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President's Column . . . James Marek Report to the Synodical Committee

Wow! It is hard to believe these past 2 years have passed so quickly and that the 65th Biennial Convention is just around the corner. Throughout these 2 years, I have had a chance to work with many good people around the Unity, and I am grateful for these opportunities.

I want to thank the members of the executive committee who have served with me over the past 2 years. The members of the Synodical Executive Committee are Rev. Lawrence Junek, Rev. Jimmy Hejl, Rev. Tommy Tallas, Liz Ripple, Marvin Chlappek, and Dewyan Weise. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to have served with these fine people. We regret that Bro. Jimmy, Bro. Tommy, and Marvin have decided not to continue on the executive board at the conclusion of their current terms, but we thank them for their service for the past 2 years.



The plans for the 65th Biennial Convention to be held on July 18-20 in Taylor are being finalized. The Theme for this year's convention is "Faith in Action" taken from James 2:26 which says, "As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead." My hope is that we will be able to

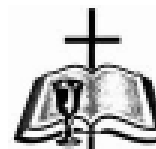
do some things at this convention that will be a little different. As in the past, a certain amount of time will be dedicated to the business of the Unity including the consideration of the Bylaw revisions but we are working to make this convention more than just business. Within these last 2 years, I have been encouraged and impressed with the ministry and outreach that is happening in and through several Brethren churches around the state. We want to share some of these outreach efforts with the convention attendees. Our hope is by sharing



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some of the various ministries underway in other Brethren churches, we all will be inspired to try similar or even new ministries at our own congregations. I am convinced that God is at work in the Unity, and my hope is that through these congregational presentations we will get a glimpse of how He is working and how we may be able to join Him in His work. After hearing about some of these outreach efforts and ministries, I believe there is growth in the Unity. The kind of growth that matters – spiritual growth and maturity. I encourage everyone to come to the convention and hear what is going on around the state. I think you will be encouraged and inspired, as well.

We are also making plans to offer a few presentations on the use of technology within the church and how it may be used to expand our ministry outside our communities as well as improve communication within our churches. Please pray for the convention that God will use this time to unify us and strengthen us in our faith and our ministries.

We rejoice with the Granger and Houston congregations as they welcome new full-time pastors. The Hous-

ton Brethren Church has recently called Rev. Dr. Jerry Terrill and Granger has called Rev. Larry Zabcik. Both ministers have accepted these calls and are now actively serving these congregations in a full-time capacity. We pray for God's blessing upon these new partnerships and look forward to seeing the good God has planned for each congregation.

According to our financial report as of the April Synodical Committee meeting, we are falling behind in our efforts to meet our Missions budgets. The financial report shows a negative balance in the Foreign Missions account. We are also behind in our support of the Home Missions budget. Please keep in mind that the Synodical Committee approved budgets in the amount of \$67,000 for the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board separately for a total Unity Mission Budget of \$134,000 at the synodical committee meeting last October. While this is the largest mission budget ever undertaken by the Unity, it is not impossible. The entire combined budget could be met if just 75 people around the Unity could commit to giving \$150 per month to missions. While we may not all be

able to make this kind of monetary commitment, I believe there are at least 75 people out there who could. Please prayerfully consider what God is leading you to do in the way of this mission effort. May God be pleased with our faith and our stewardship in this important ministry.

The Board of Grants and Bequests has met since our last Synodical Committee Meeting. Roger Runnels has been elected as the organization's president and the board has begun a new effort to investigate ways to increase the board's activity and visibility with the Unity. By the time Convention comes, they hope to have new printed materials to publicize the organization and its work within the denomination.

As we look forward to Convention and beyond, my belief is that if the Unity is to grow – spiritually and in numbers, we must all seek to improve our personal relationship with Christ and allow Him to lead us to new ministries as local churches and as a denomination. For this to happen, I believe the first step to this is through increased knowledge of the scriptures. My prayer is for God to give us a hunger for the scriptures as a denomination so that we may be fully equipped and inspired for every good work as we serve our God and our fellow man. Please be praying that God will whet our appetite for His word and speak to us through it, that we may know His will and strengthen us to do it.

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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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Credit Report

- by Jim Pokorny

Mark 6:7-9 (NET) – “Jesus called the twelve together and began to send them out two by two. He gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no bag, no money in their belts – and to put on sandals but not to wear two tunics.”

Remember the year 2000?

Isn't it amazing that a year that once seemed so far in the distant future now lies buried in the somewhat distant past?

I certainly remember the volume of work it created for me as 1999 dawned and 2000, or Y2K as it was known, loomed ominously on the horizon.

Since 1994 the bulk of my work revolved around a series of annual reports published for one of our major clients. Everything from database structures to computer programs to report formats were built in-house from the ground up. When 1999 dawned, I knew that in one year this project would come to a screeching halt as everything we had put in place was

based on two digit years and the system would simply choke if we keyed the year “00”.

Computers are quite literal and do not respond to human beings screaming, “You know what I mean!”

So, along with that year's normal workload (an extremely relative term), I put in a great deal of overtime copying, converting, and testing each and every data element to accept, process, and display four-digit years.

When 2000 arrived, everything was in place and actual processing began. There were a few minor bug fixes here and there, but for the most part everything worked as intended and the client received his final reports on time. He also received a larger bill to cover the additional work. Progress, after all, often comes with a price.

Later that year, I happened to read a news article which stated that the administration currently in office was taking a great deal of credit for the Y2K transition going as smoothly as it had.

The administration and I did not



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quite see things the same way. In my opinion businesses had two options. They could either have invested the time, resources, and manpower required for it or they could have closed their doors on January 1, 2000. To be completely honest, I felt like someone else was taking credit for my work!

So, what does all this have to do with Jesus sending out the twelve?

The twelve were sent out and they would cast out unclean spirits. They could not do this by their own power. They could do this because He had given them the authority to do it. In fact, they would not be able to be self-reliant in any way.

