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President's Column . . . James Marek TEMPTATIONS OF THE CHRISTIAN SERVANT

Temptation seems to be lurking
around every corner some days. As
believers and Christian
servants, we are not only
NOT immune to it, some-
times it seems like we get
an extra portion of temp-
tation when serving God
and serving others. The
following sign hung in a
pastor's office that re-
minded the pastor of three



real temptations often encountered
by the Christian servant. The sign
read "Resist the temptation to Shine,
Whine or Recline." This is a simple
yet profound message.

Shine – Scripture instructs us in
numerous places that God wants us
to be humble and not self-seeking or
self promoting. In both the Old and
New Testament we find the verse
"God opposes the proud but gives
grace to the humble." If we accept a
position of service to "make a name
for ourselves" or to gain glory for
ourselves, we have God as our oppo-

sition. As Christian servants, our mis-
sion is to bring glory to God, through
service to Him and oth-
ers, not ourselves. We
must always be mindful
of the temptation to claim
the spotlight in our ser-
vice and take measures
to avoid it.

Whine – There are very
few of us who have not
fallen prey to this temp-
tation. Have you ever caught your-
self complaining about a service role
to which you have been called?

Have you ever heard another Chris-
tian complain about the work or role
that they have accepted or even
sought within the church? What im-
pact does complaining have? Hon-
estly, no one likes to hear anyone
complain, especially about a role in
Christian service. When we complain
about the roles to which we have
been called, we not only discourage
others from serving, but we also dis-
honor God. 2 Corinthians 9:7 says,
"God loves a cheerful giver." While
we commonly associate this verse
with monetary gifts, it also seems to
indicate God wants us to be joyful



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when we give – whether it is our money or our time.

Recline – Does there ever come a time when we retire from Christian service? While our roles may change due to our age, health, or a myriad of other reasons, Christian Service is a life-long journey. I know I have been richly blessed by the wisdom, experience and example of Christian servants older than me with whom I have served and continue to serve. I am so thankful for the Christian servants who continue to serve even though they could easily say “I’ve done my part, let someone younger do it.” While it is true that we need to train our young people to serve and lead, one of the best ways we can do this is to serve with them. It is likely that we learned to serve through those who served us or those we observed serving when we were younger. When we are older, we have the privilege (if not the obligation) of doing for some-

one else what has been done for us. I am scared to think what God will say to us when we get to heaven if we say “I didn’t serve you when I was younger because I did not have the time” or “I did not serve you when I was older because I had already done my part.” Rev. Gordon Hejl once said in a Lenten service sermon, “If you are too busy to serve God, you are far busier than God ever intended.” Regardless of our age, talents, health, or condition, there is normally something we can do. All of us can pray, all of us can encourage. The sweetest thing a Christian servant can hope to hear our Lord say to us one day is, “Well done good and faithful servant.” We have only a short time to accomplish that which He has laid before us. Let us be diligent in our Christian service and resist the temptations to Shine, Whine or Recline.

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**Synodical Committee Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2011 - 9:00 a.m.**

Call to Order –

At 9:00 a.m. President James Marek called the Synodical Committee Meeting to order. Mr. & Mrs. Aubrey Highfill from Christ Covenant Church in Lewisville, NC, joined with us by Skype. Jon Farrow handled the connection with Skype. James opened the meeting with prayer. He prayed for Unity with each other and with God.

Opening Devotional – Rev. Joe Emerson led the gathering in song accompanied by Denise Mikeska on the guitar in singing “Holy is the Lord” and “Lord I lift Your Name on High”. Denise gave a prayer and then read from Heb. 12:1. The devotional was on Perseverance and how we need to Persevere in our Faith.

1. Referendum results from the 64th Unity of the Brethren Convention. President Marek reported that all 3 items passed.

2. Proposal of Housekeeping change relative to organizational reports. President Marek announced

that we will continue with written reports – pick up reports and look at them. If there are questions, we can get to them after lunch.

Financial Secretary Report – Marvin Chlapek; Treasurer’s Report – Dewyan Weise; Third Vice-President Report – Rev Tommy Tallas; State Youth Coordinator Report – Jennifer Chervenka; Ministers’ Benefit Program – Rev Tommy Tallas; Hus Encampment Board of Trustees – Rev Whitney Amos; Secretary – Liz Ripple – submitted Roll Call

3. Petition for ordination for ministerial students. Dawn Marie Baletka – PRC Chairman – endorses 3 candidates for ordination:

- Denise Mikeska – Associate Pastor at Seaton Brethren
- Pastor Larry Zabcik – currently serving at Temple Brethren
- Mark Sebek – currently serving at Bryan/College Station Brethren

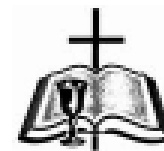
The credentialing committee recommends them for ordination and



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consists of the following who will ask questions in specific areas:

Rev Jimmy Hejl - Beliefs

Rev Lawrence Juneke – Practice of Ministry

Rev. Tommy Tallas – Spirituality, Your Call – how you got here and why are you here?

