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## President's Column . . . James Marek

### Unity - A Prayer for Us

The closer we get to Easter, the more likely we are to reread the Passion of Christ, culminating in his death on the cross. In the 17th chapter of the Gospel of John we read Jesus' prayers that he prayed just before his arrest, suffering and death. Jesus prayed for himself, then for his disciples, and then for the church to come, which includes you and me. Of all the things Jesus could have prayed for us, he chose to pray for us to have unity. The unity that Jesus prayed for us to have was the kind of unity he enjoyed with the Father.

Jesus' relationship with our heavenly Father was based on always seeking and doing the will of the Father. Lent and Easter are great times to reflect on Jesus' prayer for us as the church and also a great time for us to reflect on the job we are doing seeking and doing the will of God personally.

Several months ago I came across a DVD series containing several sermons of Dr. Charles Stanley, Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. The series was entitled "Strong". The series included messages on the components of a strong life, a strong family, and a strong church. In this series dedicated to a strong church, it was noted that we

do not often pray specifically for the church, per se. Even though we know from scripture that the church is precious to the Godhead because the church is described as the "bride of Christ", the church often does not make many of our prayer lists. What would happen if we added the church to our everyday prayers

for ourselves, our families and friends?

Dr. Stanley offered 4 suggestions for praying for the church:

1. That the Church would have a vision for the purpose to reach people for Christ and meet their needs.

2. That we would have a unity of Spirit through a total dependence on God.

3. That the church would have a spirit of obedience to God and his plan.

4. That the church would depend on the Holy Spirit to accomplish his purpose for the church.

Dr Stanley's suggestions have a common theme and implication. That is that we make a concerted effort to build our personal relationship with Christ. Jesus maintained his relationship with God by frequently spending time alone with God. Jesus often withdrew from the stresses of his earthly journey to spend time alone with God. Jesus gave us an example



of how to build our relationship with God by seeking God's presence and his voice through personal time of communion with God. Spending personal and quiet time with God daily is a discipline and a privilege that many Christians are neglecting.

I remember being exposed to this discipline of personal time with God as a camper in our denominational camping program. A quiet time with God was one of the first things we did – usually just before breakfast. We were given a Bible verse and sometimes a short devotional to read in a quiet place on the camp grounds. This time usually lasted about 15 minutes. Even at a young age, there was something very personal and special about that time. To spend a few minutes in the quiet of a summer morning in the midst of God's creation was unique and meaningful. The directors of those camping programs must have known how important it was to expose young people to the discipline and privilege of meditation and study alone with God, and I am grateful for this early exposure.

As adults, we can easily become so engrossed in our daily activities

that we fail to schedule time with God at the beginning of each day. We miss the opportunity to sit with God and talk to him and listen to him in silence, and build our relationship with Him and Christ.

This Easter, my prayer for the Unity of the Brethren is similar to Dr. Stanley's suggested prayer topics. My hope and prayer for us as a denomination is that the Holy Spirit would give us an insatiable appetite for the scriptures that we may come to know God more personally and intimately by spending time with him in study and prayer. Additionally, that the Holy Spirit would inspire more Brethren to respond to the call to take up our personal crosses and follow Christ through service to God and our fellow man. Over the past 7 years I have seen a number of examples of new ministries and service efforts around the Unity. These ministries are led by clergy and lay people alike. We heard about several of these ministries at the last convention, so we know momentum is being gained.

What could happen if we began to pray collectively for the church and became more unified with God and each other?



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Alan Tomasek

## Hus School 100th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, April 26, the Hus School Encampment will be the site of the 100th Anniversary celebration of Hus School, which was first held in Granger in 1914. The celebration will be primarily on the 26th, but lodging will be available on a first-come, first-served on Friday and Saturday nights for those wishing to stay longer. The activities on the 26th will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and end with supper and a vesper service. There will be no scheduled activities on Friday night, and Sunday will include breakfast and fellowship/worship time.

To help with meal planning and manage lodging requests, we need all of you to register your attendance. Below is a form we would like for you to complete and return to us by April 21. There is no registration fee for the event.

The completed form should be mailed to Marvin and Alice Chlapek, P.O. Box 1163, Caldwell, Texas 77836. You may also call in your information to us at 979-272-9102, or e-mail it to [mjcarc@airplexus.com](mailto:mjcarc@airplexus.com).

