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President's Column . . . James Marek Unity Finances – Where Does the Money Go?

At a Fall congregational meeting in
my home congregation back in No-
vember, a number of ques-
tions were posed related
to Unity Missions, Breth-
ren Fund contributions
and Unity finances in
general. These were hon-
est and fair questions and
I was encouraged by the
local interest in how Unity
funds are collected and



utilized. This experience led me to
think that it might be good to offer
some additional information on Unity
programs and how they are funded.

As a collection of Brethren
Churches, we are joined together to
work cooperatively in the work of the
kingdom of God. The denominational
purpose summarized in our Unity
Constitution is “to share the Gospel
of Christ, locally and worldwide, and
to build up believers in faith and
obedience.” The Unity of the Breth-
ren exists to work cooperatively to-
wards this stated goal. While each
congregation works locally to further

the kingdom of God in their respec-
tive communities, Unity churches work
collectively to support
various common interests.

Specific monetary sup-
port for a limited number
of these common inter-
ests is collected and de-
posited into a central fund
known as the Brethren
Fund. Contributions to
the Brethren Fund are

required in our Bylaws and are due
from each local congregation based
on each local congregation's commu-
nicant membership. The term “com-
municant” member is generally ac-
cepted to mean “active” member, al-
though each local congregation has
the authority to define what level of
activity is necessary to be considered
a communicant member. Each congre-
gation in the Unity remits \$30 per
communicant member per year to the
Unity as a means of support of Unity
programs. For example, if a local church
has 100 communicant members, the



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local church would be responsible to make a \$3,000 contribution to the Brethren Fund. These contributions are due annually and are sent to the Unity Financial Secretary. While the total Brethren Fund contribution is due annually, most Unity Churches remit their Brethren Fund contributions and other donations quarterly.

Our current Unity Bylaws instruct that the Brethren Fund is to be allocated as follows: 10% to the Administrative Fund; 10% as a subsidy to the *Brethren Journal*; 25% to the Hus School Encampment; 20% for Church Extension; 35% to the Contingency Fund.

These allocations can be changed as necessary, but only through a formal Bylaws amendment. Any amendment to the Unity Bylaws requires action by the Unity convention and subsequent ratification by at least two-thirds all of Unity churches.

Based on these current ratios, Brethren Fund contributions (\$30 per com-

municant member) are currently being allocated as follows:

\$3 to **Administrative Fund** (Used for equipment, supplies and food, officer travel, etc.)

\$3 to the **Brethren Journal** (given to *Brethren Journal* as subsidy for operating expenses);

\$7.50 to the **Hus School** (given to Hus School to assist in operating expenses);

\$6 to **Church Extension** (used to help plant and support new churches);

\$10.50 to **Contingency Fund** (to be used by Synodical Committee for Unity work);

\$30 Brethren Fund contribution for each communicant member. The Unity currently has approximately 1800 members; therefore, the Brethren Fund contributions produce an annual revenue of approximately \$54,000. Under the current Bylaws, this revenue is being allocated as follows.

\$ 5,400 – Administrative Fund

\$ 5,400 – Brethren Fund

\$13,500 – Hus School
\$10,800 – Church Extension
\$18,900 – Contingency
\$54,000 – Total Annual Brethren Fund Revenue

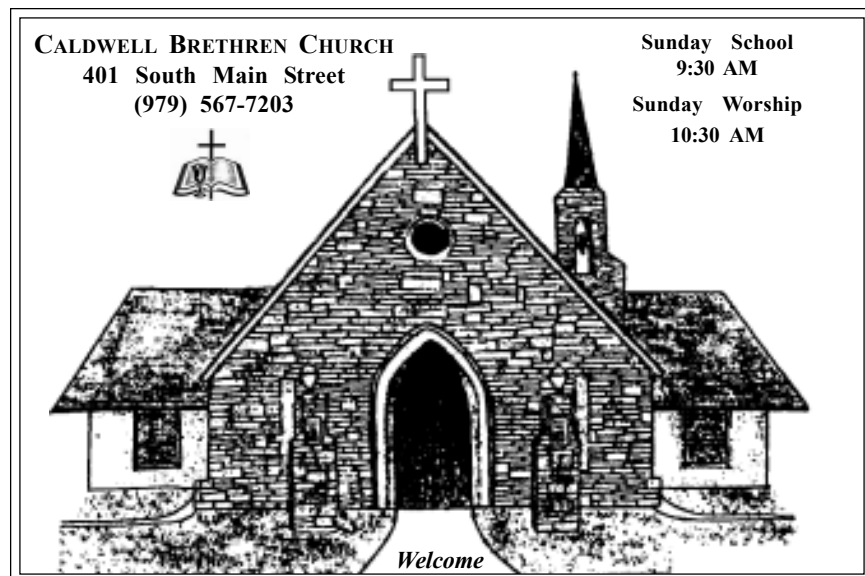
Brethren Fund contributions are collected by the Unity Financial Secretary and disbursed quarterly by the Unity Treasurer.

