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of

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Koslovsky; Rev. Jim Heckman.

## President's Column . . . James Marek

### The Mutual Aid Society Benevolence to Brethren

The upcoming month of May has  
been traditionally designated as Mu-

tual Aid month within the  
Unity of the Brethren.

Although the Mutual Aid  
Society has been in exist-  
ence within the Unity for  
over 100 years, its mis-  
sion has not changed.

The Mutual Aid exists to  
provide “Benevolence to  
Brethren”. The word “be-

nevolence” is one that we don’t hear  
used very often anymore and may be  
somewhat unfamiliar to even we Breth-  
ren. Webster’s dictionary defines “be-  
nevolence” as “a disposition to do  
good, an act of kindness or generous  
gift”. The original constitution of the  
Mutual Aid Society listed three pur-  
poses for the creation of the organi-  
zation which are still very closely  
aligned with Webster’s definition.  
Those purposes included.

1. To give to the survivors of  
deceased members a certain sum of  
money.

2. To support charitable and be-  
nevolent enterprises and undertak-  
ings for mutual self protection.

3. To perform deeds of love and  
charity in general and especially among  
its own membership.

More than 100 years  
later the Mutual Aid So-  
ciety is still providing a  
monetary expression of  
love and sympathy to the  
families of its deceased  
members. Additionally,  
building projects of Unity  
churches are still being



advanced through building loans pro-  
vided by the Mutual Aid Society and  
most recently the Mutual Aid has  
begun providing educational schol-  
arships to its most active college  
student members. All of these be-  
nevolences are directed exclusively  
towards Brethren. As a member of the  
Mutual Aid Society, Brethren can be  
assured that they are part of some-  
thing greater than any individual.  
They are a part of an effort to ensure  
the continuation of the Unity of the  
Brethren for future generations while  
fulfilling of the scriptural directive to  
“Bear ye one another’s burdens and  
thus fulfill the laws of Christ” found  
in Galatians 6:2. ➔

### In God's Hands Ministry

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**Everyday Ministries to Meet Everyday Needs**  
**A Home Mission Work to Cade Lake and Burleson County**

As a dues-paying member of the Mutual Aid Society, one makes a benevolent investment in the continuation of the Unity of the Brethren for future generations. Our forefathers made such investments for us, so don't we now owe the same to those who will come after us? The Unity of the Brethren is a rare and unique denomination. As one of the oldest Protestant denominations in the world, we have a very rich heritage. Since Hus predated Martin Luther by more than 100 years, our history predates that of our Lutheran brothers and sisters by more than a century. We have the example of Jan Hus to point to, remember and emulate. Hus' example is also one from which we can still draw inspiration. There are very few denominations that have a martyr like Jan Hus in their lineage who have died for the cause of Christ. Hus stood and died for the principles that we find in a solid and personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Now some 600 years later we have the opportunity, if not the obligation, to pass on the Christian and Brethren tradition of bearing one another's

burdens to those generations to come. By doing so, we advance the cause of Christianity and preserve the ideals and principles held by our Brethren forefathers.

The chances are very good that you have been to Sunday School or Church in a building that the Mutual Aid Society helped finance. We continue to benefit from the benevolence of those who have gone before us. Now it is our responsibility and the purpose of the Mutual Aid to keep the movement going. One simple way to do this is by becoming a member of the Mutual Aid Society. Membership assessments and donations to the Mutual Aid Society help build a stronger organization which will in turn help maintain and expand the benevolence that the Mutual Aid Society can provide in the future.

If you are a member of the Unity of the Brethren and have benefited from its existence, consider becoming a member of the Mutual Aid Society. Your membership will help ensure future generations have the opportunity to enjoy and propel the Unity for many years to come.

## WESTHEIMER COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## The Ordination of Denise Kay Mikeska



*Reverend Denise Kay Mikeska*

On February 26, 2012, at Seaton Brethren Church, Denise Kay Mikeska was ordained as a minister of the Unity Brethren. Denise was both baptized and confirmed at Seaton Brethren Church as a child, and after serving there as Associate Pastor for 3 years, she was called as the lead pastor on December 11, 2011.