Just a reminder for those planning to spend the night: You should bring sheets, pillow, towels, etc., with you.

Plan now to attend and invite others from your Hus School class and from your church to join us for a time of reminiscing, fellowship, singing, and food including a catered lunch. The oldest Hussite and the largest class present will be recognized.

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### 100th Anniversary Registration Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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## The King's Table

- by Jim Pokorny

A Sunday school teacher once told me that things in the Old Testament point toward things in the New Testament. That is a lesson I have come to appreciate more and more.

The account of King David and Mephibosheth in the 9th Chapter of 2 Samuel is one of those Old Testament accounts that point toward a New Testament promise. The chapter begins with David asking if there is anyone left of the line of Saul because he wishes to extend kindness to him for the sake of Jonathan. Jonathan was Saul's son, whom David loved like a brother. A servant is then summoned who has knowledge of Saul's lineage. We learn of this son earlier in the 4th chapter.

When news of the deaths of both Saul and Jonathan came, Mephibosheth was a still a child. His nurse picked him up and fled, but in her haste to get away Mephibosheth fell and was injured. When the servant tells David about this remaining son of Jonathan he adds "both of his feet are crippled." David then sends for Mephibosheth.

At this point, I have to wonder what was going through Mephibosheth's mind as he made the journey to meet the King that summoned him. After all, his grandfather the former king once hunted David intending to kill him. It is in the realm of possibility that Mephibosheth may have thought David wanted to extinguish Saul's line permanently.

When Mephibosheth is brought before David, he bows low with his face toward the ground in reverence. When David mentions his name, Mephibosheth replies, "Behold thy servant!"

David tells Mephibosheth not to fear and adds that he wants to show him kindness for the sake of Jonathan, his father. David then tells him that the family land will be restored to him. David then makes a promise. He promises that Mephibosheth will dine at his table continually.

This overwhelms the son of Jonathan.

**2 Samuel 9:8 (KJV) – And he bowed himself, and said, "What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look**

**upon such a dead dog as I am?"**

David is true to his word and the chapter ends with the fulfilled promise.

**2 Samuel 9:13 (KJV) – So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table and was lame on both his feet.**

As Easter approaches, I find myself comparing my state to that of Mephibosheth.

One day, I will be summoned into the presence of God, who is perfectly holy and righteous. I, on the other hand, am not. I am crippled by a different and far more serious kind of fall and can by no means stand on my own merits as they are painfully insufficient. Like Mephibosheth, I would do well to approach with reverence.

God, however, will show me kindness. He will do so for the sake of His Son who did His will and died in my place. Just as the family land was restored to Mephibosheth, my access to heaven is restored to me. I, like Mephibosheth, will have a place at God's table continually.

I wish you a happy and blessed Easter season.

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*Information Form*



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By 4/15 - \$200; By 5/1 - \$250;

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# **Fayetteville Brethren Christian Sisters Retreat Saturday, January 11, 2014**



The Fayetteville Brethren Christian Sisters Society held a retreat at Raphael's Refuge, the Monument to the Innocents near Flatonia, Texas. Attending the retreat were Betty Yoakum, Gale Helweg, Sandra Stepan, Ann Heintschel, Elizabeth Ripple, Pauline Ott, Sherrie Tolbert, Kim Parmer, Martha Dove, Charlene Wright, Eddie Jean Billings, Ginger Marshall, and Kathy Voshalike. Also in attendance was Midge Elam, Director of Raphael's Refuge.

The theme was "God Made Me Special." The program, which began at 10 a.m. was presented by Ann

Heintschel. The topics covered were about God and the relationships we have in our journey of life. Ann discussed how there are road signs along our journey that are God's aids to us, which include a map (His written word, the Bible), a path (Jesus), a guide (the Holy Spirit), the people that God puts in our lives, a personal compass (our conscience), a heavenly view and rest areas. After a short break, Ann continued the presentation with God's warning signs. Our journey of life is always changing. The transformation of conforming to



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His purpose is never complete until death. God's word is like vitamins, use them to stay healthy! Keyboard accompaniment for the group singing was provided by Gale Helweg, of Victoria.

