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### Hus Encampment Treasurer Position Change

As of April 1 the position of  
Treasurer of the Hus School  
Encampment changed. 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, Tay-  
lor, Texas 76574.

Ron has replaced Marvin  
Chlapek, who resigned to as-  
sume other Unity duties. All  
donations that went to Marvin  
during the past 4-1/2 years  
should now go to Ron. Funds  
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count should continue to go to  
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## President's Column . . . James Marek

### The State of the Unity

The months since the last conven-  
tion have passed quickly with a sig-  
nificant level of activity  
throughout the Unity.  
Some happy times, some  
challenging, but both are  
signs of life and passion  
within the denomination.

The synodical commit-  
tee and executive com-  
mittee have been actively  
working on a number of  
issues since the convention. We have  
worked to fill some critical leadership  
positions in various Unity organiza-  
tions. Most recently Mark Olsen (Tay-  
lor) has accepted the position of  
Chairman of the Hus School Board of  
Trustees and Rick Weise (Wall) has  
also joined the Hus School Board as  
a trustee. Additionally, Ron Krueger  
(Taylor) has accepted the position of  
treasurer on the Hus School Board of  
Trustees. Mark succeeds Rev. Whitney  
Amos who previously led the board.  
Rick Weise assumes the position pre-  
viously held by Mark Olsen, while  
Ron Krueger takes over for Marvin

Chlapek as treasurer on the Hus  
School Board of Trustees.



Connie Janac (Snook)  
will move from the Presi-  
dent of The Friends of the  
Hus School Encampment  
to the treasurer's position  
previously held by Anna  
Wotipka (Caldwell). The  
search for a new presi-  
dent of The Friends of the  
Hus School Encampment

continues at the writing of this ar-  
ticle. We extend our thanks and ap-  
preciation to all of these individuals  
for the willingness to serve the Unity  
through the Hus School Board of  
Trustees and the Friends of the Hus  
School Encampment.

The mission at Cade Lake led by  
Rev. Jim Heckman and his wife,  
Diane, continues to gain momen-  
tum. Currently, the mission offers 2  
Sunday school classes for children,  
1 for middle school aged students  
and 1 for high school students and  
adults. The Sunday school atten-



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dance has consumed virtually all of the available space. The highest single Sunday attendance at a worship service has been 43 people, all of whom were from the Cade Lake Community. A total of 113 people have attended at least 1 time. Bro. Jim and his family provide a noon meal each Sunday for those in attendance and continue to find new ways to serve the Cade Lake Community. Currently, the mission plays host to those in Cade Lake for a movie night 2 times a month as well as weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. 11 of the young people from Cade Lake also recently attended the Fall Youth Rally held at the Hus School Encampment. Bro. Jim and Diane, along with their family, appear to be making a real difference in the lives of the people in Cade Lake as they continue to serve the people and draw them into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

