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President's Column . . . James Marek Milestones in the Ministry

Throughout the life of the Unity, God has blessed us as a denomination in many ways. One significant blessing and provision has been manifested in the supply of pastors. From the early days of the Unity of the Brethren in Texas, God has called pastors from within and outside the Unity to minister to our membership and provide leadership to the denomination.

Within the last 12 months, 5 ministers have reached the milestone of at least 50 years in the ministry. This distinguished fraternity includes: Rev. Henry Beseda, Rev. Gordon Hejl, Rev. Albert Michalik, Rev. Al Newby, and Rev. Bill Hodge. On behalf of the Unity, we want to express our gratitude for their service. We also thank God for these men (and their wives) as they have been faithful to us and responsive to God's call. *(The following information has been taken almost exclusively from our Unity history book).*

Rev. Henry Beseda was born February 17, 1920, in Port Lavaca. He graduated from West High School and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1947. He then went on to receive his Masters of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Seminary in 1951. Throughout his ministry he has served congregations at Rosenberg, Caldwell, Nelsonville, Houston, Austin, and Snook.

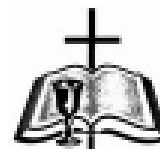
Bro. Henry officially retired in 1987. After retirement, he has served the Pasadena and Cy Fair congregations, in addition to the Vsetin Czech Moravian Brethren Church just outside of Hallettsville. Bro. Henry has also served the Unity throughout his ministry in other leadership positions, including Chairman of the Synodical Committee, President of the Mutual Aid Society, Chairman of the Hus School Board of Trustees, and Presi-



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dent of *The Brethren Journal* Business Committee.

On the personal side, Bro. Henry enjoys bowling, golf, reading, and travel. He is also known for the uncommon practice of adding honey to his coffee, and is known to carry honey with him in his travels. Much of his travel around the Unity has been done in a black sedan. Bro. Henry once said that his mother believed a preacher ought to drive a black car, so that is what he tried to do. At 93, Bro. Henry now lives in Houston with his wife, the former Carolyn Filipp. Bro. Henry has been a pastor in the Unity for over 60 years, and is currently the most tenured pastor in the Unity. Bro. Henry recently celebrated his 93rd birthday.

Rev Gordon Hejl was born on February 21, 1918, just outside of Taylor. He graduated from Taylor High School in 1936. He served in the Army as a crew chief on the B-29 Bomber in World War II until 1945. In 1946, Bro. Gordon became the first Texas Brethren to attend Moravian College, where he played football and came to be known as "Tex". He graduated from Moravian College in 1950, and then received his Master's of Divinity in

1952 from Moravian Seminary. Bro. Gordon was ordained at the Wall Brethren Church on June 17, 1952. Bro. Gordon has served congregations in Granger, West, Ennis, Dallas, Wall, Anton, Rosenberg, Shiner, Alief, Placedo, Robstown, El Campo, Nelsonville, Wesley, Industry, Fayetteville, and Ocker. After officially retiring in 1983, Bro. Gordon served the Granger congregation from 1983-1994.

Bro. Gordon has always had a heart for missions. He served as chairman on the Unity Mission Board for 22 years and made a number of mission trips to various mission fields around the world. In 1997, Bro. Gordon was named Member Emeritus to the Unity Mission Board after 28 years of service. In addition to his mission work, Bro. Gordon and his late wife, Lillian, served in the camping program at conferences and Hus School. His service to the Unity also includes several leadership roles on the executive committee of the Synodical Committee.

After the death of his wife, Lillian (Barton) Hejl, in 1990, Bro. Gordon married the former Pat Marek in 1996. The Hejls live on a farm outside of

Granger. Bro. Gordon has been a pastor for more than 60 years, rendering all of his service in the Unity. Bro. Gordon recently celebrated his 95th birthday.

Rev. Albert Michalik was born southeast of Taylor on March 2, 1925. He graduated from San Angelo High School in 1942. Bro. Albert worked on the family farm until 1946, when he enrolled at the University of Texas, graduating in 1950. He enrolled in the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where he graduated with his Masters degree in Divinity in 1953. He was ordained at the Wall Brethren Church on June 19, 1953. The congregations served by Bro. Albert during his ministry include Ocker, West, Crosby, Pasadena, Nelsonville, Industry, Wesley, Fayetteville, Temple, Caldwell, New Tabor, and Dime Box.

Bro. Albert has also served on the executive committee of the Synodical Committee multiple times in various leadership positions. He and his wife, Ann, have also served in the camping program at conferences and Hus School. The Michaliks now live in Georgetown. Bro. Albert has been a pastor for almost 60 years, rendering all of his service in the Unity. Bro. Albert recently celebrated his 88th birthday.

