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## President's Column . . . James Marek

### A GREAT DAY WITH BRETHREN

My wife Susan and I recently had the pleasure of visiting the Crosby Brethren Church for the celebration of Rev. Dr. Larry Koslovsky's 30 years in the ministry. I had spent some of my early childhood in the Crosby congregation while my dad served Crosby and Pasadena as a parish in the late 60's,

so many of the people were old friends. It was wonderful to see the people who were a part of my early days, many of whom I had not seen in 30 years or more. Although many people were familiar, I met some new Brethren, as well. One of the most memorable was Gene Marek who, apparently saved me from drowning when I was little more than a toddler some 40+ years earlier. After all these years, I had never really met and properly thanked Mr. Marek.

Throughout our visit, I enjoyed the wonderful people. The experience

reminded me how grateful I should be for all the good people of the Unity of the Brethren. While we were in Crosby on this day, we could have just as easily been in Austin or Wall or any number of other Brethren Churches. It was such a blessing to have the chance to worship with and enjoy the fellowship of other Brethren.



As members of our own congregations we may overlook, or even take for granted, the relationships and support systems God has given us through those with whom we worship each week – our church family.

When we visit other Brethren churches, we increase our church family. We are also exposed to different worship styles, hear different preachers, see different surroundings, all of which can be enjoyable and even inspiring just because they are a little different. These visits can also



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provide new ideas and encouragement to try doing things a little differently. More importantly, we have the opportunity to form new relationships with people with similar backgrounds and beliefs.

In an earlier article I encouraged everyone to pray for the Unity. After our visit to Crosby, I thought about this in a little different way. In order to be in unity with someone, it makes sense that we must first have a relationship with them. We must love them. By visiting other Brethren churches, we meet new people and hopefully begin to build a lasting relationship with many of those we meet. Later, when we hear of good things that are happening in the congregation, we can more fully rejoice with those people because we know them. Conversely, when other congregations go through tough times, we are more likely to respond in a Christian manner if we "know" the

people who are experiencing difficult times. As a body of believers, we are only as strong as the relationships we have with one another. My fear is that as we have become more autonomous in our respective congregations, we are at risk of losing the strength of unity which is most powerful when we truly know those in sister congregations. There are some wonderful people in Brethren congregations out there. Make plans to visit a different Brethren church in the near future and meet the people there or renew acquaintances from years before. There are 26 churches in the Unity, 25 of which are in Texas, so there are many opportunities and choices. If you are up for a road trip to beautiful Lewisville, North Carolina, you can meet the newest Brethren at the Christ Covenant Church.

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### Pasadena Brethren Church 50th Anniversary Celebration Making History and His-Story



*Charter Members: Marvin & Alice Chlappek, and Gladys Boelsche.*

On August 6, 2011, the 50+ Anniversary of the Pasadena Brethren Church was observed with a worship service combining the old and the new. A catered reception followed the well-attended service. Phillip Michalik,

president of the elders, welcomed all to the service.

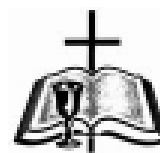
Joining in the observance was Amor Fraternal, the Hispanic community which uses the church as a place to



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share in ministry. Bro. Armando Barros shared about the relationship of Amor Fraternal to the Pasadena Brethren congregation. Memories were shared by present and former members. Charter members and charter member families present were recognized. Claren Kotrla and Marvin Chlapek brought greetings from the denomination. Several former pastors were present to share their thoughts, memories, and hopes for the congregation.

In the spirit of reminiscence, Alice Chlapek accompanied the service on the organ and piano. A Czech hymn, "Pojd' k Spasiteli" was sung by all with Bro. Henry Beseda leading. The PBC Christian Sisters (present and

former) sang. Bro. Bill preached on "Making History and His-Story," challenging the Pasadena Church to continue creating God's story in Christ through the present day mission of the congregation. Special music was also shared by Amor Fraternal with Psalm 133 being sung in 5 languages.

