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The Seaton Brethren Church
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fundraiser will be held Satur-
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ning at 4 p.m. until the sausage
is gone. The menu consists of
homemade pork sausage,
sauerkraut, new potatoes, sea-
soned green beans, bread, home-
made desserts, and tea or cof-
fee. Plates will be available to
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The NEW LOCATION of the
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President's Column . . . James Marek

New Year New Website

As we welcome a New Year, it is common to look forward with expectation, the anticipation of something new and the hope for good things to come in the New Year. These very emotions are held by some members of the recently formed Unity Website Committee in connection with the new Unity website. The committee has been working on a total redesign of the Unity website and is pleased to formally announce its completion and launch.

The new site replaces the only website the Unity has ever had. The previous site has served the Unity substantially in the same form for almost 15 years. The entire time, the Unity website has been managed by Mr. Ben Polasek, who has served as the Webmaster faithfully and admirably.

Between the April and October Synodical Committee meetings this year, the executive committee decided to move forward with plans to com-

pletely redo the unity website (www.unityofthebrethren.org).

A website committee was formed and bids were sought from professional web design companies. The executive committee authorized the expense of \$2,000 to accomplish this work. Spider Monkey Marketing was selected and worked closely with the committee for several months to develop the layout and design of the new site. The web address www.unityofthebrethren.com was purchased, and this address was used to house the new site while it was under construction. The Unity now owns both web addresses and may use them for future development.

The new site is built to house all of the information of the original site and allow for future growth, development and flexibility. One of the new pages that have been added is one that will house Brethren pastoral records. The intention is that these



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records would be accessible to visitors who may be doing genealogical research or just curious about when a particular event took place. All information on the new website is copyrighted and therefore protected from being sold by other websites without Unity permission. The new site is designed to be a little easier for visitors to navigate and is equipped with a nice menu system located at the top of each page. The navigation bar is made up of a series of tabs that serve as filing cabinets to keep the information organized and easily accessible.

As a part of the development process, the web designer has created a page where visitors can upload pictures for use on the new site. The address for this new picture upload page is <http://unityofthebrethren.com/upload.php>. This page was created with hopes that people from all over the Unity will upload pictures and information about local Brethren events

that can be shared through the site, thus improving communication throughout the Unity.

One other new item planned for the new website is an instructional video on the correct Czech pronunciation of the words to the historic Hus School Anthem "Hoj Verni v Boji!" Visitors can visit the site and review the video if they want to brush up on what the Czech words are and how they are supposed to be pronounced. Through tools like this video, generations in the future will have access to the Czech and English versions of this wonderful piece of Unity history in song.

We encourage all Brethren to visit the new website at your first opportunity and see for yourself all of the information that is now available on the site. If you have suggestions or content for the site, please let us know.



CALDWELL BRETHREN CHURCH

401 South Main Street
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Sunday School
9:30 AM

Sunday Worship
10:30 AM

Church website: www.lifeatcbc.org
Church email: lifeatcbc@gmail.com

Wednesday Family Night Gathering:
1st & 3rd Wednesdays each month

Welcome

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.
– Visiting Ministers

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

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

Cy-Fair Community Church – worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
1st & 3rd 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 – Bible Study every Sunday at 9:00 AM with worship service following 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.

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

2015 Summer Camp Dates

Encounter Camp
(ages 7-8)
June 11-13, 2015

Alpha Camp
(ages 9-10)
June 14-18, 2015

Pioneer Camp
(ages 11-12)
June 21-26, 2015

Discovery Camp
(ages 13-15)
June 28-July 3, 2015

Challenger Camp
(ages 16- HS Seniors)
July 12-17, 2015

Questions? Contact Kayla Marek- kmarek2012@gmail.com.

All registration forms are due by April 15. Additional fees apply after this deadline.

EVERY CAMP needs counselors.

Camp cannot happen without the support of wonderful volunteers, so if you are interested in serving as a counselor, please contact Kayla Marek as soon as possible (email above) and submit your application by March 30.

Does your church/organization have an activity that you would like to include in this listing? Please send activity information including a contact name, phone number and/or email address to the Brethren Journal Editor at: editor.brethrenjournal@gmail.com. Information must be received by the first day of the month immediately preceding the month of publication.

