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President's Column . . . James Marek The Board of Grants and Requests Revisited

At the last church convention, the size of the Board of Grants and Be-

quests was reduced from 9 to 5 members. This action was intended to make the board more nimble and increase their activity and impact within the Unity. The Board for Grants and Bequests was created at the 1973 convention in Crosby and

since then has done its work without much notoriety or publicity. In many cases Brethren are unfamiliar with the intended purpose of this board as well as the board's continuing service to the Unity.

The stated purpose of the Board of Grants and Bequests is contained within our Unity Bylaws as follows:

"As an agency of the Unity of the Brethren, the Board will encourage Christian stewardship through appropriate publicity by seeking to point out special needs and benevolent opportunities existing in the Unity of the Brethren, and also point out tax breaks allowed for giving to worthy causes."



Additionally the purpose is further defined within the Bylaws with the

following statements: "The Board will encourage Christian stewardship through appropriate publicity by seeking to introduce itself to those with the desire and means to contribute to the long-range benefit of the Unity of the Breth-

ren. Its program will not be intended to replace or reduce giving to Hus School, Missions, or to the local congregations, but rather will seek long-range contributions to permanent-type funds through grants and bequests made in wills and/or memorial gifts set up as a revolving fund for the benefit of Unity of the Brethren causes. In encouraging Christian stewardship, special needs and benevolent opportunities existing in the Unity of the Brethren, and incentives allowed for worthy causes under present tax laws, will be pointed out."

These excerpts from the bylaws

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direct that the funds managed by the board are designated for the longterm benefit of the Unity by providing a funding source for long-term projects. As mentioned in a previous column, it is not only important to complete the work God leads us to do today, but to also develop a strategy to identify and fund the work of the kingdom tomorrow. The Board of Grants and Bequests was developed to provide a mechanism to help the Unity fund these long-term projects as God reveals them to us.

Over the last several years the Board has helped to support the Unity's director of youth ministry position. Additionally, the Board has assisted a church within the Unity with necessary building improvements when all other funding options had been exhausted. While the Board has had an impact within the Unity in the past, we will be looking for additional ways that the resources of the Board can be increased and utilized.

Please keep the Board of Grants and Bequests in your thoughts and prayers as we work to discern what it is that God is calling us to do. As a Unity, it would seem appropriate that we pray collectively for God's inspiration and direction for the future of this valuable resource. Gifts to the Board of Grants and Bequests will help ensure that the Unity continues its work in God's kingdom for years to come. All Brethren are encouraged to prayerfully consider this worthy organization. Those who feel led to support the Board of Grants and Bequests through monetary gifts or those who have ideas regarding projects that would be worthy of the Board's consideration are encouraged to contact one of the board members. The members of the Board are:

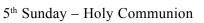
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You can require that we hold the principle as an endowment and use only the earnings each year.

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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Invitation to the Mutual Aid Convention from the Dime Box Brethren Church

The Dime Box Brethren Church would like to extend a sincere invitation to the Mutual Aid Society for their 62nd Biennial Convention to be held on July 14, 2012. The church is located on FM 141 about 2 miles off SH 21 about 18 miles west from Caldwell. We look forward to having fellowship with you.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with a worship service to begin at 9:00

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a.m. There will be a catered meal from Jake's Barbecue for a cost of \$8.50. Please contact Natalie Outlaw, General Secretary of the Mutual Aid, at (979) 458-1812 for additional information.

Mutual Aid Convention Invitation

The Administrative Board of the Mutual Aid Society extends an invitation to all Ministers, Delegates, and Members of the Society to attend its 62nd Biennial Convention to be held Saturday, July 14, 2012, at the Dime Box Brethren Church.

A warm welcome is extended to visitors who would like to observe the proceedings. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with a worship service to open the convention at 9:00 a.m. A catered meal will be served for lunch. We also ask you to remember this gathering in your prayers.

Rev. Joseph J. Polasek, President

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The ladies of the Community Christian Church of Rosenberg again decided to wear hats for Mother's Day. The ladies are encouraging all the men of their congregation to wear suspenders for Father's Day.