Mark tells us that they took no bread, no money, not even an extra tunic to ward away the chilly night air. They would have to rely on God completely. They would have to rely on God to provide for their every

need from food to shelter.

Today we find ourselves in a similar situation. Scripture tells us to preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15). As we do, people will be saved.

However, the words we use are not truly our words. We must rely on Him to supply them. Those that are saved, we do not save. We must rely on Him to save them just as He saved us.

In the year 2000, I did not appreciate someone else taking the credit for my work.

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Spring Synodical Committee Meeting

April 13, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.

Summary of MINUTES

To view the minutes in their entirety, please go to the Unity Website, click calendar – see April 2013.

The attachments mentioned in the following are also on the website.

President James Marek opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Opening Devotional – Given by Rev. Nello Strickland. He and his wife, Dorothy, led everyone in singing one verse of “Blessed Assurance”. In his devotional, Bro. Nello asked, “What is your story?” He read from James 5:13, 15 & 16. In stewardship, there are Five T’s – time, talent, testimony, treasure, and temple. Our story is our testimony. Jesus is mine? Perfect submission to the Holy Spirit? Whispers of love? Happy and Blessed? Watching and waiting? Whatever your story, let it be told.

2. Presentation to Hus School in memory of Rev John Baletka – Rev. and Mrs. Strickland presented a military banner for the camp. Jim Baletka

and Joyce Baletka accepted the banner for the camp in memory of Rev. John Baletka.

3. Announcements

Christ Covenant Church (see attachment – Agenda 3).

a. Pastoral Changes – Rev. Dr. Jerry Terrill has accepted the call at Houston and Rev. Larry Zabcik at Granger.

b. Moravian Ministries Foundation Contact – Purpose and Services – This foundation is a financial management arm of the Moravian church. We plan to meet at the Hus Encampment with their representative on May 26. Mutual Aid, Grants and Bequests, Ministers Retirement Benefits program, and other groups are welcome to come listen. We will see what they have to offer and get ideas on finances in churches from stewardship, fundraising, investments and funds managements. We are not entering into an agreement with them at this time; the meeting is to gather



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information. The Unity is going to miss Guy Huffman who provided a great deal of financial advice to various facets in the Unity.

c. Nominating Committee begins its work.

Positions to be vacant on Executive Committee – Bro. Tommy, Bro. Jimmy, and Marvin do not plan to continue – those 3 positions will be open. Serving on the Nominating Committee are: Claren Kotrla – Chairman, Kent Laza – B/CS, Kim Stewart – Taylor, Leonard Mikeska – Seaton, Dorothy Kocian – West.

d. **Roll Call to be documented in minutes** – The attendance of the Synodical committee will be made part of the minutes. Roll call was also taken at lunch.

Morning session – 61 in attendance: **Pastors – 19** Present: Beseda, Butcher, Chandler, Groseclose, Heckman, G. Hejl, J. Hejl, Johnson, June, Koslovsky, Michalik, Mikeska, Mitchell, Newby, J. Polasek, K. Polasek,

Strickland, Tallas, Terrill. **Synodical Lay Members – 16** Present: James Marek, Liz Ripple, Marvin Chlapek, Dewyan Weise, Darrell Kolinek, Jim Baletka, Roger Runnels, Pat Hejl, Harvey Treybig, Daniel Merz, Alton Urbanovsky, Robin Brinkley, Leonard Mikeska, Gayle Farrow, Dorothy Kocian, Leroy Parthum; **Absent – 9:** Dan Balusek, Ron Dusek, Ginger McKay, Alfredo Wilson, Dorothy Hinson, Linda Planka, Alice Kocurek, Justin Lewis, Kristina Janes. **Other groups – 9. Guests – 17.**

After Lunch – 49 in attendance: **Pastors – 11** present: Beseda, Butcher, Chandler, Groseclose, June, Koslovsky, Mikeska, K. Polasek, Strickland, Tallas, Terrill. **Synodical Lay members – 14** present: James, Liz, Marvin, Dewyan, Darrell, Jim, Roger, Harvey, Daniel, Alton, Leonard, Gayle, Dorothy, Leroy. **Other groups – 8. Guests – 16.**

Other announcements:

e. James reported that Rev. Albert

Michalik will be reaching his 60th year in the ministry. James thanked Bro. Albert and his wife, Annie, for all their years of service. Congratulations were given to him by everyone.

f. **American Bible Society** – James got a call from the society. They are providing Bibles to China. The Gospel is flourishing in China and there is a critical shortage of Bibles. James read a letter he received from the society. They had an offer to provide Bibles to China at \$1.00 for each Bible. If you are interested in this program, let James know. Discussion.

g. **100th Celebration of the Hus School class** – Reported by Jim Baletka – dates are April 25, 26, 27, 2014. The planning date is April 27, 2013 – at 2 p.m. at the camp. Anyone interested is invited to attend this meeting (attachment – Agenda 3-g).

4. **By-Laws Presentation and Discussion Process** – James reported that he received an email from Rev. Whitney Amos, who was not able to serve on the committee because of health issues and her children's schedules. James read the email from her. The committee members present came forward to take questions. James en-

couraged everyone to ask questions, to disagree with respect and in love. He asked everyone to take back to their congregations what you hear today. At convention, a certain amount of time will be devoted to By-Laws; if we don't get it all done, a special convention may be called.

Committee members – Bro. Tommy – Chair; Jean Davis, Marvin Chlapek, Kent Laza, Rev Nello Strickland, Dawn Marie Baletk – not present; Peggy Hejl – not present; James – served as ex officio. The committee was formed here in October 2011. Pat Hejl and Dr. Terrill were also on the original committee – said they were unable to serve. They asked to be removed from the committee. Rev Whitney never asked to be removed; she was kept informed of the meeting dates.