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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. Giving is also a spiritual discipline that promotes spiritual development and maturity. What is God prompting your heart to give?

Ecclesiastes 5:10

Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.

Luke 6:38

"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure pressed down, shaken together and running over will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

John D. Rockefeller said, *"I never would have been able to tithe the first million dollars I ever made if I had not tithed my first salary, which was \$1.50 per week."*

Giving a child money to put into an offering plate does not produce a generous adult. If you want to produce a generous adult, you must train a child to tithe from any money he or she receives from family, friends, or work projects. This child will grow up to honor God.

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Second Thoughts

- by Jim Pokorny

I have always been fond of seconds...and I am not just talking about those that come with home-cooked meals. Instead, I am talking about those that came along second in history. Those whose contributions were, for the most part, ignored or forgotten simply due to the fact that they were not first.

For example, if I asked who the first man to walk on the moon was, a good many people could correctly tell me that it was Neil Armstrong. If I asked who the second was, it is much less likely that people could tell me that it was in fact Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin.

Both endured the same training. Both accepted identical risks. Both made the same historic journey in July 1969. Yet Buzz Aldrin is more easily forgotten simply because he descended the ladder from the lunar landing module to the surface of the moon a few moments after Neil Armstrong did.

The same holds true when it comes to church history. If I asked who Jan Hus was, it is safe to say that a good many people in the Unity of the

Brethren would be able to tell me something about Hus, his life and his martyrdom.

If I then asked who Peter Chelcicky (Peter of Chelcic) was, I think it is quite safe to say that very few people could tell me anything at all about him. To be honest, until recently I would not have been able to tell you anything at all about him.

Before discussing Peter Chelcicky at length, it is necessary to look at what happened during the period immediately following the martyrdom of Jan Hus on July 6, 1415.

As the news of Hus's martyrdom spread across the land, many people felt that a just man was unjustly executed.

While Hus lived and preached he had the loyalty of the people. Once the great voice was silenced the movement began to fracture along ideological lines. Some continued to see Hus as Catholic. Others saw him as Protestant. Some viewed him as a patriot. Others saw him as a champion of church reform. Some saw him as a great moral teacher. Others saw him

Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

January 3-4, 2015 – BYF Winter Retreat at the Hus Encampment.

February 14, 2015 – Fayetteville Brethren Christian Sisters Fundraiser: On the square in Fayetteville at the Old Fire Station from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. – breakfast tacos, bake sale, country store and raffle. Love donations of \$2 per ticket or \$10 for 6 – 28 prizes. Top prize is a full-size "Fanfare" quilt. Tickets are available now. For information about the event, contact Liz Ripple (979) 278-2239, email – lizripple@hotmail.com, or visit the church website: FayettevilleBrethrenChurch.org

****February 21, 2015 – Seaton Brethren Church Annual Sausage Supper fundraiser** at the Seaton Star Hall, 10842 State Hwy 53, Temple (Seaton), 4 p.m. until the sausage is gone. Eat-in or take out for \$8. (See article this issue)

****Date corrected from December issue**

March 7, 2015 – State Children's Rally at the Hus Encampment registration due February 1. No late registrations as crafts and shirts must be ordered. Children ages 3-11. Participant Fee \$20. Volunteer Fee \$10. Check-in at 8:30-9 a.m. Dismissal at 3:30 p.m. Full day of Bible lessons, crafts, music, and more! See website <http://www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com/kidsactivities.html> for registration and additional information

****Date Change** March 28, 2014 – Spring Synodical Committee Meeting** at the Hus Encampment, 9 a.m.; refreshments served at 8 a.m. A light lunch will be served at noon. 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.

SAVE THE DATE...

May 1-3, 2015 – State Youth Fishing Retreat in Port O'Connor, Texas.

July 17-19 – Summer Retreat, Convention, & Volleyball at the Hus Encampment

July 9-11, 2015 – Unity of the Brethren 66th Biennial Convention at the Nelsonville and Wesley Brethren Churches. Plans are also being made to memorialize the 600th anniversary (1415-2015) of the martyrdom of Jan Hus. The main speaker will be Rev. Dr. David Schattschneider, former dean of Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He is one of the pre-eminent scholars of Moravian history, particularly in the areas of Moravian missions and Jan Hus. More information on the convention will be announced soon.