Rev. Al Newby was born on March 8, 1933, in Westfield, Indiana. He graduated from Union Friends High School in 1950 and Wesleyan University in 1955. He then received his Masters of Divinity from Ashbury Seminary in Lexington, Kentucky, in 1960. He was ordained in the Union Congregational Church in Hallandale,



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Florida, on February 17, 1963. Bro. Al worked in several communities in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Florida, and Oklahoma to advance the causes of civil rights and integration. His activities in this area were met with mixed emotions in the communities and churches in which he lived and served. On two occasions, Bro. Al's civil rights work cost him his pastoral job.

Prior to coming to the Unity, Bro. Al served in the Methodist and United Church of Christ denominations. Bro. Al was called by the Crosby/Pasadena Brethren parish in 1979, and has since served the Seaton and Caldwell congregations, as well. Bro. Al and his wife, Jean, now live in Temple and enjoy traveling. Bro. Al remains active ministering to the elderly. Bro. Al has been a pastor for over 50 years, 33 of these in the Unity, and recently celebrated his 80th birthday.

Rev Bill Hodge was born in 1920 in Kansas City, Missouri, along with his twin brother. Bro. Bill graduated from North Kansas City High School in 1938 and the University of Kansas in 1942. Bro. Bill served in the Marine Reserves from 1941 to 1945 during World War II. He returned home and

felt a call to the ministry. He enrolled in Perkins School of Theology at SMU and graduated with a Divinity Degree in 1950. He served in the Methodist church for 36 years, retiring in 1986.

Bro. Bill was invited to preach at the Houston Brethren Church on July 6, 1986. His sermon title was "The Life and Witness of John Hus: Martyred July 6, 1415. Bro. Bill later accepted a call from the Houston Brethren Church and remained as part-time pastor at Houston Brethren Church for 20 years. Bro. Bill has been a pastor for more than 60 years, serving 20 of these years in the Unity.

What a blessing God has provided to the Unity through these faithful ministers. They have been and continue to be illustrations of Matthew 5:16, where Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and may praise your Father in heaven." We as a unity have seen the example and good works of these men, and now we are called to praise God for their lives, work, ministry and example.

Unity Information – Constitution Changes

The Unity Constitution and By-Laws Committee has concluded its review and update of the Constitution and By-Laws. Proposed updates and changes were sent by email (a few were mailed) to all pastors, Synodical Committee members, and members and Congregations of the Unity of the Brethren so that everyone can review them prior to the Spring Synodical Committee meeting in April.

Three files were sent: 2009 Constitution and By-Laws, 2013 Proposed Constitution and By-Laws Publication Copy (copy that is ready to be published), and a 2013 Proposed Constitution and By-Laws strike-through edition. (This edition is the same as the "publication ready" document except that it includes the proposed updates and changes in the body of the document. The "strike-through" is colored red. Publishing this edition in color will greatly aid in the reading of the document.) These documents should be printed for the members in your congregation as needed to review and discuss.

All comments and questions should be sent to the committee Chairman,

Rev. Tommy Tallas (rev.tjt@verizon.net) as soon as possible so the Committee can review them prior to the Spring meeting. The three files are also on the Unity website main page, see "NEW" or go to the calendar and see April 2013.

Other committee members are: Rev Whitney Amos, Dawn Marie Baletka, Marvin Chlapek, Jean Blaha Davis, Peggy Hejl, Kent Laza, Rev. Nello Strickland, and serving ex officio, James Marek. This committee was formed at the October 22, 2011, Synodical Committee meeting with approval from the July 2011 Convention to consider any and all changes to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Unity of the Brethren. Consideration could also be given to call for a Special Convention regarding the changes to the Constitution and By-Laws if prudent.

Per Article VII., Sec. F of the 2009 Constitution and By-Laws, the following are proposed changes to the Constitution (changes are printed in ***bold italic*** text [*in the Brethren Journal only*] and may be additions and/or changes/additions) from the com-



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mittee for general study by the membership of the church:

1. Article I. Name – "...It merged in 1919 with the Independent Unity of the Brethren of the Bohemian and Moravian Brethren (1915) into the Evangelical Unity of the **Brethren of the Czech-Moravian Brethren** in North America, and is now desirous to be known only by the original name."