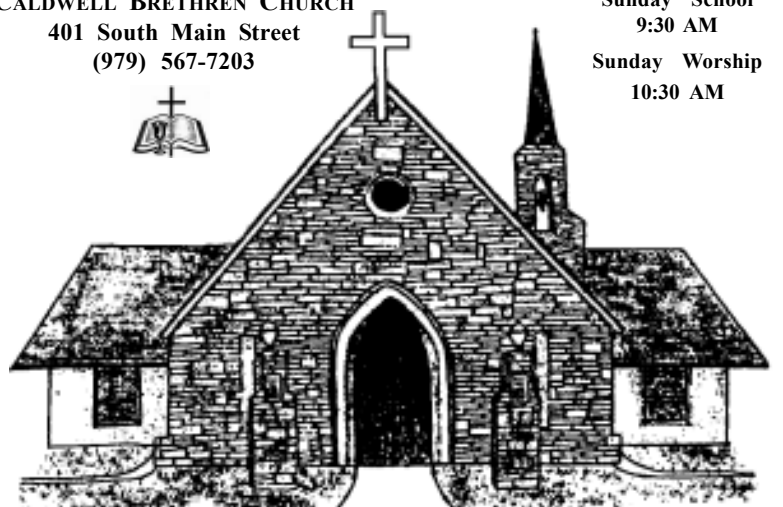
Bro Tommy reported that the Catechisms are out of print. A member from Wall has it in email form with instructions for printing. In addition to that, the Catechisms companion – an explanation of the Catechism – will also be on the website as soon as he gets permission from Skip Stutts.

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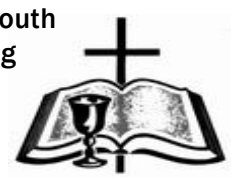


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Tommy expressed how grateful he is to all the members of the committee. We want to discuss the big issues, not typo's at this time. All comments are appreciated.

Discussion began: Bro. David Johnson had a question on putting the Chairman of the PRC on the Synodical Committee as a voting member – see Article VI. Synodical Committee, Sec A, 4 on page 24 of the strike-through edition. Discussion.

Bro. Tommy stated that when a committee (By-Laws) is representing a body, the report that comes from that committee comes as a motion. Dewyan stated that we could amend their document any way we choose or vote down the revisions separately.

MOTION – from the By-Laws committee to accept this document in its entirety as written.

SECOND – Bro. Lawrence JuneK Discussion. If we vote this motion down, then we can go forward and pick it up and go forward with what we want in the document. Discussion.

For – none. Against – everyone. The motion fails. Discussion.

MOTION – by Pastor Kay Polasek to table this discussion as a whole and have a special convention just

for by-laws to give the congregations more time to review the document.

SECOND: by Bro. Larry Butcher Discussion. James asked people to say their representation as they speak. For - 4. Opposed – 10. Motion is defeated.

Bro. Tommy wanted to know what to do with this specific area in the document regarding the Chairmen of PRC on the Synodical committee. Discussion.

MOTION: by Rev Linda Chandler to go with whatever is in the 2009 (current) by-laws; strike the provision that suggests the PRC Chairmen be a voting member of the Synodical committee which is Article VI. Synodical Committee, Sec A, 4 (on page 24 of the strike-through edition).

SECOND: by Rev Kay Polasek Discussion.

Opposed - 2. All others in favor. Motion passes.

Rev. Denise Mikeska, Seaton Brethren concerns on Article II, Congregations E-3 – page 8 of strike-through. Concerns with the striking-through of the “two-thirds of members”. Question on how property is divided in case members withdraw from the Unity. James stated that all church property

belongs to that church, this was put in to try to strengthen the rights of those who remain loyal to the Unity in case a decision was made by the church to leave the Unity. Discussion. The committee was trying to strengthen this area. Discussion.

MOTION: by Bro Larry Butcher proposes to strike the proposed changes in Article II. Congregations, Sec. E-3 (on page 8 of strike-through edition) – basically go back to the 2009 by-laws.

SECOND: by Pastor Kay Polasek Discussion.

Opposed - 2. Everyone else in favor. Motion passes.

James gave a prayer for the meal. Session came back at 1:15 p.m. James made opening comments.

James had one announcement – the status of Pastors IRS situation; those that were using Guy Huffman's office – that is not changing. If any pastors need to make changes, you need to contact their office.

Question by Bro. Larry Koslovsky – why are some Pastors not going through the Unity with their W-2's if pastors are employees of the Unity? James answered that that's the way

we've done it. It was noted if congregations are doing it themselves, they are not in compliance with the By-laws (Article III, E-2).

Discussion on By-Laws continued: Bro Larry Koslovsky – discussed 1-year and 5-year licenses; there is mention of a 5-year license in the 2007 by-laws but it is not in the 2009 by-laws. It's on page 16 of the 2007 by-laws. Bro Larry stated that changes, when they happen, are usually put in parenthesis. The committee will check on this.

Bro. Larry JuneK – questions on Article III, Section B, 10 page 15 of the strike through edition – Bro. Tommy explained how the current Credentialing Committee is selected and their duties and how the current Examining Board is chosen and their duties. Proposed change is to make the Credentialing Committee an appointed position. Currently the Pastors serving on the Executive committee are the Credentialing committee. Comments. Discussion.

MOTION: by Pastor Kay that we strike Article III, Office of the Ministry Sec B, 10 (on page 15 of the strike-



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through) and do not create a separate board for this purpose, to leave the same as it was in 2009 (Article III – Office of the Ministry, Sec C – Requirements for Pastoral or Specialized Ministry, #11 – on page 13 of 2009 by-laws).

SECOND: Bro. Larry Butcher

Discussion. If there are other parts in regards to the Credentialing Board in the strike-out, they would need to be adjusted. Discussion.

In favor – 12. Opposed – 8. Motion to delete this item passed.

Discussion continued on this section in the strike-through to have the convention elect the Credentialing Board.

MOTION: by Gayle Farrow to bring back the above Article III, Sec B, 10 and replace the wording “appointed by the President” to say “elected by the convention.”

SECOND: by Bro Mike Groseclose
Discussion.

In favor – 15. Opposed – 9. Motion passes as amended.