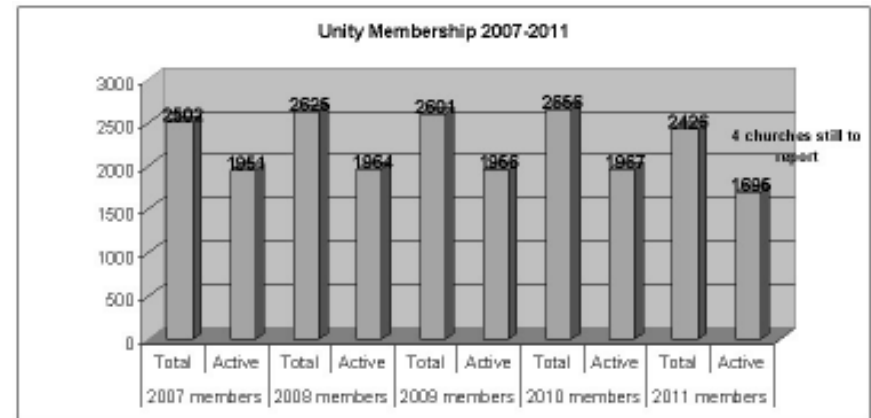
As of the end of the first quarter of

2012, the Unity finances are holding up fairly well, but need our continued attention to ensure the work of the Unity can continue. The Ministerial Student Fund currently is in the red due to the educational expenses associated with the blessing of several ministerial students. This has been money well spent. Since the first of this year, 3 of our ministerial students have been ordained and are now actively serving Brethren congregations across the state. Rev. Denise Mikeska at Seaton, Rev. Larry Zabcik at Temple, and Rev. Mark Sebek at Bryan/College Station.

Donations are also still needed in both Foreign and Home Missions. The Unity is sponsoring significant and necessary work in both of our mission efforts and remains dependent on personal donations to continue. Please remember these and all Unity projects in your financial stewardship as well as your prayers.

We are looking forward to welcoming the Woos (missionaries to China) this summer as they visit Texas as well as their families in other parts of the United States. Their travel plans have not yet been finalized, but we encourage everyone to attend any fellowships or worship services that the Woos may schedule in your area to hear what God is doing through them.

Thank you to all of those who were involved in completing and returning the Unity questionnaires. These questionnaires provide helpful information with regard to membership and local activity at Brethren Churches around the Unity. The preliminary numbers suggest mild growth in a couple of Brethren churches while active membership throughout the Unity remains stable.



Other items that the synodical committee will be working on include the appointment of the a pastor to serve as the pastor to the pastors, the consideration of a name change for the Rosenberg Congregation, and the membership status of ministers who are active in the Unity but not currently serving any specific Brethren congregation. Additionally, a minister's retreat is being planned to allow our

pastors to spend some time together in an environment conducive to physical and spiritual re-charging and renewal.

Please remember to pray for all Unity churches, our missionaries, and the camping program. Pray that God will continue to bless our ministry and provide the necessary resources to complete the work He would have us do.

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## From the Bratrské Listy

(Note from the Editor: The following brief article appeared in the Brethren Journal Supplement to the Bratrské Listy, Volume 40, Number 12, December 1943. Redaktor (Editor) Rev. Josef Hegar stated in that issue how a decision was made against opposition of others to include four pages of English under the heading "Brethren Journal". This was the result of yielding to the many requests for "something in English" from the boys in the service. This issue, along with many others, was found in archive storage at the Hus School Encampment.)

### Why I go to Church?

A professor in the Yale School of Medicine answers this question thus:

The church represents one of man's intuitive approaches to truth. To leave it uncultivated is one of the greatest sources of knowledge. This is true no matter how ineffective the church may be, how poor the preaching. For there is beauty in any church service and food for thought in every sermon. The hurry of existence leaves little enough time for that quiet contemplation from which creative ideas arise. Going to church is one of the vital necessities.



Cover of Bratrské Listy and Brethren Journal Supplement dated December 1943 and addressed to Mrs. Jos. Kamas of Bellville, Texas

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 (Gal. 6:2)

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## Home Missions Board Report

The Home Missions Board met March 31, 2012. The primary goal of the Home Missions Board is to serve the Unity through the education about and coordination of Home Mission Projects throughout the Unity.

The primary project of the Home Missions Board is the Cade Lake Community Chapel and In God's Hands Food Ministry. Currently, Cade Lake Community Chapel receives \$1,000 per month and In God's Hands Food Ministry receives \$500 per month. God uses this money in powerful ways. For example, last year In God's Hands provided 150 families with 66,000 pounds of food for only \$5000!

However, it is important to note

that this is not the only project that falls under the description of "Home Missions". Individual churches also participate in projects that can be considered Home Missions. Members of the Home Missions Board will be visiting churches to educate the members of the Unity on the missions supported by the Unity. Questions regarding the Home Missions Board may be directed to Pastor David Johnson, Chairman.