Before the examination took place, candidates were asked to leave the room. A question was raised by Rev. Joe Emerson about the examination procedure that it is different from the last examination that was held and also to clarify the Pastor to Pastors position. Rev. Jimmy Hejl addressed the examination procedure. There was other discussion. While Rev. Kay Polasek was voted at the convention to serve as Pastor to Pastors, because of potential Pastoral calls that involved her, her position was administrative. Bro. Larry would continue to serve as Pastor to Pastors during this time.

The candidates were examined individually. First examined was Denise Mikeska.

At 11:45, there was a break for the Dedication of Playground equipment in memory of Barbie Fojtasek (Agenda

#17) which was followed by lunch.

After lunch, the meeting came back to order. President Marek asked Claren Kotrla to say a few words as outgoing President. He spoke on this time as being “bittersweet.” He then led everyone in a Unity prayer from the Worshipping Church Hymnal. It is a prayer for Unity in the church and is on page 707 (written by Bryan Jeffrey Leech) as follows:

“Holy Spirit, as in the past you united different men and women and made them one, so bring us together in a oneness that celebrates our diversity of talent and ability. May our personalities blend in a superb harmony, as, laying our egos aside, we learn to prefer one another and to delight in encouraging the gifts we see in others. Let there be no star temperament, no prima donna behavior among us, but a sense of ensemble, as we try to be as anonymous as possible so that you can shine through our efforts to the glory of Christ. And when all is done may we be in the wings and HE in the spotlight, taking center stage and receiving all the applause! Holy Spirit, You who are fully God and yet so anonymous, hide us that we may reveal Him. Amen.”

The examination of candidates by the credentialing committee continued. Pastor Larry Zabcik was examined and then Mark Sebek.

President Marek announced we would now have a deliberation on candidates. Guests and candidates were asked to kindly step outside while this was held. Bro. Tommy read bylaws regarding the examination process. Discussion.

MOTION made by Rev. Whitney Amos to accept Denise Mikeska for ordination in the Unity of the Brethren. SECOND by Harvey Treybig. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION made by Ruth Rolston to accept Pastor Larry Zabcik for ordination in the Unity of the Brethren. SECOND by Rev. Linda Chandler. No discussion. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION made by Jim Baletka to accept Mark Sebek for ordination in the Unity of the Brethren. SECOND by Dorothy Hinson. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Candidates and guests brought back in. President Marek informed everyone all candidates are accepted for ordination in the Unity of the Brethren.

4. Recognition and Appreciation of Service – Rev. Milton Maly. President Marek presented a plaque to Rev. Maly for serving as the Editor of the *Brethren Journal* for 26 years and thanked him for his service.

5. Disposition of Convention Motion addressing consolidation of H.I.L.L. into the Board of Christian Education. President Marek reported that the motion that passed at the



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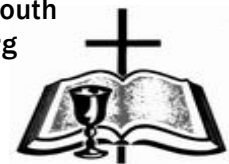
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convention to consolidate the work and the assests of H.I.L.L. into the Board of Christian Education was overlooked as a referendum item. Consequently, the bylaws change that was also part of the motion could not be effective and therefore the instruction contained in the motion could not be implemented until the next convention and only after referendum approval.

6. Cade Lake Chapel Presentation. President Marek gave praise to Bro. Jim Heckman and his wife Diane for this ministry. Bro. Jim gave a video presentation. A.A. meetings are also held at the chapel. Jesse Johnson is serving as the youth director at no cost.

The Advisory Board consists of Bro Jim (Ex-officio), Claren Kotrla, Rev. Linda Chandler, Rev. Kay Polasek,

Rev. Larry Koslovsky, Guy Huffman, Justin Lewis, Lori Suehs, Jesse Johnson and David Johnson.

Also announced – Dime Box Brethren would hold a celebration on Saturday, November 26 at 10 a.m. to remember the 100th Anniversary of the construction of the first church building.

7. Identification of Cade Lake as a Mission Effort since the group is not expected to be self sustaining for at least 3 years. Recommendation for Home Missions to lead effort to formulate long term (Unity wide) funding program for Cade Lake. MOTION made by Bro. Tommy Tallas to classify the Cade Lake Community Chapel as a Home Mission Project. SECOND by Bro. Mike Groseclose. Discussion. Motion Passed.

8. Funding Source Plan for Cade Lake. Discussion held, see Agenda 12.

9. Recent Pastoral Changes Across the Unity. President Marek reported of recent Pastoral Changes which include: Mark Sebek at Bryan-College Station Brethren Church; Rev. Kay Polasek at Industry Brethren & Fayetteville Brethren; Rev. Joe Emerson has resigned from Seaton Brethren, last day is October 30. He has a position with Texas Hospice. He will be on the supply pastor list.

Dawn Marie Baletka reported that the PRC will be working on a minister's retreat.

10. Consideration of Foreign Mission board budget. See attached report Agenda #10. Report by Kent Laza – Chairman. Discussion on budget. It will be the task of the new board to come up with ways to increase revenues. President Marek suggested everyone to read “Desiring God”. Also reported – when churches send in monies for missions, it is important to specify home or foreign missions; if this is not specified, the monies are split 50/50 to home and foreign. Discussion. MO-

TION made by Jim Baletka to accept the proposed budget. SECOND by Dorothy Hinson. Discussion. Motion carries.