The information below has been taken from the most recent Unity Fund Balance Report presented to

the Synodical Committee at the most recent meeting held on October 25, 2012. All of the funds listed on the Funds Balance Report are actually held in just 2 bank accounts – a checking account and a savings account. While the funds listed below carry separate balances, they are commingled in these 2 bank accounts. It is the responsibility of the Unity Treasurer and Financial Secretary to maintain individual ledger account balances shown in the table below.

| Fund Name | Fund Balance 12/31/2008 | Fund Balance 10/3/2009 | Fund Balance 10/2/2010 | Fund Balance 10/20/2011 | Fund Balance 10/17/2012 |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Administration (10%)* | \$6,336.45 | \$9,056.83 | \$10,520.34 | \$9,546.86 | \$10,551.77 |
| Bible | \$492.50 | \$488.00 | \$937.00 | \$1,033.00 | \$863.00 |
| Brethren Fund | \$15,000.50 | \$15,000.50 | \$15,000.50 | \$29,088.00 | \$20,275.50 |
| Brethren Journal (10%)* | -\$323.00 | \$1,722.65 | \$1,709.65 | \$2,210.00 | \$0.00 |
| Board of Christian Ed | | | \$6,982.39 | \$6,982.39 | \$6,982.39 |
| Church Ext (20%)* | \$76,973.54 | \$72,030.54 | \$65,246.79 | \$21,171.59 | \$15,772.10 |
| Contingency (35%)* | \$94,069.06 | \$112,285.85 | \$126,479.45 | \$133,756.56 | \$134,770.90 |
| Convention | \$3,942.34 | \$8,215.28 | \$8,215.28 | \$11,826.97 | \$11,826.97 |
| Educational Ministries (Director of Youth Ministries) | \$2,643.28 | -\$3,978.98 | -\$3,390.53 | \$350.02 | -\$4,335.89 |
| Hus School (25%) | \$5,709.68 | \$5,855.80 | \$9,492.90 | \$8,219.05 | -\$1,693.45 |
| Ministerial Student | \$7,424.50 | \$11,351.09 | \$3,781.09 | -\$18,752.91 | -\$14,376.66 |
| Minister Retirement | \$7,124.27 | \$8,157.37 | \$11,802.87 | \$14,633.37 | -\$806.63 |
| Minister Retreat | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | -\$18,238.50 |
| Foreign Missions | \$12,481.49 | \$22,819.84 | \$34,189.86 | \$19,532.70 | \$3,151.61 |
| Foreign Missions – Other | \$7,716.25 | \$8,158.00 | -\$3,857.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 |
| CROP – | | | | | |
| Foreign Missions | \$300.00 | \$350.00 | \$450.00 | \$550.00 | \$550.00 |
| Home Missions | | | \$16,622.07 | \$27,686.61 | \$23,512.21 |
| Fund Totals | \$239,890.86 | \$271,512.77 | \$304,182.66 | \$267,834.21 | \$189,305.32 |

* From Brethren Fund



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In summary:

Brethren Fund Contributions help support

- *The Brethren Journal* (Brethren Fund contributions cover only a fraction of annual *Brethren Journal* operating expenses.)

- The Hus School Encampment (Brethren Fund contributions cover only a fraction of the annual Hus School operating expenses.)

- Church Extension (Recently utilized to purchase facilities and pay some of the initial operating expenses at Cade Lake.)

Brethren Fund Contributions DO NOT Support

- Home Missions – (Solely supported by voluntary donations. 2013 budget is \$67,000.)

- Foreign Missions – (Solely supported by voluntary donations. 2013 budget is \$67,000.)

