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President's Column . . . James Marek

Granger Brethren Works with Neighbor to Unlock Local and Denominational History

A significant historical project is underway at the Granger Brethren Church. Early church records written in Czech have begun to be translated into English. As the birthplace of the denomination, Granger may house some of the oldest records of the early Unity in Texas. The translation of these promises significant local and denominational benefit. Hundreds of pages of historical documents are targeted to be translated by Kelly (Rubes) Zrubek. Kelly lives close to the Granger Brethren Church and became aware of the historic documents as she was researching her husband's genealogy.

Mrs. Zrubek did not grow up as a Brethren, or even as a Texan. She is, however, Czech and was raised in a Czech community in Oklahoma, where she soon adopted her mother's love for fact finding and genealogy. Kelly attended the University of Texas in the late 1980s, where she earned a bachelors degree in Aquatic Biology with a minor in Botany, and a bachelors in Czech Language with a Minor in Russian. After marrying her husband, Darwin (Derek) Zrubek, in 2000, the couple moved to Granger. Years spent watching her mom research their family history inspired Kelly to begin researching her husband's genealogy. Her interest in the family history of her husband led her to the Granger Brethren Church. Kelly con-

tacted Alvin Kubala, member of the Board of Elders, seeking permission to search the church records for information on her husband's family. It was during this quest she came across Darwin's grandmother's name, Josephine Zrubek. Kelly was immediately intrigued by all of the information housed in the safe at the



church. Kelly offered her translation services to the church (free of charge), and began the monumental task of translating the hundreds of pages of church records and documents. Kelly has delivered the first fruits of her labor to the church, which include the membership, confirmation, baptismal, wedding, and funeral records of the early church at Granger. Along the way Kelly has been careful to maintain both paper and electronic copies of her work. Kelly has provided a three-ring binder to the congregation containing copies of the original and translated documents.

The scope of the remaining project includes documents dated between 1917 and 1945. Some of the personal notes and sermons of early pastors are included in the documents still to be translated and indexed. Kelly acknowledges that translating all of the documents that are currently available at the church will take years. It is probably fair to say that this project is as much about the journey as it is



the destination for Kelly and the Granger congregation. The work helps the church by converting the documents into a form that can be read and enjoyed for years to come. The task of translating the documents also helps Kelly keep her Czech skills sharp, which helps her in her genealogical research.

From the Unity perspective, we are thankful for Kelly's talents, service, and generosity, as well as hopeful that her example will inspire other similar projects around the Unity. What a wonderful day it would be if all of our valuable denominational history could be translated, archived, and converted into digital form for safe-keeping. By translating and digitally storing such information, it could be made available for all to enjoy and study both now and in the future. Dreams of making such information available through media like our Unity website now seem more feasible. One of the great benefits of projects like this is the opportunity for young and old alike to work together. Many older folks have (in many cases) firsthand experience with Unity history. Many still have a proficiency in the Czech language but may lack the technical expertise to preserve the information by using the technology available today. Conversely, younger folks may have never spoken Czech, but have access to and knowledge of the technology that exists today to preserve such valuable information. The possibilities are endless if we can find ways to harness the potential of each age group to unlock and preserve the valuable information that may be wasting away in church vaults and attics around the Unity.

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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 August	89,333.00
2013 Actual Income thru August	54,192.00
Eight-Month Shortfall	-35,141.00

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.

The Foreign Mission Fund supports the missionaries listed on Page 34 of the September 2013 *Brethren Journal*.