*All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.*  
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## In Christ's Love . . . from the Mission Field

### From the Raiford's . . .

March 2012  
Hello everybody,

#### An update on Eunice.

Since Eunice and I have been back in Oaxaca, Eunice has been working and training at a school for midwives called Casa Compasiva (house of compassion). It is a Christian group of women working with pregnant women who want to have a normal birth. They do consults, prenatal care, give advice and prayer, carry out the births and give post birth care. Last month they celebrated their one-year anni-



*Eunice Raiford with  
Julieta Venegas.*

*Julieta  
Venegas,  
National  
Spokesperson  
for in home  
births and a  
well known  
pop music star  
in Mexico.*



versary. Eunice has enjoyed working alongside these women and interacting with the patients. A few weeks ago Eunice went to another group of midwives to give a class on fetal circulation. This group, called Nueva Luna (new moon), is the only other group of midwives in the entire state of Oaxaca. This group has been around for a number of years, and she found out that the Lamaze class we took a few years ago is run by these women. The two groups try to work together as much as possible to create awareness of the benefits of natural births.

Last week Eunice got a call from one of the leaders at Nueva Luna to go out for coffee and talk about a possible job opportunity. Eunice went



*Eunice Raiford with midwives at a conference in Oaxaca.*

and met with Araceli from Nueva Luna at a local coffee shop. The two talked about the struggle for women in Oaxaca and around the country, and what Nueva Luna was doing. Araceli then asked Eunice if she was interested in joining their team. They were impressed with her presentation and her enthusiasm on the issues. They wanted another person to join their team, and for Eunice to be a part of the future. Nueva Luna is working on making home births legal and legitimate in Mexico. Right now in Mexico it is illegal to have a clinic that only

insurance coverage taken. So now even the midwives of the villages are under attack. The doctors are doing everything they can to have more women have C-sections for two reasons; it is more expensive and it is quicker. That way doctors can go through more patients in a day and make more money, extortion at the highest cost.

Nueva Luna has asked Eunice to be a part of the team that will break new ground for women's rights in Mexico. They have already filed with



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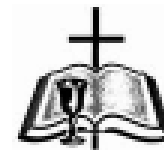
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the state and federal governments to legalize home birth clinics, and last week held a conference with guests from all over the country here in Oaxaca to discuss the law and its impact on doctors and women. Eunice was invited to the conference where there were speakers from the government, doctors, and to Eunice's delight, Julieta Venegas. Julieta is a major pop star here in Mexico who is the national spokesperson for in-home births after having her daughter at home two years ago. Eunice was able to meet her and talk about the future for women in Mexico (she was majorly star struck). The debate went well and many local doctors who want to see the laws changed were very encouraged.

As many of you know, Eunice is very passionate about her work, and it makes me so proud that she is being recognized for it. People are truly amazed by her story and her dedication to doing what is right, not making money off sick people. Her participation in Nueva Luna has excited her to new levels, now that she will see her dreams put into action. As a woman who grew up indigenous, and poor; to be a doctor and to be a part of the

change is what she dreamed of when she chose the profession. Meeting all of you this summer/fall was a major influence, she has been encouraged by your friendship. She may not have talked a whole lot, but she was listening.

Our plans have not changed with the new developments. We are still planning on being in Juquila part time over the next few months. Meanwhile, Eunice will be studying and working alongside these groups. Nueva Luna also has three midwives in the MIxe area where we are headed. They don't live in the same village, but will be great contacts in the area.

Please continue to pray for our entrance into Juquila; also for Eunice's new opportunities in Casa Compasiva and Nueva Luna. Later this month we are going on a trip for a medical brigade into a few indigenous villages. As for myself, there are always lots of opportunities for ministry here in Oaxaca. The local church keeps me busy, along with my budding relationships with new friends in the city.

Thanks again to all of you, and we hope to have good news about Juquila in the next letter.

Phil and Eunice

## From the Theissens . . .

March 22, 2012

Hello friends,

You're probably aware that we had a real strong earthquake down here; but really, even though everything was shaking, nothing much happened. Praise God for that!

