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WHERE ARE YOU INVESTING TODAY?

This is a fair financial question, particularly in these un-
stable economic times,
and a question we might
expect to be posed in a
financial magazine, or
even at a coffee shop.
One might argue that
the unusual economic
times in which we find
ourselves today call for



additional financial planning, and
even changes in our investment
strategy to ensure long-term fi-
nancial security.

As Christians, we are called to
answer similar questions from a
spiritual perspective. "During our
lives here on this earth, what
investments are we making that
will pay eternal dividends?" Maybe
a simpler question is "What spiri-
tual investments are we making?"

Jesus' advice on investing was
simple – in Matthew
6:20-21 we read, "*But
store up for yourselves
treasures in heaven,
where moths and ver-
min do not destroy,
and where thieves do
not break in and steal.
For where your trea-*

*sure is, there your
heart will be also.*" Jesus knew
what heaven was like, and he
knew nothing on this earth can
compare with what awaits us in
heaven. In Matthew 16:26 Jesus
asks, "*What good is it if a man
gains the whole world yet loses
his soul?*" Both of these scrip-
tures caution us against material-
ism and call us to exercise our
faith by challenging us to serve



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God while seeking that which is eternal. These scriptures seem illogical if not absurd to an unbeliever, but scripture repeatedly teaches that God promises great reward for those who are faithful and serve Him.

Our spiritual investment strategies can impact our spirituality as well the spirituality of those around us – particularly our children. Through things like giving, our approach to worship, our lifestyles choices, and our responses to others in need, our spiritual investment strategies can be revealed.

When we think about it logically, it is foolish to give priority to things that provide temporary benefit at the expense of that which provides eternal benefit. While our world encourages us to pattern

our lives in a way in which we gain temporary pleasures, scripture commands us to be different and seek things that are eternal. Romans 12:2 begins with, “Do not be conformed any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind... Many times we fool ourselves by saying, “We can have them both. We can be worldly and enjoy all of the things this world has to offer and still take care of our (and our children’s) spiritual needs.” God demands priority in our lives and calls us to refocus our lives and reorder our priorities. When we make our daily life decisions, and again, especially those in which our children are impacted, maybe we should ask ourselves, “Will this decision posi-

tively affect my (or my child’s) spiritual life or will it further my earthly pursuits at the expense of my spiritual life?”

Jesus also said in Matthew 16, “*for whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will gain it.*” In other words, if we live our lives for ourselves, we squander the precious gift given to us by our heavenly Father, but if we offer ourselves to God and to our fellow man in unselfish service, the benefits can be enjoyed in this life and the next.

Christian Missionary Jim Elliot once said, “No fool is he who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” This is an excellent spiritual investment strategy and worth serious consideration. While few of us are asked to actually lay down our lives, we are asked to be faithful servants and to seek those things that will last beyond this earthly life.

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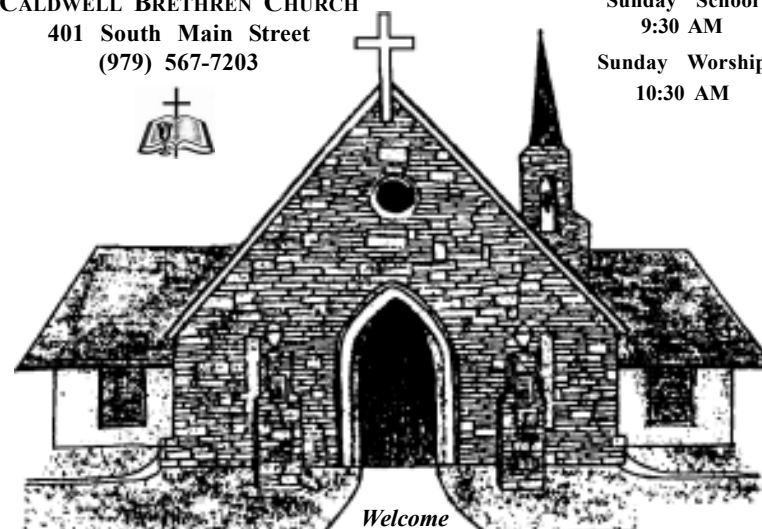
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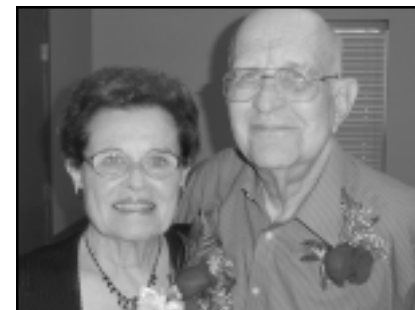
Rev. Milton Maly Honored