Dewyan had a question regarding the 2009 by-laws (page 35) Appendix A – Hus School Encampment, Article IV, Finances sec C that says “at the

beginning of each calendar year.” He reported that it is not being done this way. Discussion.

MOTION: by Dewyan to amend Appendix A, Article IV, C (page 40 of the strike-through edition) and strike the word “at” and replace with “on or before” and do the same in By-laws Article XIV., Sec F (page 33) – replace the word “annually” and replace with “on or before the beginning of the year.”

SECOND: Bro. Mike Groseclose
All in favor – almost everyone.
Opposed - 1. Motion passes.

Bro. Tommy – Discussed the Brethren Fund percentages: In the strike-through edition, page 10 -

Article II, L – 25% to the Hus School Encampment, 20% to the Brethren Journal, 10% for Administration Fund, 35% -Contingency Fund, 10% for Church Extension or some other worthy cause.

The executive committee suggests 2 changes to the above: to have 21% Contingency and 14% go to Educational Ministries. James – discussion to make this more transparent. Fund is called Educational Ministries, but the Youth director is paid out of

it as well as other things.

The Synodical Committee gave the Youth Director, Jennifer Chervenka, permission to speak. She questioned if the Collegiate ministry expenses would come out of Educational Ministries. Discussion – answer it could.

MOTION: by Bro Mike Groseclose to accept the breakdown of percentages to the contingency fund to say: 21% Contingency and 14% Educational Ministries.

SECOND: by Gayle Farrow
Discussion on what 2009 by-laws now say.

MOTION WITHDRAWN: by Bro Mike.

SECOND WITHDRAWN: by Gayle Farrow.

MOTION: by Dewyan to have the Brethren fund be allocated as: 25% to the Hus School Encampment, 20% to the Brethren Journal, 21% Contingency Fund, 14% Educational Ministries, 10% for Church Extension or some other worthy cause, 10% for Administration Fund.

SECOND: by Pastor Kay
Passes
Pastor Kay had questions on the Article III, Office of the ministry pages

11-20. Why so many strike-throughs? Explanation by Bro Tommy – Articles are re-arranged, content is still there. Discussion.

Bro. Larry Koslovsky – had a question on Tracks of study page 19 Article III-Office of the Ministry, Sec E – Requirements for Pastoral or Specialized Ministry, #9, a; he questioned “the preferred method of study for ordination”, asked who says this is the preferred method. James gave an answer – the preferred method has historical value. More discussion. Should be careful about what schools are accredited Seminary and College. James explained that the Synodical committee still gets to give approval on this.

Bro. Larry Koslovsky – another question about licensing – what do we do with those folks who are now serving and have served in churches that may not have a college degree that may be serving with a license. James explained that these changes would be for those going forward; others would be “grandfathered.” Bro Tommy – explained that we will not make this retro-active. Discussion.



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MOTION: by Bro. Larry Koslovsky to strike the whole sentence in Article III, Sec E, 9,a (page 19) “This is the preferred method of study for ordination.”

SECOND: by Daniel Merz Discussion.

For – 12. Opposed – 10. This sentence is deleted.

Liz Ripple, Fayetteville, had a question on Article II - Congregations, G- Restructuring of Congregations, 2-a. Page 8 is being struck – “...congregation is served in conjunction with another congregation...” Question – is this a push for one church – one pastor? Discussion. Also questioned was the “Pastoral Salary Recommendations” distributed by the PRC. Marvin stated that salary guidelines are just that, guidelines.

Liz suggested to the By-laws Committee to add somewhere in this Article, maybe in Sec G – Restructuring of congregations – to reference “(see Article XXII – PRC, Sec. E – Pastoral and Parish Changes, 2 on page 31) – “Any change in parish arrangement shall have the final approval of the congregations involved.” Bro. Tommy said they could do that, but #3 would

supersede any decision made by the church.

Pastor Kay questioned in Article XII-PRC, Sec A #1 (page 30) – where is how to elect the Pastor to the Pastors? Bro. Tommy explained – it is an oversight and was neglected to be carried over to the strike-through edition. It will be put back in Article XII, Sec A #1 to say “The Pastor to the Pastors shall be elected by the clergy during the course of the convention through a series of votes until one pastor receives the majority of votes.”

Pastor Denise Mikeska had a question in the Constitution – Article VI – Organizations – Section D. – regarding the Brethren Youth Fellowship, what does “officially recognized” mean? Seaton has a Youth group that is not called the Brethren Youth Fellowship. Will their youth be recognized by the Unity if they are not using a certain name? James explained this is dealing with the denominations organizations and membership would be determined by their by-laws.

Discussion on Primetimers by Bro. Lawrence. He explained this is an

event – a retreat – not an organization. He took the opportunity to invite everyone to attend – the second weekend in October.

Jim Baletka – Is there a need to have an article for the job description for the Pastor to the Pastors similar like we have for the Executive officers on the Synodical Committee? Discussion.

MOTION: by Pastor Kay on page 30, Article XII-PRC, Sec A, 1-d to unstrike this line, “The pastor shall be a member of the Pastoral Credentials Committee and serve as a pastor to all categories of pastors and students for the ministry” and revert back to the 2009 by-laws.

SECOND: by Bro. Mike Groseclose Passes

MOTION: by Pastor Kay in regards to Article XII-PRC, Sec A, 1-D (since this line is back in the document) to amend by adding after “pastor” the words “to the pastors”.

SECOND: by Rev Lawrence Junek Discussion.

Passes.

MOTION TO AMEND: by Gayle Farrow in regards to the motion above regarding Article XII-PRC, Sec A, 1-D – to delete the words “be a member of the Pastoral Credentials Committee and” and have it say “The pastor shall serve as a pastor to all categories of pastors and students for the ministry.”

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SECOND: by Bro. Lawrence Junek Discussion.