Those who gathered rededicated the church for ministry to Christ. Various displays including memorabilia and photographs were set up to tell the ongoing story of the mission of the Pasadena Brethren Church. Thanks to Becky Lively for her organizational skills and her efforts in making the anniversary a true celebration!

## Pasadena Brethren Holds Annual Congregational Retreat "Being Open to God"

Pasadena Brethren Church held its Annual Congregational Retreat Labor Day Weekend, 2011. This is reportedly the longest running congregational retreat in the denomination. Some folks arrived Friday evening; however, Saturday morning the retreat was kicked off (after a hearty breakfast of bacon and eggs) with a "Time with God".

The retreat included eating (especially Lydia Faust's kolaches Sunday morning), spending time with fellow members and former members who joined throughout the weekend, and

late-night games of "84". Study Sessions led by Bro. Bill throughout the weekend focused on "Being Open to God," and explored prayer, meditation, and contemplation. The traditions of sing-song times, vespers with singing, and a Bingo extravaganza were also included.

With it being very hot, dusty, and windy; the challenge was keeping the tables and floors clean in the dining hall. Over 50 people were in and out for the weekend. Wrap-up on the final day culminated in the traditional closing circle around the flag pole with

the singing of "Blest Be the Tie that Binds". Betty Orsag and Karen Howerly organized the food supply. Phillip Michalik, the last man standing, made the final rounds of the camp after cleanup.



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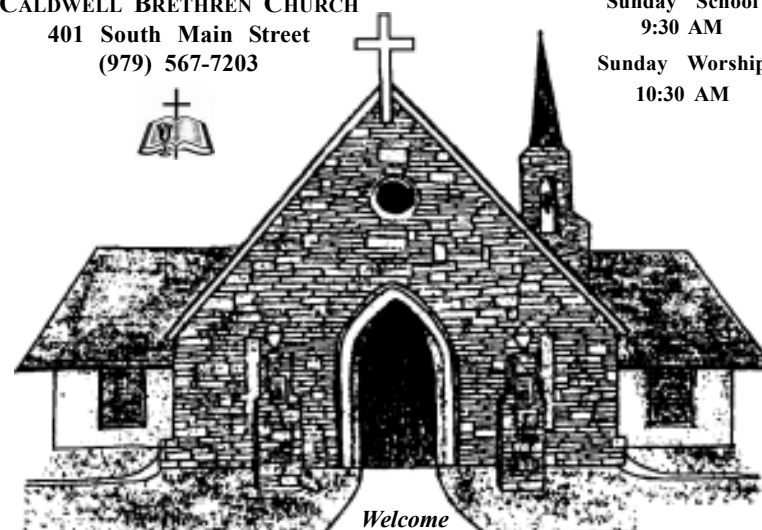
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*You can tell us now that you have named the Unity in your will and allow us to express our gratitude...or you can let it be known later.*

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## Sharon Spiess Honored at Industry Brethren Church



*Sharon Spiess and Industry Mayor Alan W. Kuehn at Industry Brethren Church Sunday, October 2, 2011.*

Sharon Spiess, organist at Industry Brethren Church since 1967, was honored with a "Sharon Spiess Appreciation Day" on Sunday, October 2, 2011, during the Sunday worship services. Industry Brethren Church Board of Elders President, Sheila Coufal, presented Sharon with a certificate proclaiming October 2, 2011, as "Sharon Spiess Appreciation Day" for her many years of service to this church, and gave Sharon a corsage.

Industry Mayor, Alan W. Kuehn,

read a letter noting Sharon's many contributions to the community. (Mayor Kuehn is one of Sharon's many former students.) Sharon has taught school in the Bellville ISD for many years, and is currently teaching the gifted at the West End School in Industry. J. B. Branam of the Industry Brethren Church Board of Elders told the congregation that Sunday a Texas flag was being flown over the Texas State Capitol in Austin at the request



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of Representative Lois W. Kolkhorst in honor of "Sharon Spiess Appreciation Day". Sharon will receive this flag in a white gift box after it is taken down.