11. Foreign Mission board appointments. Nominees are: Marvin Chlapek; Susie Dusek; John Brinkley. Liz Ripple nominated Martha Dove. 3 positions are open; ballot vote was taken. Committee members voted in are: Marvin Chlapek; Susie Dusek; John Brinkley.

12. Home Missions Board Budget as approved by executive committee 9/29/11 as directed by motion made by Rev. Joe Emerson seconded by Rev. Mike Groseclose April 9, 2011. See attached Agenda #12

13. Hus Board of Trustees Treasurer appointment. Still seeking a nominee for this position.

Appointment for Treasurer of the *Brethren Journal* Business Committee: MOTION by Rev Linda Chandler to accept nominee Alice Kocurek as Treasurer of the *Brethren Journal*. SECOND by Bro. Lawrence Junek. Motion carries.



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No nominations for secretary/reporter position.

Appointment to the Board of Christian Education: Nominees are Dorothy Kocian and Jean Kotrla. MOTION made by Rev Curtis Holland for nominations to cease. SECOND by Ron Dusek. Motion carries.

BOARD of HOME MISSIONS

Denise Mikeska has asked to be replaced as a board member. Rev. Linda Chandler nominated Martha Dove as a board member. Motion to have nominations cease by Marvin Chlapek. SECOND by Harvey Treybig. Motion carries.

HUS Encampment Board of Trustees. MOTION made by Rev. Charles Amos for Mark Olsen to be accepted as a board member. SECOND by Marvin Chlapek. Marvin withdrew the second to the motion. Rev. Charles Amos withdrew the motion.

Chairman position: xx

Treasurer position: Nominee from the floor – Pastor Larry Zabcik

Board member: Mark Olsen, who is willing to continue serving, was not elected because it was suggested he be considered for the chairman position.

Dawn Marie Baletka nominated Joe Ripple as the HUS Encampment Chairman. Mr. Ripple declined the position.

MOTION made by Bro Tommy Tallas to invest the Executive committee to fill the remaining board positions. SECOND by Rev. Curtis Holland. Motion carries.

14. Clarification of the term “Vacancy” defined for purposed of board member service. President Marek reported that this is in consideration of a lack of attendance at some committee meetings. Resignation is a vacancy or incomplection of a term. The Executive

committee suggests encouraging the chairman of the committee to get active board members and to approach those who are not active to resign.

15. Dedication of Playground equipment in memory of Barbie Fojtasek . (This was done at 11:45 a.m. See above)

16. Update on Christ Covenant Church in Lewisville, North Carolina. President Marek gave a report on the church and their desires. They are interested in the art of making kolaches. They are hungry for connection with anything Brethren. They want to make a connection with the Provisional Good News Fellowship church in Florida. Contacts are Carl and Melanie Shamel.

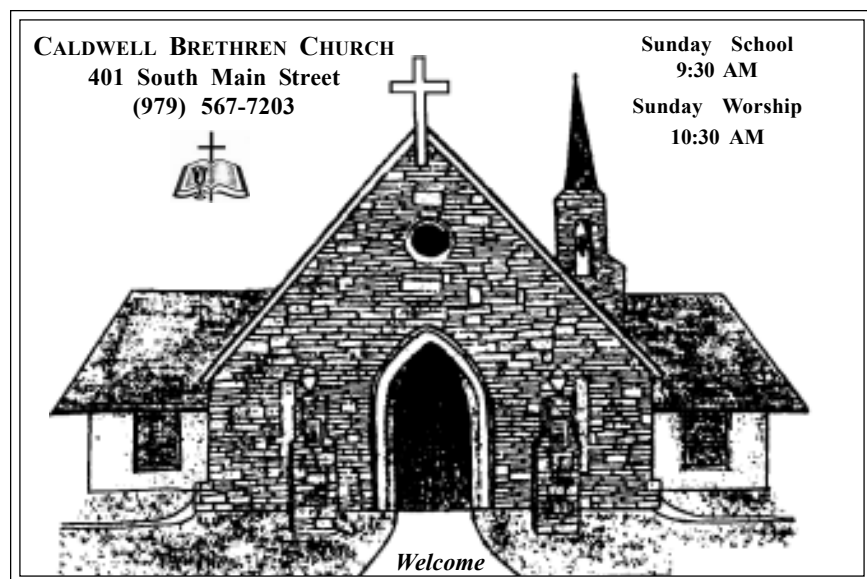
17. Bylaws committee formation announcement – Bylaws to be rewritten and finalized by October 2012 synodical meeting. Report by Rev. Tommy Tallas. He explained they would be updating the bylaws and making them more consistent. Discussion. The following have been contacted and are willing to serve on this com-

mittee: Whitney Amos, Marvin Chlapek, Jean Blaha Davis, Pat Hejl, Peggy Hejl and Kent Laza. Also volunteered – Dawn Marie Baletka and Rev. Nello Strickland. Bro. Joe Emerson was asked to serve, but he declined. MOTION by Dawn Marie Baletka for nominations to cease. SECOND by Rev. Curtis Holland. Motion carries. MOTION made by Rev. Holland to accept the nominations. SECOND by Ron Dusek. Motion carries. Members are installed.