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

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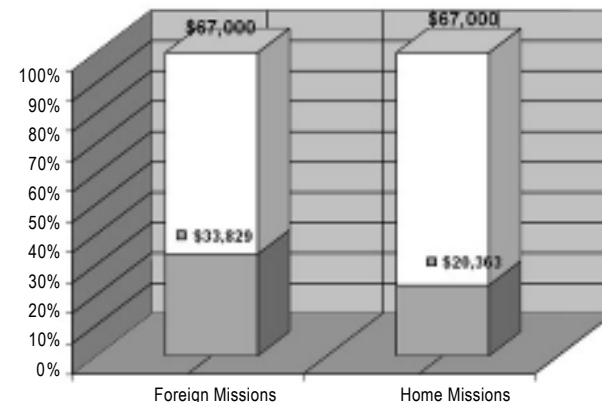
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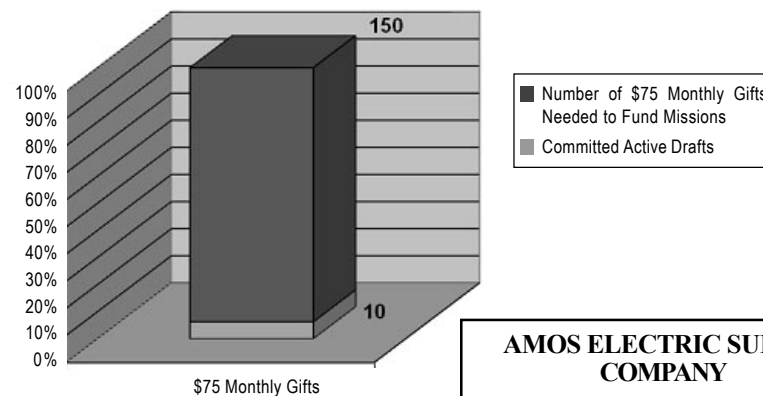
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Outdoor Vesper Chapel Completed at the Hus School Encampment

The photo on the cover of the June 2013 *The Brethren Journal* showed the Vesper Chapel in its beginning stages in April 2013. The beautiful Vesper Chapel was completed in June 2013.



The Vesper Chapel was built in memory of Marvin Dusek, a beloved and long-time member of the Wall Brethren Church of Wall, Texas. Marvin passed away on November 23, 2011. He was a lifetime supporter of the Hus School Encampment. The Vesper Chapel was given in his memory by his wife, Ruth Dusek, his children,



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Geri (Dusek) Polasek, Darwin Dusek, Albert Dusek, Mary (Dusek) Rowland, and David Dusek, and all those donating to the Hus School Encampment Memorial Fund. David Dusek, son, and Steven Polasek, grandson, were the directors of this project, built by the Dusek family.



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Houston Brethren Church Member Celebrates 90th Birthday

Long-time Houston Brethren Church member Sydney Jurchak celebrated his 90th birthday on July 14 at the SPJST Lodge 88 in Houston with a dinner and dance hosted by his children and grandchildren.

Sydney was born in Nelsonville, Texas, on July 10, 1923, to John and Otilie Jurchak. He served during WW II in the Army Air Force. On August 4, 1945, he married Georgia Barta at the

Rosenberg Brethren Church, Rev. Henry Beseda, Sr., officiating. They had 3 children: Son, Ronney (Glenda), and daughters, Beverley Sommers (dec.) and Vicki Zajicek (Larry).

Active for many years with Georgia at Houston Brethren Church, you couldn't meet or work with a more delightful gentleman! Mr. Jurchak is retired from Folgers Coffee Co.



Family and friends of Sydney Jurchak (center) celebrating his 90th birthday.

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Life is a Pilgrimage

- by Jim Pokorny

One of my passions in life is teaching Sunday School.

Our class is a small but tightly knit group of adults. Collectively we are known as the Encouragers. I love that name because we do our best to encourage others. I also love it because these special members of my church family are a constant source of encouragement to me.

Along with our studies we take up an offering. Although it should come as no surprise to me by now, I am continually amazed at what God accomplishes with a handful of people and a few dollars each week to reach the church, the community, and the world.

While I consider writing a relatively new extension of teaching, I have always been an avid reader.

About two years ago, I purchased an electronic reader, and one of the first books I uploaded was a modern English version of *The Pilgrim's Progress from This World to That Which Is to Come*. It was written by John Bunyan while he was impris-

oned in Bedford for preaching and published in 1678. This allegory was one I was somewhat familiar with and I believed that I would benefit from reading it in contemporary English.

When the Christmas holidays rolled around that year, I decided to read a chapter before turning in for the night. It had such an impact that I devoured the rest of the book over the course of the next two days. I was blown away by Bunyan's allegory of the Christian journey from the moment one recognizes the all-consuming need for salvation to that moment when one reaches the very gates of heaven.