Members of Sharon's family and friends were in attendance at the worship service and fellowship reception following the service to surprise her. There were cards from people that could not attend. At the brunch following the worship service Sharon was presented with a cross made from a pin oak tree that grows on the church grounds that had a smaller silver cross with the Bible verse Hebrews 6:10, "*He will not forget your work & the love you have shown*" on it. She was also given a James Avery tulip cross necklace.

There was a display of pictures of Sharon throughout her life and a biography in a floral display, as well as a table with photos of Sharon and a large flower arrangement of burgundy and purple flowers (her favorite colors) on the food buffet and entry table. Above the food line was a large banner with a picture of her as a small child and current picture with the note "Sharon Spiess Appreciation Day". The strawberry cake had purple decorations with "Thanks Sharon" on it. This event was a surprise to Sharon, and everyone was delighted in showing their appreciation to her for her many years of contribution of musical talent to this congregation.

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## CHRISTIAN PASTOR TO BE HANGED

- by James Marek and Claren Kotrla

Several Christian news and information groups including the Baptist Press and The 700 Club reported today that Pastor Yousef Nadarkain, who leads a 400-member house church in Iran, is to be hanged for not renouncing his belief in Jesus Christ.

He has been given at least two opportunities to renounce Jesus Christ and his beliefs, but has steadfastly refused to do so. In doing so he has also placed his family at risk.

Further information shows that he will be hanged under an interpretation of Shari Law that forbids one to change from Islam to another Religion. However, he has never been a Muslim. The courts circumvented this fact by noting that although he wasn't Muslim, his ancestry was Muslim.

The probability that he will be hanged is real. On December 3, 1990, another Christian Pastor, Hassin Soodmed, was executed in Iran for his Christian faith.

Our prayers for Pastor Nadarkain as well as our actions are important. James 2:17, which says "*In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead*" asks us to take what action we deem appropriate.

Our prayers are critical to the outcome.

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### Cade Lake Community Chapel Update

Cade Lake Community Chapel began holding services on August 14, 2001. Sunday School starts at 11:00, lunch is served every week at 12:00 noon, and services are conducted at 1:00 p.m.

Over the past several weeks about 40 different people from the community have attended one activity or another at the Chapel. In addition to Sunday services, the church hosts an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting on Thursday evenings and a Movie Night every other Saturday.

During the month of June two groups of young people came to work

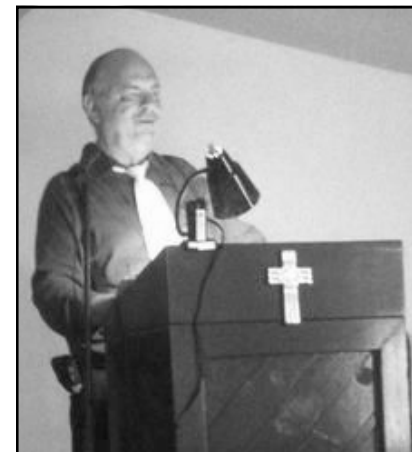
on the property. Campers from the Crossroads Retreat came out for three days of work on the Chapel and at In God's Hands Ministry.

Later in June several members of the BYF came to work at both locations. Both groups worked mostly on painting the building and in the food pantry of In God's Hands. Those members were: Kassie Benner, Erin Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, Alyssa Latimer, and Lanie Watts. Also, State Youth Coordinator, Jennifer Chervenka and children: Jessica, Jacelyn, Joanna, & Jaidyn, along with Advisor, Anna Wotipka.

In August, two work crews came to help prepare the building. Dewayne

Weiss and David Lane from Wall came and finished constructing the handicap ramp. Larry Koslovsky, Chris Armstrong, and Sebastian Morales came from Crosby to lay the laminate in the fellowship room. Community workers installed the septic system and plumbing and, of course, the Unity was very generous in helping pay for all the work.

