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## President's Column . . . James Marek

### Change is in the Air

The older we all get the more uncomfortable we can become when it comes to change. The good news is, in today's ever-changing world, we have numerous chances to refine our response to change so that we more easily adapt to it.

In the Unity, we are not immune to change. As in the world, change is inevitable in the Unity and it is underway in several areas.

At the last Synodical Committee meeting, we again had a discussion related to *The Brethren Journal*. The *Brethren Journal* Business Committee submitted a financial report and budget for the rest of this year. The budget included the repayment of the \$7,000 loan that was extended to *The Brethren Journal* last year by the Synodical Committee. The loan enabled the *Journal* to pay its bills through the end of the last year. The budget forecasted that *The Brethren Journal* should be able to meet its expenses in 2014 and repay \$1,500 towards the loan. The committee indicated that this budget was based on historical expense and did not allow for any increase in the expenses of the *Journal*. It was also noted that the increase in the subscription rate from \$12 to \$15 improved the ability of the *Journal* to meet its obligations. Additionally, the 2013 convention also agreed to help *The Brethren Journal* by increasing the portion of Brethren Fund that is given to the *Journal*.

The share of the Brethren Fund given to *The Brethren Journal* was increased from 10% to 20%.

The Synodical Committee encouraged *The Brethren Journal* Business Committee to find additional cost savings and/or additional revenue sources to further improve the financial condition of the *Journal*. The possibility of discontinuing the paper version of *The Brethren Journal* was brought up again and discussed. This time a vote was taken. The motion to discontinue the paper version of the *Journal* failed by only one vote. Although the motion failed, it was agreed that *The Brethren Journal* Business Committee should survey its readership in an effort to determine how many readers would either prefer or accept *The Brethren Journal* in electronic form through email. It was agreed that no changes would be made in 2014, but the Business Committee was asked to bring the results of the survey to the next Synodical meeting in October for further consideration.

One of the other ongoing issues facing *The Brethren Journal* was the need for more content from people around the Unity. Beginning in this issue, two new columns are being added. The first column is entitled "What our Constitution and Bylaws Say" and will be authored by Liz Ripple, Unity Secretary. The column's



purpose will be to keep everyone abreast of changes as well as familiarize the readership with the content of our denominational governing documents. Historically we have seen instances where the local congregations may not adhere to the denominational constitution and bylaws – not because they don’t want to follow them, but because the congregations are not familiar with or even aware of the Unity Constitution and Bylaws. I know Liz will do a great job with this column as she has developed extensive knowledge of the bylaws through her role as Unity Secretary.

This issue of *The Brethren Journal* will also include the first installment of a column on Giving and Stewardship. I will be responsible for the contents of this section. My goal is to use the column to remind us all of what Scripture has to say about giving, generosity, and stewardship. My personal belief is that giving is a significant part of our spiritual development and Christian maturity. It is also a topic that we may not consider or hear about as regularly as some other Biblical concepts. I welcome any feedback and hope that the column will be an asset to the *Journal* and blessing for the readership.

Thanks to the work of the Bylaws Committee and the 2013 convention, several modifications were made to our Constitution and Bylaws. One of the bylaw changes included a change in oversight of the Board of Grants and Bequests. The Board of Grants and Bequests is a denominational committee that exists to solicit and manage contributions to the Unity for the purpose of funding long-term

projects approved by the Synodical Committee. Prior to the most recent convention, the 2nd Vice President of the Synodical Committee served as the liaison between the Board of Grants and Bequests and the Synodical Committee. The 2013 convention re-assigned this duty to the Unity Treasurer. The thought behind this action was that since the Board of Grants and Bequests manages over \$400,000 of Unity funds, it made sense to include the oversight of the board in the duties of the Unity Treasurer who oversees the rest of the Unity funds. The plan is for the Treasurer to include the balances in his/her report as an addendum so that this resource can be considered in future financial plans. Currently, the Board of Grants and Bequests contributes \$8,000 annually to the salary of the denominational Youth Minister. They have also provided an emergency loan to the Good Shepherd Moravian Church to replace the roof on their sanctuary.