MOTION WITHDRAWN: by Gayle Lawrence
SECOND WITHDRAWN: by Bro. Lawrence

Discussion. It was agreed that because of Article III – Office of the Ministry, Sec B – Pastors, Sec 2, 10 in the strike-through edition (page 15) the Pastor to the Pastors will serve on the Ministerial Credentials Board.

Liz had a question on Article IV – Conventions, Section B – 3 on page 21 of the strike-through edition. Why are other Chairmen being suggested to be put as voting members at the convention? Discussion that the chairs could possibly be voted as an executive officer. The way it is written, the 7 Chairmen of the Committees listed are not excluded as being elected as executive officers. Discussion.

MOTION: by Bro. Larry Koslovsky to strike Article IV. Conventions, B-3 (page 21 of the strike-through edition) that would allow the chairs of “convention approved standing committees/boards including but not limited to...” to be voting members of the convention and in lieu of expenses they need to be paid for, to have the convention approve their



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mileage expenses. Discussion.

Motion withdrawn: by Bro. Larry Discussion.

MOTION: by Pastor Kay to strike Article IV. Conventions, B-3 (page 21) that would allow the chairs of “convention approved standing committees/boards including but not limited to...” To be voting members of the convention.

Motion fails due to lack of a second.

Liz had a question on Article IV. Conventions, Sec P (page 22 of the strike-through edition) where it says “the host congregation...will be assessed for meal expenses.” Discussion.

MOTION: by Pastor Kay to insert after “expenses” the words “for its delegates” and after “for” add the word “their”. Line would read “The host congregation shall not pay any mileage expenses *for its delegates*, however they will be assessed for *their* meal expenses.”

SECOND: by Bro. Lawrence Junek Passes

Liz had a question on Article IV. Conventions, P (page 22 of the strike-through edition) – regarding paying the lodging for the Executive Committee members. Discussion.

Liz had a question on Article I. Sacraments and Rites, B. Rites, 5 (page 6) “Funeral services shall not be conducted on Sundays except on very exceptional instances.” This line is a strike-through. Discussion.

MOTION: by Dewyan to strike the revision – Article I. Sacraments and Rites, B. Rites, 5 (on page 6) and go to the wording in the 2009 by-laws (leave that line in).

SECOND: by Roger Runnels Discussion.

Passes.

Liz had a question on Article X. Financial Secretary, Sec E – on page 9; why is the amount being lowered for the bond. Marvin answered that the financial secretary doesn’t handle this much money. (Sec. note – this figure is not being lowered from \$150,000.00 to \$50,000, it is actually being raised from \$1,000.00 to \$50,000.00)

Jim Baletka had a question on page 24 of the strike-through edition regarding Article VI. Synodical Committee – A, 3. “One lay representative elected from each congregation at a meeting called for the referendum vote following each Convention, unless a congregation is already represented by a layperson among the executive officers.” Discussion. Jim stated that laypersons on the executive committee officers should be obligated to their positions to vote and not necessarily represent their congregations.

MOTION: by Jim Baletka to strike out the wording in Article VI., A, 3 (on page 24 of the strike-through edition) “unless a congregation is already

represented by a layperson among the executive officers.”

SECOND: by Gayle Farrow Discussion.

For – 6. Opposed – 9. Motion failed.

James stated that we have a document that is now ready to go to the convention. Bro. Tommy said the by-laws committee could have a clean document without red lines ready in about a month. James stated that what we have done today could be proposed as a document. Bro. Tommy proposed to give everyone a final document in digital form by the end of May.

MOTION: by Gayle Farrow to accept the document presented by the by-laws committee with the amendments that are noted in the minutes as a recommendation to the convention.

SECOND: by Bro Mike Groseclose Discussion. The convention is the final authority for this document, it will be re-hashed again there.

Passes

James thanked everyone for their time and commitment to this process. Bro. Tommy, Chairman of the by-laws committee, also thanked everyone for their time here today. The committee was recognized for all their work on the document. Also commented on the changes proposed – that some of us liked some things and some did not, but let’s all support this document. The document is ours, we voted on it, we changed it, let’s convey that to our congregations.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Ripple
Secretary, Unity of the Brethren

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Mission Funds Income Report

Below is a summary of the combined income to the two Unity of the Brethren Mission Funds (Foreign and Home).

2013 Combined Goal	\$ 134,000.00
2013 Combined Goal prorated thru April	\$ 44,667.00
2013 Actual Income thru April	\$ 27,528.00
Four-Month Shortfall	\$ -17,139.00

At the October 2012 Synodical Committee meeting, a budget of \$67,000 was approved for each mission program (Foreign and Home).

At joint meetings of the Foreign and Home Mission Boards a decision was made that the income would be reported jointly not separately.

This is the first of monthly reports that will be printed in the *Brethren Journal* reporting progress toward the combined goal.

The Foreign Mission Fund supports the missionaries listed on Page 30 of the May 2013 *Brethren Journal*.

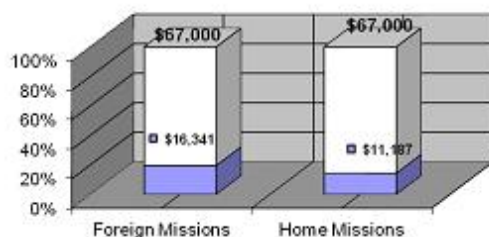
The Home Mission Fund supports the Cade Lake Mission and In God's Hands Food Pantry Ministry in Burleson County, Texas.

Contributions to the two mission funds can be made to:

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Marvin Chlapek, Unity Financial Secretary

Mission Giving Relative To Approved Budgets



Unity Convention Invitation . . .