Cade Lake Community Chapel held a Dedication Service on Saturday, October 22 at 2:30 p.m. after the Fall Synodical Meeting.



*Rev. Jim Heckman at the pulpit.*



*Campers from the Crossroads Retreat.*

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

### From the Thiessens . . .

Judith and Deme are Mexicans preparing to be cross-cultural missionaries. We have had a part in their training, and we were honored to be invited to their wedding in Deme's Triqui village where he pastors, and where he met Judith, who was finishing up her apprenticeship before moving on to an unchurched Triqui region. We took Philip and RuthE. Here is RuthE's take on it.

### Mountain Wedding - by RuthE

It starts with a road. A road with potholes and bumps and dips. A road big enough for only two cars and yet three lanes. A road that snakes in and out of the tree-draped mountains, where flowers shine and the most ordinary shrub strikes a pose. To the left, a long affable cactus waves at the passing cars. To the right, a valley dappled with flora ends gracefully at the bottom of a sturdy mountain. Ahead, a small village bubbles with life: a seasoned man and an exhausted donkey rest on the side of the road; a giggling girl points at a dog...

My family and I had been invited to an Indian wedding. We drove on patchy, coiled roads where reading was impossible, yet I didn't mind. All I could think of was how the clouds rested on the top of the mountain, how the old wooden shack on the side of the road gave an aura of mystery, how the road slipped into white, how the cars fingered through the velvet fog. The village where the wedding was held was high in the mountains, protected in mist.

When we got there, four hours late (the bride was in the car right behind us), the village was waiting along the side of the road. The Triqui women, young and old, all wore their typical dress: red *huipiles*, hand-woven masterpieces with long colorful ribbon streamers floating to the ground after them.

The path that led to the wooden church building was steep and wet. I was dumb enough to wear high heels to this Indian wedding, so that journey was interesting. At the top I had to sit outside in the freezing weather since the church was too small to fit



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*The Wedding Couple*

us all, and full to overflowing before we arrived. I couldn't hear or see any of the wedding inside, so I passed the time playing with the fallen pine needles and chatting with my friend Andres.

When the time finally came to eat, the whole village was involved. We all walked down to the town square, groom and bride greeting people as they walked hand in hand. My feet have never hurt so badly. My advice: never wear high heels in the mountains. Thankfully, a young man offered to take me on his bike.

The whole village was still blanketed in fog, giving it a sense of vagueness. The tables relaxed under

a big tarp on a sea of mud. My chair sunk when I sat down. The *barbacoa*, a red beef soup with strings of meat in it, tasted salty and spicy, and I dug in with my plastic spoon and home-made tortillas. My father and I tried some of the *chiles*. I felt like a cloud had drifted into my head it was so hot. I'm surprised I didn't drown myself in the amount of coke I drank.

On our way back, the fog was so thick, the car inched forward painfully. Any simple mistake and we could all fall over the edge of the mountain. We finally got to Tlaxiaco, where we were going to sleep. In the morning, we ate *tamales* with our host family, shared stories and laughed. Alejandro, the father, laughed the loudest. I never knew exactly what "a twinkle in his eyes" meant before. His crow's feet seemed to be outlined in Sharpie. He seemed to smile and laugh at anything. I was sad leaving that house...

It ends with a road. The river glides in and out of the weeping trees. The Catholic temple positioned beside a mountain belongs in a fairy tale book. The sky was painted by God Himself. Clouds distribute themselves. Birds flit here and there. Butterflies coast and bees buzz. The road heads straight for red clay mountains contrasted with green trees. I love Mexico, its mountains and trees, its dusty villages, its roads full of potholes, bumps, and dips.

## From the Woos . . .

October 2, 2011

Dear friends and family,

We are very excited to tell of the many events happening in our life. God has blessed us with several amazing ministry stories that we hope to share with you. Our family is also entering a new phase of life with a soon-to-arrive baby and with new teammates in our city.