- Bible Fund – (Contributions to American Bible Society. Solely supported by voluntary donations.)

- Board of Christian Education (The Board of Christian Education was merged with the Sunday School Union and it was decided that these funds would be held by the Unity. There is no reoccurring revenue source for The Board of Christian Education.)

- Educational Ministries/State Youth Director – (Partially supported by The Board of Grants and Be-

quests, the remainder by voluntary donations.)

- Ministerial Student Fund – (Solely supported by voluntary donations. This fund has recently been utilized to fund the educational expenses of Unity ministerial students. Three ministerial students completed their theological training and were ordained in 2012.)

- Ministers Retreat – (No defined funding source – historically funded through Contingency Fund.)

- Convention – (Paid by local churches every 2 years based on convention representation.)

- Ministers Retirement (Assessment paid by local churches for local pastor.)

- Income Protection for Pastor (Assessment paid by local churches for local pastor.)

As a denomination, we collectively support several projects and missions – the majority through voluntary donations. With the increased activity in the area of missions, as well as the recent approval of the mission budgets, missions are emerging as a priority by virtue of the resources (we say) we are willing to commit to this purpose. The coming year will tell if our stewardship will measure up to our words. May God bless and multiply our efforts and use them to glorify Himself as He furthers His purpose in the Unity of the Brethren and around the world in 2013.

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Fall Synodical Committee Meeting

October 20, 2012 – 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Call to order and opening prayer

President James Marek called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. James opened with prayer. There were 39 people in attendance as follows: 13 Pastors and 13 lay members including all 7 Executive Committee members; 7 serving on other committees and 6 visitors.

Steve Davis, Ministerial Student, brought a message to challenge the leadership of the Brethren and to uplift everyone. He asked the question, “How strong is my commitment to God?” We should strive to make a total commitment to God, even to the point of death. Steve had readings from the Old and New Testaments, sang the song “Breathe” with a message to serve God and want to do that greater than you want to breathe.

The Unity Prayer was read by James. “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.”

Joe Emerson made motion to dispense of the reading of the minutes, which was seconded by Pastor Kay Polasek and approved. Dewyan Weise made motion to approve the reading of the minutes that were sent out by email and submitted in the *Brethren Journal*. Seconded by Bro. Mike Groseclose and approved.

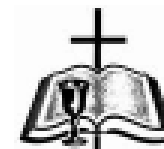


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Announcements

James reported that Rev. Charles Amos and Rev. Whitney Amos of the Granger church have submitted their resignations effective December 31, 2012.

Rev. Larry Zabcik of Temple Brethren submitted his resignation effective November 7, 2012.

James asked Bro. Joe Emerson to report on his work status. He was working for Hospice until June, when they closed their office where he was. He is now working for the State of Texas in the CPS office. He suggested for churches looking for an outreach tool, there are tools available to help. He is available for pulpit supply.

Grants and Bequests Financial Assistance provided to Good Shepherd Moravian. They had some problems with their church roof; a loan of \$10,000 was made for a 4-year term by the Grants and Bequests Board. They are paying on time and also additional amount to principal.

James announced a plan to allow time at the convention (July 18-20, 2013, at Taylor Brethren Church) for ministers to report on spiritual health and happenings in congregation – Article III E 5. He would like churches

to be able to present what they are doing. A suggestion is to have churches have a display (poster with pictures, etc.) or have the pastor give a report.

Direction on Missionary Gift Funds to Foreign Missions and Hus School Food Account donations: James reminded congregations to not send money to the missionaries individually – to send monies to the Unity Financial Secretary. Money for the Hus Encampment Food Account should be sent to Jim Baletka.

Dorothy Hinson reported the Raifords do not have a sending agency. Discussion.

Change to the attendance recording in official minutes. James reported that the people back at home should be able to know who is attending the meetings, and he suggested having the minutes include those absent and present. Motion was made and, after discussion, was passed.

Insurance update on property and liability at Cade Lake: James reported that the Executive Committee has secured insurance for the building and premises. This was paid out of Unity Home Missions for \$1,386.91.

Appointment of Claren Kotrla to Home Missions Board: James announced we would have to re-do some action that was taken at the

April 14, 2012, meeting. Motion was made and seconded to appoint Claren Kotrla to the Home Missions Board. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee Formation: James reported we need to start thinking about people for this committee. It needs to be formed by the end of this year.