Gifts were given to Midge and Gale for their participation. Parting gift bags were given to all attendees. Thanks were given to Ann, Kathy Voshalike, and Pauline Ott for their work in planning the retreat. A group picture was taken. Lunch was enjoyed at Chez in Schulenburg.

Raphael's Refuge, a Monument to the Innocents, serves as a place of healing. It is a small, Christian based, non-profit organization that serves people of all faiths. Their mission is to build and maintain a memorial in honor of babies, born and unborn. Raphael is a Hebrew name that translates to "God has healed." It is the name of the archangel who appears in the Old Testament (Catholic version) in the Book of Tobit. More information is available on their website [RaphaelsRefuge.org](http://RaphaelsRefuge.org).

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Welcome

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

### From the Woo's . . .

March 5, 2014

Dear Partners in Mission,

We have about 2 weeks then we pack up and go to Thailand to have Woo Wu (#5 in Chinese). We are on the verge of completing a 10 Bible story book that we want them to use orally and to make disciples.

### Pray they GET IT

Right now in our little group, even though most all of them are on fire for him, they just "Don't get it." By that we mean if you asked them what the Great Commission says they would say something like "Go to all places and share him." Maybe you think that is what it says, too. In fact most of the group is doing just that. They are sharing with their friends and family. Yeah. They think, "Yeah, I brought a friend to our group. Done" or "Yeah, I shared with my friend and they said a prayer. Done."

But in Matt. 28:18-21 it doesn't say the above, it says "Go to all nations and make them into disciples, teach them all I have taught you, dunk them." (I shortened it a little).

So what did Jesus Christ teach us to obey? What is being a disciple? It is SOOOOOO much more than just sharing the gospel. It is simple and easy, but more. And that is what they don't get yet.

### Next week

Next week we hope to do a short training with our little group using our new book, praying that they will get it. Will you pray with us that they GET IT. That they will share the good news and teach others to share the good news, baptize others and teach others to baptize, give and teach others how to give, love their enemies and teach others to love their enemies, take communion and teach others to do the same, pray and teach others to do the same. Why? So that those others can go and teach others to go and teach others. 2 Tim 2:2

### In 3 weeks

In 3 weeks there will be a training with maybe 100 S about 5 hours from us. May will go. We also are asking that Mary, Martha, Stephen, and maybe even Lisa could go to this. May may have an opportunity to share our book to encourage those there to raise up disciples in this simple way. Please lift this up.

Please also lift up this whole area, as maybe you have heard there was an attack in our nearest big city last week. People are scared and sad and on alert. We ask for healing and peace.

Blessings and love,  
Caroline

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## Train Tracks to Truth State Children's Rally

Fifty-six children from around the state joined with more than thirty volunteers for a day of Bible learning and fun.

Our focus verse for the day was Psalm 25:5, "*Guide me in your truth and teach me for you are God my savior and my hope is in you all day long.*" Participants headed down the Train Tracks to Truth, learning that God's Word is the Truth. We studied verses in Psalms that teach us that God's word lasts forever and that the Bible teaches us how to live and how

to love. We also learned about how Jesus wants to be our friend and how he loves and cares for us. Simple songs like the B-I-B-L-E and Jesus Loves Me helped us remember these important truths. The children also enjoyed crafts, games, music, and delicious food and snacks.

Thank you to all of the parent and youth volunteers that helped make this day possible! What fun to watch little children get excited about our God and the camp!



3 & 4 Year-Olds at Bible Story

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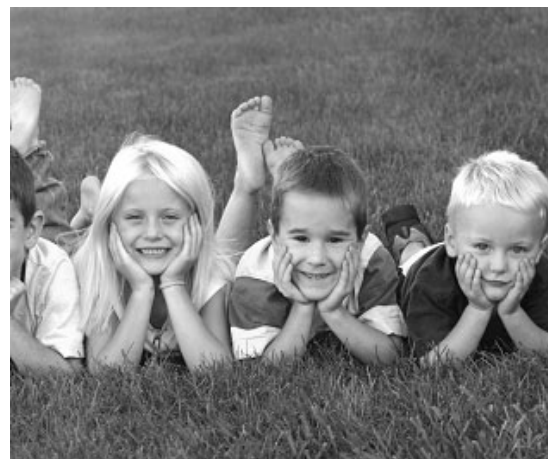
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*John 12:13*

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Spring is a wonderful time of year as the world wakes from the cold winter. Everything seems so fresh and clean. And in God's glorious wisdom, we celebrate Easter during this wonderful season which provides us with so many tangible examples of new life, resurrection, and growth! This month I am sharing a list of activities that can be used for Palm Sunday through the Sundays following Easter. HE IS RISEN! Let's celebrate that wonderful news with all the children in our lives!