The last time I wrote I mentioned that we were hosting 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.

Here is an excerpt from the blog of one of the participants, Jackie:

"Over a month ago we set out into the unknown. We knew the name of the destination, we knew how long it would take to get there, but we knew little else. We were set to commit the next three weeks of our lives to living and learning in a small city called Tlapa in one of the poorest areas of the country in the state of Guerrero. We were sent off with this commission: show these people love, show them value, and as a child of Abraham, be a blessing to them. With this our leaders left us with nothing but a small backpack.

I was welcomed by a smiling face, Yuri. She would be my adoptive mother for my time in Tlapa. I found myself suddenly thrust into this family's life and met with many challenges. I had to re-think and re-learn how to do simple things. A much poorer household, there were different ways of doing



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almost everything. Not only was I forced to learn how to live, I also made an effort to learn about their culture, about their history as a people, and even parts of their language. The family I lived with is Mixteco. Yuri was open about sharing many of her life experiences. At times I rejoiced with her, and at times I found myself mourning... stories about the brokenness in her husband's family. But beneath all of these things there was a joy in her voice and a confidence in Christ. However, I continued to pray that God would show me how I could best bless the family. Sounds simple. In reality it is a difficult task when one enters a culture and really doesn't know what it is they need, either physically or spiritually. I began to realize that there is no possible way that I will be able to understand their culture and way of life enough within three weeks to know how to effectively bless them. I prayed God to reveal to me how I can show them love.

And then something happened that broke my heart. Yuri's mother-in-law, Ale, walks in, stops about 2 meters in front of me and simply stares. She came over to me and began to stroke my hair and my skin while saying

"how beautiful" with an expression of near adoration. Then she ran my fingers through her greying hair and over her creamy, golden brown skin while muttering about how ugly she was. This shot through my heart as I realized I was experiencing an expression of a deep feeling inside her... a feeling of inferiority... an utter lie that she believed. With my best attempts at saying otherwise, she merely shook her head and left the room.

It was in that moment that God gave me a glimpse into the inner beliefs of these people. He had given me his eyes and an impulse that told me to show them that they are wrong... they are so incredibly valuable in the sight of their creator. I didn't know what to do. With this on my mind I continued to show interest, to learn, to help out around the house, to learn to make tortillas and salsa, to eat a lot of chile, and to initiate conversation where I could. Yet the whole time I continued to think... was there not more I could do? I began to wonder. I began to criticize myself, feeling like I haven't been doing enough, I began to lose hope.

But one morning, while making tortillas with Yuri's mother-in-law, I was

proved wrong when she began to cry as we talked about how once I leave I may never return. Although sad, it was in this moment that God encouraged me to continue to persevere, for solely my presence, and my story, was enough to show them blessing, value, and love. This speaks to the truth that we must walk forward when God is leading us, and we must have faith in Him. Only He knows what is truly happening in the hearts and minds of those around us. By the end I found much joy being in their culture. I came out of it craving the taste of chile, accustomed to mid-day bucket showers and eating without any cutlery.

We also got a chance to spend time in some of the mountain villages, where God has been at work and has now established two indigenous churches among the Mixteco people. What an amazing picture of the diversity of God's promise as thousands of

years after Abraham I was able to see the extension of his family as far as the small mountain villages of southern Mexico, where people are being healed and experiencing God's presence in their own language and culture. What an amazing God we have!"

Well, her story sums up many aspects of what we wanted the group to experience. Please pray for them as they continue in their training, and consider where God is leading them. One of the group, Isai, has committed to serving a multi-year apprenticeship with us with a goal of ministry among unreached indigenous groups in southern Mexico. So praise God for that!

