM, Prayer Meeting. – Bro. Larry Butcher

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- Rev. Joe Emerson

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- Dr. Mark Labaj

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- Rev. Thomas Tallas

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