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DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for February 2015

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. **How great are Your works, O Lord, how profound Your thoughts! Ps. 92:5**
2. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Mt. 5:9
3. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. Jn. 15:13
4. My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth. Ps. 121:2
5. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out His commands. 1 Jn. 5:2
6. As He who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct. 1 Pet. 1:15
7. My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. Hosea 4:6
8. **Return to your God; maintain love and justice, and wait for your God always. Hosea 6:6**
9. Encourage one another and build each other up. 1 Thes. 5:11
10. The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Ps. 9:9
11. Love does no wrong to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. Rom. 13:10
12. One generation will commend Your works to one another; they will tell of Your mighty acts. Ps. 145:4
13. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. Ps. 33:5
14. Peace be to all of you who are in Christ. 1 Pet. 5:14
15. **Serve the Lord with reverent fear and rejoice with trembling. Ps. 2:11**
16. Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Eph. 6:10
17. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. Eph. 6:11
18. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Eph. 6:17
19. Keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Eph. 6:18b
20. Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. Eph. 6:18a
21. Speak the truth to one another. Eph. 4:25
22. **Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. 1 Pet. 4:10**
23. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Col. 3:15
24. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Isa. 40:29
25. Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening. 1 Sam. 3:9
26. Our Savior, Jesus Christ has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 2 Tim. 1:10
27. "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" Jn. 1:29
28. I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One. Jn. 134

as an enemy of the Papacy.

Without Hus, the people lacked unity. There was no unified vision or concept of what was most needed. Thus, the movement that began to gather momentum under Hus stagnated and fractured into a varied collection of sects and parties. Whatever order existed gave way. Years of chaos and confusion followed Hus's death.

One of the groups that emerged in the aftermath was the Utraquists, or Calixtines. While confined to his dungeon at Constance, Hus wrote that laymen should be allowed to take wine with Communion and the Utraquists rallied around this cause. They prominently displayed the Cup on their banners and made this their primary goal.

Then there were the Taborites, who built their fortress on Mount Tabor. They rejected the concepts of purgatory and the worship of saints. They held to the concept that every man had the right to interpret scripture for himself. Some of their beliefs were more radical. Their suppression of the Pikarts, the reforms introduced by Taborite priests and the enforcement of those reforms by Jan Zizka frightened the Utraquists.

The Chiliasts were another group. They believed the end was near and that the millennial reign of Christ was about to begin. For years they believed that they were to be the instrument of Divine retribution. They awaited their call from heaven to fulfill that role. That call, of course, never came.

Then there were the Adamites, who thought it best to live and dress like Adam and Eve prior to the fall. Their headquarters was on an island in the River Nesarka. A small remnant survived even after Zizka destroyed the camp.

Then there were the Waldenses. Early on, their views appeared to be Catholic, but as the Hussite Wars went on, they became more influenced by the Taborites. As time went by, a story circulated that the Emperor made a "donation" to Pope Sylvester. At this, the Waldenses determined that the Church of Rome had morally corrupted itself and had thus, in a manner of speaking, forfeited the Keys to the Kingdom.

These descriptions, although brief, illustrate just how desperate the need for unity had become.



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The confusion of the age was bad enough, but it paled in comparison to what emerged when the chaos of war was thrown into the mix. The legendary general Jan Zizka came to lead the Taborite army. Zizka's forces swept through the land from one end to the other like a scythe through wheat.

Zizka may have been a military genius, but military genius was not what was most needed. This became readily apparent when Zizka became ill and died of fever.

In spite of the chaos and confusion, something of the movement led by Hus still survived. From out of these circumstances the Moravian Church would arise. What was needed most was a second man; a second voice willing to deliver an unmistakable message. That second man was Peter Chelcicky.

Little real knowledge of the life of Chelcicky has survived the centuries. We do not know exactly when he lived, but according to Craig D. Atwood, he was born about 1380 and died around 1458. Though little is known about the man, the books he wrote survived and are considered treasures of Czech literature.

Chelcicky was neither Taborite nor

Utraquist. He was neither priest nor professor. As such, he was an original thinker. He was either upper peasantry or lower nobility and, as such, he was prosperous enough to pursue education and writing.

Chelcicky studied the writings of both Hus and Wycliffe. As he was not a priest, he was not constrained by the Church of Rome. He wrote not in Latin but in the native language of the people. He observed the ills of his day and found fault in both government and religion. Through his writings we know that he felt that each was hopelessly corrupt. He examined the system of classes and declared that this was merely another caste system.