Bro. Gordon Hejl was recognized for celebrating his 60th Jubilee Anniversary and Bro. Henry Beseda for celebrating 61 years.

Praise report for Joyce Baletka's new grandchild.

Dates of the Convention are July 18-20, 2013, at the Taylor Brethren Church.

Lightning struck a tree and knocked out the internet connection. The folks from Christ Covenant are not with us by Skype. Bro. Ron Winsman is currently visiting them in North Carolina and will be giving communion to them during worship. They have submitted a paper report (see Agenda 5-L). Bro. Larry Koslovsky has also visited with them.

James announced that the Czech Heritage Society was looking for an old Brethren church to put on their grounds. Harvey Treybig spoke about

this to the committee.

Bro. Joe Emerson announced that Brighter Vision, a mixed trio, will have a 1-hour presentation called "A Night of Hope". Dates available are November 25 through December 20.

Reports

Minister's Retreat Report: James reported that 18 ministers and their wives attended the retreat at Horse-shoe Bay. It was received very well and programming was a good mixture of time of togetherness and time to be on your own. Bro. Joseph Polasek commented that some of the pastors talked before they left the retreat and agreed to try to meet every 2 years or so. Dawn Marie Baletka was thanked for all her hard work and planning with the retreat.

Bylaws Committee Report (to include response to issue of pastor role in local polity): Bro. Tommy came forward to give his report. A paper report was also given (Agenda 7) He has been working on the Unity By-laws with his committee. It has been a lot of work. He wants everyone to secure a copy of the 2009 Bylaws. We can address this at the Convention in



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July or have a special convention. He believes that with homework ahead of time we could address this at the Convention. He would make this update available to everyone – by email or hard copies, so everyone could compare the updates with the old copy.

There were questions and discussion on how this could be done. If it does not get handled at regular convention, it would go to a special convention. Motion was made to have the Bylaw Committee have all changes by February 1, 2013, and have a document ready so churches can meet in March for questions at the April Synodical Committee meeting. The Bylaw updates could also be posted on the Unity website in a PDF file. Motion was passed.

James reported that the Bylaws Committee was also asked to include response to issues of pastor roles in local polity. Bro. Tommy reported this was discussed, and the committee believes that all ministers at the Unity level cannot hold office or vote at the local level. This did not come from Rev. Mitchell's request, but from the Bryan/C.S. Brethren Church.

Appointment of Hus School Anniversary Committee: Motion was made to have Jim Baletka serve as committee chair. During discussion, it was suggested to have the anniversary be held on a Saturday. Motion was accepted and passed.

Home Mission Board Appointment: Discussed in Announcements.

Consideration of Mission Budgets: Foreign Missions – Kent Laza, Chairman of the Board, came forward to give a report (Agenda 10-a). Kent reported that we are supporting 5

families: Rob & Anne Thiessen in Southern Mexico, Michael & Caroline Woo in Southeast Asia, Phil & Eunice Raiford in Southern Mexico, Pavel & Stan Kozak in Moravia, Czech Republic, and Carolyn Groseclose in Central Africa.

The proposed budget for 2013 is \$56,400. It is reduced by \$10,600 (16%) from 2012. There was discussion on how long we have supported some of the missionaries. Thanks were given to the Foreign Mission Board and to Joyce Baletka for all the work that was done for the Woo's when they visited this summer in Texas.

Home Missions: Bro Jim Heckman reported on activities at Cade Lake. Claren Kotrla, reporting for Rev. David Johnson, Chairman of the Home Mission Board, came forward to present the proposed 2013 Home Missions budget. Most of the work of the Home Mission Board is with the Cade Lake Community Church. The youth held a fish fry to put up a new sign for the entry to the subdivision – \$500 was raised for the sign. Other activities are included in the report submitted by Bro. Jim.

James asked at this time for Dewyan Weise to come forward and report on the Unity Fund Balance Report. Dewyan pointed out a few items of expenses that we are going to have to meet that will come out of the contingency fund such as the Ministers Retreat (\$18,238.50) and Ministerial Student (\$14,376.66). There was discussion on the funds and income.

James asked Marvin Chlapek to come forward and give a little information from the Financial Secretary Report. Marvin reported that in 2008, before there were 2 mission boards,

\$78,200 was given total. In 2010, when we split the two into Foreign and Home it was \$48,200 for Foreign, \$19,000 for Home missions.