The following Sunday, as we ended our class, I told them a little about the book and asked them to prayerfully consider our taking it up as our next study. As we neared the end of that study we spoke of it again, and all were in agreement that we would study Bunyan's classic next.

In the weeks that followed, I obtained copies of the book for the class and read it again in preparation. Eventually the Sunday arrived for us to

embark on our new journey. As the Sundays rolled by, I found it very personally rewarding to see them responding to the book in ways that I had.

At one point, I spoke with Brother Jimmy about how well things were progressing. It was at this point that he told me about an allegory originally written in Czech by John Amos Comenius in 1623 entitled *Labyrinth of the World and Paradise of the Heart*. Brother Jimmy also told me about the role Comenius played in the early history of the Brethren, along with his prominence as both a theologian and educator.

The die was cast, and I knew I simply had to read the English translation of this work by Comenius next. And so, I did.

While both allegories have their basis in spiritual truth, Comenius takes his pilgrim on a completely different kind of journey. His pilgrim enters the world and immediately decides to examine every occupation and every class. He concludes that upon completion of this examination, he will wisely choose the best occupation the world has to offer and thus achieve true happiness.

It became easy to see that Comenius found inspiration from Ecclesiastes chapter 1.

Ecclesiastes 1:14 (NIV) – I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

Comenius portrays the world as a labyrinth or a maze full of twists, turns, and dead ends. The two guides the pilgrim takes on do their best to both mislead him and misrepresent the truth. After completing his tour of the labyrinth of the world, the pilgrim is distraught. He realizes that true happiness is something the world cannot offer.

While in anguish with this realization, he hears the voice of Christ summoning him to a chamber which represents his heart. The chamber is dark. Its windows covered with grime. Everything in it is in a state of disrepair and decay. Suddenly, a bright light fills the chamber and he encounters Christ for the very first time.

With this revelation he discovers what true happiness really is. It is union with Christ. Thus, the pilgrim finds the paradise of the heart.

Christ then tells the pilgrim that he



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must, for a time, reside in two different worlds.

As believers, so do we all.

I am very happy to say that the class has now embarked upon this study. The book I selected contains outstanding biographical information on Comenius as well as an excellent history of the early Brethren in the preface and introduction.

Although this introductory material is written at college level and contains many Latin terms, phrases, and titles, I am delighted to say that the class has admirably stepped up to the challenge set before them.

I realize that we are to have faith like that of a child, but I think it is also important that we continue to challenge ourselves. This not only benefits us, it also better enables us to help others. Especially those who still wander the labyrinth seeking there what can never be found.

Comenius said many wonderful things in his lifetime, but one thing in particular resonates deep within me. He stated that when a student fails, the fault does not lie with the student. The fault lies with the teacher.

As I said at the outset, I am an avid reader. That means that I also read for

pleasure. I would not want to give the impression that I read only books of which professors would approve.

I freely admit that I derive a tremendous amount of pleasure from reading Westerns. I continue to enjoy the works of Zane Grey and Louis L'Amour, to name but two. In fact, a friend and coworker recently gave me her late father's collection of L'Amour novels. Even works of fiction can provide lessons if you look deep enough.

L'Amour once said something that meant little to me when I first encountered it long ago. A few short years ago, I finally recognized God's urging me to write. Having finally responded, L'Amour's words now speak volumes to me.

"Start writing, no matter what. The water does not flow until the faucet is turned on."

Lord, I thank You for being patient with a stubborn faucet.

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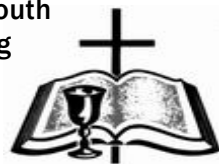
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The members of the New Tabor Brethren Church invite you to their 120th Anniversary and Old Fashion Home Coming Celebration on Sunday, October 13, 2013. The church is located at 2439 County Road 225, Caldwell, TX 77836.

The Celebration begins at 10:00 am with services and special music. Bar B Que lunch and Czech pastries will be served after the services. Czech music will be played during and after lunch. There will be games for all ages and "old fashioned" wagon rides for the kids!

Whether you're a current member, past member, or a visitor, please come out, and join in the celebration. Spread the word . . . Tell your neighbor, bring a friend!