2. Article IV. Membership, Sec. B, 2. a. – "It establishes an accurate roll of its membership;. **Local congregations have sole authority to develop the criteria for determining its active communicant members.**

3. Article IV. Membership, Sec B. 7 – take out the word "See": "(**See** By-Laws Article XXII.)

4. Article IV. Membership, Sec B. 9 – "Only **active** communicant members **in good and regular standing** shall be selected to represent the congregation at Unity of the Brethren conventions and functions, subject to the Constitution and By-Laws of the congregation.

5. Article IV. Membership, Sec C. 4 – "...The **president President** shall furnish the pastor with a letter of dismissal duly provided with the seal of the Unity of the Brethren on it.

6. Article V. Administration, Sec A. 2 – "...accepted by the appropriate referendum vote of the brethren in the local congregations. (**See** Constitution **Art. Article VII, Sec. 6 Section F** and By-Laws **Art. XXIII Article XXIV.**)

7. Article V. Administration, Sec B. 1 "...By-Laws **Art. Article VI.** (Effective 1995 Convention)

8. Article V. Administration, Sec B. 2 "To execute its decisions and for the purpose of administering current matters of the Unity of the Brethren between regular biennial Conventions, the Convention shall elect: (1) the executive officers of the Synodical Committee (**See** By-Laws **Art. Article VI, Sec. Section A**); (2) a Chairperson of the Board of Christian Education; (3) a Chairperson of the Board of **Home** Missions; (4) **a Chairperson of the Board of Foreign Missions;** (5) **a Chairperson** of the Pastoral Relations Committee; (6) a Chairperson of the Hus School Encampment Board of Trustees; (7) a Chairperson of the Board of Grants and Bequests; (8) an Editor **and a Business Manager** of *The Brethren Journal*, **and a Business Manager;** (5; (9) a Board for Grants and Bequests as outlined

in the By-Laws; (**610**) a Pastoral Relations Committee as outlined in the By-Laws; and (**711**) lay and ministerial alternates. The officers of the Synodical Committee and other personnel may be elected from the membership of the Convention or from the membership of the denomination at large. (**See** By-Laws **Art. Article VI, Sec. Section B.**) (Effective 1995 Convention)

9. Article VI. Organizations, Sec C & D – "C. The **women's work of the Church is programmed through the** Christian Sisters' Union

D. The youth program of the Church is formulated by young people in their is a recognized organization the Brethren Youth Fellowship: of the Unity of the Brethren comprised primarily of women who have joined together to share their faith through fellowship, prayer, and acts of charity.

D. The Brethren Youth Fellowship is the officially recognized organization of youth throughout the denomination who join together for the purpose of worship, service, study, and fellowship.

10. Article VII. Concluding Paragraphs, Sec A. "The office of the Unity of the Brethren shall be the residence of the **president President.**

11. Article VII. Concluding Paragraphs, Sec F. "If there is a need to change or amend this Constitution of the Unity of the Brethren, the Synodical Committee or a special committee appointed by them for that purpose, shall propose such changes to the Convention, publish the proposals in the official publication of the Unity of the Brethren, *The Brethren Journal*, at least two (2) months before the Convention, and present them to that

Convention for approval. ***In the event that the above mentioned criteria are not fulfilled, the Convention may not take action on the changes or amendments...***"

Please note that the changes noted above only pertain to proposed changes to the Constitution and do not include proposed changes to the By-Laws. Proposed changes to the By-Laws will be discussed at the April 13 Synodical Committee meeting.

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Having a Bad Day?

By Jim Pokorny

It was a few days before Christmas about 25 years ago. I stopped at the local mall after work to do a little Christmas shopping. After checking out a few stores, I decided to get something to drink. I made my way to the second floor where there was a common dining area surrounded by several restaurants. One counter had only one customer, so I got in line behind her.

A young lady in her teens manned the counter and was in the process of waiting on this customer. This customer was digging through her purse looking for change. It was obvious from the sound of her grumbling that she was having little success. That's when it happened!

In an attempt to ease the tension, the young lady behind the counter innocently asked, "Having a bad day?"

The woman immediately stopped looking through her purse, glared at the young lady and asked (quite loudly), "What did you just ask me?"

The young lady behind the counter then received a verbal lashing that caused her to turn several shades of pale. The customer then demanded to see the manager.

At this point, I picked up on two things. First, the young employee was worried that she was about to lose her job. Second, the customer indeed had had a bad day and was willing to vent her frustration at anyone who dared to get too close. I wanted to say something to the irate customer, but decided to see how the manager would handle this volatile situation.

The manager arrived and asked if there was a problem. He then became

the object of the woman's wrath. When the woman finished delivering her complaints, the manager told her that he encourages his employees to be friendly and he felt certain that no harm was intended. At this the woman's anger soared to new heights as she all but shouted, "I don't believe what I am hearing!"