# Easter Activities

## Palm Sunday

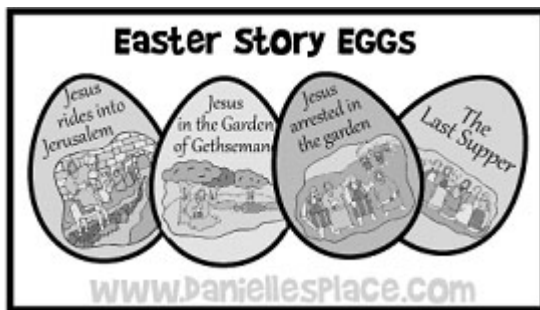
Major Point: God Keeps His Promises

Scripture: John 12:12-16, Psalm 118:25-26, Zechariah 9:9

Tell the story and have children wave palm branches and shout Hosanna. You can use real branches or make with tissue paper and a paper towel tube.

Begin the Easter Story Book found here:

<http://www.daniellesplace.com/rroom/html/easterStory.cfm>



## The Last Supper

Major Point: Jesus asked His disciples to remember Him.

Scripture: Luke 22:15-20

Tell the story, then add the Last Supper page to the Easter Book.

## Jesus in the Garden

Major Point: Jesus went to the cross willingly for you and me.

Scripture: Luke 22:39-46

Tell how Jesus prayed in the garden for His Father's will and not His own. Add the Garden page to the Easter Book. You can also begin teaching children the first part of the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-10).

For  
comments/questions/  
information, contact:

Angie Hairrell

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## Good Friday

Major Point: Friday was sad, but Sunday was Glad

Scripture: John 19:41-42, John 20:11-18

Use the Easter Book pictures to tell the story of Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, and resurrection.

## Easter Sunday

Major Point: The Empty Tomb!

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

Empty Tomb Skit found at

<http://sundayschoolhelperbrethrenjournal.blogspot.com/>

## Doubting Thomas

Major Point: We can believe too!

Scripture: John 20:19-20, John 20:26-29

Tell the story of how Thomas doubted and then add the page to the Easter Book.

## Jesus Makes Breakfast

Major Point: Sometimes we sin, but we are forgiven.

Scripture: John 21:1-19, John 13:37-38

Tell the story of how Peter sinned by denying Jesus, but he was forgiven. You can re-enact the Breakfast by the Sea with the script found at <http://sundayschoolhelperbrethrenjournal.blogspot.com/>

## The Great Commission

Major Point: We have a job and Jesus will come back!

Scripture: Matthew 28:19

Acts 1:7-11

Tell how Jesus wants us to tell others and then He returned to Heaven, but He is coming back! Add the Ascension page to the Easter Book.

## Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

**April 5, 2014 – 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 deadline to send in the 2013 Unity Questionnaire was March 1. If you have not sent in the Questionnaire from your church, please send it to Liz Ripple as soon as possible. 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 11-12 – Camp Planning and Counselor Training at the Hus Encampment** – Contact Program Director, Kayla Marek, at kmarek2012@gmail.com.

**April 26, 2014 – Hus School 100th Anniversary Celebration at the Hus Encampment** – See article in this issue for more information.

**May 2-4 – State Youth Fishing Retreat, Port O'Connor, TX** – Retreat fee of \$60 includes lodging, food, and fishing supplies. Fishing license required for 17 years old and older. Registration deadline is Friday, April 4. Registration forms available at [www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com](http://www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com). See flyer in this issue for additional information, or contact Jennifer Chervenka at jennchervenka@farm-market.net or (254) 983-1002.

**May 4 – 25th Fried Chicken Fund Raiser for Industry Brethren Church** – at the Industry Firemen's Hall (16632 Fordtran Blvd., Industry, TX). Eat there or plates to go. Serving 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Auction at noon. Desserts available, country store, and raffle items.