Blessings, Robert



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## ... from the Home Mission Field

### From Cade Lake Community Chapel:

On Sunday, March 25th, Cade Lake Community Chapel was excited to record our first baptism. Lane Walton, son of Mindy Palicka, completed his Catechism class at Caldwell Brethren and will be confirmed in April. However, he and his family asked Bro. Jim to officiate his baptism since Lane has been under Bro. Jim's ministry for seven years. The service went very well...the congregation was introduced to the Apostle's Creed during this service, and we look forward to many more baptisms in the months and years ahead.



*Rev. Jim Heckman baptizing Lane Walton.*



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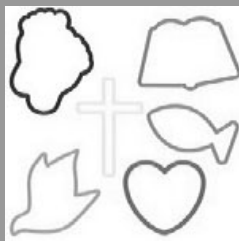


Easter (last month's theme) brought hope and peace to a sin filled world. We often talk about sin and "making bad choices" with our youth, but we need to go deeper and be sure they understand exactly what sin is and how it separates us from God. We also want to be sure they understand that Jesus paid the price from that sin on the cross, leading to the joy, hope, and peace that Easter brings! This month's lesson idea is borrowed from [ministry-to-children.com](http://ministry-to-children.com). It has been reworked to be done by one adult, but if you want to see the larger than life version, go to <http://ministry-to-children.com/silly-band-bible-lesson/>.



# Silly Bands

You will need the following silly bands:  
Bible, cross, heart, foot, fish



## Lesson:

Today we are going to use these silly bands to learn some very important things. **(Show the Bible band.)** What is this shape? This is the Bible. It is God's Word – His message to us. It's kind of like this cell phone. You can use it to send text messages. God has sent each of you a text message – the Bible is God's word written down for you. It's like a big text message from God to you. One of His messages is Romans 3:23 (Everyone has sinned). Sin is disobeying God. Another message is Romans 6:23 (The payment for sin is death). God says we owe a payment or a bill for your sin. The payment for that sin is death. The good news is that God knew we were going to sin, so He made a way for us to be forgiven. That brings us to our next band: **(Show the cross band).** This band represents Jesus dying on the cross for our sins. God sent His one and only Son, Jesus, down to earth to die for us and pay the bill we owe for our sin. Another message from the Bible is John 3:16 (For God loved the world so much, that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life). Jesus, God's Son, came down to earth. He was born in Bethlehem to a virgin named Mary. And Jesus never sinned. He was perfect. He never sinned because He was God's Son. He never life, stole or cheated. He was perfect. When Jesus grew up, He died on the cross in our place. He wasn't dying for His sins because He didn't have any. He was dying for our sins. You have to accept the gift.

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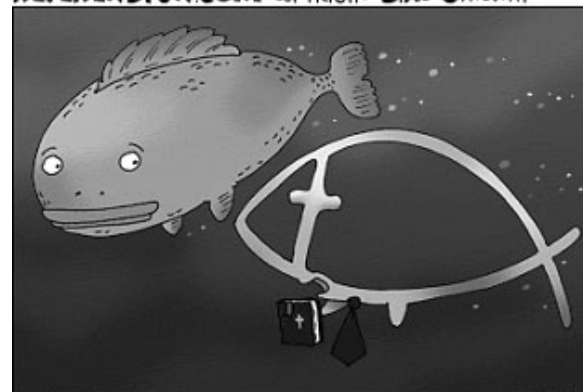
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# Thoughts for Teens

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HELLO FRIEND, HAVE YOU HEARD THE GOOD  
NEWS OF THE GOSPEL?

## Silly Bands Continued

**That leads to our next band: the heart.** You accept God's gift of eternal life by praying and asking Jesus to be your forgiver. You tell Him you are sorry for your sins and that you believe in Him. You ask him to forgive you of your sins and come into your heart. He makes it all clean. **The next band is the foot.** This foot represents following Jesus, letting Him be the boss of your life. This doesn't mean you will be perfect, but He will always love you. **Our last band is the fish.** The fish represents asking Jesus to be your friend. Jesus cooked fish for his friends, the disciples. He loved His friends and spent time with them. When Jesus comes into your life, He becomes you best friend. He will always be there for you. (Review the meaning of each band and lead the group in prayer.)