He looked at the various sects and parties that emerged after Hus. Chelcicky concluded that none was truly in the right nor was one truly in line with the spirit of Christ.

In 1419 Jan Zizka and Nicholas of Husinec stated at Prague that it was time for the faithful to take up arms. Chelcicky was present and erupted, "What is war? It is the breach of all laws of God! All soldiers are violent men, murderers, a godless mob!"

Chelcicky was without doubt a

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for January 2015

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing. 1 Thes. 5:16-17
2. The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. Ps. 145:18
3. Blessed is the man whose strength is in You. Ps. 84:5
4. **Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. Phil. 2:5**
5. Teach me Your way, O Lord, and I will walk in Your truth. Ps. 86:11
6. The Lord reigns, He is robed in majesty, and armed with strength. Ps. 93:1
7. Give me understanding, and I will keep Your law and obey it with all my heart. Ps. 119:34
8. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Mt. 6:33
9. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever. 1 Jn. 2:17
10. It shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Joel 2:32
11. **The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16**
12. Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Heb. 4:14b
13. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence. Heb. 4:16a
14. So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Heb. 4:16b
15. We have a high priest who has been tempted every way, just as we are – but He did not sin. Heb. 4:15
16. He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him. Heb. 5:9
17. Lord, teach us to pray. Luke 11:1
18. **God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer. Ps. 66:19**
19. Know, therefore, that the Lord your God is God. Deut. 7:9
20. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Prov. 3:5
21. For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. Isa. 53:12
22. I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry. Ps. 40:1
23. Your faith has saved you. Go in peace. Lk. 7:50
24. I will lie down and sleep in peace, for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. Ps. 4:8
25. **Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Heb. 4:16**
26. Pray for each other. James 5:16b
27. "I will heal My people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security." Jer. 33:6
28. "Give thanks to the Lord Almighty, for the Lord is good; His love endures forever." Jer. 33:6
29. Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. James 5:13a
30. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. James 5:13
31. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit. Ps. 51:12

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pacifist. He considered the Hussite
Wars a disgrace to both sides. As
Zizka's forces swept through the land,
Chelcicky was horror stricken. In his
Reply to Rokycana he asked if the
commandments regarding killing and
stealing had been repealed.

Regarding state and church, he
concluded that any law made by gov-
ernment as well as any edict made by
the church was spoiling the teaching
of Christ. Chelcicky believed that the
teaching of Christ was not only suf-
ficient, it was final. He admitted that
God might use the government for
good purposes; therefore, Christians
must submit to the government, but
the relationship must end there.

In Chelcicky's view, a Christian
should never hold office. He went
even further by declaring that Chris-
tians should try to live in the country
rather than in a town. Chelcicky be-
lieved that for an unbeliever the state
was a necessary evil. For a Christian,
however, it was unclean and should
be avoided at all costs. As evidence,
Chelcicky offered that the murderer
Cain founded the first town.

If Chelcicky viewed the state with
contempt, he viewed the church with
scorn. He called out the vices, the

superstitions and the immoralities of
its leaders. He declared that these
leaders were not feeding the Church
of God. Instead, they were starving it
to death. His criticisms of the church
were as numerous as they were biting.

For all the ills of his day, Chelcicky
offered one simple remedy. Return to
the original church and the simple
teachings of Christ and the disciples.

*(Author's Note: I have seen this
referred to as a return to the "primi-
tive church". That is a term I person-
ally do not care for. For me the word
"primitive" carries with it a some-
what negative connotation. In this
context, I prefer to use "original
church" in its place.)*

Unlike Wycliffe, Chelcicky did not
reason out his arguments. Chelcicky
relied solely on the integrity of his
message. Though radical in some of
his views, he held to fundamental
beliefs within the Christian faith. He
believed that redemption was made
possible by Christ's death on the
cross. He believed that the hope of
mankind depended not on works, but
on the grace of God. He also believed
that Christ was present during
Communion.



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Eventually, the Utraquists and the Pope reached a compromise known as the “Compacts of Basel”. The Pope recognized the Utraquist Church as the national self-governing church in the land. With this compromise, the Utraquists gained one thing and one thing only, they would be allowed to take wine with Communion. With this alliance, the fate of the Taborites was sealed. The Taborites were routed and crushed.