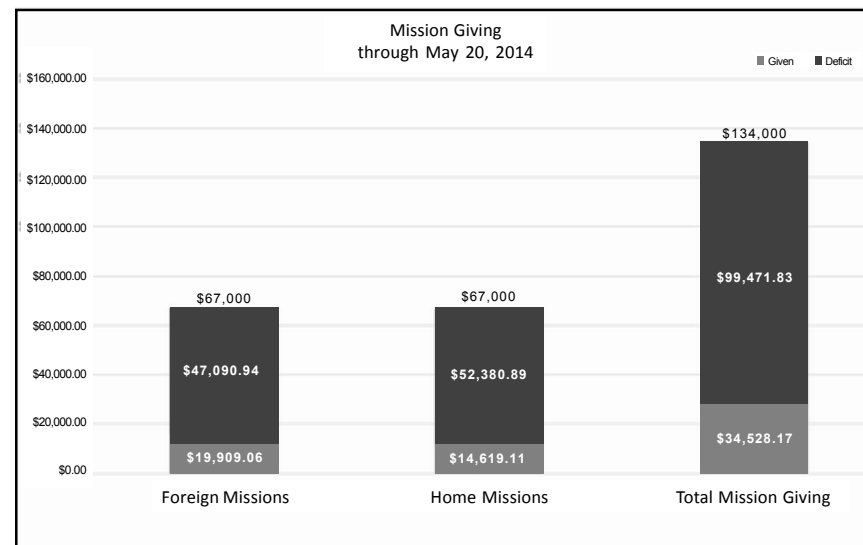
The Website Redesign committee continues to work to update the current Unity Website. Ben Polasek, Unity Webmaster, and Liz Ripple, Unity secretary have been working very hard to correct and update information on the current site in preparation for the site redesign. The committee is considering handling the redesign itself with help from those within the Unity with web design experience, but will also be entertaining the idea of retaining private web site design companies to assist with the project.

One final project that we plan to investigate is a remake of *Hoj Verni vBoj*. I received the idea from Paul Michalik in a telephone conversation several weeks ago. Paul called this a

“wild idea” but I think it is one worth pursuing. The idea is to send the Czech and English version of *Hoj Verni vBoj* to Christian recording artist Chris Tomlin along with a brief history of the song and its significance to our denomination. We plan to include some information on Jan Hus and let Mr. Tomlin know that we are preparing to celebrate the 600th anniversary of Hus’ martyrdom next year. The words of the song are very powerful and we hope Mr. Tomlin might be willing to consider this wild

idea and make *Hoj Verni vBoj* into a contemporary Christian song that could be enjoyed by many more even outside the Unity. Regardless of how this turns out, my hope is that we will be singing *Hoj Verni vBoj* in its current version for many years to come. It is a treasure worth saving in its current form and its importance to our denomination will not be impacted even by the winds of change.

Please keep these and all Unity happenings in your prayers!



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## Let's Take a Look at What the By-Laws Say...

- by Liz Ripple

There are 26 congregations that currently make up the Unity of the Brethren. They are listed in the back of this publication. In the Preamble of our Constitution is stated "We, members of the body of Christ, desiring to manifest the inner unity which we have in the common confession... of our faith in Jesus Christ as God and Savior, do ordain this Constitution to be our fundamental law and declare the same to have authority over all our members, congregations, pastors and judicatories." The Constitution also states the confession of the Unity (Art. II), purpose (Art. III) and the membership requirements for all congregations (Art. IV).

Stated in Art. IV Membership is how congregations are organized and governed. It says a congregation is a

body of Christians who are united for the ongoing work of Christian witness. There are several things congregations should do to be organized – elect a Board of Elders, have their own Constitution and By-Laws, and have an accurate roll of the membership. Most of the congregations in the Unity keep an accurate roll of their membership. One of the questions on the annual questionnaire that is sent out each January asks about the membership. If a congregation is keeping accurate rolls, they are able to answer this question and fill out the information that is asked regarding age groups. If you are a congregation that does not keep an accurate roll, you are encouraged to do this. It is important that every congregation knows who and how

many active members they have. This number is used in determining how much is paid annually to the Brethren Fund. It is also used in matters that require a vote in your congregation and how many delegates are sent to the convention. All of this and more is in the Constitution – and there is more mentioned about congregations in the By-Laws.