“Faith in Action”

To the Synodical Committee, Delegates, Pastors, Members, & Friends of the Unity of the Brethren:

You are most warmly invited to the 65th Biennial Convention of the Unity of the Brethren, to be held at the Taylor Brethren Church on July 18-20, 2013. The church is located at the corner of Seventh and Sloan Streets in Taylor, Texas. This year's Convention theme is “Faith in Action”, from James 2:26: “*As the body without the Spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead.*”

The convention will begin Thursday, July 18, with registration at 4:30 p.m. The evening meal will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed by worship and Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees are advised to secure lodging as soon as possible, as the Taylor Rodeo will be held that weekend. Recommended hotels include:

Best Western Taylor Inn (\$88 plus tax), 2600 W. Second Street, Taylor, TX 76574. 512-352-5292 front desk, 800-780-7234 for reservations. Website: bestwestern.com

Holiday Inn Express of Hutto (\$95 plus tax), 323 Ed Schmidt Blvd., Hutto,

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The meals which will be provided are:

Thursday, July 18

Noon Luncheon for Ministers & Spouses and Executive Committee members & spouses (RSVP to Mary Kokes, Church secretary – 512-352-6423)

Dinner 5:30 p.m. \$10.00

Friday, July 19

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Dinner 6:00 p.m. – \$10.00

Saturday, July 20

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast - Complimentary

Lunch 12:00 p.m. – \$10.00

Let us all join in prayer that God will bless this gathering and that the work of the Holy Spirit will be evident among us as we seek to serve our Lord in this day and time.

For the Taylor Brethren Church,

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Rev. Dr Jerry and Dr. Louise Terrill Honored at Luncheon



The Rev. Dr. Jerry and Dr. Louise Terrill were feted after church services on April 14 with a catered luncheon by Houston Brethren Church on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary, which was actually on April 7. Church members, guests from the Terrill's professional offices, and President of the Synodical Committee James Marek, and Liz & Joe Ripple of Fayetteville enjoyed a bar-b-q luncheon and the opportunity to visit with one another.

Dr. Jerry has served HBC for 5 years and, earlier in the mid 1980s, served for two years as a supply minister prior to the time of Rev. Bill Hodge's 20-year tenure. Dr. Jerry has a Doctor of Sacred Ministry from Howard University in Washington D.C. in Pastoral Counseling and also holds a Masters in Religious Education and a Master of Divinity. He is

currently Director of Counseling and an Associate Professor at Houston Graduate School of Theology.

Dr. Louise specializes in Family Practice and Internal Medicine. She is a graduate of Kansas School of Medicine. Dr. Louise also holds an Associate Professorship position at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston. They have a married son, John & Laura, in California and a daughter, Anne, in Massachusetts, the three of them studying to attain their PhD degrees. We wish the Terrill's many more happy years together and thank them both for being a part of Houston Brethren Church!

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From the Woo's...

April 22, 2013

Thanks and Praise,

Today, Lisa and May went and set up a table at the Buddhist's fair. Timothy had something come up, but hopes to join them tomorrow and the next day. They went for about 6 hours. They came home so FULL of joy and excitement. If you have ever been nervous to share your faith, but then you do it and step out and you feel that rush and excitement that comes from the Holy Spirit, that's what they had. There's nothing like it! If you have never felt that, you should try it!

They sold two of the video, music, talk sets to 2 young men. They are selling it so that it fits on your cell phone. But this festival is for old people, and as the old people walked by they said "What are you selling?" May said "We are selling things that will tell you about God." The old people said "Which god?" May said "The God that created everything, the world and all we see. The most high God." The old people said "We want to see the movie and know about this God but we don't have cell phones."

So tonight we will make some CDs and DVDs so they can sell those tomorrow to the old people to watch on their TVs. AWESOME!

We are so thankful. Pray for this village. They are having a festival to celebrate their god. But our God is showing up. Pray for continued protection and blessing. Pray for these people that know their god is NOT a creator god. They know their idol is just a gold statue and there is no hope, love, forgiveness or relationship that comes from it.

On a side note, we are watching May's son while she is doing this and he is learning a lot about what he can and can't do. He is in 'baby boot camp'. Today, after biting Isaac twice, he started to kiss him instead. Yippee.

Love, Caroline

May 11, 2013

Dear partners,

We are in need of prayer here. Many of you may follow what is happening in Burma/Myanmar. There have been many good changes in the country recently, but there are still tons of problems. One such problem has come knocking on our door.

We are about a 5-minute walk to the river that separates the two countries. Our kids like to swim in this river. This past week, further down the river on the Burmese side, maybe about 20 minutes down, Burmese soldiers came and have attacked the Dai/



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Shan in a local town. The Burmese soldiers then came across the river onto our side of the river (as some parts of our side belong to Burma and not China). About 12 people have died.

There has been gun fire and fighting between the Shan/Dai state army and the Burmese soldiers. China has also sent soldiers out to the area. The local Dai are fleeing for their safety.

It is unclear why they have attacked. This area is really under the control of the Shan people, not the Burmese government, even though it is in Burma.

The Jingpo in this area have also been fighting the Burmese soldiers for around 2 years now as many of you have heard us talk about the refugees.

We ask you pray for peace. That the Prince of Peace Himself would come and reign! That the fighting would stop today. That the Burmese soldiers would leave the area immediately! That Jesus would say "Peace. Be still" to this storm as he said to the storm in Mark 4.

To read an article about what has happened you can go to www.panglong.org, Click the English, then Burma Army goes to war. You can see a map of our area.

As for us, we feel completely safe as there is probably no way China would let the war come onto their land. China definitely is the stronger

army of the three.

We do have friends in that area, in the town that was attacked, as there is a Shan/Dai church there. Please remember your brothers and sisters in Him!

We thank the Lord for you,
Caroline

. . . from the Home Mission Field

From Rev. Jim Heckman, Cade Lake Community...

May 2013

Cade Lake is planning to have VBS this summer. Would you or your church be willing to help them with new or left-over supplies? They would really appreciate any help you could give with VBS materials. Bro. Jim does not have much storage, but would accept any offer from maybe one or two churches. You can call him at 979-739-1393 or 979-200-0513 with your offer to help, or email him at jimheckman46@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your consideration to help them.

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Ocker Teen to Take Mission Trip to the Czech Republic



My name is Taylor Brinkley and I am a member of the Ocker Brethren Church, in Zabcikville, Texas.