For the last few weeks we have been frantically trying to finish our first training program for May, our helper. Over the last several months we have developed a course that we believe has the potential to launch a church planting movement in our region. It is basic storying tools that give every believer the skills needed to share a reproducible culturally relevant gospel presentation. It also includes the witness of the Holy Spirit that allows for miracles and healing. We have been modeling this activity and have seen several healings and confessions of faith!

Now this upcoming training will be entirely conducted by our ministry helper as we have recently arrived in Thailand for the delivery of our fourth boy. Please pray that the right people come to the training and the passion for a church movement is caught.

We spent the last two weeks preparing May so that she could hold a training for the local Dai believers while we are gone. May has already asked a few of them to help her, and their response is, "Who is doing the training, a seminary trained Pastor from Burma?" When she tells them she will do it they are truly surprised and say, "You?" May smiles when she tells us this and comments that when they come and see that she can train people, she can go and share and pray for others, then they will know that they can do it, too. And that is exactly the point. We are using methods that an illiterate person can easily reproduce, no more excuses because you don't know enough, or because you can't read or you are not the paid professional. The training is in October, and immediately following we hope to launch 2-4 house fellowships that will meet weekly.

As we have seen God's kingdom come through several healings this past month, there seems to be this rising and growing faith in May and in us. Now she is seeking opportunities to pray for non-believers and ask God to fill them and heal them. One day we went to lunch with her and she saw a lady standing in line for food with an eye patch. May immedi-



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ately and joyfully went to this lady, asked her what had happened with her eye, told her Jesus could heal her and offered to pray for her. May is losing her fear of man. She used to be afraid to say anything about Jesus, then she would just tell people the story of God's love so many of her family members have heard but are not interested. But now that she has begun to pray for their illnesses and problems, their hearts are opening and they are beginning to call her to come and pray for them in Jesus' Name. We pray that His Name becomes famous here and in all the earth!

We have visited the family that had the healing several times now. They are still full of joy. The wife seems completely in love with Jesus,

and is willing to sing and even pray out loud without fear. The grandmother is also joyfully singing, praying out loud a lot, lifting her hands. She told us that the day after we prayed for her, the neck pain she had had for 10 years was gone, the problem in her knees and dizziness, which we didn't even pray for, were healed, too. We were more surprised than she was about this. But in the midst of this, she made a comment that they can worship Jesus and their home idols and Buddha at the same time.

The father, whom is the head of the house and had the initial healing, is still only partially healed. While we sang and learned stories about Jesus, he seemed unwilling to participate in anything, and even left the room many times. Before we left we gath-

ered around him to pray for his leg again. As all of us prayed, including his wife and mother, as well as May, his leg started to spasm and his toes were twitching, and his eyes would roll in his head a little.

As time ran out we went back home confused about what had happened. I asked the Lord about it and woke up the next morning with a clear head. I felt the Lord saying, the father in the house is unwilling to give up the idols, when he does that he will be completely healed, until then it is a spiritual battle and the demons don't have to leave because they are being welcomed to stay, thus the weird leg and eye rolling. We called his wife and told her our thoughts and en-

couraged her to pray. She responded "They are unwilling to give up the idols. I pray all the time to Jesus." Lord bring them fully to you, and make them a light in their village.

One day before, the mother and daughter came by to visit us in our home. The daughter was drawing a picture with our boys as we prayed with the mother. When the daughter finished the drawing, it was of her home, and it reminded some other friends that were visiting us of the temple in Ezekiel 47 where the healing waters flowed forth from the temple. Let us pray that from their home would also come forth healing and life to many Shan Dai.

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**Easy Button**

**Noah Facts:** Place facts on notecards. Add in a few “nonfacts.” Have students decide if the fact is true or false.

- Noah means rest or comfort.
- Noah had three sons – Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
- Noah is not mentioned in the Bible until he is 500 years old.
- Noah and his family worked on the ark for 120 years.
- Noah was 600 years old when the flood began.
- The total time Noah, his family, and the animals spent in the ark was approximately 1 year.
- After the flood, Noah became a farmer.