In the By-Laws, Article II deals with Congregations. Let's take a look at what the by-laws say our congregations should include in some places. Section B says "The congregation must include the statement "A congregation of the Unity of the Brethren" following its name in the congregation's Constitution, By-Laws, signage, and official correspondence documents." I have seen this statement on letters received from sister

churches and on signs that the churches in the Unity have. In this modern age, some churches also have this statement on their websites. This statement says a lot about who we are and that we are connected to other congregations that share in this common confession. At the April Synodical Committee meeting, Pastor Tim Chaplin was approved for a ministerial license to Temple Brethren. In his examination he mentioned the closeness that he feels in the Unity – that we are separate yet together, there is a closeness and special bond that we share. When we say we are a congregation of the Unity of the Brethren, we are saying that we are together, we are united.

Next time – what should we be diligent in doing?



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## He's My Brother

- by Jim Pokorny

In a previous article, I shared my reflections on my parents' wedding photograph that I keep in one special corner of my living room. I thought I would return to that corner in this offering and share with you my thoughts on another object I keep there. It also serves to remind me of my connection to my family as well as my faith. It happens to be the only other photograph I keep there.

It is an old black and white photograph of a very young child. Because I share a resemblance to that child, visitors often conclude that this is an early photograph of me. I then have to explain that the child in the photograph is, in fact, my brother.

This usually comes as a complete and total surprise to them. Many of the people I know simply assume that I am an only child. In reality, I am the only child my parents had that lived to see adulthood.

Whenever I look at my brother's photograph, I recall the memories Mom and Dad shared with me. I was told how long and difficult Mom's

labor was. I was told in great detail how special his needs were once he came into this world. I will spare you those details except for one. I was told that my brother was never able to support the weight of his head and, unless he was held, it would simply rest on one shoulder or the other. The photograph I have bears this out.

Mom and Dad loved him unconditionally and they did for him all that was within their power to do. This simply was not enough and my brother died at the age of eighteen months about eight years before I was born.

When Mom died, I moved the photograph to its new home in that corner and not a day goes by that I do not see it and reflect upon it in one way or another. There was even a time when it took on a new and special significance that I could not have foreseen.

It happened when I received an email from a friend I made online who lives in London. I first became friends with Nathan when we were both members of Max Lucado's Community. It

was, in essence, a Facebook-type of community for believers. Along with our faith, Nathan and I shared other interests, including photography and writing. While I was extremely new to writing on a regular basis, Nathan had been writing for a number of years.

Nathan's target audience was those who were "on the fence" where Christianity was concerned. Nathan desired to draw them inside the fence whereas the world wanted nothing more than to pull them away from it.

In time, Max Lucado's Community shut down, but Nathan and I remained friends and kept in touch as we each pursued our respective ministries.

One day, a website devoted to atheism felt threatened enough by Nathan's writing to attack him openly on their website. They drew up a series of questions for Nathan and publicly challenged him to answer them. As you can probably imagine, these questions were extremely difficult and, in some cases, utterly impossible for mere mortals to answer.

Nathan took this challenge very seriously because he sincerely felt that souls hung in the balance. Before he began writing his response, he

sent the most difficult questions to a few trusted friends and requested our input.

Of the questions put to us there is one that I will never forget. "If God exists, how do you account for the fact that you have never encountered Him face to face?"

There were, of course, a number of avenues I could have taken in addressing such a query, and I began exploring them in my mind. As I did, I looked upon my brother's photograph, stopped and asked myself a somewhat similar question. "How could I be certain, completely and unquestionably certain, that I in fact have a brother?" I felt that if I could answer this question, then I would be in a much better position to answer the original one.

To begin with, I have the photograph. It is a tangible piece of evidence that this child did, in fact, exist. For another, there were the accounts my parents shared with me of his brief time on earth. Accounts often told by voices strained with emotion and eyes holding back tears.

Finally, there is the family resemblance. Despite the fact that I am a



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grown man with a full beard, people mistakenly assume that I am the child in the photograph. Despite both my facial hair and the decades of differences in our respective ages, the family resemblance transcends both.

Although additional evidence could be produced, these three facts in and of themselves provide sufficient proof that I, indeed, have a brother.

While the existence of God is a matter of faith for the believer, an atheistic group would not accept such an answer despite its elegant simplicity. What they were demanding was proof. Very well then, why not give them what they seek?

What evidence do I have that God exists?

To begin with, I have the Bible, a tangible piece of historical evidence that men who lived in different times and different places were moved by Him to record for all time that which He revealed to them.