James asked for respectful discussion on these items – ideas on how the Unity wants to proceed, funding mechanisms and other discussion. There was discussion. James gave a prayer. There was lengthy discussion.

A motion was made that the 2013 budget for foreign missions be set at \$67,000, and the board would reevaluate the budget in 2013 and give the missionaries 6 months' notice should the budget be cut, and if there are any deficiencies, fund those through the contingency fund. After discussion, the motion was accepted.

Bro. Tommy made a motion that both foreign missions and home missions be directed to publicize their budget for 2013 and to undergo fundraising efforts to meet their budget. The motion was discussed and then amended to add "by joint venture". After additional discussion, the amended motion passed. The amended motion to read: For both foreign missions and home missions be directed to publicize their budget for 2013 and to undergo by joint venture fundraising

efforts to meet their budget.

Discussion on the budgets of Foreign and Home missions: Motion was made to set the 2013 Home Mission budget at \$67,000, and any amount not met of that budget would come from the contingency fund. It was seconded and discussed, then passed.

Bro. Tommy reported that the convention is a good opportunity to seek funding for missions. Kent Laza thanked the committee for their support.

Claren reported that the Cade Lake presentation is now ready and will be presented in churches.

James feels confident that we can move forward and know that God will bless us in this effort. He thanked the committee.

There was discussion on the remuneration for supply pastors for Rev. Jim Heckman. Paying for supply pastors is addressed in the PRC Salary and Guidelines booklet. Motion was made for the Unity to pay supply Pastors at Cade Lake \$100 for those not ordained and \$150 for those ordained, and pay 25 cents a mile. Motion was seconded, discussed, and passed.



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Reminder on Congregation Name Change Procedures, Article II B: James wanted to remind everyone of the proper order for this procedure.

Update on Christ Covenant Church in North Carolina: Paper report submitted; see above in announcements.

Unity Brochure Project: James reported that he had been contacted about brochure information on the Unity of the Brethren. He is asking for copies of an old brochure or an example of a Unity church brochure. The last Unity brochure was probably made in the 1970's, so we may want to look at updating this information and printing a new Unity Brochure.

Other Business and Questions on any reports submitted:

Brethren Journal: Discussion on funding for the *Brethren Journal* and the salary raise for Cathleen Schlechte. At the last meeting there was a motion made for a raise, but due to people making motions that were ineligible, this has not been put into place. Her salary is fixed at \$800 a month. Discussion.

Dewyan wanted direction on the Unity funds and how to pay the ministers retreat, ministerial student

fund, and Educational ministries (youth coordinator) fund. Discussion. Motion was made to pay the ministers retreat line item to zero it out. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary Report – Marvin Chlapek

Treasurer's Report – Dewyan Weise

President's Report – James Marek

State Youth Coordinator Report – Jennifer Chervenka

Secretary – Liz Ripple

Bro. Tommy said the blessing for the noon meal. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 for lunch. 21 people came back after lunch.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

There were several requests for prayers. Bro Lawrence Junek ended the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Ripple, Secretary,
Unity of the Brethren

The reports listed in the minutes are on the Unity website. If you do not have access to the website and need a copy of something, please contact Liz Ripple, Unity Secretary.

Industry/Fayetteville Brethren Church Honor Our Veterans Service

Industry and Fayetteville Brethren Churches honored 115 veterans on Sunday, November 11, 2012, at the Industry Brethren Church 9 a.m. service. This was the 3rd annual service of this kind for Industry Brethren Church and the first combined Industry/Fayetteville Brethren Church service.

There were 109 veterans on the program and 6 guest veterans recognized. Each living veteran received a remembrance ribbon with red poppy with "thanks" on it as well as a small US flag that noted the event. The deceased veterans had representatives come forward and light a candle in their honor and receive a small flag.

There were six Cub Scouts – Nathan Davis, Jack Wise, Coy Geistmann, Kinch Schubert, Dillon Galle, and Silas Simmons – taking part in the event. Their Scout Leader, Brett Galle, assisted. The three Girl Scouts helping in this event were Madison Makowsky, Ryland Brau, and Emily Shupak. Sondra Brown helped the Girl Scouts.