God has granted me an opportunity to go to the Czech Republic for a mission trip August 8, 2013, through August 18, 2013. I have been on other mission trips to Mexico and in Texas, but this will be my first trip overseas.

While over at the Czech Republic I will be helping other teenagers on their walk with God. I will be talking, walking, singing, worshipping, and ministering with other teenagers in Fields of Faith. I will also be working with Pastor Pavel to minister to the Czech people. The Czech Republic is one of the biggest atheist countries in the world. We will be spreading the good news of Jesus Christ to people in the parks, streets, shops, and subways; anything to get the message across about the gift of Christ.

When I heard about this trip I immediately knew in my heart that

God wanted me to go. The trip cost is \$2,600. So, with my high school graduation money as a down payment, and the help of generous people, I have around \$1,800 left to pay.

God truly provides for everything we do that is pleasing in His sight. I cannot wait to see where the Brethren denomination was first formed. I am so excited to be able to represent the Brethren denomination, the Ocker Brethren Church, and most of all the love of Jesus Christ.

Always in God's name,
Taylor Brinkley

Editor's Note: If you would like to help make this trip possible for Taylor, please send your donation to the Ocker Brethren Church, 17454 State Highway 53, Temple, Texas 76501. Mark your check with a note for Taylor Brinkley, Mission Trip. Thank you for your support of the youth of the Unity of the Brethren Church.

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Matthew 12:15

*...and He healed them
all.*

Sunday School
Helper



Healing...what a marvelous act, what a tremendous gift! How often we take for granted the miraculous working of the human body, until something doesn't work. But our God is a God of healing and of miracles. As children grow, they experience many bumps and scrapes. This creates a perfect opportunity to plant the seeds that God can heal all our hurts – seen and unseen, physical and spiritual. The book of Matthew provides many examples of Jesus as Healer to those who had the “courage to ask” and the “faith to believe”. Praise God for His unending loving care and guidance.

Jesus the Healer

Use each of the following stories to share with children how Jesus healed the sick.

Matthew 8:2-3: Jesus heals the leper.



Mark 2:1-13: Jesus heals the man with palsy.



Matthew 8:14-17: Jesus heals Peter's mother in law.



Matthew 9:35: Jesus heals the people.



Matthew 15: 29-31, John 9: 1-12: Jesus heals the lame and blind.



Make Mini First Aid Kits to pass out in Sunday School. Include a band aid, alcohol pad, gauze, and a Bible Verse.



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Thoughts for Teens

God's Yellow Pages

Where do you go when you need a plumber? How do you get help when you need it? We often need to find "numbers" to get the help we need.

Introduce teens to God's Yellow Pages (www.divinepeace.com/yellow/Gods_Yellow_Pages.html). Have them choose 5 verses that really speak to them and write the references on an index card. Have them put their "Favorite Numbers" in their wallet or another place where they can easily access them in times of need.

Remind teens that healing is not needed for just the body, but also for the heart. Jesus did perform many miracles where He healed the sick, made the blind see, even brought Lazarus back to life! He is still here today, and has left us a great resource when we need help... The Bible.



Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

June 6-8 – Encounter Camp

June 16-21 – Pioneer Camp

June 9-13 – Alpha Camp

June 23-28 – Discovery Camp

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.

July 7-12 – Challenger Camp

July 12-14 – BYF Convention and Volleyball Tournament. Please note that the weekend for the annual youth retreat, volleyball tournament, and convention has changed due to the Unity Convention. All local group forms and reports must be submitted by June 30. Lodging provided on a first-come, first-served basis with youth given first priority. Those wishing to arrive on Friday night must let Jennifer know in advance so plans can be made for meals. No Friday arrivals before 7 p.m. Saturday registration begins at 8 a.m. Convention will begin at 9 a.m., followed by the tournament. For registration forms, report packets, tournament information, please visit www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com or contact Jennifer Chervenka jennchervenka@farm-market.net; 254-983-1002.

July 18-20 – Unity of the Brethren 65th Convention at the Taylor Brethren Church. Secretary's letter and Credentials forms are on the Unity Website (see Calendar – July 2013). All Officer's and Chairmen's of Committees/Boards reports for the Convention packets are due on June 1, 2013, to Liz Ripple, Unity Secretary. *(See the official invitation with additional important information in this issue.)*

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.

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for June 2013

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. The Lord is righteous; He loves righteous deeds. Ps. 11:7
2. **Our heart is glad in the Lord, because we trust in His holy name. Ps. 33:21**
3. I call to God, and the Lord saves me. Ps. 55:16
4. Sing to the Lord for He has done glorious things, let this be known to all the world. Isa. 12:5
5. In God we live and move and have our being. Acts 17:28
6. Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Eph. 5:20
7. For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness. Ps. 107:9
8. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. Isa. 12:2a
9. **Give praise to the Lord, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Isa. 12:4**
10. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it!" Lk. 6:13
11. My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people. Isa. 56:7
12. I will give them a heart to know that I am the Lord. Jer. 24:7a
13. They will be My people, and I will be their God. Jer. 24:7b
14. I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on Your name. Ps. 65:4
15. "Surely the righteous still are rewarded; surely there is a God who judges the earth." Ps. 58:11
16. **"Don't you know that you are God's temple and that God lives in you?" 1 Cor. 3:16**
17. The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. Ps. 33:5
18. The Lord will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love. Zeph. 3:17b
19. Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart. Ps. 27:14
20. For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Cor. 5:7
21. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that overcomes the world – our faith. 1 Jn. 5:4
22. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. Heb. 10:23
23. **May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ. 2 Thes. 3:5**
24. Let me hear of Your steadfast love in the morning, for in You I put my trust. Ps. 143:8
25. For in Christ Jesus every one of God's promises is a "Yes". 2 Cor. 1:20
26. Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:1
27. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Rom. 10:17
28. Yet I will rejoice in the Lord. I will be joyful in the God of my salvation. Hab. 3:18
29. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise Him! Ps. 147:1
30. **May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us. Ps. 67:1**

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MEMBERS RECEIVED

ROBERT AND BETH HATAWAY from Columbus, and SHERRIE TOLBERT and BETTY YOAKUM of Fayetteville were welcomed into membership of the Fayetteville Brethren Church on May 19, 2013. All four (4) were received by re-affirmation of faith. A fellowship potluck lunch in their honor was enjoyed after worship. Minister: Rev. Kay Polasek.