For another, many of the accounts contained within this book are charged with emotion. Even its greatest heroes are portrayed exactly as they were. Their greatest accomplishments as well as their all-too-human shortcomings are laid bare for all to see. And, in spite of each and every failure, God's love never diminished.

Finally, there is also the undeniable resemblance. God states in the very first chapter that we, His children, are all made in His image and His likeness.

Genesis 1:27 (NIV) – So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.

How certain am I that God exists?  
I am as certain of that as I am that I have a brother; a brother whose picture hangs in that special corner of my living room.

I never encountered him face to face either.

## Giving and Stewardship Corner

The Giving and Stewardship Corner is a small way of reminding us what the Bible has to say about giving and stewardship. Generosity is not only an act of worship, but an expression of our gratitude to God our Father and provider, as well as a spiritual discipline that promotes spiritual development and maturity. For more information, visit [www.maximumgenerosity.org](http://www.maximumgenerosity.org)

**Deuteronomy 16:10:** *Bring God a free-will offering proportionate in size to his blessing upon you as judged by the amount of your harvest.* TLB

**Ephesians 2:10:** *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

"You should give according to your income, lest God make your income according to your giving."  
*Brian Kluth, pastor, speaker, and author of "7 Keys to Open-Handed Living in a Tight-Fisted World".*

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## Temple Brethren Church 100th Anniversary Celebration

The congregation of Temple Brethren Church cordially invites the membership of the Unity and other friends to come and celebrate the anniversary of the formation of our congregation on Sunday, September 14, 2014. The celebration will consist of worship at 10:45 a.m. followed by a catered lunch. In the afternoon at 2 p.m. there will be a program of the highlights in the church's history as well as comments from former leaders and individuals who gained their early Christian education at Temple Brethren. Following the afternoon program, a reception will be held for attendees

to reminisce about their experiences in the legacy of Temple Brethren.

To assist in planning for the number of persons who will attend the lunch, we request that you (RSVP by September 1, 2014) notify the church by calling 254-778-8759 and leave a message with your name and number of persons dining with us, or emailing [bbc@hot.rr.com](mailto:bbc@hot.rr.com), or write Temple Brethren Church, 2202 Birdcreek Drive, Temple, Texas 76502. We look forward to having you as our guests in this celebration. For more information contact: Grace Labaj at 254-773-4427 or [elabaj@hot.rr.com](mailto:elabaj@hot.rr.com).

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The Administrative Board of the Mutual Aid Society extends an invitation to all Ministers, Delegates, and Members of the Society to attend its 63rd Biennial Convention to be held Saturday, July 12, 2014, at the Brethren Church of Bryan/College Station.

One item of business during the convention will be the vote to amend the Mutual Aid by-laws. The proposed changes can be viewed by contacting your local secretary or by viewing them on the Mutual Aid Society page of the Unity website prior to the Convention.

A warm welcome is extended to visitors who would like to observe the proceedings. We also ask you to remember this gathering in your prayers.

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Ian Zamorsky of Taylor Brethren; Lindsay Schomburg of Nelsonville Brethren, and Zach Griggs of Bryan/College Station Brethren. Each recipient will receive \$2,000 toward his/her educational expenses.

The MASUB Scholarship is supported entirely with donations; and \$11,000 has now been awarded to five students since inception of the scholarship in 2011. Information concerning scholarship requirements, application form, and donations can be found on the Unity website at <http://www.unityofthebrethren.org>.

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## Help needed for Hus School 2014

Hus School 2014 will be Sunday, July 6-Friday, July 25. Hus School is for ages 16 and older and is a 3-week leadership course. Applications and registrations are still being taken for participants.

Help is greatly needed by our Unity Pastors and lay leaders to lead class sessions for our students. You choose the topic you would like to cover, the date you would like to share and how much time/how many sessions you would need. Below is a list of some of the classes that will be covered at Hus School 2014. If there is another topic God places on your heart to share with the students, please let me know. Hus School 2014 cannot happen without your help.

### Topics/Sessions

1. Camp and Hus School History
2. Brethren History and Doctrine

3. Purposes of the Church
4. Leadership in Practice
5. Spiritual Formation; Discipline; and/or Gifts
6. Unity Missions
7. Prayer
8. Witnessing/Evangelism
9. How to Study the Bible
10. Preparing Messages/Homiletics
11. Salvation, Heaven, and Hell
12. Trials and Faith
13. Elements of Worship
14. Contemporary Issues: (any) Religion and science; world religions; worldly ways of today and the Biblical truths, etc.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jennifer Chervenka – Hus School Director 254-913-1244; jennchervenka@farm-market.net.