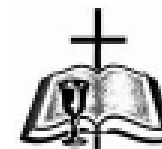
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The sale will include kolaches, cakes, pies, cookies, candies, jellies, canned goods, homemade noodles, casseroles, and craft items. Love donations of \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5 will be accepted for a quilt drawing.

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In Christ's Love . . . From the Foreign Mission Fields

From the Woo's...

September 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

First of all, thank you for praying for this work and for your financial giving. We have averaged 91% support. We are so blessed by your love and support and desire to see the D reached.

August 12 Training: Thank you for lifting up this training. Around 70 D believers came to our city for a whole week. Many came from surrounding areas. (Our area has about 100,000 D and 5+ million D reaching into the next country.) They studied for 3 days, and then for 2 days did outreach. They had 11 groups of 4 and went to over 30 villages. There were about 6 who said that they wanted to follow Jesus Christ. May and the local group have been following up with these.

Going out: May, Mary, and Joan have been going out sharing with many people. Most of them are rela-

tives of Joan. Two of her relatives have believed in the past month, all women. Her husband and daughter and son-in-law where all baptized during the training. We believe family relationships like this will be the way the Good News will spread through these people. All the D seem to be related to each other! There are 4 people that are ready to be dunked together. May hopes to follow up on 2 more people from the training so there can be a group dunking.

Answer to Prayer: During the training May went to one village with her outreach group. They met Lydia. Lydia is a D believer in her 40s and recently moved to our area around 5 months ago from the neighboring country. Lydia said that the other D in the village were pressuring her and telling her husband to make her go and worship Buddha. Her husband said, "Why don't you just follow what they say and worship Buddha?" She replied, "They can beat me and kill me but I'm not going to do it. I don't fear



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man, I fear God!” The pressure was getting so great that on Thursday she asked the Lord for help as she didn’t think she could bear it. Then on Friday May shows up at her house. Wow, now that is a fast answer to prayer.

The Worm Composting Project:

Our second worm home, which is a 3-minute walk from our home, seems to be doing well. The worms are eating like pigs.

Next Steps: We feel the Lord is moving and growing the small group that meets on Monday night. They may not have grown in numbers a lot, but they are growing in faith. They have only been meeting together a few months, and already they are going out every week together to share with others and pray for people’s needs. They have joy in their fellowship time on Monday nights. They held a training and are preparing for a dunking. So what’s next? Our heart is that more small groups like this Monday night group can start, that in these new villages where these new believers are they can start their own group. Our main goal is that the D reach the D with the Good News. We need to make this reproducible, and model these things as we pray that He pours out His power and love on them.

Homeschool Helper Needed: We are looking for someone to come help us for 6 months to a year with homeschool as you learn Chinese and get a taste of life in Asia. Email us: Mcswoo@psmail.net

Serve in Thailand with VBS for Our Youth: Come for 2 weeks to Thailand in June 2014. Interested? Give us an email. Ages 18-88 accepted!

Our Visa: We have just received a 3-month visa. We were hoping for a one-year visa, where we can go in/out of the country. Problems with visas are not a new thing, but recently the laws have been changed again for the worse.

Love,

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2 Timothy 4:7

...I have finished the
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Each of us was created for a purpose. When we are working toward our purpose, we feel fulfilled and full of joy. We can look forward to the joy of entering heaven and hearing our Father say, “Well done thy good and faithful servant.” As we talk with the children in our lives, let us help them recognize their God-given talents and help guide them to identify their purpose in life.

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Potato or Spud

Materials:

- 1 uncooked good-looking potato (Mr. Potato)
- 1 uncooked small, knobby potato (Mr. Spud)
- 2 large clear cups that will hold the potatoes

A packet of salt

Fill one glass 2/3 full with plain water. Make some salt solution by dissolving a heaped tablespoon of salt in the water. Fill the other glass with the salt solution.