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The 46th Convention of The Christian Sisters Union Report

The 46th Convention of the Christian Sisters Union of the Unity of the Brethren was held at the Snook Brethren Church on April 28, 2012.

The theme of the Convention was "God is God and we are not." The message was delivered by Dr. Larry Koslovsky of the Crosby Brethren Church.

The Convention received a gracious welcome from the Snook congregation. We were greeted with a continental breakfast and were later served a delicious noon meal catered by "Texas Country Catering." Each delegate received a very nice goodie bag.

In attendance were 25 delegates, 5 officers, 4 ministers and 29 visitors.

The newly elected officers for 2012-2014 are:

President: Delores Kubala Vice-President: Ann Sebesta Secretary: Kim Kennard Financial Secretary: Carol Miller Treasurer: Mary Kokes.

At this time, a location for the next convention in 2014 has not been selected.

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

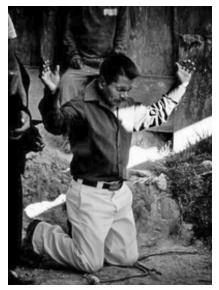
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Dear friends,

A few months ago we wrote you about the first anniversary of a new church among the Mixtecs in the village of Cochoapa. After being under threat of persecution and expulsion for months on end, the church was finally recognized by the village authorities. This was a moment of celebration for all.

Now we have received word that this new church has received a heavy blow. Their main teaching elder, Felix, has died. He was a welder. Electrical systems in mountain villages are notoriously unsafe. Felix touched the wrong wire and is gone.

We remember how each of the three new churches we have seen birthed in the time we have worked among the Mixtecs has lost its main leader. Juan Mercenario was martyred within a year of starting the church in Yuvinani. Sebastian died suddenly of a brain tumor within a year of organizing the church in San Rafael. Felix is dead now in the infancy of this new church in Cochoapa.



Felix at the first anniversary of a new church among the Mixtecs in the village of Cochoapa.

Why does God allow the death of strong Christian Mixtec leaders in an area so starved for the gospel and Christian community? Animism is strong among the Mixtecs. Perhaps those that fear the spirits are saying, we told you so. You can't snub the spirits. Perhaps the spirits themselves are laughing, thinking they have won

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this round, thinking they will knock this new church and Felix's grieving family to the ground with discouragement. Pray that this may not be so. The spirits have been wrong before. God is not defeated by death.

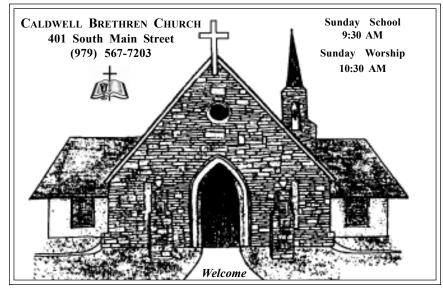
Robert's trip to Panama to visit with MBMissionaries, the Zuluagas, and the Wounnan people group went well. The "Kingdom of God" and "discipling leaders that reproduce themselves from within their own resources and culture" were the major topics of interaction. Please pray for the Zuluagas and the task of raising up strong leaders who continue the work throughout their own people.

I am leaving for Santiago, Chile, this Friday, for over a week of teaching with a YWAM church planting school. They also have me speaking with several other groups of Latins wanting to get involved in missions. So again, pray for energy and empathy as I interact with many different people, and help them think through their part in God's restoration. I won't even make it all the way back to Oaxaca; I will meet Robert and the kids in Mexico City on June 4th, and we all fly to Florida, spend a few days with my parents, and then begin the trip to Ontario. We will be there till early August, returning to Oaxaca in time for a new year of school. RuthE has one more year, and Philip three. Of course, we need your prayers through all this, too.

Thank you. May you be blessed as you bless.

Anne and family





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West Brethren Church Mission Trip to Joplin, Missouri

Fourteen members from West Brethren Church spent June 4-7, 2012, in Joplin, Missouri, helping to rebuild structures that had been damaged by the tornado of May 22, 2011.