**May 5, 2014 – Rev. Henry Beseda, Jr., Memorial Golf Tournament for Missions** – Faith Bridge Ranch Golf Club in Monaville, TX. Four-man scramble. Registration at 9 a.m., tee-off at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$80 per golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, meal, drinks, and chance to win prizes. Deadline for golfer names to be turned in is April 23, 2013. Registration forms available on the Unity website, or call Rev. Michael Groseclose at (979) 865-3026.

**June 22 – Fayetteville Brethren Church 16th Annual Celebration** – 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: 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 p.m. a live 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.

## Upcoming Dates:

### Summer Camps

June 12-14 – Encounter Camp  
June 22-27 – Discovery Camp  
July 6-25 – Hus School

June 15-20 – Pioneer Camp  
June 29-July 3 – Alpha Camp  
July 26-27 – BYF Convention & Volleyball Tournament

### SAVE THE DATE . . .

**September 14, 2014** – The congregation at Temple Brethren Church would like for you to mark your calendar as well as the Unity calendar that we will observe the 100th anniversary of the congregation on September 14, 2014. The tentative plans are for morning worship, lunch, and then an afternoon program. Details need to be developed, but just wanted everyone to mark their calendars. Hope to see you then! Grace Labaj, President; Board of Elders and congregation

*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](mailto:editor.brethrenjournal@gmail.com). Information must be received by the first day of the month immediately preceding the month of publication.*

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## VITAL STATISTICS

### MEMBERS RECEIVED

#### BY TRANSFER OR PROFESSION OF FAITH:

JUDY ANDEL was received into the membership of Seaton Brethren Church by transfer from Moody Baptist Church on June 16, 2013. Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska

PAM & RODNEY TYROCH were received into the membership of Seaton Brethren Church on November 24, 2013. Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska

COREY & STEFANIE WATKINS were received into the membership of Seaton Brethren Church by Profession of Faith on February 2, 2014. Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska

### RECENT BAPTISMS

JASE SCOTT BLOEDORN, son of Justin & Tonya Bloedorn was born on May 22, 2013, and was baptized on September 15, 2013, at Seaton Brethren Church. Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska

### RECENT WEDDINGS

RACHEL BACA was married to MATTHEW CALHOUN on June 29, 2013, at Seaton Brethren Church and will live in Temple, Texas. Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska

### RECENT DEATHS

PEKAR, BARTHOLOMEW "BART", age 81 and a member of Seaton Brethren Church, died on May 17, 2013. He was born on January 4, 1932. Services were held on May 21, 2013, at Harper Talasek Funeral Home, Temple. Survivors include his wife, Elvera, 1 daughter and 2 grandchildren, and 7 sisters. Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska

VANICEK, WILLIE MAE HUTKA, age 85 and a member of Seaton Brethren Church, died on June 15, 2013. She was born on August 30, 1927. Services were held on June 19, 2013, at Seaton Brethren Church. Burial was at Seaton Cemetery. Survivors include 2 sons, 5 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska

ONDRASEK, MARVIN LEE, age 85 and a member of Seaton Brethren Church, died on January 2, 2014. He was born on August 6, 1928. Services were held on January 4, 2014, at Seaton Brethren Church. Burial was at Seaton Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, 2 sons, and 4 grandchildren. Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska

RIEMENSCHNEIDER, ADOLPH CHARLES, age 94, of Veribest passed away February 1, 2014. Adolph was born July 1, 1919, in Weesatche, Texas, and was a member of the Wall Brethren Church since 1943. On October 8, 1940, in Rowena, he married Georgia Holik. They celebrated 55 years together. She preceded him in death in 1996. On November 22, 1997, he married Anita Kortz of Weesatche. Adolph served on the Board of

Elders for many years, taught Sunday School, and was a member of the choir. He participated in the building of a new church in 1955 and served as a fellowship hall building committee member.