18. Committee to organize 100 year celebration of Hus School being formed. Celebration set for 2014. President Marek reported that we will leave the formation of this committee until the next meeting.

19. Adjourn to Dedication service of Cade Lake Community Chapel. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. to attend this dedication service. President Marek ended the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Ripple, Secretary
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In Christ's Love . . . from the Mission Field

... from the Foreign Mission Field

From the Thiessens . . .

December 2011 – In May (July/August 2011 Brethren Journal) we asked for prayer for the Mixtec believers in Cochoapa el Grande, who were threatened with expulsion from their village for their faith. For a few months we waited and prayed while ultimatums came and went. Thankfully the believers were left unharmed. Now, six months later, we offer a sequel to the story. Although it does not mention Christmas, it is very much a Christ-mas story.

Yesterday we were in Cochoapa, where Isau, a Mixtec church planter from Yuvinani, whom we mentor, invited us to celebrate the two-year anniversary of this new church. It was a historic moment. Never before has there been such a gathering – 200 Mixteco believers worshipping together in their own language, under their own leadership.

We arrived first thing in the morning to a steaming breakfast bowl of

pozole with rich red salsa and tender chicken. After a while the music started, an invitation to all the town and all the visitors that the festival was about to begin. The normal meeting area, a small tile roof above a few benches, was not nearly big enough to hold everyone, so the group had strung up tarps overhead and borrowed chairs from everyone they knew. We packed into neighboring yards among homes and kitchen sheds and sat around chatting and greeting old friends. People were drifting in, in response to the music, and when everyone was ready, the meeting began.

One of the pickups delivering chairs also brought one of the town officials surrounded by attendants. Well-dressed and exuding self-confidence and authority, he worked his way up to the front of the gathering, shaking hands and greeting everyone like the seasoned politician he must have been. Then he left. We obviously had the town blessing, and it was time to begin!

After an hour of worship, Isau, mentor for this group, began calling



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Chochoapa Celebration

people to the front to give a blessing, song, or prayer. For a North American, this process might have seemed tedious (lasting another two hours!). The people spoke Mixtec, and their musical talents are just developing. But oh, what was happening here! The Chochoapa group had invited believers from many miles around, and they had walked or hitched rides from a dozen towns to join the believers of *The Lord Heals*, the church of Chochoapa. These people singing before us represented a dozen tiny be-

leaguered churches throughout the Guerrero Mixtec Mountains coming to celebrate together.

One of the pastors invited to the front looked to be barely 18, and his wife, in her hand-woven red and white *huipil*, maybe 16. But Marcelino, from Joya de Oro, was an honored guest. He had recently been thrown in jail for bringing a new "religion" to his village and had been left without food or water until, with Isau's help, he was freed. His father had become a follower of Christ through this trial, and now both father and son stood together, praising God.

At the end, Isau asked the leaders of all these groups to come up front for prayer, and there they stood, a dozen Mixtec church leaders, all who had persevered for their faith. After praying for them, and for every group represented, and for all those ill and needy, and for all those committing their lives to Christ for the first time, Isau asked for special prayer for Felix,

the pastor of the baby church of Chochoapa, some 60 people now. Felix is a tiny man, about 50, with a quiet voice and modest manners – no politician about him. But his size and voice belie his stature before God. Here is a giant. As he looked over the gathering, he started praising God, and his voice broke. "Pray for me, brothers. Pray for me. I am a flawed person. I cannot work without God's help." This man who had started as an evangelist in his home town followed Isau's mentoring and took a step of faith to help birth this baby church in Chochoapa, which has withstood trials and is now a beacon to all Mixtecos in the region.

We are working with Isau to provide training for Felix and others like him who are shining the light in Guerrero so that the good news of Christ can reach these people in their own language and their own culture. As we left Chochoapa to start the long drive home, we spoke with Isau: "What an honor to be here. We have prayed so long for such a day." "Yes, we have. We have worked hard, and it has finally come in God's timing." "It is good we could see it."

So, thank you for praying for us,



Mixtec Ladies

and the Mixtecs of Guerrero. Please continue to pray for the spread of the Gospel from village to village and the birth of new baby churches through local leaders like Felix. May Christ bless you all during this season as He has blessed us and our new brothers and sisters in Chochoapa el Grande.

January, 2012 – Hello friends, the year started gently for us, basking on the Pacific coast of Oaxaca in the glorious sun and warm rolling waves of Mazunte, a mostly undiscovered beach town that caters to the less commercial ("poorer") type of tourist. A group of more than a dozen of our extended team drove down and relaxed for a few days with our families.

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Anne and I are traveling to Baja California (a first for us) to take part in a missions conference of about 500 Mexicans. Anne will teach one plenary session and we will lead two workshops (with about 200 each time!). Anne will give an overview of What God is Up To, from Genesis to Revelations, with a special focus on His Own Relationship (Love) and how that is being extended into every corner of creation. Our workshops are: Syncretism – Looking First at Our Own, and The Church Without Chairs – First Obey Jesus (*Sin Sillas* in Spanish, which plays off *sencilla*, meaning “simple”). You’ve heard us talk through at least some of these ideas over the years, but for many down here these will be new thoughts.