Rev. Mikeska is a graduate of Temple High School, The University of Mary-Hardin Baylor, and she received her Master's degree from Master's International School of Divinity.

She is married to Raymond Charles Mikeska III and they have two children, Raymond Charles Mikeska IV (Ray) and Kristen Ashley Mikeska. She is the daughter of Leonard and Dorothy Mikeska.

Participating in the ordination service were the Rev. Joseph Emerson, whom Denise served under for 3 years, the Rev. Linda Chandler, who is her mentor and friend, the Rev. Glenda Whitehead of the Journey of Faith Methodist Church, and Dr. Larry Koslovsky, and Pastor Steve Davis. James Marek, President of the Synodical Committee, and Liz Ripple, Secretary of the Synodical Committee, were also in attendance to present Denise with the Certificate of Ordination.

The service began with the Rev. Joe Emerson blowing the shofar and leading a call to worship and a prayer, followed by a responsive reading led by Dr. Larry Koslovsky, followed by a scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Glenda White-



*Reverend Joseph Emerson  
blowing the Shofar*

Annual Christian Sisters Bazaar, 2nd Saturday in September  
**The Rosenberg Brethren Church**  
**Christian Sisters**  
 5220 Reading Road, Rosenberg, Texas 77471

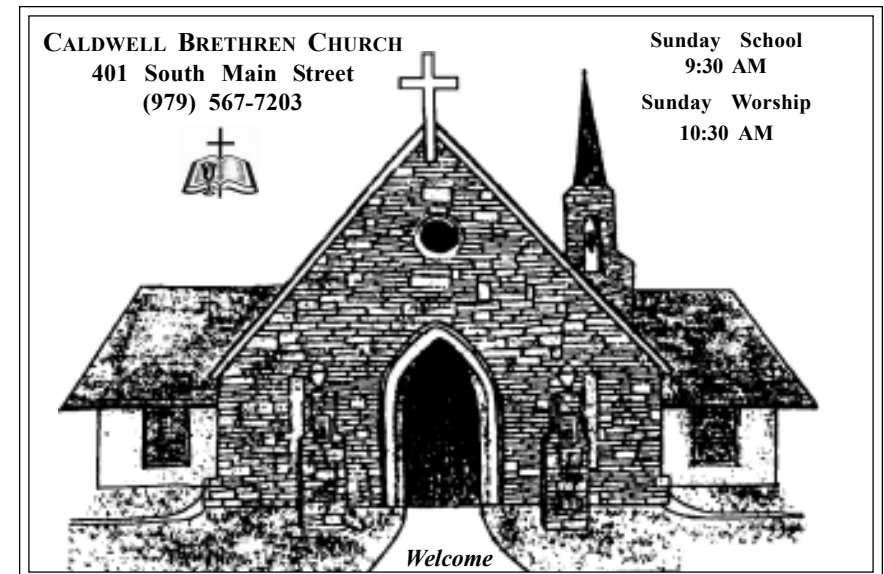


*Rev. Denise Mikeska with her family. Husband Raymond Charles Mikeska III and children Raymond Charles Mikeska IV (Ray) and Kristen Ashley.*

head. Then the Rev. Linda Chandler shared a message entitled "The Call".

The rite of Ordination and prayer and anointing was led by Rev. Emerson and Rev. Chandler. The service was filled with a lot of music and praise of

various styles including a song by Rev. Denise Mikeska called "I Will Follow." Pastor Steve Davis closed with a benediction and prayer, which was followed by a BBQ meal and reception in the Fellowship Hall.





*Linda Chandler during  
the Rite of Ordination of  
Rev. Mikeska.*



*Rite of Ordination Service.*

*Rev. Larry Koslovsky  
during the Rite of  
Ordination.*



*Unity Pastors surrounding Rev. Mikeska during the Rite of Ordination.*



# **CY-FAIR COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**(Unity of the Brethren)**

**Worship – 10:45 A.M.**

**Sunday School – 9:30 A.M.**



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## Taylor Youth Ash Wednesday Dinner

The Taylor Brethren Youth puts on an Ash Wednesday chicken fried steak dinner every year which is catered by Captain Red's. This year's dinner was held on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at the church. The kids began selling tickets the month before the event and were able to sell over 500 tickets to the meal.