Tell the story:

One day Mr. Potato and Mr. Spud were having an argument about who was going to Heaven. "I'm going to Heaven," said Mr. Potato. "I'm good looking and you can make heavenly food from me!" "You do look good. I'm just an all-purpose Potato," said Mr. Spud. "You are just a wimpy lump of starch. You'll never go to Heaven. You are full of lumps and bruises. You are only good for pigs!" said Mr. Potato. Mr. Spud replied, "But I'm useful. I can be baked, fried, or boiled." He wiped a tear from his eye. "I only obey my maker and do what He made me for." Mr. Potato exclaimed, "What? I am such an outstanding potato. The angels will bow down in amazement as I walk down the streets of Heaven." "But the children love me," mumbled Mr. Spud. Just then a quiet voice said, "It is not the rich and famous who will enter the kingdom, but those who do the will of God." Both were quiet as they thought about this. "I know. We will have a

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Thoughts for Teens

Potato or Spud cont.

contest," said Mr. Potato. "Only bad potatoes sink in water, and that way we will know who is going to Heaven. Of course that will be ME!"

Bring out the two glasses. Place Mr. Potato in the glass containing water and Mr. Spud in the glass containing the salt solution.

"I'm floating!" shouted Mr. Spud. But there was no sound from Mr. Potato. Later that day, Mr. Spud was peeled and fried into potato chips. "Yummy!", shouted the children as their mom served up the fresh chips. A quiet voice said, "Well done Mr. Spud. You have obeyed me and become what I created you for." As for Mr. Potato, he sank to the bottom and found himself in the trash. "I looked good on the outside, but my inside was all messed up. And I thought I was so much better than Mr. Spud."

Which are you? No matter what you look like on the outside, God sees the inside and wants you to live for His purpose in your life.

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Seaton Brethren to Host Bake Sale and Quilt Show

The Christian Sisters of Seaton Brethren Church are hosting a bake sale and quilt show on Saturday, November 2nd from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, located at 12561 State Highway 53, Temple (Seaton community).

Featured items in the sale will be kolaches, cakes, pies, cookies, bread, and jellies, as well as craft items and homemade canned goods. A resale/ rummage shop will be open. Sandwiches and home made soup will be available to purchase for lunch. Quilts will be on display in the sanctuary.

A hand-made quilt, \$75 gift card from Wal-Mart, \$50 gift card from Wal-Mart, and other prizes will be given away for a love donation of \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5. The proceeds from the fundraiser benefit the many projects the Sisters' support. The sale is open to the public with free admission. For more information, please contact Helen Haisler by phone: (254) 718-5356, or by email: helenhaisler@sbcglobal.net

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Daily Morsels for September 2013

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!" Ps. 66:3
2. And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. 2:11
3. Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise. Ps. 48:1
4. Come and see what God has done, how awesome His works in man's behalf! Ps. 66:5
5. The Lord will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. Isa. 40:28b
6. **Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Ps. 111:2**
7. Let all inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. Ps. 33:8
8. Set your mind and heart to seek the Lord your God. 1 Chron. 22:19
9. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come. Rev. 4:8
10. O Lord, all your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal. Ps. 119:160
11. Jesus said, "Surely I am with you always." Mt. 28:20
12. From everlasting to everlasting You are God. Ps. 90:2
13. **God does great things beyond understanding, and marvelous things without number. Job 9:10**
14. "We have the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles." 2 Chron. 32:8
15. Live in order to please God. 1 Thes. 1:1
16. We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Rom. 5:2
17. We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. Eph. 2:10
18. When I called, Lord, You answered me; You made me bold and stouthearted. Ps. 138:3
19. Indeed God is not far from each of us. Acts 17:27
20. **Let us, therefore, approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and grace to help in time of need. Heb. 4:16**
21. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. 1 Chron. 29:11
22. The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good. Prov. 15:3
23. The Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in Him. Ps. 32:10
24. Encourage the young men to live wisely in all they do. Titus 2:6
25. God has surely listened and heard my voice and prayer. Ps. 66:19
26. The Lord will be a refuge for His people, a stronghold for them. Joel 3:16
27. **They sang praises with gladness and bowed their heads and worshiped. 2 Chron. 29:30**
28. The Lord is gracious and compassionate. Ps. 111:4
29. Strengthen the tired hands, and encourage those whose knees give way. Isa. 35:3
30. Live in order to please God. 1 Thes. 4:1
31. We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. 1 Thes. 1:2

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LILAH MAE PIETERS, daughter of Mr. Jeff and Darla (Daffin) Pieters, born August 2, 2012, was baptised at the Taylor Brethren Church in Taylor, Texas, on July 14, 2013. Sponsors: Rick and Carolyn Weise and Sandra Boscamp. Minister: Rev. Jimmy Hejl.