Rev. Milton Maly was honored with a pot luck reception on Sunday, June 5, at the Fayetteville Brethren Church by the Industry Brethren Church and the Fayetteville Brethren Church for his 25 years of service to those two congregations. In Rev. Maly's farewell sermon he recounted times and events that occurred during his tenure. His three sisters, their husbands, his wife Jean, and his son Ben were among the guests. There was a large cake in his honor that everyone enjoyed in

addition to the meal and desserts. Rev. Maly was presented with a plaque that gave thanks and appreciation for his many years of service to these two churches and their members. Rev. Maly has made trips to Honduras in his service to the Lord, and he has been the editor of *The Brethren Journal*, the Unity of the Brethren's monthly magazine. He also enjoys doing wood craft projects, which he often donated to the churches for their auctions.

Baletka's 60th Wedding Anniversary

Brother John and Joyce Baletka observed their 60th wedding anniversary on August 16, 2011. Prior to his retirement in 1993 after 43 years of active ministry in the Unity of the Brethren, the Baletkas served in Temple, Buckholts, Austin, Wall, and New Tabor. They were active in the Hus Encampment program for 50 years. Their marriage was blessed by three sons. The youngest, Bill, died in 1991. To celebrate the wedding anniversary occasion, John and Joyce were honored with a family dinner by their sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Susan Baletka, and Jim and Dawn Marie Baletka.



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Industry Brethren Church Honored



Dorothy & Rev. Nello Strickland unroll the banner for presentation

On Sunday, July 17, 2011, following the regular church services at 9 o'clock, the Industry Brethren Church was honored by Rev. Nello and Dorothy Strickland of the Open Door Ministries of Brenham, Texas. The Stricklands presented the church with a 6-foot patriotic banner to be used in the church. Church members and

guests alike were surprised and delighted with this very meaningful banner to be used for the church. In addition, prayer cards were handed out for people to use. This banner will remind everyone as they enter the church of the men and woman that give service to our country, past and present.

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*"Bear ye one another's burdens
 And so fulfill the Law of Christ."*
 (Gal. 6:2)

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Seaton Brethren Church Bake Sale and Quilt Show

The Christian Sisters of Seaton Brethren Church are hosting a bake sale and quilt show on Saturday, November 5th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the church, located at 12561 State Highway 53, Temple (Seaton community).

Some of the items featured in the sale will be kolaches, cakes, pies, cookies, bread, and jellies, as well as craft items and home-made canned goods. A re-sale/rummage shop will be opened. Sandwiches and home-

made soup will be available to purchase for lunch. Quilts will be on display in the sanctuary.

A hand-made quilt, \$75 gift card from Wal-Mart, \$50 gift card from Wal-Mart; \$50 gift card from Academy, and \$50 gift card from Lowe's will be given away for a donation of \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00. The proceeds from the fund-raiser benefit the many projects the Sisters' support. The sale is open to the public with free admission.

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

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

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

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

...from the Woo's

Dear partners in ministry,

We feel we are in an exciting time. The Lord is urging us on and we are growing in Christ as a family. Thank you for your prayers for us and the D.