The youth did all the serving in the food line and the ladies of the church donated cakes and desserts to go with the meal. The youth greatly appreciates all the help from their church family along with all the help from the parents. The Taylor youth



group is an amazing bunch of kids. The church thanks all that helped before the dinner and were able to stay to clean up afterwards.



## TAYLOR BRETHREN CHURCH

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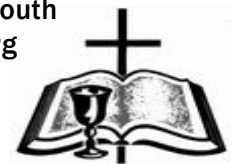
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M-Th 8:00 am-noon

## BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION BRETHREN CHURCH

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**Pastor Mark Sebek**

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Sunday School 10:45 A.M.  
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## Thoughts about giving...

**Remembering the Unity of the Brethren or any of its ministries is a fitting testimony of your belief. Your gift in a will can be a legacy that continues to affect the Christian values, mission, and ministry that is important to you.**

*You can give without restrictions and let us use the funds for the most pressing needs or you can specify how, when, or where you want the funds used.*

*You can require that we hold the principle as an endowment and use only the earnings each year.*

*You can give in memory or in the honor of someone.*

*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 friends and family,

May Your Kingdom Come May Your Will Be Done...

When Jesus taught us to pray this way, what did He really mean? Did He really mean for God's will to be done on earth, just as it is done in heaven?" Well how is it done in heaven? It's just a guess, but I bet there is no sickness, no pain, no demons to bother us, and no suffering in God's heavenly kingdom.

We have been thinking about this recently and what it means for the Kingdom of God to come to the Shan Dai Nation. Currently this nation is under Satan's rule. But we have been given a task to go and make disciples of every tribe and tongue and nation and teach them to obey Jesus. When Jesus comes back to take us home, He is not coming to save us, He already did that. He is coming to pick up His bride to go to a wedding. That's a big difference. When the Kingdom comes to the Shan Dai, we pray that it comes not only in word, but also in power!

*We pray that they will understand*

*that they, as the bride of Christ, have a job to do for their Lord, that is to go forth in and with His love and power and bring the Kingdom of God with them.*

### May

May is truly in love with her Lord! We spend about 4 hours with her every day in prayer, worship, learning new Bible stories, reading scripture, writing out the stories, and recording the stories. Then after hours and on the weekend she goes about her normal life of visiting friends and family. In the past many of them did not want to hear about Jesus from her anymore. She had told them again and again about God's love and they were getting tired of it. Do you know people like that?

Well, now that she is inviting God's Kingdom to come into their lives by praying for their problems, exciting things are happening. Many of her family call her on the phone and ask her to come and pray for them in Jesus' Name. Jesus is making His Name known among the Shan Dai.



## SNOOK BRETHREN CHURCH

9882 FM 2155/P.O. Box 247, Snook, TX 77878

Church Phone – (979) 272-3303

### COME WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday School – 9:00 AM; Worship – 10:15 AM

Bible Buddies – 2nd Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 PM

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#### Youth Directors

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Lord, pour out more of your love and power upon May. Give her many opportunities to share You with others. Make Your Name known among the Shan Dai people.

### May's Baby

Thank you for praying for May. About a week ago her 7-month-old returned home to her. Her brother-in-law went home for Chinese New Year to visit his mother and brought May's baby back to her. We praise the Lord for this as we all have prayed and prayed over this situation. Now life will change for all of us as we add another baby boy to our home, May's baby, Jonathon.

### Healings

One young man, married to May's cousin, had breathing trouble and heart trouble. May prayed for physical healing and shared God's love with them. His body is better now, if not completely healed. May is now going to their house once every two weeks to lead them in prayer and worship and stories. Our hope is that they can really learn these stories and then immediately pass them on to their friends and family.

Things like this are happening weekly here. May comes and tells us who she prayed for and how they were healed and how they want to know more about Jesus. She actually has about 5-6 places around the area where she goes and teaches, just like we asked you to pray for. His Kingdom is coming in love and word and power!