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE

*"Bear ye one another's burdens  
And so fulfill the Law of  
Christ." (Gal. 6:2)*

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Wednesday Eve. 5:30 PM  
Prayer Service and Bible Study

### Bro. Larry Butcher

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Youth Minister: Position open

## In Christ's Love . . . from the Home Mission Fields

### From Cade Lake Ministries... May, 2014

Let me take a few moments to give you a report on the work in Cade Lake.

God was honored when 60 people attended activities at the chapel on Easter Sunday. The last three Sundays had 48, 54, and 60 folks attending services.

We have nine youth and three adults going to the Fishing Retreat next week, and our chili supper fundraiser brought in 90+% of the funds needed to attend.

We will be having workdays to repair the building on May 15-17. The camp has been made available for overnight use...but I need to get them the number using the camp soon.

We have 17 children signed up for camp this season. To help raise funds

for this obligation, we are planning a fundraising barbeque on Saturday, May 17. We'll be serving sausage and sides for \$8 a plate. All orders will be for take-out. Please let me know if you would like to purchase a plate or two.

**MOST IMPORTANT:** We want to start a women's Bible Study this summer and are seeking some Beth Moore studies. If your church has used one of her studies and is willing to loan us the leadership materials, we would be most appreciative (contact Bro. Jim).

God is working in Cade Lake.

Thank you for your prayers and your financial support. God is making a difference in Cade Lake, and He is doing so with your help.

Blessings,  
Bro. Jim



*Spring Workday at Cade Lake Community Chapel*





*Cade Lake children  
advertising BBQ  
fundraiser*

*Cooking up BBQ at the  
Cade Lake Community  
Chapel Fundraiser*



*Cade Lake youth helping  
prepare for the BBQ  
fundraiser*

## Brethren Book Store

P.O. Box 321  
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## State Youth Fishing Retreat Port O'Connor, Texas May 2-4, 2014



*Youth that attended the Fishing retreat in Port O'Connor, Texas.*

Twenty-six youth, twelve guides, and nine sponsors boarded nine boats for a fun-filled fishing retreat. The fishing was great. Boats went out Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, and Sunday morning, and the fishermen hauled in some of the largest catches ever. Coolers were filled with fillets. Saturday night we enjoyed our efforts with a delicious fish fry, followed by evening worship led by Brother Ron Winsman.

We were challenged to not merely listen to the Word, but to do, to live

God's Word daily. We were also reminded that we choose for ourselves whether or not to live by the Word, and no one else can choose for us. Everyone took fish home and there was still fish left!

We invite you to join us on Saturday, September 20, at Ocker Brethren Church fellowship hall for a fish fry. Dine in and to-go plates will be available for donations. All proceeds raised will benefit the state youth fishing retreat.



## GRANGER BRETHREN CHURCH

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(903) 265-2277





*Grace Jungmann with a shark.*



*Shea Sebek with a gaftop.*



*Maddison Benton with a big redfish.*



*Hayes Dusek with a stingray.*



*Jessica Chervenka with a shark.*



*Chris Deer caught a seagull!*

### **In God's Hands Ministry**

P. O. Box 321  
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**Everyday Ministries to Meet Everyday Needs  
A Home Mission Work to Cade Lake and Burleson County**

# Unity of the Brethren 2014 Summer Camping Program

## Information Form



### 2014 Schedule

#### Encounter Camp (ages 7&8)

June 12-14 (Thurs 4 PM to Sat 1PM)

Deadline / Registration Fee

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

By 5/15 - \$275

Directors: Vernell LabAJ, Peggy Hejl

#### Alpha Camp (ages 9&10)

June 29-July 3 (Sun 3 PM to Thurs 2 PM)

Deadline / Registration Fee

By 4/15 - \$300; By 5/1 - \$350;

By 5/15 - \$375

Directors: John Paul & Jennifer Chervenka, Taylor Brinkley

#### Pioneer Conference (ages 11&12)

June 15-20 (Sun 3 PM to Fri 2 PM)