After that we have a group of about ten young adults going to Guerrero (where we used to live) from northern Mexico to live among the urban indigenous for three weeks. They come from the other MBMission work up in Guadalajara, and this is our second year of collaboration. Together we want to help Mexicans (and others!) understand what God is doing among different people, and how we can join in with that. I will be over there for a large part of that time.

In the middle of that, we will be hosting a videographer from the mission agency who will put together a couple “awareness” videos highlight-

ing some of what God is doing around us for use among North American churches and supporters.

So, please pray for us, the people we will be in contact with, and the Mexican Church as it grows in missions, first in their own country and then beyond.

We wish you the very best that God can bless you with this coming year, and thanks for all you do for us.

Love, Robert and Anne

From the Raifords. . .

Into the heavens... Eunice and I were climbing higher and higher into the backbone of the Sierra Madre and it was hard to believe our six months in the States had passed along with Christmas and the New Year. We were on the road, climbing higher into the clouds, into the heavens for our first visit back to the village San Juan Juquila, and our only passenger, the mother of our host family, trying to sleep amid the curves and bumps in the road. As we climbed, the clouds came closer until we were just floating among them.

We reached our resting place three hours into our trip for a bathroom break and some breakfast. The three of us stepped out of the car and felt the difference we could see from inside the car. The temperature had

dropped 20 degrees and the fog was thick and wet. We quickly ate our tacos and downed the coffee trying to hide the fact we were freezing, and the mother (Antonia) kept saying “sure is cold eh.” Eunice just responded with a shiver and a sip of her coffee.

We continued higher into the mountains and suddenly there was a break in the clouds and the sun shone through. From this point it was about two hours down into the valley on a narrow dirt road to Juquila. But on top of the mountain 8,000 feet up, we felt the sun and looked down into clouds, a heavenly view. Eunice and I both felt excited to drop down into those clouds and begin our journey that has taken over a year to commence.

Our sun basking was short lived, and once again we were surrounded

by fog and rain. Every time we went around a wet, muddy curve in our descent I thanked God and our supporters for the new tires on our car as we avoided colliding with other cars on this extremely narrow “two lane road”. Further down the road Antonia popped her head up and said we were getting close and sure enough just around the bend was Juquila. We drove straight to her house and greeted her son Luis and her niece Maryella. We only had two days in the village so we needed to go right away to see the President (Mayor) and his cabinet to tell them our plan. Luis agreed to take us and translate because the new President doesn’t speak Spanish. As we walked up to the government building I became really nervous and the cold didn’t help, but as always



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Eunice was as cool as a cucumber. She was ready to speak and she did a great job.

The meeting consisted of about 15 men sitting around a wooden folding table. We greeted everybody individually and sat in front of the President and began to tell him about our plans. Most of the men sat expressionless, as many indigenous men do during meetings like this, so I wasn't discouraged by their body language, but it is frustrating trying to figure out what they are thinking. In the end they seemed to like our proposal and agreed to have another meeting with us to finalize things with the nurses who run the clinic there. Luis thought it went extremely well and so we are hopeful that they will invite us into the village. After the meeting we went with Luis to his plot of land outside of town and got good and muddy. We also made a campfire to warm up, out of almost dry corn husks and some wet firewood, it took about an hour to start and was very smoky but it did warm us up.

The next morning we got up early and saw the nurses. The head nurse was glad to see us, and admitted she didn't think she would see us again.

We had a pleasant talk and she agreed to meet with us and the government to hammer out some final details. After the short walk home, we ate breakfast and headed back to Oaxaca. Luis agreed to keep us informed when the President wants to see us again, in about a week or two.

Now we wait. We have formally met and proposed our plan to all the parties involved. Please pray with us as we know God will open this door for us. It is in God's hands now. We thank you all so much for your support. God will open this place up to the gospel; we pray that we are a part of His plan. Just as our trip, up there in the heavens the clouds break and the Son shines free. May the people of Juquila look up and feel the Son break them free from the fog surrounding this village. Blessings to all and we will keep you updated as soon as we know something.

Blessings, Phil and Eunice

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... from the Home Mission Field



Cade Lake Community Chapel Youth Attend Aggie Basketball Game

On Saturday, February 4, fifteen young people joined with four adult sponsors to attend the basketball game between the NCAA Champion Lady Aggies and the Kansas Jayhawks. We met at the church before the game for a quick hotdog supper and then loaded up the VFW van and one other van to transport the group to College Station.

The tickets were free and donated by Karla Devin, who got them from the A&M Athletic Department.

A good time was had by all, and the evening was topped off by the Aggies playing like champions and beating the Jayhawks by 12 points.