That's when she made her mistake. She turned and looked at me and barked, "Do you believe this?"

I looked her in the eye, smiled, and asked calmly, "Having a bad day?" Fortunately for me, looks cannot kill. If they could, I would have just finished my last day on earth.

After glaring at me, she picked up her purse and stormed away without an additional word. I looked at the manager who simply shook his head, laughed, and returned to his office.

I stepped up the counter to place my order. The young lady who had been extremely frightened only a mo-

ment ago gave me a smile and said, "Thank you!"

"Don't worry about it." I said. "You didn't do anything wrong. She decided to take her frustrations out on you," I stated, "and that isn't right." I then placed my order for an iced tea, which she paid for despite my protests.

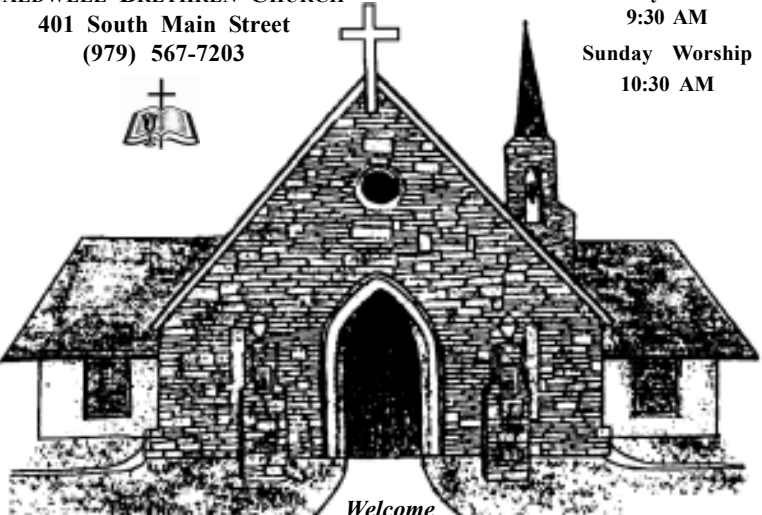
Bad days. We have all had them. How do we deal with them?

As our journey through Lent continued, I thought about the kind of day Jesus had. He was arrested. His friends abandoned him. He was mocked. He was beaten. He was made to carry His own cross. He faced the cruelest form of execution – crucifixion. As Jesus was crucified, He showed mercy to those who antagonized Him. **Luke 23:34 (NET) – But Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." Then they threw dice to divide His clothes.**



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As Jesus endured this, a thief asked Jesus to remember him. How did Jesus respond? He showed him mercy as well!

Luke 23:43 (NET) – And Jesus said to him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Throughout this ordeal of pain and humiliation, the mercy, kindness, and forgiveness Jesus showed remain without equal to this day.

As Easter draws ever nearer, we should be extremely grateful that His mercy, kindness, and forgiveness are extended to us, as well. We should also take the time to ask ourselves a very important question.

If Jesus could forgive so very much under the most extreme of circumstances, shouldn't we be willing to forgive others of so very little by comparison?

(Editor's note: Jim Pokorny is a member of the Taylor Brethren Church. The "Other Brother Jim" as he is often referred to at the church, gives devotionals at assemblies and committee meetings, teaches Sunday school, and takes photographs. He also writes a blog called The Other Brother Jim, on which he says: "Christians have one destination...heaven. They have one way to get there...Jesus. Yet our journeys are as unique as our paths..." I hope you enjoy his writing as much as I do.)

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

From the Woo's...

February 13, 2013

Dear Partners,

We are still in Boston and having fun with the mounds of snow from last week's blizzard. We wanted to give you a quick update and praise. Here are some praises and some up and coming hurdles we have, but nothing is impossible with God! Thank you for your prayers and love.

We are at 97% financially supported, and we thank the Lord and you for that. We are also thankful that yesterday we received financial clearance from OMF International to go back to China. We leave here on February 26 for Thailand. We will stay there one week, get some shots and medical checkups, and apply for our China visa in Thailand. Then on back into China the first week of March. *Lord, thank you for financially supporting this ministry. Please raise up that last few percent for the Woos.* www.omf.org/us/partner

Visa – While in Thailand we will

apply for an F visa to go into China. It is for 3 months or longer. It is a 'looking for business' visa. Please pray for favor and that when we go to the Chinese Consulate in Thailand all would go well. *Lord, give the Woos favor and bless them with the best and longest visa possible.*

Moving House – Immediately when we get back to Target City we will need to find a new apartment. Finding apartments in China has never been an easy or good experience for us. It's hard work. Our teammates are already going to start looking around for us. Why do we need a new apartment? The apartment we live in is very small and the rent has skyrocketed, and it seems our landlady is cheating us. In 4 years it went from 7,000 Chinese dollars per year to 18,000, and now 24,000 per year. Our city is booming, inflation is huge, and our apartment is in a good location and in high demand. We think we can find a bigger place for the same or cheaper price. *Lord, help the Woos find just the right place for them. Help them to move all their stuff and for it*



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to be not so time or energy consuming as there are other things needed to be done.