**Noah's Ark Craft**

1. Color the top half of one paper plate to look like a rainbow.
2. Cut another plate in half. Color the back of the plate brown. Draw portholes with a black crayon.
3. Place the whole paper plate and the half paper plate so that the ark covers the bottom and the rainbow is at the top. Staple the plates together.
4. Add pictures of Noah and the animals in the pocket created.

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# Teen Cabana



**Lessons from Noah:**

1. **God hates and punishes sin.** It was the sinfulness of the people that brought about the flood.
2. **God is gracious.** Grace is favor when it is undeserved. “Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.” He and his family were saved from the flood, even though they were sinful.
3. **You can faithfully serve God even when you are surrounded by wickedness.** Noah and his family were the only followers of God. Even though they were the minority, they continued to serve faithfully.
4. **God rewards obedience.** Noah never rebelled, never said he couldn't build an ark. Noah was obedient, which resulted in his being saved from the flood.
5. **People often ignore or reject the message of salvation.** Even though Noah and his family warned others of the impending flood, no one listened. You cannot control how people respond to the message of salvation. You do need to faithfully share the message.
6. **Mankind is inherently depraved.** We all encounter temptation. Even after his miraculous salvation from the flood, Noah quickly fell back into sin. It is often during times of ease that we are most vulnerable to temptation.
7. **God can use sinful people to carry out his plan.** Although we do not know of Noah's sin until after the flood, we can assume he was not sinless before. However, God still chose to use him for a great and miraculous work.
8. **Those who trust and fear God obey him.** Noah believed God's word and was moved with fear to construct the ark.
9. Sometimes God's plan is to bring His people through trouble, rather than avoid it. Our lesson is to try to see our problems as part of God's plan.

# DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

## Daily Morsels for November 2011

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all. Isa. 7:9
2. Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. James 1:19
3. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Rom. 8:1
4. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as God through Christ forgave you. Eph. 4:32
5. A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born to help in time of need. Prov. 17:17
6. **Where two or three gather together because they are mine, I am there among them. Mt. 18:20**
7. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom. Ps. 145:3
8. How precious is your unfailing love, O God! Ps. 36:7
9. When I sit in the darkness, the Lord will be a light to me. Micah 7:8
10. You must be blameless before the Lord your God. Deut. 18:13
11. Above all, love each other deeply, for love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Pet. 4:8
12. "Be perfect, therefore, as your Heavenly Father is perfect." Mt. 5:48
13. **Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. Mt. 5:44,45**
14. Humble yourselves under God's almighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. 1 Pet. 5:6
15. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. 1 Pet. 5:7
16. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 Jn. 1:9
17. I confess my sins; I am deeply sorry for what I have done. Ps. 38:18
18. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayers. 1 Pet. 3:12
19. But the priest said, "Let us ask God first!" 1 Sam. 14:36
20. **I will wait for the Lord; I will put my trust in Him. Isa. 8:17**
21. God is with us. Isa. 8:10
22. Do not worry, saying: "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" Mt. 6:31
23. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Mt. 6:33
24. Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Isa. 12:4
25. Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Phil. 4:6
26. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with spiritual blessing in Christ. Eph. 1:3
27. **The Lord is gracious and compassionate; slow to anger and rich in love. Ps. 145:8**
28. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous. Josh. 1:9
29. So Abraham called the place The Lord Will Provide. Gen. 22:14
30. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and now all promises God gave to him belong to you. Gal. 3:29

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#### By Reaffirmation of Faith:

AMY LYNNE HILDEBRAND reaffirmed her faith on May 15, 2011, and joined the New Tabor Brethren Church. Minister: Rev. David Johnson.

DAVID JR. & RENEE KINDT, BREANNA, KRISTOFFER, & KEVIN KINDT reaffirmed their faith on September 18, 2011, and joined the New Tabor Brethren Church. Minister: Rev. David Johnson.