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DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for March 2012

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver. Prov. 16:16
2. He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; he who cherishes understanding prospers. Prov. 19:8
3. The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. James 3:17
4. The foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength. 1 Cor. 1:25
5. Wisdom says, "Whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the Lord." Prov. 8:35
6. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Jn. 1:1
7. The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth. Acts 17:24
8. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen. Rom. 1:20
9. In these last days God has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things. Heb. 1:2
10. Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. Col. 1:15
11. The law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Jn. 1:17
12. No one has seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made Him known. Jn. 1:18
13. Praise be to the Lord, for He showed His wonderful love to me. Ps. 31:21
14. Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. Rom. 8:14
15. Show me your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Ps. 25:4
16. In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps. Prov. 16:9
17. The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord. Prov. 16:33
18. We ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world. Jn. 4:42
19. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out His commands. 1 Jn. 5:2
20. Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Ps. 37:3
21. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer. Mt. 21:22
22. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." Jn. 3:16
23. "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up." Jn. 1:14
24. "...that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life." Jn. 1:15
25. Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, He who believes in Me has everlasting life." Jn. 6:47
26. "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Jn. 14:6a
27. "No one comes to the Father except through Me." Jn. 14:6b
28. The Apostle Paul said, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." 1 Cor. 11:1
29. Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them (the disciples) by the truth; Your word is truth." Jn. 17:17
30. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another" Jn. 13:35
31. "If you hold to my teaching, ...then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." – Jesus Jn. 8:32-33

Industry Brethren Church Candlelight Service



Industry Brethren Church held its annual candlelight service on Saturday, December 17, 2011, at 7 p.m. with 40 people attending. The service was conducted by Rev. Kay Polasek with Ernest Platte and J. B. Branam singing a special song. Emily Hajek sang "Away in the Manger". Everyone enjoyed singing "Silent Night" in Czech, German, English, and Spanish during the lighting of the candles. As people left the church they were given a candy cane and paper attached with the meaning of the candy cane. After the church service, all present went to the Fellowship Hall next door where there were Advent log candles lit (13 logs with 5 candles each) and the Christmas tree lights lighting the room while Christmas music played. As people entered the room, everyone was given a Christmas card thanking them for attending with a picture of

the original Industry Brethren Church from 1887. All members of the congregation were given Industry Brethren Church calendars that featured events that happened the previous year. Turkey stew, dips, nuts, and many delicious desserts, and a birthday cake for Ernest Platte who had his birthday on December 17, were enjoyed by all, as well as great fellowship.

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Invitation to the 46th Biennial Christian Sister's Convention

... from the Snook Brethren Church

The Snook Brethren Church Minister, Board of Elders, and Christian Sisters extend an invitation to all Christian Sisters members and delegates and their guests from throughout the denomination to join us for the 46th Biennial Christian Sisters' Convention to be held Saturday, April 28, 2012, at the Snook Brethren Church, 9882 FM 2155 in Snook, Texas.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Morning and afternoon refreshments will be provided. A catered lunch will be enjoyed at noon for a fee of \$10. Hotel reservations for Friday, April 27, can be made by calling the Surrey Inn, 403 E State Highway 21 (intersection SH 36 and SH 21), Caldwell, at (979) 567-3221 for a room rate of \$50. Call before Saturday, April 21, and be sure to mention the Snook Christian

Sisters for the room rate when making the reservation.

We look forward to making you welcome at the convention. We pray and ask for your prayers that we recognize and follow God's direction for us as individuals and for our organization as an effective instrument for His service.

If you have questions or concerns, please call the number listed below for assistance.

Rev. Joseph Polasek, Pastor
Justin Lewis, President,
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Georgia Kovar, President, Snook
Christian Sisters, (979) 272-8787
Snook Brethren Church,
(979) 272-3303 (to leave a message)

... from the Christian Sisters' Union Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Christian Sisters' Union cordially extends an invitation to all delegates, representatives of women's work in the church, members of the local Christian Sisters' Societies, ministers of the Unity, and to all friends of the Christian Sisters' Union to the 46th Convention on April 28, 2012, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Snook Brethren Church.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by a morning worship service at 9:00 a.m. There will be a memorial service after the noon hour.

Please pray for this convention that God will direct us and lead us.

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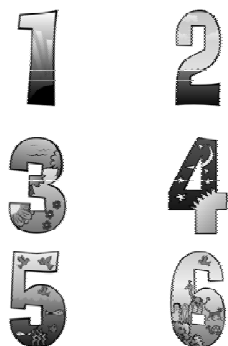
As we venture into Spring, we revel in how the world seems to awaken from winter dreariness. Once bare trees now sprout new leaves. Flowers pop up along the roadsides and in the pastures. The world seems awash in color! With all this beauty, it seems impossible not to thank God for his wondrous creation! This month we will look at the creation story. If the landscapes today can be so beautiful and breath-taking, can you imagine the beauty of the Garden of Eden? Help the children in your life discovery the magnificence of God's creation, spend time enjoying it, and thanking him for such a wonderful gift!

Creation Story Discovery

This month's lesson is not quick or easy, but it is really cool. It takes **A LOT** of teacher preparation, but I think the smiles on the faces of the children you teach will make it all worth it!

1. Create a 1 page summary of the Creation Story with pictures. See the example to the side or email me for the file.
2. Mix 2 parts metallic paint with 1 part dishwashing soap.
3. Cut out a piece of clear contact paper large enough to cover each of your Creation pictures.
4. Paint the contact paper with the silver mixture. It will take two coats.
5. Cut out six squares of the painted contact paper. Cover each picture with a painted square of contact paper.
6. Now you have a scratch-off page for the Creation story.
7. NOTE: Martha Stewart says you can skip the contact paper step and paint right over the pictures. I think this will depend on the printer/copier ink. Try it out first to see if the colors smudge.