This team of builders joined 25 others from Central Baptist of Carthage, Texas, to work on four projects to help these victims. Previously these two mission teams have participated on other projects together– Plantersville in 2010, Carthage, Texas in 2011, and now Joplin in 2012. The main project of this trip was to add a structure onto the Watered Gardens Gospel Rescue Mission in Joplin. Other projects included work on individual houses – remodeling a bathroom including replacing a bathtub with a shower – repairing a garage – putting siding on a house.

Our West congregation supported us with prayers throughout the week. It was definitely a productive trip. The individuals at the house projects were very appreciative.



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Sunday School Helper

Service to others is important and children learn this value through example. Children also need opportunities to practice service to others. Because children learn through mimicking, it is important for children to help at home and at church. As they help at home and church, they learn, through example, how God helps us each and every day and how He wants us to show His love to others through service.

The Lord is with me:

He is my helper.

Psalm 118.7a

Never too Young to Help

You will need:

1 white washcloth per child

Acrylic paint

1 Pie Tin per paint color

1 fabric marker

- On each washcloth, write "I am a helper. Colossians 3:23".
- 2. Place paint in each pie tin.
- 3. Have child dip both palms in paint and then press onto the washcloth.
- 4. Allow to dry.
- Children can use these to help around the house as a dust cloth or rag to wash the table or car.

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Thanks to Cale Hamblin (See Exocus 16) WOULD YOU LIKE TO START OFF WITH SOME GARLIC MANNA OR PERHAPS SOME MANNA STICKS?

Helping Those in Need

Blindfold one person in the group. Hide in the room a jar of peanut butter, a jar of jelly, a loaf of bread, and a knife. The groups will attempt to make a PBJ sandwich in three rounds.

Round 1

Tell the blindfolded person they have 90seconds to make a PBJ sandwich. He or she will fail. This is okay.

Round 2

Tell they group they can instruct the blindfolded person, guide him or her, etc., but they cannot touch the person. Again, there is only 90 seconds to complete the task. There is a slim chance that they person will be able to make a PBJ.

Round 3

Tell the group they can do anything in their power to help (don't tell them, but this includes making the sandwich themselves). This time they will succeed.

Discuss our role in helping others. How can we show Jesus' love to those in need?

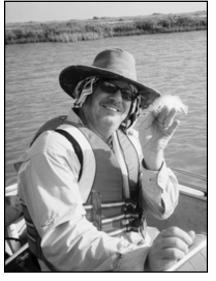
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State Youth Fishing Retreat Port O'Connor – April 27-29, 2012



What a windy weekend at Port O'Connor! The wind was blowing and the waves were splashing, but the fish were still biting. Several youth and adults reeled in fish at the annual youth fishing retreat April 27-29, 2012, in Port O'Connor, Texas. Once again, the girls out-fished the men for the largest fish by size and by weight. Pictured above are Katelyn Kennard and Emma McGrath with the prizewinning fish. Each received a \$25 gift card to Academy Sports and Outdoors donated by Ross Griggs. Appreciation is expressed to the guides who volunteered their time, tackle,

bait, and boats: Ross & Brenda Griggs, Todd Corporon, James Kubecka, Alvin Kubala, Claren Kotrla, James Skrabanek, and Brandon Pechal. Appreciation is also expressed to HEB for their donation to help offset the cost off meal supplies. Save the date! Next year's retreat is scheduled for Friday, May 3-Sunday, May 5.



Rev. Ron Winsman with his 'big' fish.



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Claren Kotrla receives fishing advice from a local.



Youth await the loading of the boats: Top row – Meghan Griggs, Philip Dusold, Layne Outlaw. Bottom row – Trevor Coots, Shelby Lancaster.

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Summer BYF Retreat, Convention, and Volleyball Tournament Saturday, July 21-Sunday, July 22, 2012

(Those arriving on Friday are asked to arrive no earlier than 7 p.m. so Hus School can be closed and the camp readied for the retreat. No meals will be provided on Friday.)

If you have not mailed in the following, please do so ASAP. The postmark deadline is June 30. These items must be received by June 30 in order to compete in the volleyball tournament (see by-laws).