Sharon Spiess, Yvonne and Russell Wait sang "Onward Christian Sol-

diers" as two men carried in a religious military banner that reflected the different branches of the military and a cross that soldiers are looking at. The scouts led the march as the banner was presented. It was hung at the front of the church to set the mood of the event. The scouts also led the Pledge of Allegiance as the audience joined in. Lynn Davis sang "God Bless the USA" and "The Star Spangled Banner".

The service message was delivered by Pastor Kay Polasek. Chord organ music by Liz Ripple of the Fayetteville Brethren Church and organ music by Sharon Spiess were provided for accompaniment to the singing and during the calling of the honored veteran's names. The church bell rang one time as each veteran's name was called. The congregation sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies".

The church was decorated with many flags, including all the flags of the different branches of the military. A large flag draped on a tripod was in



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the front of the church where a large flag bow held red streamer ribbons containing name labels of each honored veteran. Liz Ripple called the names of the honored Fayetteville veterans and Martha Dove pinned on their ribbons. Liz Treybig called the names of the Industry honored veterans and Marian Branam pinned their ribbons on. Girl Scouts assisted pinning the ribbons on and Cub Scouts handed out the small flags and assisted with lighting candles. There was a wreath holding 62 red, blue, and white flowers (representing the 62 deceased honored veterans) with a cross in the center, white dove below five small US flags, and below the flowers the words "Thanks Vets" on a red ribbon with a white dove to each side.

Grace Holcomb of the Historical Commission of Austin County; Retta Chandler, President of the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center of LaGrange; Claren Kotlra former Presi-

dent of the Unity of the Brethren of Austin (also a veteran); and current President of the Unity of the Brethren, James Marek, were in attendance. In addition, Unity of the Brethren ministers that are veterans and were honored included Rev. Nello Strickland, Rev. Lawrence Junek, Rev. Milton Maly, and Rev. Henry Beseda, Jr.

Afterward, everyone went to Fellowship Hall, where a delicious brunch of many different foods was served. The hall had many displays, including one of an article featured in a 2009 *Bellville Times* edition of Theodore Wehring's service, during which time he was a prisoner. All branches of the service were represented in this group of veterans and all times of service dating back to the Civil War and current active service. People enjoyed viewing all the biographies of these men and women who served our country.

Ernest Platte played the accordion to entertain the group while people

ate and visited. Flags donated by the Shelby American Legion Post 602 were placed on all the veterans' graves in the cemetery. US flags also were placed along the walks to the church building and Fellowship Hall.

The veterans honored were: Robert Anderson, Adolph Assmann (deceased), Roy Dean Duve (deceased), Bennie Boelsche (deceased), Raymond Bayer, Leroy Keaton, J.B. Branam, Clarence Coufal (deceased), William J. (Billy) Coufal, Thomas Coufal (deceased), Chris William Coufal, Daniel Coufal (deceased), Leonard Coufal (deceased), Jesse Coufal, Joe Coufal, Sr., Dr. James Hrachovy, Barnell Coufal, Daniel T. Schmidt (deceased), Calvin Coufal, Sidney Welsch, Benjamin Krenek (deceased), Jerry Kunetka (deceased), Alvin Henry Coufal, Gus Kautz, Jr., Alvin Chaloupka, Henry Lee Franke, Billie Sisa, Benjamin J. Coufal (deceased), Jan Oldrich Mares (deceased), Bert Dodd, Emil J. Fick, Jr. (deceased); Walter Rasch (deceased), Bob Martin, Larry Kainer, Bennie Dockal (deceased), Rudolph Schmid (deceased), Sanford Schmid, Henry J. Schovajsa (deceased), Robert Jacobson (deceased), Charles Blinka (deceased), Harry Blinka (deceased),

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Ernest Platte plays accordion during fellowship time.

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In addition there were six guest veterans, four from the Shelby American Legion including Edwin Kuehn, Dennis Rudloff, Delvin Syptak, and Oliver Rudloff, and Darwin Macat.

It was estimated that there were 140-150 people attending this event. Honored living veterans who were not able to come to this event will be mailed certificates stating they were honored for their military service, their remembrance flower ribbon, small US flag, and a program of the event.

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Psalm 66:20
Praise be to God, who has not
rejected my prayer or withheld His
love for me!