God's Creation



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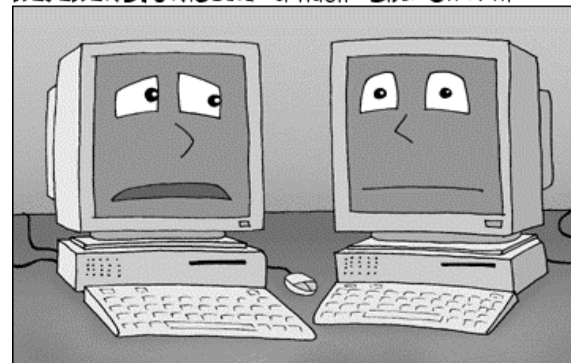
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ALL ... WE EVOLVED FROM PLASTIC, WIRES,
AND LITTLE MICRO THINGERS

Christians and the Big Bang

Most evolutionists believe in the big bang theory. They hold that billions of years ago, matter exploded and the universe developed. Eventually the sun formed, then a very hot earth.

But, the Bible teaches that God made the earth first, then the sun, moon or stars! Also, the earth was covered with water when it was first formed. We're also told that God didn't make the sun until the fourth day of Creation. So all of this is in great conflict with the big bang idea. There's no way a Christian can accept the big bang concept and add it to the Creation Story in the Bible.

But the Bible does talk about a 'Big Bang.' In 2 Peter, we're told God will judge this earth with fire, when the elements will melt with fervent heat, and there will be a big noise. The 'Big Bang' hasn't happened –it's on the way – as a judgment for man's sin.

from <http://www.AnswersinGenesis.org>

Youth News . . .

STATE YOUTH FISHING RETREAT

Friday, April 27-Sunday, April 29, 2012

Port O'Connor, Texas

Cost: \$60

Registration deadline: April 1, 2012

Spots are limited, so register early.

Registration forms and more information regarding travel arrangements, lodging, and schedule will be available at www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com after March 1.

If you have any questions, or if you are an adult who would like to volunteer to bring a boat and serve as a guide, please contact Jennifer Chervenka: jennchervenka@farm-market.net; 254-983-1002.

HUS SCHOOL PASTOR(S) NEEDED

If you are interested in serving at HUS SCHOOL this summer, please contact Jennifer Chervenka, jennchervenka@farm-market.net or Megan Stauffer, Megan_Stauffer@baylor.edu. A full time camp pastor is needed for the full three-week program from July 1-July 20. All pastors are also encouraged to come participate in the program as available (for only one session, only one day, for a couple of days). It would be a wonderful blessing to have as many as possible of the spiritual leaders of our churches involved in the program which exists to educate our young people in church leadership. If you are led to help with the Hus School Program this summer, please let one of us know. We will work with your schedule, your gifts, and your talents for assisting with study sessions, ministry experiences, etc. Please pray about your involvement and let us know how you can help.

To communicate with the Hus Encampment . . .

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

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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERS RECEIVED

By Re-affirmation of Faith and Adult Profession of Faith:

STEVE AND MARY HOLCOMB joined the Ocker Brethren Church by Re-affirmation of Faith on October 23, 2011. Rev. Ron Winsman.

DUSTY DEEVER joined the Ocker Brethren Church by Adult Profession of Faith on October 23, 2011. Rev. Ron Winsman.

LORRAINE DEEVER joined the Ocker Brethren Church by Re-affirmation of Faith on October 23, 2011. Rev. Ron Winsman.

KEVIN AND LINDSEY SCHILLER joined the Ocker Brethren Church by Re-affirmation of faith on November 20, 2011. Rev. Ron Winsman.

By Letter of Transfer:

EDWARD O. and JOHNNIE RUTH HOMEYER transferred membership from Elizabeth Lutheran Church, Caldwell, TX, to the New Tabor Brethren Church on November 20, 2012. Rev. David Johnson.

RECENT BAPTISMS

CHARITY BUTLER and her son JOSHUA ROSE were baptized on Sunday, October 30, 2011, at Rosenberg Brethren Church. Minister: Bro. Larry Butcher.

HEIDI LOUISE PHAN, daughter of Rachel and Quan Phan, born on July 13, 2011, was baptized on Sunday, October 23, 2011, at Rosenberg Brethren Church. Minister: Bro. Larry Butcher.

WESTLEY FREDERICK MORGAN, son of Matthew and Jessica Morgan, born on August 6, 2010, was baptized on Sunday, November 20, 2011, at Rosenberg Brethren Church. Minister: Bro. Larry Butcher.

ASHLEY ELIZABETH BUSBY, daughter of Rachel and Bryan Busby, was baptized by profession of faith on Sunday, November 20, 2011, at Rosenberg Brethren Church. Minister: Bro. Larry Butcher.

MICHELLE LEIGH CORNETT was baptized by profession of faith on Sunday, November 20, 2011, at Rosenberg Brethren Church. Minister: Bro. Larry Butcher.