- Local Information Page with delegate and volleyball information
- Membership Roster (Please include all youth ages 12-21)
- Annual Activity Report

Paraphrased:

1. Each local is responsible for sending in current member, officer, and sponsor information. (State BYF Constitution, Article IV, Section 2d; Section 5.) 2. Local groups must have delegates seated at the convention. (Section 5) 3. Local groups must maintain a program of worship, study, service, outreach, and recreation. They should conduct or participate in at least one youth-led service. A report must be submitted describing these activities. (Article IV, Section 2).

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Also due June 30:

- Registration and Rules Form & Fee (one per participant) •
- Registration Forms (one per adult)

Mail To:

- State Leadership Team Youth Application (if any)
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Current by-laws, forms and report pages, registrations forms, and leadership applications are available at www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com.

Saturday registration will be from 7-8am. Convention will begin promptly at 8am. Volleyball will begin at 9am with all teams and team members reporting to the main building. Sunday worship will be at 9am. Dismissal will follow camp cleanup (approximately 10:30am).

Note that Jennifer Chervenka will be directing Hus School from July 1-20, and her communication will be limited. Please submit your reports and registrations by the June 30 deadline. E-mailed registrations are not accepted. **THANK YOU!**



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DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for July 2012

Dorothy E. Kocian

- 1. Accept, O Lord, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me Your laws. Ps. 119:108
- 2. He will teach us His ways, so we may walk in His paths. Isa. 2:3
- 3. With righteousness He will judge the poor, and with justice He will give decisions for the needy of the earth. Isa. 11:14
- 4. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness. Daniel 9:9
- It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.
 2 Sam. 22:33
- 6. The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous ones run to it and are safe. Prov. 18:10
- 7. His people say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in Him, and He saved us." Isa. 25:9
- 8. The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God, the Rock, my Savior! 2 Sam. 22:47
- 9. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may live according to Your truth. Ps. 86:11
- "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation." Eph. 1:17
- 11. "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." 3 Jn. 1:4
- 12. The Lord loves the just and will not forsake His faithful ones. Ps. 37:28
- 13. Be strong, do not fear, your God will come to save you. Isa. 35:4
- 14. Lord, make your way straight before me. Ps. 5:8

- 16. Direct your heart to the Lord and serve Him only. 1 Sam. 7:3
- 17. I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. 1 Sam. 1:15
- 18. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1
- Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the battle is not yours, but God's. 2 Chron. 20:15
- 20. For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; it is He who will save us. Isa. 33:22
- 21. May the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful. Ps. 68:3
- 22. May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. Jude 1:2
- 23. You must return to your God; maintain love and justice, and wait for your God always. Hosea 12:6
- 24. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up. Eph. 4:29
- 25. The Lord is wonderful in counsel and excellent in guidance. Isa. 28:29
- 26. "Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty. Malachi 3:7
- Be strong and courageous; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Josh. 1:9
- Évil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the Lord understand it fully. Prov. 28:5
- 29. Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. Zech. 7:9
- 30. May God arise, may His enemies be scattered. Ps. 68:1
- 31. You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You. Ps. 16:2

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15. If God is for us, who can be against us. Rom. 8:31 In God's P. Coldw

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Daily Morsels for August 2012 Dorothy E. Kocian

- 1. The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart. Ps. 34:18
- 2. It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. Ps. 18:32
- 3. Who is so great a God as our God? You are the God who does wonders. Ps. 77:13-14
- 4. The ways of the Lord are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them. Hosea 14:9
- 5. God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; He does great things beyond our understanding. Job 37:5
- 6. The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. Isa. 9:2a
- 7. On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. Isa. 9:2b
- 8. For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. Isa. 9:6
- 9. Jesus said, 'The time has come. The kingdom of God is near." Mk. 1:15a
- 10. "Repent and believe the good news!" Mk. 1:15b
- 11. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you." Jn. 14:27
- 12. I am the Lord your God. You shall acknowledge no God except Me, no Savior except Me. Hosea 13:4
- Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant. Mk. 10:43
 Whoever wants to be first must serve
- all. Mk. 10:44 15. For even the Son of Man did not
- come to be served, but to serve, and gave His life a ransom for many. Mk. 10:45
- 16. Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd; I know My sheep and My sheep know Me, and I lay down my life for My sheep." Jn. 10:14-15