Transition – It takes us about 3 months for us to finally feel comfortable and back into life in China. It is such a drastic change of environment for us all. Please pray for the transition back into speaking Dai and Chinese, moving house, getting kids back into local school, starting up homeschool, being with May again, reconnection with our teammates and our Dai friends, writing up a business plan, starting back with ministry, etc. *Lord, help the Woos with all these transitions.*

Business – We have an idea of doing a business in China that would provide us a visa, but also help the Dai. The Dai are mostly farmers with rice and sugar cane. They are trying to do new and creative things to make more money so they can keep up with the growing economy. There is also a growing fear among the middle class Chinese that the vegetables in China have too many chemicals on them. The local people have a fear of eating their own food. So our idea is to do a worm composting project and possibly expanding into other agricultural green

technologies. The idea is that the Dai could group more natural vegetables with less chemicals using our composting and other products. Then they could sell their vegetables to the richer Chinese that are concerned and want a more organic product. There is a lot of paperwork we must do with OMF (from here on out we will call OMF ‘our company’) and with the Chinese government. We are hoping to get this business started this year some time. *Lord, help the Woos with this idea. Give them vision, and favor with the government, and show them what you want them to do.*

May – Our helper May, as you know, has been having trouble with her husband. We hope we can help them and minister to them when we go back. He is Chinese and a very nominal Christian, if that. They have a 1-1/2-year-old son. We also will have May come back and work in our home. She works as a house helper. This is where she gets her income from, but half of her time with us is in helping us make short Bible stories in Dai, studying the Bible with us, praying and worshipping with us. We encourage her to go out and share these reproducible stories in her own free

time. It will be a time of transition working with her again. Her son will be in our house, too, and it may be too much for us to all be together. *So we ask the Lord to help us, and keep us open for changes and what needs to be done and how to minister to her and her family.*

Others –

Lisa has been working with our teammates. *Lord, we continue to pray for Lisa and her two children. Grow her up in Christ and give her a heart to take care of her own kids and to proclaim you as Lord wherever she goes.*

Brad, May’s cousin, has had a baby and is trying to decide if he should come back to China to work and leave his wife and baby in Burma. *Give Him direction Lord.*

Timothy and Philip are two young Dai pastors from Burma. When I think of them I think of the story in Acts when Stephen is selected to care for the widows so the Apostles can go out and share more. Timothy and Philip are so busy taking care of the needs of the widows and kindergarteners that they actually have only a few hours Saturday morning that are free. Here are two energetic men who

love God. They are Dai, they are a part of this unreached people group of over 7 million people, and yet they are too busy with the church’s programs to go out. *Lord, break their heart for their own people. Send them and others out as evangelists. Raise up workers for the harvest, Lord.*

Mary and her friend work at the local factory. They are older Dai women. Both of these women love the Lord, but they are like many of us in that they love to come to church every week and listen, but they are not going out to share with others. *We pray, Lord, for Mary’s heart problem. Heal her Lord. Give both of these women Your heart for their own people. Raise them up and send them out for Your Name’s sake.*

Go forth – We pray that the power, love, and Word of God would go forth among the Dai, sweeping through China, Burma, and Thailand. That small churches would start, that entire villages would come to know the Lord, that the blind would see, that families would be healed, that people would be empowered to go forth and share the good news of Jesus Christ. That people would be set free and



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transferred from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of light!

Update: March 8, 2013

Dear friends and partners,

We made it to Thailand about a week ago. We are sleeping through the night, finally, but the afternoon hours are still tough as we get tired and want to sleep around 4 p.m. The airplane trip went well, that's a miracle in itself. Thanks for praying us through.

Arriving in Thailand has quickened us to the work we must do. We also have had a flood of good memories and feel like we are home in some ways. Even arriving at the Thailand airport's custom room and parking lot, we all thought with a smile on our face 'Smell that smell, we are in Thailand.'