Sunday School Helper



Prayer...The Bible talks a lot about prayer. There is also a model for us to follow when we pray. Teaching our children to pray is an important job that we must diligently tend to at all times. For children, talking to God, who they cannot see, may seem overwhelming. They may feel like they don't know what to say. This month's ideas will provide some guidelines for children as they develop a lifetime habit of prayer.

Children

Lesson:

1. Explain to children that Jesus taught His disciples to pray. We find that lesson in the Bible – it's the Lord's Prayer.
2. Remind children that God always hears our prayers, but sometimes His answers are not what we were expecting. We must trust God and know that His answer is what is best.

Here's a simple three part prayer for young children.

1. Praise God
2. Thank God
3. Ask God

Example:

God, You are awesome (good, wonderful, amazing, etc.). Thank you for my family (dog, food, friends, Jesus, etc.). God please help me to get along with my brother (be nice, do well in school, etc.). Amen.

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Thoughts for Teens

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DEAR GOD, I WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE MY
EARLIER PRAYER FROM "SOME SICK AIR" TO
"SURVIVE THE LANDING"

Prayer for Teens: The Purpose of Prayer

Ask teens to brainstorm the purpose of prayer – why do we pray?
Discuss the reasons listed.

Share the acronym ACTS – this will guide teens as they pray. As
you share each letter, look up the accompanying verse and
discuss.

A: Adoration – Adore God, love Him and praise Him for who He
is. 1 Chronicles 29:11

C: Confession – Admit your sins to God, ask for His forgiveness
through faith that Jesus died for our sins. 1 John 1:9

T: Thanksgiving – Thank God for answered prayers, for the good
things He has done in your life. Ephesians 5:20

S: Supplication – Pray for your family and friends, those who are
sick or sad. Pray for those who are not Christians yet. Pray
for your own spiritual growth and needs. Matthew 7:7



Grow with God State Children's Rally Saturday, March 2, 2013

- * Drop off begins at 8:30am
- * Activities begin at 9:00am
- * Dismissal 3:00pm



Ages 3 and up join us at the Hus Encampment for a day of Bible lessons, crafts, music, and games. Youth and parents are invited to come and volunteer for the day as we learn what it means to grow as a child of God.

Cost: \$15 Registration Deadline: February 1, 2013

If you have missed the deadline, please call Jennifer's cell (254-913-1244) no later than Friday, February 8. Last minute registrations will not be accepted after February 8 due to t-shirt and craft orders. Thank you for understanding.

Participants and volunteers, make sure to use the registration forms at www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com or contact Jennifer Chervenka if you do not have access to the website. All attendees must be registered.

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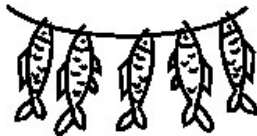
State Youth Fishing Retreat

Friday, May 3-Sunday, May 5

Port O'Connor, Texas

Cost: \$60

Registration Deadline: April 1



Remember space is limited. Spots are first-come, first-served with priority given to YOUTH ages 12-21.

Participants and chaperones must use registration forms at www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com. Forms and payment must be received by the deadline to reserve your spot. No refunds after April 1.

The WINTER YOUTH RETREAT:

MAN vs. WILD summary and photos are coming in March.

Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

December 31: All Brethren Journal Subscriptions Have Expired! Thank you if you have already mailed in your payment. If you haven't yet, please do as soon as possible. Please refer to the renewal form in this issue for additional information. Thank you for your continued support of *The Brethren Journal*.

January 1: Registration Deadline for the Winter Youth Retreat on January 19-20. Forms available at www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com or contact Jennifer Chervenka at (254) 983-1002.

January 19-20: Winter Youth Retreat: *Man vs. Wild*, at the Hus School Encampment. Check in 8-9 am Saturday with dismissal at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. For additional information, go to www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com or contact Jennifer Chervenka at (254) 983-1002.

February 1: Registration Deadline for the State Children's Rally on March 2, 2013. Forms available at www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com, or contact Jennifer Chervenka at (254) 983-1002.

February 9: Fayetteville Brethren Christian Sisters Fundraiser on the Square at the Old Fire Station. Breakfast tacos, bake sale, raffle, country store – 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Raffle tickets available for \$2 each or 6 for \$10. Thirty one prizes; top prize is a quilt. For info, contact Liz Ripple at (979) 378-2239.

Looking Ahead for 2013:

March 2: State Children's Rally: *Grow With God*.