JEAN MARTIN, was welcomed into membership of the Industry Brethren Church on March 31, 2013, by transfer of membership from Wesley Brethren Church. A fellowship brunch was enjoyed after Worship in her honor and celebrating our Risen Lord. Minister: Rev. Kay Polasek.

RECENT DEATHS

DUBCAK, MARTHA (LICHNOVSKY), age 92, and a member since 1956 of the Temple Brethren Church, died March 19, 2013, at Temple. Born October 16, 1920, at Tokio, Texas. Married April 25, 1941, to Walter Paysse, who preceded her in death in 1974.

She was later married to Joe Dubcak. She was a faithful member of the Christian Sisters, and worked with the flower committee for many years. Is survived by 2 children, 5 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. Services were on March 23, 2013, from the Scanio-Harper Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Bellwood Memorial Park. Minister: Mark L. Labaj.

FOJT, ELLANORA "ELLIE" (WALTERS), age 96, and a member of the Vsetin CMB Church, died April 5, 2013, at Hallettsville. Born August 28, 1916, at Hobson, Karnes County, Texas. Married September 15, 1936, to Emil Alois "Cap" Fojt, who preceded her in death in 1983. She was a faithful member of the Christian Sisters and served on the church cleaning committee for many years. Is survived by nieces and nephews, grandchildren and grandnephews. Services were on April 9, 2013, from the Vsetin CMB Church with burial in Bila Hora Cemetery. Minister: Mark L. Labaj.

SOKOL, ANNIE (ORSAK), age 88, died April 7, 2013, at Hallettsville. Born August 29, 1924, in the Mont Community. Married to Ferdinand "Ferd" Sokol on August 11, 1947, and he preceded her in death in 1974. Is survived by a sister, and nieces and nephews. Graveside Services were on April 11, 2013, from the Hallettsville City Cemetery. Minister: Mark L. Labaj.

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Austin – Bible Study at 10:00 AM
Worship at 11:00 AM.
– Rev. Linda Chandler

Bryan-College Station – worship at
9:00 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Mark Sebek

Buckholts – worship at 9:00 AM every
Sunday except the 5th Sunday.
Holy Communion on 1st Sunday.
Guest speaker on 4th Sunday.
– Rev. John Kueker

Cade Lake Community Chapel – Sunday
School at 11:00 AM; Fellowship Lunch
at Noon; Worship at 1:00 PM.
– Rev. Jim Heckman

Caldwell – Sunday School at 9:30 AM,
worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
Bible Study on Tuesday at 10:30 AM.
– visiting ministers

Christ Covenant Church – Tuesday
Evening Bible Study.
– Carl Shamel

Crosby – 9:00 AM: Worship
10:00 AM: Faith Adventure
– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

Cy-Fair Community Church – worship at
10:45 AM every Sunday.
1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays – Rev. Rick Chandler
2nd & 4th Sundays – Rev. Henry Beseda

Dime Box – worship at 9:00 AM every
Sunday.
– Rev. Jim Heckman

Fayetteville – Sunday School at 9:45 AM,
worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Kay Polasek

Good News Fellowship Church of West
Palm Beaches, a Provisional Church of
the Unity of the Brethren – worship at
1:00 PM every Sunday at First
Presbyterian Church, Boynton Springs,
Florida.
– Rev. James Henry

Good Shepherd Moravian – worship at
11:30 AM and 6:30 PM every Sunday.
– Rev. Adolfo Gonzalez

Granger – worship services every Sunday at
9:00 AM; Sunday School at 10:15 AM.
– Rev. Larry Zabcik

Houston – Sunday School at 9:15 AM;
Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Dr. Jerry Terrill

Industry – worship at 9:00 AM every Sunday
with Sunday School for all ages following.
– Rev. Kay Polasek

Nelsonville – Sunday School at 9:00 AM
Nelsonville – Worship at 10:15 AM
– Rev. Michael Groseclose

New Tabor – Sunday School at 9:30 AM &
Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday,
"Tune Up" on Wednesdays, 7:30 PM.
– Rev. Dave Johnson

Ocker – worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
Sunday School at 9 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Ron Winsman

Pasadena – Sunday School at 9:30 AM
and worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
Midweek Study twice per month on
Thursdays at 6:30 PM.
– Rev. Bill Rinderknecht

Community Christian Church of Rosenberg –
Sundays: Adult Bible Study and Sunday
School for children at 9:00 AM; worship
at 10:30 AM.

Wednesdays: 5:30 PM, Dinner; 6:30 PM,
Bible Study; 6:50 PM, Prayer Meeting.
– Bro. Larry Butcher

Seaton –
Sunday, 9:15 AM – Prayer Gathering;
9:30 AM – Sunday School, All Ages;
10:30 AM – Worship Celebration Service.
Wednesday, 6:30 PM – Kid's NITE Out
and Priority ONE Youth (BYF), Adult
Bible Study.
– Rev. Denise Mikeska
Pastor Steve Davis, Youth Pastor

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

Taylor – worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. James Hejl

Temple – Sunday School at 9:30 AM.,
Worship at 10:45 AM.
– Visiting Ministers

Vsetin – Worship at 10:00 AM every Sunday.
– Dr. Mark Labaj
5th Sunday – Visiting Ministers

Wall – Sunday School (for all ages) at 9:30
AM; worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Thomas Tallas

Wesley – worship at 9:00 AM every
Sunday. Sunday School follows.
– Rev. Michael Groseclose

West – Sunday School at 9:00 AM and
worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Curtis Holland

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– Visiting Ministers

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