RECENT DEATHS

BROWN, Marsha Lynn (Billings) of Grapevine, age 61, died September 11, 2013. She was born August 29, 1952, at Austin. Married February 12, 1977, in Dallas to Randall Brown. Is survived by husband, 1 brother, 1 sister. Services were on September 14, 2013, from the Scanio-Harper Funeral Home Chapel in Temple with burial in Bellwood Memorial Park. Minister: Mark L. Labaj.

SEVCIK, BERNICE (EHLER), age 79 and member of St. Peter Lutheran Church of

Hallettsville, died August 14, 2013, at Hallettsville. Born December 22, 1933, at Charlottenburg in Lavaca County. Married November 22, 1953, to Clifton Sevcik. Is survived by her husband, 6 children, 12 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and 1 brother. Services were on Sunday, August 18, 2013, from the Kubena Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Hallettsville City Cemetery. Minister: Mark L. Labaj.

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October 5, 2013 – Fall Synodical Committee Meeting at the Hus Encampment – 9 a.m.; refreshments served at 8 a.m. A light lunch will be served at noon. The newly elected officers for 2013-2015 will be installed and the results of the referendum votes from the 65th Unity of the Brethren Convention will be reviewed. 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.

October 11-13 – Primetimer's Retreat at the Hus School Encampment. Please mark your calendars to come and enjoy Christian fellowship, fun, worship, and education. Theme this year is: *Each one of us is valuable to the body of Christ.* Cost is \$45 per person for the weekend, \$30 per person for Saturday only. \$10 per person deposit is due with registration. For addition information see article in this issue or contact Rev. Lawrence & Barbara Juneck at (254) 714-2622. Deadline for registration is October 4, 2013.

October 13 – New Tabor Brethren Church 120th Anniversary and Old Fashioned Home Coming Celebration. Begins at 10 a.m. with services and special music. BBQ lunch served after services. Czech music, pastries, games and "old fashioned" wagon rides. Please RSVP if planning to stay for lunch, phone (979) 272-1546 or email: zavodny@airplexus.com.

October 18-20 – Fall Youth Retreat at the Hus School Encampment. Registration deadline is October 1. For more information, contact Jennifer Chervenka: jennchervenka@farm-market.net; (254) 913-1244.

October 26 – Temple Brethren Church Fall Bake Sale and Craft Event. Sale begins 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sponsored by the Christian Sisters. Rental spaces available for vendors. Kolaches, cakes, pies, cookies, craft items, and more! Love donations of \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 6 for quilt drawing. Canned and non-perishable items accepted for donation to local charities. Contact Barbara Poulter, (254) 718-9876 or barpoulter@gmail.com for more details regarding rental spaces. For information about the event, contact Shirley Hannon, (254) 778-8759 or sahannon@hotmail.com.



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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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5th Sunday – Holy Communion



November 2 – Seaton Brethren Church Fall Bake Sale and Quilt Show. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kolaches, cakes, pies, craft items, homemade canned goods, and soup and sandwiches for lunch. A resale/rummage shop and quilts will be on display. Drawings for a quilt and other prizes to be given away for love donations of \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 6. Free admission. For more information, please contact Helen Haisler by phone: (254) 718-5356, or by email: helenhaisler@sbcglobal.net.

November 28 – Thanksgiving Day.

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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.
Family Night, 1st & 3rd Weds. each
month in Fellowship Hall. Bring a
snack, a game, and a friend if able.
– Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

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

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11:30 AM and 6:30 PM every Sunday.
– Rev. Adolfo Gonzalez

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9:00 AM; Sunday School at 10:15 AM.
– Rev. Larry Zabcik

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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

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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

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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

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

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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.
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West – Sunday School at 9:00 AM and
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– Rev. Curtis Holland

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