Deadline / Registration Fee

By 4/15 - \$300; By 5/1 - \$350;

By 5/15 - \$375

Directors: Don & Laurie Bagby, Jon & Gayle Farrow

#### Discovery Conference (ages 13-15)

June 22-27 (Sun 3 PM to Fri 2 PM)

Deadline / Registration Fee

By 4/15 - \$300; By 5/1 - \$350;

By 5/15 - \$375

Directors: Amy Snelgrove, Mark Olsen, Rebecca Gibbs, Steve Gleinser

#### Hus School (ages 16-High School Senior)

July 6-25 (Sun 3 PM to Thurs 2PM)

Deadline / Registration Fee

By 4/15 - \$600; By 5/1 - \$650;

By 5/15 - \$675

Director: Jennifer Chervenka

**Questions or Comments?** Contact Kayla Marek, Camp Programmer  
(512) 944-2619 or kmarek2012@gmail.com

*Sing the praises of  
the Lord, you His  
faithful people;  
praise His holy name.*

*Psalms 30:4*

Sunday School  
Helper



We continue our study of Sunday School songs and the lesson behind the songs sang each Sunday. This week we look at the story of Jonah using the song "Who did, Who did..." Let's help children not only make a joyful noise, but learn the Biblical truth behind each of those songs!

# Who Did

## SING:

Who did, who did, who did, who did  
Who did swallow Jo, Jo, Jo, Jo  
Who did, who did, who did, who did  
Who did swallow Jo, Jo, Jo, Jo  
Who did, who did, who did, who did  
Who did swallow Jo, Jo, Jo, Jo  
Who did swallow Jonah, who did swallow Jonah  
Who did swallow Jonah down?

Whale did, whale did, whale did, whale did  
Whale did swallow Jo, Jo, Jo, Jo  
(repeat 3 times)  
Whale did swallow Jonah, whale did swallow Jonah  
Whale did swallow Jonah down

Gabriel, Gabriel, Gabriel, Gabriel  
Gabriel blow your trum, trum, trum, trum  
(repeat 3 times)  
Gabriel blow your trumpet, Gabriel blow your trumpet  
Gabriel blow your trumpet loud

Noah, Noah, Noah, Noah  
Noah in the arky, arky  
(repeat 3 times)  
Noah in the arky, Noah in the arky  
Noah in the arky bailed

YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZ5UeNOXbOQ>

For  
comments/questions/  
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## TELL the story from the Bible

*The Beginners Bible* is an excellent resource to tell the story to young children.

### Jonah and the Whale: Jonah 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3V3jfE4QBOQ>

### Gabriel with Mary: Luke 1:26-30

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VrYvuYwPAvU>

### Noah and the Ark: Genesis 6:1-9:17

<http://www.godvine.com/The-Story-of-Noah-s-Ark-Featuring-Donald-Duck-35.html>

## PLAY or MAKE

### Jonah and the Whale

Whale story review craft [http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/bible-themes\\_-\\_Jonah.html](http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/bible-themes_-_Jonah.html)



### Gabriel with Mary

Make a trumpet. <http://easypreschoolcraft.blogspot.com/2012/05/easy-trumpet-music-craft.html>



### Noah and the Ark

Use Fruit Loops to make a rainbow. Use marshmallows for clouds.



# DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

## Daily Morsels for June 2014

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. **The Lord Almighty says, "Build My house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored."** Hagga 1:82.
2. It is good to give thanks to the Lord. Ps. 92:1
3. Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. Isa. 41:10
4. The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, who call upon Him in truth. Ps. 145:18
5. Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists. Heb. 11:6
6. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Gal. 6:9
7. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lamb is the Rock eternal. Isa. 26:4
8. **"Be strong, all you people of the land; and work. For I am with you," declares the Lord Almighty.** Hagga 2:4
9. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Ps. 51:10
10. The wise one will hear and increase in learning and the discerning person will acquire guidance. Proverbs 1:5
11. The Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. Prov. 2:6
12. My child, preserve sound judgment and discernment, do not let them out of your sight. Prov. 3:21
13. God is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy. Jude 24
14. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him. Ps. 28:7
15. **"From this day I will bless you," declares the Lord.** Hagga 2:19
16. I call on the Lord in my distress, and He answers me. Ps. 120:1
17. It is with your heart that you believe and are justified and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Rom. 10:10
18. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Joel 2:32; Rom. 10:13
19. If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come. 2 Cor. 5:17
20. My eyes are fixed on you, O Sovereign Lord; in you is my trust. Ps. 141:8
21. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. Ps. 20:7
22. **"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord.** Zech. 4:6
23. "In everything do to others what you would have them do to you." Mt. 7:12
24. "Love your neighbor as yourself." Mt. 19:19b
25. The Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. 2 Tim. 2:24
26. Let me live that I may praise you, O Lord, and may your laws sustain me. Ps. 119:175
27. I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart. Ps. 138:1
28. When I called, You answered me; You made me bold and stout-hearted. Ps. 138:3
29. **Agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you.** 1 Cor. 1:10
30. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Mt. 5:9