When we look at the few believers here we ask ourselves, "What type of Church do we want them to be?" Our answer: A group where every member prays, fasts, goes out to share, and loves not only with actions, but with the Word and in Power! A group where every member prays for the sick, the blind, the lame, the demon-possessed and people are healed, hearts are open, and many come to Him! How does a group like this start? Do you wait until they are "mature" and after years of Bible study? We don't think so. We think it starts from the beginning. It has to be put into the DNA of the baby church. It has to seem "normal". It's normal to see miracles. It's normal for everyone to share. So where are they going to get this model from? From us of course.

So if we want them to do all these things, we need to do all these things

too, right? Or at least have faith to try to do them. Several Saturdays ago we went to visit some D friends we have known for almost 5 years. We love this family, but the father has always been turned off to hear the gospel. We have prayed for the grandmother's kidney stones before and the little girl's tooth infection but no immediate healing happened. When we walked in the father was in a bed in the den with crutches by his side. In the past we would feel sad that something bad had happened. But this time we were excited and thought "Wow, an opportunity for the Lord to do a miracle, so their hearts will soften to the gospel!" He had been in bed for 2 months because of a tractor accident. We asked about his pain and told him stories about how Jesus healed many people. Jesus even cast out demons and raised his dead friend. Jesus even sent His Holy Spirit to be inside us so we can do the same things Jesus did. When we asked Him if we could pray for him, he eagerly said yes. Then we called Samuel and Ian over and all



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**This must be done well in advance.*

four of us prayed for him to receive immediate healing. After the prayer he said he felt heat in his foot. I told him to try to walk, and with a confused look on his face he sat up and moved his knee, then he stood up and walked and said he had no pain and no need of his crutches. He said before he could only limp with crutches. Halle-

lujah! This is the first time this has ever happened to us and we pray it is just the beginning! After Jesus healed him, we shared with them more and told them that Jesus did this because He wants them to love and know Him. Then they prayed to ask Jesus into their heart, the whole family! This is just the beginning for this family, they

know nothing about our Lord, live in a village 20 minutes away, and have no contact with any believers. Pray that the seed lands in good soil and they grow to love and follow Jesus.

Our summer GCTS team has finished their research. They went to 4 different cities and asked questions about religion, culture, and language for us. Pray we can get a team down in that area in a few years from now. Our new teammates, Ray



An empty bed with crutches beside it as the father is up and walking without help in the other room.

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and Rachel, with their 2-year-old son will move to our city in September. We are so thankful they are coming.

Thank you for praying for us and the D people. May there be an incredible move of God among them. Full of love, power, and truth!

Blessings,

Michael, Caroline, Samuel,
Ian, Zach, and Woo #4

Unity Pastors Visit Czech Republic...

Pastors Larry Zabcik, of the Temple Brethren Church, and Ron Winsman, of the Ocker Brethren Church, were on mission to the Czech Republic September 14-22. They will be speaking at the Prime Timers' Retreat on October 8 sharing testimony about their experiences with the Maranatha Church in Decin and the ministry in the Olomouc area with Pastor Pavel Kozak. Both Pastors are grateful for the prayer and financial support from their local churches and from individuals and churches within the Unity of the Brethren. Look for a detailed report to the Journal in the next issue.

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God's Partners ALPHA 2011



Alpha camp was full of giddy-up and go. 60 campers joined the Alpha round-up from June 12-14. Rev. Ron Winsman led the Bible lessons that taught us about our Great Shepherd and how He made us, loves us, provides for us, and how He will never leave us.

Sunday night we were greeted by special guests: Kenton and Melanie Drake and family and Chase Drake, who led each Alpha cowboy and cowgirl in roping lessons. The roping event was followed by a cookout and

s'mores. Monday night Alpha Sheriffs Brett and Becky Norris headed up the Alpha Rodeo. Campers saddled up on their own stick horse creations and galloped through a variety of relay games and activities. By the end of the evening everyone was a little wet. Tuesday, we closed with singing and crafts and a reminder that we are all God's partners. We are called to live for Him and to share everything we know with all of those around us, loving Him and loving others in all we do.