#### By Rite of Confirmation:

TREY GROCE, RICKY WEICHERT, LOGAN JONES, EVAN THORNTON, and MATTHEW JOHNSON made their profession of faith by Rite of Confirmation on August 21, 2011, and joined the communicant membership at the New Tabor Brethren Church. Minister: Rev. David Johnson.

### RECENT BAPTISMS

LANDON RAY VYKUKAL, born December 14, 2009, son of Jason & Lana Vykukal, was dedicated to the Lord on March 7, 2010, at the New Tabor Brethren Church. Minister: Rev. David Johnson.

JAELEE BRYNN LANDOLT, born November 17, 2009, daughter of John & Tracey Landolt, was dedicated to the Lord on May 2, 2010, at the New Tabor Brethren Church. Minister: Rev. David Johnson.

RICHARD WALTER WEICHERT, born January 19, 1996, son of Samuel & Melissa Weichert, was baptized on February 27, 2011, at the New Tabor Brethren Church. Minister: Rev. David Johnson.

COOPER ROBERT ALBRECHT, born January 23, 2011, son of Kyle & Heather Albrecht, was dedicated to the Lord on March 20, 2011, at the New Tabor Brethren Church. Minister: Rev. David Johnson.

EVAN GENE HILDEBRAND, born August 9, 2010, son of Clayton & Amy Hildebrand, was baptized on May 15, 2011, at the New Tabor Brethren Church. Minister: Rev. David Johnson.

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SETH WYNN SPILLER, born October 13, 2002, son of Jimmy & Michelle Spiller, was baptized on May 1, 2011, at New Tabor Brethren Church. Minister: Rev. David Johnson.

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BRENDEN WADE HOMEYER, born July 18, 2011, son of Dennis & Jenna Homeyer, was dedicated to the Lord on October 2, 2011, at New Tabor Brethren Church. Minister: Rev. David Johnson.

MILLISON DANIELE DOWELL, born July 8, 2011, daughter of Tye and Mabrey Dowell, was dedicated to the Lord on October 9, 2011, at New Tabor Brethren Church. Minister: Rev. David Johnson.

### RECENT DEATHS

DUDENSING, RUBY ELLA (SCHRAMM), age 86, died in Bellville on September 27, 2011. She was born at Skull Creek in Austin County on July 28, 1925, and was married to Edgar Dudensing on March 30, 1943. She is survived by 2 sisters, 4 children, 13 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Services were on September 30, 2011, at the Industry Brethren Church, with burial in that church's cemetery. Minister: Milton Maly.

LESHIKAR, MARY (PICKETT) age 68, died September 18, 2011, at Temple. She was born May 8, 1943, at Aberdeen, Washington. She married Howard Leshikar on September 14, 1963, in Washington. She is survived by her husband, 2 sons, 1 sister, and 1 brother. Services were on September 24, 2011, at the Taylor Brethren Church, with burial in Taylor City Cemetery. Minister: Mark Labaj.

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**November 6:** "Honor our Vets" service, Industry Brethren Church, 9:00am, flyer, contact: Liz Treybig (liztreybig@yahoo.com).

**November 18-20:** State Fall Youth Retreat.

**November 23:** Pre-order Bake Sale, Snook Brethren Church, Snook Brethren Christian Sisters, Contact: Lydia Faust (lfaust1@peoplepc.com).

**November 24:** Thanksgiving.

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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.  
– Pastor Mark Sebek

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.  
1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays – Rev. Rick Chandler  
2nd & 4th Sundays – Rev. Henry Beseda  
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Cade Lake Community Chapel – Sunday School at 11:00 AM; Fellowship Lunch at Noon; Worship at 1:00 PM.

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. Kay Polasek

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, Visiting Ministers

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

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.  
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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

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– Rev. Michael Groseclose

West – Sunday School at 9:00 AM and worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.  
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