April 1: Youth Fishing Retreat Deadline.

April 26-28: Youth Fishing Retreat in Port O'Connor.

July 18-20: Unity of the Brethren 65th Convention at the Taylor Brethren Church.

Does your church/organization have an activity that you would like to include in this listing? Please send activity information including a contact name, phone number, and/or email address to The Brethren Journal Editor at: editor.brethrenjournal@gmail.com. Information must be received by the first day of the month immediately preceding the month of publication.

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DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for January 2013

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. The Lord my Rock is my loving God and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer. Ps. 144:2
2. I long for Your salvation, O Lord, and Your law is my delight. Ps. 119:174
3. Let Your light shine before men, that they may see Your good deeds and praise Your Father in heaven. Mt. 5:16
4. Whatever happens, conduct yourself in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Phil. 1:27
5. Continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. Col. 1:23
6. **For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Phil. 1:21**
7. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Phil. 2:3
8. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly light. James 1:17
9. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Rom. 12:13
10. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud. Rom. 12:16
11. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18
12. Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure children of God. Phil. 2:14-15
13. **Let him who is wise and understanding show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. James 3:13**
14. God exalted Christ Jesus to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name. Phil. 2:9
15. Jesus said, "For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them." Mt. 18:20
16. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. Mt. 6:19
17. Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. Mt. 6:20
18. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Mt. 6:21
19. Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. Lk. 12:15
20. **"I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." Phil. 3:8**
21. Live worthy of the calling you have received. Eph. 4:1
22. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. Mt. 24:42
23. "Well done, good and faithful servant." Mt. 25:21
24. You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Mt. 25:22
25. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Mt. 25:13
26. Stand firm in the Lord, dear friends! Phil. 4:1
27. **I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3:14**
28. Call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 1:2
29. We rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:11
30. From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another. Jn. 1:16
31. Lift up your hands... and praise the Lord. Ps. 134:2

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*"Bear ye one another's burdens
And so fulfill the Law of Christ."*

(Gal. 6:2)

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DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for February 2013

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword. Heb. 4:12a
2. (The word of God) judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Heb. 4:12b
3. **The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. Col. 1:15**
4. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form. Col. 2:9
5. When you were dead in your sins, God made you alive with Christ. Col. 2:13
6. "I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord. Jer. 1:19
7. Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. 8:39
8. God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 1 Jn. 5:11
9. Christ Jesus, who died, is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Rom. 8:34
10. **We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. Rom. 8:37**
11. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with wisdom. Col. 3:16a
12. Sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. Col. 3:16b
13. Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Col. 3:12
14. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Col. 3:14
15. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not men. Col. 3:23
16. You need someone to teach you elementary truths of God's word all over again. Heb. 5:12
17. **As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Col. 3:12**
18. Let your conversation be always full of grace. Col. 4:6
19. Stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. Col. 4:12
20. Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Col. 4:2
21. Now you must rid yourselves of such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Col. 3:8
22. Come near to God and He will come near to you. James 4:8
23. Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial, for He will receive the crown of life which the Lord promised those who love Him. James 1:12
24. **For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers. 1 Pet. 3:12**
25. Give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for men. Ps. 107:21
26. "I praise and glorify the King of heaven, because everything He does is right and all His ways are just." Daniel 4:37
27. Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us. Daniel 3:17
28. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. Ps. 32:8

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BRIDGET NICOLE MICHALSKY was married to CHARLES JOSEPH WILKINS, JR., on November 17, 2012, at the Fayetteville Brethren Church and will live in Houston. This was the first marriage performed in the newly restored sanctuary. Parents of the bride are Eugene and Sheryl (Weishuhn) Michalsky; grandparents are Eugene and Margaret (Matura) Michalsky. Witnesses: Megan Michalsky and Jay Brunskill. Officiant: Josh Kovar.

RECENT DEATHS

ZAK, JOHNNIE A., of Hallettsville, age 78, and a lifelong member of the Vsetin CMB Church, died December 6, 2012. He served many years as an officer and member of the Board of elders for the Vsetin Church. He was born November 3, 1934, in Lavaca County and married October 29, 1960, to Helen Galetka. He is survived by 3 children, 9 grandchildren, and 1 sister. Services were on December 12, 2012, from the Vsetin CMB Church with burial in Vsetin Cemetery. Minister: Mark L. Labaj.

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