Survivors include his wife, Anita of Veribest; daughter and husband, Donna and John Krupala of Mansfield, Texas; son and wife, Larry and Jo Riemenschneider of Veribest; four grandchildren and spouses, Laura and Craig Caldwell, Angela and Daniel Farris, Jimmy and Becky Riemenschneider, and Krista Roberts; eight grandchildren, Marlee Caldwell, Anthony, Amelia and Daphne Farris, James Riemenschneider, Claire, Amanda and Sarah Roberts. Also surviving him are two brothers, Leroy and Charles Riemenschneider, and four sisters, Meta Gruetzmacher, Ruby Stearns, Verile Yoast, Virginia Potcinski; four step-children and spouses, Allan Kortz and Mary Lynne Albarez, Michael Kortz and Karen Arevalos, Joanne and James Semper Sr., Brian and Ashley Kortz; six step-grandchildren, James Jr. and Jacob Semper, Victoria and Richard Kortz, Emily Kortz and Caylee Kortz; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. A celebration of his life was held at the Wall Brethren Church on February 4, 2014, with Rev. Tommy Tallas of Wall Brethren Church officiating and Chaplain Nancy York and

Rev. Robert Janek assisting him. Burial followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens, San Angelo, Texas.

WEISS, BERNICE (WICKEL), age 92, and for years a member of the Wesley Brethren Church, died February 20, 2014, at Wesley, Texas. She was born November 6, 1921, at Greenvine, Texas, and married on March 26, 1947, to Granville Weiss. She is survived by child, 3 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. Services were on February 24, 2014, from the Wesley Brethren Church with burial in Wesley Brethren Cemetery. Minister: Rev. Michael Groseclose

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# DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

## Daily Morsels for April 2014

Dorothy E. Kocian


1. My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations. Isa. 56:7
2. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? 1 Cor. 6:19
3. You are not your own; you were bought with a price. Therefore honor God with your body. Cor. 6:20
4. "You shall have no other gods before me." Ex. 20:3
5. "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold guiltless anyone who misuses His name." Ex. 20:7
6. I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow My decrees and be careful to keep My laws. Ez. 36:27
7. The Lord says, "I will put My laws in their minds and write them in their hearts." Heb. 8:10b
8. "I will be their God, and they will be My people." Heb. 8:10c
9. The word of the Lord is right and true; He is faithful in all He does. Ps. 33:4
10. Who is a God like You, who pardons sin and forgives transgressions? Micah 7:18a
11. O God, you do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. Micah 7:18b
12. Jesus is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them. Heb. 7:25
13. "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord !" Lk. 19:38
14. The Lord is God and He has made His light shine upon us. Ps. 118:27
15. "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen." Lk. 24:5,6
16. "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and on the third day be raised again." Lk. 24:7
17. "Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but He will heal us." Hosea 6:2
18. "He will revive us; on the third day He will restore us, that we may lie in His presence." Hosea 6:2
19. When you were dead in sins, God made you alive with Christ. Col. 2:13
20. The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock. Ps. 18:46
21. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Ps. 27:13
22. Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy. Ps. 99:9
23. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. Gal. 2:20
24. All mankind will know that I, the Lord, am your Savior, and your Redeemer. Isa. 49:26
25. The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His unfailing love. Ps. 33:5
26. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away." Mat. 24:35
27. Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. 2:11
28. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life. Ps. 23:6
29. The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deut. 33:27
30. Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on you. 2 Chron. 14:116

### To communicate with the Hus Encampment . . .

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

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BaletkaD@navasotaisd.org

*\*This must be done well in advance.*



**Rev. Henry E. Beseda Jr.**  
**Memorial Golf Tournament for Missions**

**Monday, May 5th**  
**Faith Bridge Ranch Golf Club, Monaville TX**

**Four Man Scramble**  
**Registration:** 9am •• **Tee-off:** 10:30am •• **Cost:** \$80 per golfer  
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**To register: Fill out registration form and mail to address listed on form or call 979-865-3026**

Names of all golfers participating need to be turned in by April, 23 2013.

**All Proceeds will go to the Unity of the Brethren Mission Fund**

**Thank you!**

Everyone come and enjoy the Day!  
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Bryan-College Station – worship at  
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– 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  
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Cy-Fair Community Church – worship at  
10:45 AM every Sunday.  
1st & 3rd Sundays – Rick Chandler  
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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.  
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PM every Sunday at First Presbyterian  
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– Rev. James Henry

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9:00 AM; Sunday School at 10:15 AM.  
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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

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

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Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday,  
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– Rev. Dave Johnson

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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;  
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– Rev. Joseph Polasek

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– Rev. James Hejl

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– Rev. Thomas Tallas

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

West – Sunday School at 9:00 AM and  
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