*Lord we ask that you would continue to bring your Kingdom among the Shan Dai. Let them know you are more powerful than their fears, than their sickness, than the local witch doctor, and their household idols.*

### Teammates

The Kingdom came at the beginning of January when our teammate Rachel came down with eclampsia, pregnancy-induced high blood pressure. This is a very serious condition that can cause death to mother and baby. Many of you know the story as we sent out tons of emails to you asking you to pray. And pray you did as we saw miracle after miracle. Rachel was moved to Misty City, two hours away, and had an emergency C-section. Baby Anne came out 9 weeks too early.

The local doctors were amazed when baby Anne didn't die. The entire hospital was talking about the American woman that just woke up and started breathing on her own after her friends came and prayed to their God for her. Rachel and Anne were air-evacuated to Bangkok.

Currently Rachel is out of the hospital and has been completely healed of any problem. Anne is doing great and is drinking milk and breathing on her own. We praise the Lord for He is so good and full of tons and tons of grace and mercy and love to give. He is not stingy with these things. He, Himself, is making His Name known in that hospital and among the doctors and patients.

*Lord, thank you for saving Rachel and Baby Anne. Thank you, Lord, for all of those that prayed and prayed for this family. Thank you for making Your name known among the local doctors and patients at this hospital. Continue to have Your hand on Anne causing her to grow strong and fat and happy. We pray for Anne as she will have a surgery soon on her gut. Continue to stir up talk about You in that hospital and bring many into Your kingdom.*

### Next Door

As many of you know, there is war right next to us in the country beside us. We may have about 30-40,000 refugees in our area because of it. Recently our city has been targeted to be the western gate into Chi, so all the import and export from Africa, India, and the Middle East will come straight up into our city. But first it must go through the country to the west of us, thus one of the reasons for the war. This area is not under control by the government and they need it to be if the trade is to come.

*Lord, we pray for peace in Bur. Lord, stop the war and bring peace and communication. Help the refugees.*

### Home Coming

We are coming home for 7 months. We have not visited with many of you for almost four years. We will be in the States from June until January 2013. We look forward to spending time with you, catching up, and hearing about what is new in your lives.

Partnering together,

Michael, Caroline, Samuel,  
Ian, Zach, Isaac

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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.

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### ... 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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He is not here. He  
has risen, just as He  
said.

Matthew 28:6

## Sunday School Helper



Easter is about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The death of Jesus on the cross devastated His disciples. At Lazarus' tomb, Jesus wept because He knew death was not part of God's original plan. Because of sin, death entered the world. He wept because it broke His heart. But while at Lazarus' tomb, Jesus stated, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live" (John 11:25). So death is not the end and Jesus' resurrection proves that. When you put your faith in Christ, Easter means that you will live forever in God's presences. Easter brings hope and life.

# Resurrection Rolls

Make the story of Easter extra tasty this year!

## Ingredients for 8 rolls

1 can refrigerated crescent roll dough  
8 large marshmallows  
Melted butter  
Cinnamon  
Sugar



## Directions

1. Give each child one triangle section of dough. This represents the tomb.
2. Give each child a marshmallow. This represents the body of Christ.
3. Dip the marshmallow in butter, and then roll in cinnamon and sugar. This represents the oils and spices used to anoint the body.
4. Lay the marshmallow on the dough and carefully wrap. Make sure all the seams are pinched together well.
5. Bake according to package directions.
6. Cool.

For  
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information, contact:

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# Thoughts for Teens



## Teen Egg Hunt

Have your teens enjoy the fun of an Egg Hunt and review the wonderful story of Easter. Place the prescribed verse in each egg, hide the eggs, then have youth look up the verses to recreate the Easter story. (You can also provide the listed item as an additional clue.)