We praise God that were able to get a 6-month tourist visa from the

Chinese consulate here, as we originally thought we may only be able to get a 3-month. During the next 6 months we hope to find another visa, while in China, and switch over to a longer visa.

We leave tomorrow, Saturday, for China. We will visit some friends in the large city for a few days, then on Tuesday morning head back to Target City.

For those who receive our prayer letter via email: From this point on we will send our newsletters with a lock on it. To open the file you must have the correct password. The password is our second son's name, in lower letters: ian. If you forget the password, just email us and we can send it to you again.

Isaac is loving the swimming pool. He just jumps in all by himself, goes under, and asks for more.



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August 8	Depart DFW
August 9	Arrive Prague, Czech Republic
August 10	Tour Hradcany Castle Charles Bridge, Clocktower Travel to Decin;
August 11	Attend Worship Service, train to Olomouc
August 12-16	Morning Devotions; worship, prayer, and devotions; evangelism briefing/assignments; sharing Gospel in parks, train station, etc.; conduct opinion surveys; children's VBS; evening discussions in coffee bar; entertainment and games with youth; celebration dinner.
August 17	Travel back to Prague, shopping
August 18	Return to DFW

Estimated Cost: \$2,600. Includes lodging, meals on ministry days, ground transportation, translator, literature, tour and advertising. Does not include food for travel days or shopping. Airfare subject to change.

For more information: Tom Prohaska, (214) 399-8550
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Czech Author to Visit Texas

Author Charles Ota Heller will make several stops in Texas in May 2013 to read from this work, sign books, and interact with the audience. His memoir is entitled *Prague: My Long Journey Home*.

Charles was 12 when his family escaped the Czech Communist regime. Charlie weaves many threads together to create an intriguing book that is hard to put down. One thread is the history of the Czech people from different origins, different faiths, and dominated by outside governments. Another thread is of his families that were entrepreneurs and community leaders. Still another thread is that of a youngster whose father goes far away to join the British Army to fight the occupiers of his homeland. This includes arbitrary loss of family at the hands of the occupiers, his mother being horribly oppressed, and his growth despite the circumstances. The family became American and achieved success through hard work in the manner of the classic American melting pot.

His book will be available for purchase at a bookstore or gift shop associated with each of the sites, or at a bookstore designated by the site. Per copy list prices are \$18 for paperback and \$36 for hardcover.

Hosts, contact information, and sites are:

May 1: Sokol Dallas, 7448 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 7523. 7:30-? p.m. Phone 214-368-5608. www.sokoldallas.org

May 2: Czech Heritage Museum and Genealogy Center, 119 W. French Ave., Temple, TX 76501. 5:30-8:00 p.m. Event will be held at the SPJST (around the corner). That address is 520 N. Main. Phone 254-899-2935.

www.czechmuseum.org
 Cosponsored by the Texas Czech Genealogical Society. www.txcgs.org

May 3: George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, 1000 George Bush Drive West, College Station, TX 77845. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Phone 979-691-4014. bushlibrary.tamu.edu

May 3: Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center, 250 West Fairgrounds Road, La Grange, TX 78945. 4-6 p.m. Phone 888-785-4500. www.czechtexas.org

May 4 Czech Center Museum Houston, Brno Gallery, 4920 San Jacinto, Houston, TX 77004. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Phone 713-528-2060. www.czechcenter.org

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Youth News...

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

Fifty-nine children ages 3 through 5th grade gathered at the Hus School Encampment for a day of Bible study, crafts, music, games, snacks, and pizza. New friends were made, and many are already talking about attending summer camp and coming back next year. The focus for the rally was *Grow With God*. During the Bible lessons, students learned about Creation and the Ten Commandments, and how we

Grow With God by reading His word and following His Commandments. A special thank you is given to each of the adults who came out and spent the day helping with this event. It would not have been successful without you.

The next children's events are the summer camping programs that start at age 7. For dates and details, visit www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com.

*Riley Hoelsher,
Vincent Thompson,
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Bible lesson*



*1st and 2nd graders
locate scripture for
the Bible lesson*



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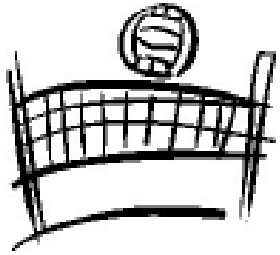
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**Annual BYF Convention,
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Psalm 19:11

*Your word have I
hidden in my heart
that I might not sin
against you.*

Sunday School Helper



This month's collection of ideas plays off of last month's. Sunday School songs are a powerful way to teach beloved Bible stories to children. They are also a wonderful way to introduce children to the practice of Scripture memory. This is a way to build a Biblical foundation for children. While they may not completely understand the meaning of the words, one day, when they need that message most, God will bring those words to their mind to provide guidance, aide, or comfort. So this month I have included a list of ideas to incorporate Scripture memory into your Sunday School Lessons.