- 17. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Heb. 4:14
- For this is our God forever and ever; He will be our guide even to death. Ps. 48:14
- 19. The Lord says, "You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart." Jer. 29:13
- 20. The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous. Prov. 15:29
- 21. In Christ Jesus and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. Eph. 3:12
- "I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will lead you," says the Lord. Jer. 3:15
- 23. Teach me, O Lord, to follow Your decrees; then I will keep them to the end. Ps. 119:33
- 24. Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to Your word. Ps. 119:31
- 25. The Father Himself loves you. Jn. 16:27
- 26. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. Isa. 65:24
- 27. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing. Ps. 100:2
- 28. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. Lament. 3:22
- 29. Be careful, keep calm and do not be afraid, and do not let your heart be faint. Isa. 7:4
- 30. Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power. Eph. 6:10
- 31. I love those who love Me, and those who seek and find Me. Prov. 8:17

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RECENT DEATHS

WILKE, LLOYD R., age 77 and a member of the Houston Brethren Church, died May 4, 2012, in Houston, Texas. He was born in West Columbia, Texas, and is survived by his wife I. Louise Wilke, a brother, 2 sisters, a son and daughter, 2 stepdaughters, and many beloved grandchildren. He was a well-known figure in his Heights subdivision, where he could be seen on his daily walks visiting with friends and neighbors in the area. Services and burial were on May 10 at Brookside Funeral Home, Eastex Freeway. Minister: Dr. Jerry Terrill.

WATTS, LANIE SHANNON, age 18 and a member of the Ocker Brethren Church died May 20, 2012. She was a passenger in an auto accident. A memorial service was held on Thursday, May 24, 2012, at Ocker Brethren Church. A private family burial was held Saturday, June 16, 2012, at Ocker Brethren Church. Pastor: Rev. Ron Winsman.



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Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

July 8: John Hus Sunday. Missionaries Pavel and Stana Kozak at Temple Brethren Church at 10 a.m. The Kozaks will present a program about their work in the Czech Republic. Please bring a covered dish to share during the luncheon following the service.

July 14: 62nd Biennial Mutual Aid Convention at the Dime Box Brethren Church. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. with a worship service to begin at 9:00 a.m. Visitors are welcomed. A catered meal will be served at noon for a cost of \$8.50 for visitors. For more information contact Natalie Outlaw, Secretary, at (979) 458-1812.

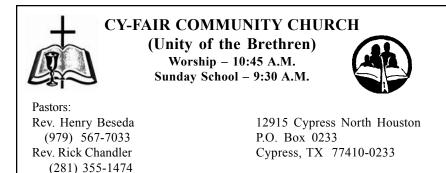
July 20-22: State Youth Retreat, Convention & Volleyball Tournament. See additional information in this issue.

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Austin – Bible Study at 10:00 AM Worship at 11:00 AM. – Rev. Linda Chandler	Nelsonville – Sunday School at 9:00 AM Worship at 10:15 AM – Rev. Michael Groseclose
Bryan-College Station – worship at 9:00 AM every Sunday. – Rev. Mark Sebek	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
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 Rev. John Kueker Cade Lake Community Chapel – Sunday School at 11:00 AM; Fellowship Lunch at Noon; Worship at 1:00 PM. Rev. Jim Heckman 	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
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10:00 AM: Faith Adventure – Dr. Larry Koslovsky	- Bro. Larry Butcher Seaton -
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	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.
Dime Box – worship at 9:00 AM every Sunday.	 – Rev. Denise Mikeska Pastor Steve Davis, Youth Pastor
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Palm Beaches – worship at 1:00 PM every Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, Boynton Springs, Florida.	Temple – Sunday School at 9:30 AM., Worship at 10:45 AM. – Rev. Larry Zabcik
- Rev. James Henry Good Shepherd Moravian - worship at 11:30 AM and 6:30 PM every Sunday.	Vsetin – Worship at 10:00 AM every Sunday. – Dr. Mark Labaj 5th Sunday – Visiting Ministers
 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 	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.
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