## YOUTH NEWS . . .

### SHINE LIKE STARS State Children's Rally Saturday, March 3, 2012

47 children ages 3-3rd grade gathered at the Hus encampment for the 5th annual State-wide Children's Rally. Participants played games, snacked, toured the camp, sang songs, danced, and most importantly learned about the Word of God.

The Bible tells us in Genesis that God created everything and God created us in His image. Children were reminded about how God is our creator and our Father, and how He loves and cares for each of us and for His creation.

Participants also looked at New Testament teachings in Corinthians, and learned that God's light is in us. And they learned from the book of Matthew that everything we do shows others who God is. We are God's lights and we are suppose to shine for Him. We are to be a light for

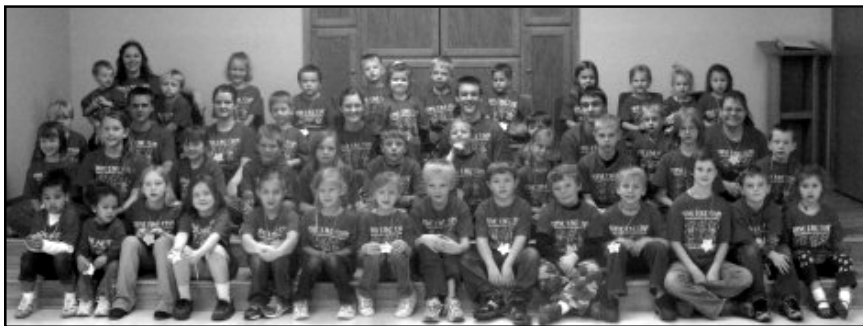


*For God who said,  
"Let light shine out of  
darkness," made His  
light shine in our hearts...  
2 Corinthians 4:6*

others, so that they may come to know Him and praise Him. The next state-wide Children's Rally will be on Saturday, March 2, 2013!



*(L to R) Amelia, Nathaniel, and Cooper learn moves to the music.*



*Group photo of the children that participated in the Children's Rally in March.*



*(L to R) Blayne, Elizabeth, Jordan, Hailee, Jacelyn, Andrew, and Lane having fun.*

#### UPCOMING DATES:

JUNE 30: ANNUAL YOUTH REPORTS and LEADERSHIP TEAM APPLICATION DEADLINE

JULY 20-22: STATE YOUTH RETREAT; CONVENTION; VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Check out [www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com](http://www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com) or contact Jennifer at [jennchervenka@farm-market.net](mailto:jennchervenka@farm-market.net) or 254-983-1002 for questions or more information.

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# **Unity of the Brethren** **2012 Summer Camping Program**

*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

### **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

### **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

### **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,

Rebecca Gibbs, Steve Gleinser

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

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*John David Skrivaneck*  
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 (713) 626-0522

## **Taylor BYF Takes a Trip**

Youth from the Taylor Brethren Church recently traveled to the Six Flags amusement park in Irving, Texas. The group has made this same trip every Good Friday for the last five years. Before going into the park, all the youth gathered in front of Cowboy Stadium for a group photo to commemorate their trip.

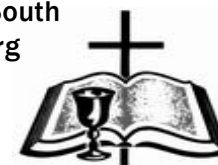


*Taylor BYF gathered in front of the Dallas Cowboys Stadium in Arlington.*

## **BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION BRETHREN CHURCH**

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**Pastor Mark Sebek**

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**Church 9:00 A.M.**

**Sunday School 10:45 A.M.**

**Off: 979-693-3606**

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## DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