Scripture Memory Games

1) Post-it Cover Up

Display the verse. Practice reading it once together and then use post-it notes to cover up one of the words. Then practice reading the verse again, followed by covering up a second word with post-it notes. Continue this pattern until the entire verse is covered and the children are saying the verse from memory.

2) Move it or Lose It

Many children learn best by moving. Brainstorm motions with the students to match their memory verse.

3) Sparkle

The children will stand in a circle facing one another. The teacher says a reference for a recent memory verse. The game travels around the circle with each child saying the next word to come in the verse. If the child says an incorrect word or does not know the next word, they sit down. The verse continues around the circle until the final word is said, and then the next child says "Sparkle!" to finish the verse. The child who says "Sparkle!" also sits down. The children continue to play with a variety of verses until there is only one child standing, who is the winner.

4) Word Card Scramble

Write each word of the verse on separate index cards and mix them up. Each child is given a set of cards which holds one complete verse. The children spread their cards out on the table or floor face-up and try to unscramble the words to put the verse in the correct order.



Thoughts for Teens

Bible Verses About Mothers

Mark 10:29-30, Matthew 10:37-38, Matthew 12:46-50, Matthew 15:4-6, Ephesians 6:1-3, 2 Timothy 1:5, Exodus 20:12, Deuteronomy 5:16, Leviticus 19:3, Proverbs 31:2, Proverbs 1:8-, Proverbs 6:20-22, Proverbs 10:1, Proverbs 15:20, Proverbs 19:26-27, Proverbs 20:20, Proverbs 23:22-25, Proverbs 28:24, Proverbs 29:15, Proverbs 30:11, Proverbs 30:17, Proverbs 31:1, Proverbs 31:10-12.

Online Resources

http://www.mcscott.org/	Verse Card Maker
http://www.wbqa.org/	World Bible Quiz Association
http://www.memverse.com/	Mem Verse
http://www.impresskids.com/	Impress Kids
http://scripturetyper.com/	Scripture Typer App
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http://www.thywordistrue.com/bible_game.php	Thy Word is True
http://www.webring.org/l/ring=scripturememoriz;id=6;url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Ememoryverses%2Forg%2F	The Scripture Memory Connection

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Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

April 1 – Youth Fishing Retreat Deadline. Contact Jennifer Chervenka if you missed the registration deadline: jennchervenka@farm-market.net; 254-913-1244.

April 13 – Spring Synodical Committee Meeting at the Hus Encampment – 9:00 a.m.; refreshments served at 8:00 a.m. A light lunch will be served at noon. The agenda will be sent out soon. Please share this information with your church members. If you have any questions, contact James Marek, email: james@cnbt.com or 512-352-6165 or Liz Ripple, email: lizripple@hotmail.com or 979-378-2239.

April 26-27 – New Counselor Training and Camp Planning. For information, contact Kayla Marek, Camp Programming Director, Email: kmarek2012@gmail.com or Phone: 512-944-2619

May 3-May 5 – Youth Fishing Retreat in Port O'Connor, TX. Cost \$60. Registration was due by April 1. Contact Jennifer Chervenka if you missed the deadline: jennchervenka@farm-market.net; 254-913-1244.

June 23 – Fayetteville Brethren Church 15th Annual Celebration at the Ellinger Chamber of Commerce hall. Worship is at 10:45 at the church. Starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Ellinger C of C hall, there will be a meal of turkey, ham, and dressing – eat there or plates to go, bake sale, country store, musical entertainment by Kovanda's Czech Band, and at 1:00 P.M. a love auction. Proceeds benefit the Building Fund. The Christian Sisters will have a silent auction to benefit Unity of the Brethren programs and local charities. For more info, contact Joe Ripple at 979-378-2239.

Looking Ahead for 2013:

June 6-8: Encounter Camp

June 9-13: Alpha Camp

June 16-21: Pioneer Camp

June 23-28: Discovery Camp

July 7-12: Challenger Camp

July 12-14: BYF Convention and Volleyball Tournament (earlier this year because of Unity Convention)

July 18-20: Unity of the Brethren 65th Convention at the Taylor Brethren Church. Letters will be sent out this month with Convention information. If you have not sent in your 2012 Questionnaire to the Unity Secretary, please do that soon.

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.

Camping Program Dates!