Egg 1: Matthew 26:26, piece of bread

Egg 2: Matthew 26:27, grape

Egg 3: Matthew 27:3, coin

Egg 4: Mark 15:15, leather

Egg 5: Mark 15:17, purple cloth

Egg 6: Matthew 27:29, thorn

Egg 7: Mark 14:70, rooster

Egg 8: John 19:17-18, cross

Egg 9: Luke 23:33, nail

Egg 10: Matthew 27:48, sponge

Egg 11: John 19:34, knife

Egg 12: Matthew 27:59-60, rock

Egg 13: Matthew 28:6, nothing!

## ORPHANED: Winter Youth Retreat: February 25-26, 2012

Youth from across the state gathered at the Hus Encampment for the annual winter retreat. The focus of the retreat was "Orphaned".

Youth learned about the 163 million orphans around the world, what God's Word teaches us about them, and how we, too, are all orphans until we accept Christ and become members of God's family.



Clockwise from upper middle: Monique Duron, Carsen Amos, Taylor Krcha, Erin Brinkley, Grace Jungmann, Montgomery Raesz, Kayla Wunsche, Brittany Norris, Lance Sebesta, Rikki Sebesta, Chris Stauffer, Meghan Griggs.

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**Youth Fishing Retreat in Port O'Connor: April 27-29, 2012**

Registrations due March 31. Call for late registration as space available.

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**Summer Youth Retreat, Convention, & Volleyball Tournament:  
July 21-22, 2012**

More information to follow.

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## Hus Encampment Treasurer Position Change

On April 1 the position of Treasurer of the Hus School Encampment will change. This is for the Operating, Building, and Capital Improvement Funds. The new treasurer is Ron Krueger of the Taylor Brethren Church. His address is P. O. Box 1225, Taylor, Texas 76574.

Ron is replacing Marvin Chlapek, who resigned to assume other Unity duties. All donations that went to Marvin during the past 4-1/2 years should now go to Ron. Funds for the Food and Activities Account should continue to go to Jim Baletka in College Station.

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*Information Form*



### 2012 Schedule

#### Encounter Camp (ages 7&8)

June 7-9 (Thur 3 PM to Sat 3PM)

Deadline / Registration Fee

By 4/15 - \$200; By 5/1 - \$250;

By 5/15 - \$275

Directors: Vernelle Labaj, Peggy Hejl

#### Pioneer Conference (ages 11&12)

June 17-22 (Sun 4 PM to Fri 3 PM)

Deadline / Registration Fee

By 4/15 - \$300; By 5/1 - \$350;

By 5/15 - \$375

Directors: Don and Laurie Bagby, Jon & Gayle Farrow, Arnold Motl Brad Wilde

#### Alpha Camp (ages 9&10)

June 10-14 (Sun 4 PM to Thur 3PM)

Deadline / Registration Fee

By 4/15 - \$300; By 5/1 - \$350;

By 5/15 - \$375

Directors: John Paul & Jennifer Chervenka  
Angie Labaj, Jeremy & Cindy Wentreck

#### Discovery Conference (ages 13-15)

June 24-29 (Sun 4 PM to Fri 3 PM)

Deadline / Registration Fee

By 4/15 - \$300; By 5/1 - \$350;

By 5/15 - \$375

Directors: Amy Snelgrove, Mark Olsen,  
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# DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

## Daily Morsels for April 2012

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. **Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Jn. 10:10**
2. I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. Lk. 22:32
3. How great is the love the Father has lavished on us. 1 Jn. 3:1
4. Death has been swallowed up in victory. 1 Cor. 15:54
5. "He is not here; He has risen, just as He said." Mt. 28:6
6. You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power. Rev. 4:11
7. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Gal. 6:14
8. **"I am the Living One. I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever!" Rev. 1:18**
9. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever. 1 Jn. 2:17
10. He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. 1 Jn. 3:8a
11. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 1 Jn. 3:8b
12. Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be of good courage; be strong. 1 Cor. 16:13
13. Answer me, O Lord, out of the goodness of Your love; in Your great mercy turn to me. Ps. 69:16
14. Be my rock of refuge, O Lord, to which I can always go. Ps. 71:3
15. **Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness.** 2 Tim. 2:19
16. Accept one another, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. Rom. 15:7
17. Whoever believes in the Son of God has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him. Jn. 3:36
18. Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me will never go hungry, and he who believes in Me will never be thirsty." Jn. 6:35
19. "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life." Jn. 6:40
20. "But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." Jn. 12:32
21. Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. Prov. 16:3
22. **May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him. Rom. 15:13**
23. The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. Ps. 19:7
24. "I am the light of the world. Whosoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life. Jn. 8:12
25. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. Jn. 1:9
26. "Wake up, sleepers, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Eph. 5:14
27. Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in Your law. Ps. 119:18
28. Say "no" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and live self-controlled, upright and godly lives. Titus 2:12
29. **Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal. Isa. 26:4**
30. Teach us to count our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Ps. 90:12