DIRT Challenger 2011



Got Dirt? 19 Challenger campers will gladly tell you that the answer is "yes". And, if we are completely honest, the answer is "lots of it". Challenger Camp 2011 was definitely a challenge. Campers identified all kinds of dirt from the world and from within themselves. We searched Romans 3 and learned that we are of the flesh, and because of that we are filthy. Our bodies, our actions, and our spirits are soiled. Yet, when we look at Ephesians 6 we are assured that God provides us protection. He covers all of the areas of our flesh and helps us withstand temptation.

Romans 3:23 tells us that we "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." We have. We are soiled people. We traced our bodies on paper and began to diagnose our-

selves and work through our dirt, knowing that "while we were sinners, Christ died for us" (Roman 5:8). But no matter what, Romans 8: 37-39 gives us confidence that nothing will ever separate us from God's love.

We are going to be dirty. It's who we are in our flesh. However, we were reminded that Christ is working on us and in us, and He will be faithful to complete His work in us when we are finished on earth. And, *until* that time, we're going to continue to mess up, but we can give our dirt to Him and He'll pull us through. Then, one day, He'll make us perfectly clean when He calls us home.

Special activities included making glue shirts, duck tape flip-flops, and our snacks every day. Getting messy together was a lot of fun.

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* Saturday check-in from 8-9 a.m.

* Special Sunday Schedule:

Breakfast 8 a.m.; Clean-up & Packing 8:30 a.m.;

Depart to Cade Lake Chapel 9:30 a.m.; Sunday

School 11a.m.; Lunch 12 p.m.; Service 1 p.m.;

Dismissal 2 p.m.

(Those needing to be dismissed from Camp will be back at camp around 3 p.m.)

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

~ Wipe out hunger by bringing canned goods and non-perishable items with your group to the retreat.

~ We will be preparing Thanksgiving lunch for the Cade Lake Community on Sunday, November 20.

~ Special games are also planned, so bring clothing that can get a little messy.

RETREAT REGISTRATION is due on October 30 along with your \$30 retreat fee. Forms can be obtained at www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com or by contacting Jennifer Chervenka 254-983-1002, jennchervenka@farm-market.net.

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Sunday School Island

*"...Like clay in the hand
of the potter, so are you
in my hand..." Jeremiah
18:6*

Have you ever watched someone make balloon animals? What about a piece of pottery on a potter's wheel? It looks easy, right? WRONG? The first time I tried to make a balloon dog, it only had front legs and no ears. I've never tried pottery, but I can imagine clay flying across the room, leaving only an unshaped mound of mud on the wheel. Definitely not the masterpiece I envisioned.

God, our master designer, has a vision for each of us, and it is more than you can imagine. If we let Him, He can take our lives and shape them into whatever He wants. This shaping and molding takes time. Brandon Heath's song, *Wait and See*, sums it up:

*There is hope for me yet
Because God won't forget
All the plans he's made for me
I have to wait and see
He's not finished with me yet.*



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Sunday School Teacher's



Easy Button

Who Does God Use to Shape Us?

He uses our parents, teachers, friends, and all our experiences to mold our lives. He uses the difficult times and the happy times to teach us to rely on Him and serve Him. Accept each circumstance and let Him use it to make you into a beautiful vessel.

God Shapes Us

NOTE: You will need to practice making balloon animals ahead of time.

Blow up a balloon. Try to shape it into a balloon animal or have one of the children try. At this point, it should not look like anything but a "snake" or "worm."

Remind children that when we try to do things on our own, it just doesn't work out right.

Blow up another balloon. This time create a balloon animal or object.

Tell children that in the hands of a master balloon animal creator, something really special can be created.

Explain to children that this is a lot like our lives. When we try to control it, we end up with a worm or snake. But if we let God control our lives, we get something really wonderful!