**Daily Morsels for May 2012**

**Dorothy E. Kocian**

1. Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Deut. 8:3
2. Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Ps. 119:105
3. Jesus said to them, "It is My Father who gives you the true bread from heaven." Jn. 6:32
4. "The bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." Jn. 6:33
5. Christ in you, the hope of glory. Col. 1:27
6. **Do not work for the food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. Jn. 6:27**
7. Restore us, O God Almighty; make Your face shine upon us, that we may be saved. Ps. 80:7
8. "I am the gate; whoever enters through Me will be saved." Jn. 10:9
9. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." Jn. 10:11
10. Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost. Lk. 15:6
11. Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever. Ps. 28:9
12. We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. Ps. 33:20
13. **I will sing to the Lord, for He has been good to me. Ps. 13:6**
14. I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection. Phil. 3:10
15. "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." Jn. 10:27
16. "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, no one can snatch them out of My hand." Jn. 10:27
17. "Because I live, you also will live." Jn. 14:19
18. We wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. Titus 2:13
19. "I am the resurrection and the life." Jn 11:25
20. **Lord, I trust in Your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in Your salvation." Ps. 13:5**
21. "Whoever desires to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." Mt. 16:25
22. Acknowledge and take heart this day that the Lord is God in heaven and on earth below. There is no other. Deut. 4:39
23. God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. 1 Jn. 1:5
24. If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus purifies us from all sin. 1 Jn. 1:7
25. The earnest prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16
26. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. Ps. 23:1
27. **The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever. Isa. 40:8**
28. There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. Ecc. 3:1
29. "Love each other as I have loved you." Jn. 15:12
30. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Mt. 5:8
31. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus. Rom. 15:5

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## VITAL STATISTICS

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## Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

**May 1:** Registration and Fees due for Summer Camping Program. See application for fee schedule and amount or contact Glenn Fojtasek, 936-271-1761.

**June 30:** Annual youth reports and Leadership Team application deadline.

**July 20-22:** State Youth Retreat, Convention & Volleyball Tournament.

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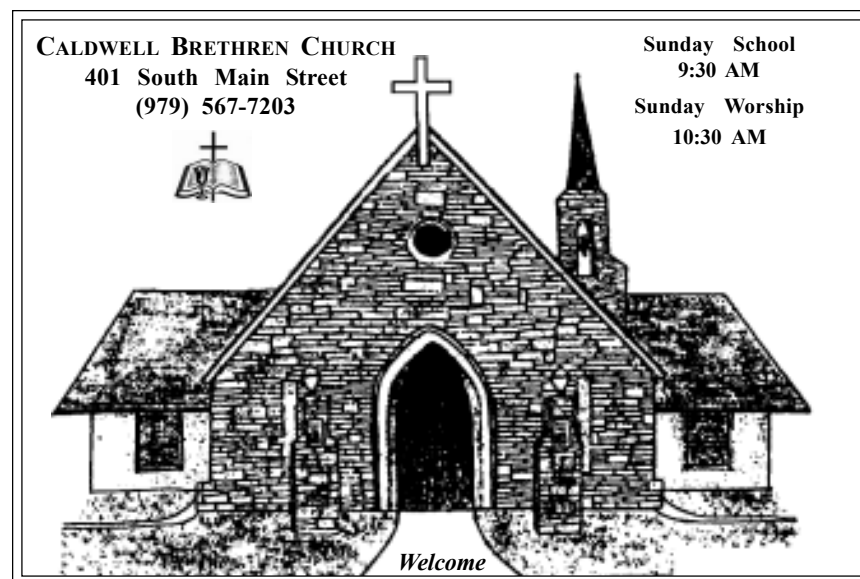
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Hus School (at least 16, upon application approval) **July 1-20**

*(see flyer advertisement in this issue for additional information)*

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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  
– Rev. Henry Beseda

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 9:45 AM,  
worship at 10:45 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.  
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.  
– Bro. Larry Butcher

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.  
– Rev. Denise Mikeska  
Pastor Steve Davis, Youth Pastor

Snook – Sunday School – 9:00 AM;  
Worship – 10:15 AM.  
– Rev. Joseph Polasek

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

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

Westheimer Community – 9:30 AM, Christian  
Education; 10:30 AM, Worship, with Holy  
Communion every 5th Sunday.  
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