Listed below are the dates of the various camping programs that will be offered during the summer of 2013 at the Hus Encampment in Caldwell, Texas. We look forward to the campers and staff who will be attending these various camps in the summer to come! Please mark your calendars now! Camper registration and staff applications will be made available by February 8, 2013.


Encounter (ages 7-8) June 6th - June 8th

Alpha (ages 9-10) June 9th - June 13th

Pioneer (ages 11-12) June 16th - June 21st

Discovery (ages 13-15) June 23rd - June 28th

Challenger (ages 16 - high school senior) July 7th - July 12th



SAVE THE DATES!
Camp 2013 Dates
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Calling Counselors and Counselors In Training for Summer Programs 2013!!!!

If you are interested in serving as a counselor or CIT at one of the summer camps, we would love to have you join us. If you are available to volunteer, please contact Kayla Marek as soon as possible! Include your name, your contact information, and which programs you are interested in serving in!

Kayla Marek, Camp Programmer


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**Calling All CITs
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DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for April 2013

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures. 1 Cor. 15:3
2. This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. Lk. 24:46
3. Repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations. Lk. 24:47
4. Jesus said, "Take care of My sheep." Jn. 21:16
5. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Jn. 20:26
6. Then He said, "Stop doubting and believe." Jn. 20:27
7. **Jesus said, "Everything must be fulfilled that is written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms." Lk. 24:44**
8. The Father will give you another Counselor to be with you forever, the Spirit of truth. Jn. 14:16
9. Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will obey My teaching." Jn. 23
10. "Remain in Me, and I will remain in you." Jn. 15:4
11. "As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you." Jn. 15:9
12. "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you in all truth." Jn. 16:13
13. In your heart set apart Christ as Lord. 1 Pet. 3:15
14. **And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Joel 2:32**
15. The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice. Ps. 97:1
16. Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You? Ps. 85:6
17. Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up wings like eagles. Isa. 40:31
18. I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. Jn. 47
19. The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him and delivers them. Ps. 34:7
20. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. Heb. 10:23
21. **God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thes. 5:9**
22. Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness. 1 Chron. 16:29
23. The Lord says, "Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool." Isa. 66:1
24. "This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at My word." Isa. 66:2
25. Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise His holy name. Ps. 97:12
26. Surely His salvation is near those who fear Him, that His glory may dwell in our land. Ps. 85:9
27. Let those who love the Lord hate evil, for He guards the lives of his faithful ones. Ps. 97:10
28. **Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear. Isa. 59:1**
29. The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests the heart. Prov. 17:3
30. For You have been my hope, O sovereign Lord, My confidence since my youth. Ps. 71:5

To communicate with the Hus Encampment . . .

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

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Pastor/Director of Youth Position Available

The Wall Brethren Church has an opening available for a full time Pastor/Director of Youth & Young Family Ministries.

The Pastor/Director of Youth & Young Family Ministries shall be a Christian individual primarily responsible for communicating the Christian Faith and for equipping youth and young families to serve Christ within our community and throughout the world. He or she will be called upon to provide vision, leadership, and oversight for all facets of youth and young family ministries within Wall Brethren Church.

This position requires that the candidate be a committed Christian who exhibits evidence of genuine Christian experience and faith, and who seeks to grow as a disciple of Christ. Also, they must agree with the theology, doctrines, and practices of the Unity of the Brethren. See www.wallbrethrenchurch.org and www.unityofthebrethren.org.

The candidate will be required to hold a bachelor's degree and seminary training is preferred. However, experience and proven ministry effectiveness will weigh heavily in the selection process. The Pastor/Director of Youth & Young Family Ministries will be required to attend all Sunday School, worship, BYF, congregational, and Board of Elders meetings, unless prior approval has been granted by the Board of Elders.

The candidate must have a valid Texas drivers' license and be insurable. They also must pass a background check and initial and random drug screenings. Competitive salary is commensurate with education and experience.

For a complete listing of responsibilities, duties, and qualifications required for this position, please contact Rev. Tommy Tallas, Pastor of the Wall Brethren Church at email: rev.tjt@verizon.net or phone: (325) 949-7543.

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Guest speaker on 4th Sunday.
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at Noon; Worship at 1:00 PM.
– Rev. Jim Heckman

Caldwell – Sunday School at 9:30 AM,
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– visiting ministers

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10:00 AM: Faith Adventure
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Sunday.
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Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
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Nelsonville – Worship at 10:15 AM
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– Rev. Ron Winsman

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10:30 AM – Worship Celebration Service.
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– Dr. Mark Labaj
5th Sunday – Visiting Ministers

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