ALEXANDER REID HENDRIX, son of Luke and Marielle Hendrix, born on September 11, 2011, was baptized on Sunday, January 1, 2012 at Rosenberg Brethren Church. Minister: Bro. Larry Butcher.

RECENT WEDDINGS

DESIRAE MALOVETS married ANDREW ENGLISH at the Ocker Brethren Church on November 5, 2011. Minister: Rev. Ron Winsman.

RECENT DEATHS

PETTY, GEORGE MARSHAL "BUD", age 58 and a member of the New Tabor Brethren Church, died December 30, 2011, at Burleson St. Joseph Hospital, Caldwell, Texas. He was born October 14, 1953. He was married to Carol Trcalek Petty. Services were held on January 3, 2012, New Tabor Brethren Church. Survivors include his wife Carol, son Marshall & Roxanne Petty, daughter Mica Sandner & Michael Ward, daughter Mabrey & Tye Dowell, and 6 grandchildren. Ministers: Rev. David Johnson and Rev. Skip Stutts.

VAVRA, JERRY, age 92, member of the Dime Box Brethren Church, Dime Box, Texas, died Monday, December 26, 2011. He was born on September 18, 1920, in Caldwell, Burleson County, Texas, to Joe & Emilie (Trcalek) Vavra. Jerry was united in marriage to Florice Riske on June 22, 1947, at the Brethren Church in Dime Box by Rev. Henry Beseda, Sr. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Annie Urbanovsky and Evelyn Ehrlich, and a brother, Joe Vavra. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Florice Vavra of Dime Box; nephew, Michael Ehrlich of San Antonio; two nieces, Joyce Weaver of Dime Box and Pat Crum of New Braunfels; three sisters-in-law, Lela Pearl Vavra, Maxine Meyer and Ruby Sharp, all of Dime Box, and Florice's niece and nephew, Thomas Sharp of Dime Box and Carol Thacker of Houston.



Funeral services for Mr. Vavra, were held on Friday, December 30, 2011. Burial with military honors followed at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Dime Box. Ministers: Bro. Jim Heckman and Bro. Del Miller.

WINNER, MAURICE D. III, age 52, member of Methodist Church, Waco, Texas, died

November 9, 2011, in a Dallas Hospital of cancer. Survived by his wife Donna, 6-year-old son Jacob, parents, 2 sisters. Service was from Wilkinson/Hatch-Bailey Funeral Home, Waco, Texas, and burial in Oakwood Cemetery, Waco, Texas. Ministers: Rev Stephen Ramsdell and Rev Lawrence JuneK.

Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

March 11 – Sunday at 3 p.m. Ordination Service for Pastor Larry Zabcik at the Temple Brethren Church. Reception at the church following the service RSVP to 254-778-8759 (leave a message if no answer) or email to: zabcikville@hotmail.com

March 30-31 – Counselor Training/Camp Planning Day. Training starts with dinner at 6 p.m. on Friday and continues on Saturday at 9 a.m. Camp Planning will be on Saturday. For more information please contact Megan Stauffer at: Megan_Stauffer@baylor.edu

April 14 – Saturday at 9 a.m. The Spring Synodical Committee meeting will be held at the Hus Encampment. For information contact Liz Ripple, Unity Secretary at: lizripple@hotmail.com

April 22 – Sunday at 3 p.m. Ordination Service for Pastor Mark Sebek at the Bryan-College Station Brethren Church. Reception to follow in the Fellowship building. RSVP to Dawn Marie Baletka, email: BaletkaD@navasotaisd.org or call (979) 777-9940

April 28 – Saturday at 9 a.m., the 46th Biennial Christian Sisters' Union Convention at the Snook Brethren Church, Snook, TX. Registration at 8:30a.m., lunch at noon. See article in this issue for additional information.

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

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The Fishing Pond at the Hus Encampment



Many projects and enhancements have been completed over the last few years at the Hus School Encampment in Caldwell. Recently, the Fishing Pond was dug out and enlarged.

The Pond is a very important part of the camping experience. Unfortunately, due to the extreme drought the pond was completely dried out before the end of the summer camping season and the campers were unable to fish. The Board of Trustees decided it was the best time to have the pond cleaned out. ➔





Mr. Lonnie Albright of Deanville was contracted to complete the project, which began in December 2011 and took about a month to finish. Not long after completion, the Lord blessed the camp with several inches of rain, which completely filled the pond back to the top. Soon, grass will be planted around the perimeter of the pond to enhance that part of the grounds and prevent soil erosion. Fish will later be added once the water has had a chance to settle.

The Board of Trustees and the entire Hus camping staff look forward to another great summer camping experience fishing at the Pond.



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– 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.
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Sunday School at 9 AM every Sunday.
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Pasadena – Sunday School at 9:30 AM and worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
Midweek Study twice per month on Thursdays at 6:30 PM.
– Rev. Bill Rinderknecht

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.
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Seaton –
Sunday, 9:15 AM – Prayer Gathering; 9:30 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.
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Snook – Sunday School – 9:00 AM; Worship – 10:15 AM.
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– 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

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