## VITAL STATISTICS

### RECENT WEDDINGS

REBECCA GOODWIN was married to CODY LESHIKAR on December 31, 2011, at the Killeen Convention Center and will live at Temple. Witnesses: Kimberly McGraw and Ryan Leshikar. Minister: Mark L. Labaj.

KIRSTEN GROSECLOSE was married to TREVOR MORGAN on January 15, 2012, at the Ocker Brethren Church, and will live at Midland. Minister: Mark L. Labaj.

### RECENT DEATHS

BAYLESS, TANNER SCOTT, age 18 and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, La Grange, died December 24, 2011. He was born on August 31, 1993. Services were held on December 28 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial was in the Fayetteville Brethren Cemetery. Survivors include his parents, John and Stacy Bayless Divin, Jr., stepfather, John Hill; three sisters and one

brother; grandparents, Scott and Judi Bayless, Lou and Russell Hill, and Burdine Divin. Minister: Father Joseph Varickmackal.

MELNAR, LARRY, age 60, and lifelong member of the Vsetin CMB Church died February 4, 2012. He was active in the Sunday School and had served the congregation in the office of Elder. Born November 30, 1951, at Weimar. He was married to his first wife, Marilyn Brotze, for 27 years. Married February 13, 2004, to Rose Ferris in Waco. Is survived by his wife, 3 children, 4 grandchildren, and 1 sister. Services were on February 8, 2012, from the Vsetin CMB Church with burial in the Vsetin CMB cemetery. Minister: Mark L. Labaj.

WOYTEK, LESTER, age 69, member of the Vsetin CMB Church, died February 17, 2012. Born November 1, 1942, in Lavaca County. Married June 15, 1963, to Bernice Brown in Hallettsville. Is survived by wife, 3 sons, 8 grandchildren, and 2 brothers. Services were on February 20, 2012, from the Vsetin CMB Church with burial in the Vsetin CMB cemetery. Minister: Mark L. Labaj.

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**April 14** – Saturday at 9 a.m. (refreshments served at 8:00 a.m.). The Spring Synodical Committee meeting will be held at the Hus Encampment. A light lunch will be provided at noon or immediately following the meeting. For information contact Liz Ripple, Unity Secretary, at [lizripple@hotmail.com](mailto:lizripple@hotmail.com) or by phone, (979) 378-2239.

**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](mailto:BaletkaD@navasotaisd.org) or call (979) 777-9940.

**April 27-29** – Youth Fishing Retreat in Pot O'Connor, Texas. Registrations due by March 31. Call Jennifer Chervenka for late registration as space available, (254) 983-1002.

**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.

**April 29** – Sunday at 11 a.m.-??, Crosby Brethren Church Spring Fling! Shrimp & Bar-B-Q, auction, games, kolaches & homemade goodies. Booths available. **Food & Fun for All!** Crosby Brethren Church, 5202 First St., Crosby, TX 77532, (281) 328-2442.

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Encounter (ages 7-8) June 7-9	Pioneer (ages 11-12) June 17-22
Alpha (ages 9-10) June 10-14	Discovery (ages 13-15) June 24-29
Hus School (at least 16, upon application approval) July 1-20	

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**Questions or Comments about the Camping Program?** Contact Megan Stauffer, Camp Programmer (979) 255-9713 or [Megan\\_Stauffer@baylor.edu](mailto:Megan_Stauffer@baylor.edu).

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– Rev. John Kueker

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