How to Make a Balloon Dog

1. Inflate the balloon to about two inches from the end.
2. Twist three basic balloon twists. The first will be about two inches long, which will form the snout of the dog. The second and third twists will be smaller, about an inch each, to form the dog's ears.
3. Bring the first, longer twist against the main body of the balloon in preparation for a lock twist.
4. As mentioned on the last page, the first balloon segment (A), will form the snout of the dog. The second and third twists (B and C), will form the dog's ears. You'll be twisting B and C together while holding (A) and the main body of the balloon to create a lock twist.
5. Your balloon sculpture should now resemble the head of a dog.
6. Twist three basic balloon twists, each about three inches. The first (A) will form the dog's neck. The second and third twists (B and C) will form the dog's front legs.
7. Your twisted balloon sculpture should now resemble the front of a dog with its head and front legs.
8. Twist three basic balloon twists, each about three-inches. The first (A) will form the dog's body. The second and third twists (B and C) will form the dog's back legs. The final balloon segment (D) will form the dog's tail.
9. As you did with the dog's front legs create a lock twist by twisting segments B and C and holding the rest.
10. You have now twisted a basic dog balloon animal.

From: http://magic.about.com/od/balloontwisting/ss/dogballoon_9.htm

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Daily Morsels for October 2011

Dorothy E. Kocian

- Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul. Prov. 29:17
- Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law. Prov. 29:18**
- "Wisdom is better than strength." Ecc. 9:16
- Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Prov. 30:5
- Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away." Mk. 13:31
- God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil. Ecc. 12:14
- If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God, and it will be given to you. James 1:5
- Many seek an audience with a ruler, but it is from the Lord that man gets justice. Prov. 29:26
- The quiet words of the wise are more to be heeded than the shouts of a ruler of fools. Ecc. 9:17**
- Calmness can lay great errors to rest. Ecc. 10:4
- Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come. Ecc. 12:1
- We will all stand before God's judgment seat. Rom. 14:10
- For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. 2 Cor. 5:10
- Anyone who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins. James 4:17
- Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. Ecc. 12:13
- The grass withers, and its flower falls away, but the word of the Lord endures forever. 1 Pet. 1:25**
- If we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us. 1 Jn. 4:12
- Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. 1 Cor. 13:4
- Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. Heb. 13:4
- Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her. Eph. 5:25
- Each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. Eph. 5:33
- "For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and will be united with his wife, and the two will become one flesh." Eph. 5:31
- I will make you my wife forever, showing you righteousness and justice, unailing love and compassion. Hosea 2:19**
- Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring one another. Rom. 12:10
- He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Ps. 23:3
- Turn from evil and do good. Ps. 37:27
- The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Rom. 14:17
- May all who search for You be filled with joy and gladness. May those who love Your salvation always say "The Lord is great!" Ps. 40:16
- Blessed is he whose hope is in the Lord his God. Ps. 146:5
- Your life is now hidden with Christ in God. Col. 3:3**
- May He enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see the hope to which He has called you. Eph. 1:18

Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

October 7-9: Primetimers' Retreat at the Hus Encampment

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

November 5: Seaton Brethren Church Christian Sisters Bake Sale and Quilt Show at the church (see detailed article in this issue).

November 18-20: State Fall Youth Retreat.

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– Rev. Linda Chandler

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– 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.
– visiting ministers

Crosby – 9:00 AM: Worship
10:00 AM: Faith Adventure
– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

Cy-Fair Community Church – worship at
10:45 AM every Sunday.
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Chandler
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Sunday.
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– visiting ministers

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Good Shepherd Moravian – worship at
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Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
– 1st & 2nd Sunday, Dr. Jerry Terrill
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Industry – worship at 9:00 AM every
Sunday with Sunday School for all
ages following.
– visiting ministers

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
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Service.
Wednesday, 6:30 PM – Kid's NITE Out
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Bible Study.
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