## VITAL STATISTICS

### MEMBERS RECEIVED

#### BY TRANSFER OR PROFESSION OF FAITH:

DENNY & LYNDIA HERRIN were received into the membership of Seaton Brethren Church by Profession of Faith on April 13, 2014. Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska.

### RECENT DEATHS

HEJL, ALFRED ROY, age 61 and a member of Seaton Brethren Church, died on March 31, 2014. He was born on November 5, 1952. Services were held on April 5, 2014, at Seaton Brethren Church. Burial was at Seaton Cemetery. Survivors include his wife Sharon, daughter Sarah and son-in-law Chase Maupin, son David and daughter-in-law Sarah Hejl, granddaughter Kayley Hejl, and sister Norma and brother-in-law Melvin Sebesta. Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska.

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## Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

**June 12-14 – Encounter Camp** at the Hus Encampment.

**June 15-20 – Pioneer Camp** at the Hus Encampment.

**June 22-27 – Discovery Camp** at the Hus Encampment.

**June 29-July 3 – Alpha Camp** at the Hus Encampment.

**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.

**July 6-25 – Hus School** at the Hus Encampment.

**July 26-27 – BYF SUMMER RETREAT, VOLLEYBALL, & CONVENTION** at the Hus Encampment, Caldwell. All reports, registrations, and leadership team applications must be received by June 30. They are available at [www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com](http://www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com). Convention will begin at 8:30 a.m. Volleyball will begin no later than 10 a.m. Coaches will meet to go over rules and draw for brackets at 9:30 a.m. For information contact Jennifer Chervenka at 254-913-1244; [jennchervenka@farm-market.net](mailto:jennchervenka@farm-market.net)

### 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

**October 4, 2014** – Fall Synodical Committee Meeting at the Hus Encampment – 9:00 a.m.; refreshments served at 8:00 a.m., pre-meeting time of prayer – 8:30 a.m. A light lunch will be served at noon. The Unity Constitution and By-Laws with revisions up to and including those passed by the 65th Convention held in July 2013 are now available on the Unity website. All congregations will receive a copy of the By-laws at the Fall meeting. If you have any questions, contact James Marek, email: [james@cnbt.com](mailto:james@cnbt.com) or (512) 352-6165, or Liz Ripple, email [lizripple@hotmail.com](mailto:lizripple@hotmail.com) or (979) 378-2239.

*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.*

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

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

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

## SNOOK BRETHREN CHURCH

9882 FM 2155/P.O. Box 247, Snook, TX 77878  
Church Phone – (979) 272-3303

### COME WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday School – 9:00 AM; Worship – 10:15 AM  
Bible Buddies – 2nd Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 PM

Pastor	Board of Elders President	Youth Directors
Rev. Joseph Polasek	Rayfield Slovacek	Randall & Jonna See
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## Thoughts about giving...

**Remembering the Unity of the Brethren or any of its ministries is a fitting testimony of your belief. Your gift in a will can be a legacy that continues to affect the Christian values, mission, and ministry that is important to you.**

*You can give without restrictions and let us use the funds for the most pressing needs or you can specify how, when, or where you want the funds used.*

*You can require that we hold the principle as an endowment and use only the earnings each year.*

*You can give in memory or in the honor of someone.*

*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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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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.  
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 Sundays – Rick Chandler  
2nd, 4th, & 5th Sundays – open

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.  
– Visiting Ministers

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.  
– Pastor Tim Chaplin

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

Westheimer Community – 9:30 AM, Christian  
Education; 10:30 AM, Worship, with Holy  
Communion every 5th Sunday.  
– Visiting Ministers



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