Some experts have concluded that Chelcicky’s writing lacked polish. *Net of Faith* was one of his final works. In it he repudiated the “Compacts of Basel”. The title was based on a parable of Jesus in Luke 5:1-11. Chelcicky explained his title this way: “Through His disciples, Christ caught the world in the net of His faith, but the bigger fishes, breaking the net, escaped. Then others followed through these same holes made by the bigger fishes, and the net was left almost empty.” Polished or not, in his day the meaning was crystal clear. The net was the true Church of Christ. The bigger fishes who broke the net and escaped it were the Emperor and the Pope. The big fishes who escaped after them were the “powerful” and

the “learned”. The little fish that remained were the true followers of Christ.

Toward the end, Chelcicky became the spiritual leader of a small band of like-minded believers near his home. He declined to organize them into a church.

Chelcicky’s view of the world was anything but optimistic, but one must take into account the times in which he lived. When viewed in their historical context, this second man had fulfilled his purpose. His was the second voice, and with it he delivered his message.

Craig D. Atwood in *The Theology of the Czech Brethren from Hus to Comenius* said this of Chelcicky: “His importance lay in his critique of the church and society rather than leadership. In many ways he offered a pessimistic view of the world and of the institutional church, but his writings served as a major theological resource for the Unity of the Brethren for more than half a century. Even after the Brethren put Chelcicky’s treatises aside, his influence remained woven into the fabric of the Unity. The Brethren tried to combine Chelcicky’s integrity with a stable

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institutional structure. In doing so,
they offered a new understanding of
the church that prefigured modern
developments.”

J. E. Hutton in *A History of the
Moravian Church* said this of
Chelcicky: “He delivered his mes-
sage; he showed the way; he flashed
his lantern in the darkness; and thus,
whether he knew it or not, he was the
literary founder of the Brethrens’
Church. He fired the hope. He drew
the plans. It was left to another man
to erect the building.”

As we draw ever nearer to the
600th Anniversary of the Martyrdom
of Jan Hus, we will find ways to
commemorate both his life and his
willingness to travel the path on which
God placed him.

Let us also be mindful of the fact

that we are in a position to do so only
because others also willingly followed
the paths on which God placed them
over the course of 600 years.

God has blessed us with a remark-
able history and a rich heritage. If we
choose to study that history and
learn from it, it becomes plainly evi-
dent that we are here for His purpose
and not ours. Once we come to terms
with that, we must then honestly ask
ourselves one question. Will we be
just as willing to travel the path on
which He places us?

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

From the Theissen's...
December 2014

Dear friends,

Our news is mixed, both glad and difficult. We were glad to attend a graduation ceremony of *Agencia Misionera Sin Fronteras*: a couple that Robert mentors, Jaime and Pati, were finishing their apprenticeship and heading to an unreached Mixtec village. Robert will be helping Jaime set up the only carpentry shop there. We're glad Jaime and Pati have a good entrance strategy and want to reach Villa Hermosa, Guerrero, using methods that value Mixtec culture. We are glad that they have the support of their church in Acapulco.

On the other hand, we partnered with *Sin Fronteras* to hold a missions conference there, and although we were treated with exquisite latin hospitality, we did not find the pastor very willing to let Jaime and Pati step outside denominational norms to commission Mixtec church leaders from the start. Leadership is initially expected to come from the outside, especially for things like baptisms and taking Communion. We hope that with time this couple will be able to "mid-wife" healthy churches. It was bittersweet, in the middle of the conference, to receive news that my Zapotec friend, Linda, who has laid on a mat in a tin shack for 30 years and encouraged more people with her faith and prayer than anyone I know, had gone to be with her "Papito" (Daddy). I had prayed with her the day before she died. Her son was with her when the time came, and she was praying.

It was difficult to receive news that Robert has bones broken in his back and faces back surgery.

- The joint between the 3rd and 4th is the bad one
- It has slipped forward – *Spondylolisthesis* (spon + dee + lo + lis + thee + sis). The tiny bone joint (*pars interarticularis*) is broken that keeps the vertebrae in line (*Spondylolysis*).
- The exit for the nerve on the right side is almost completely blocked (*foraminal stenosis*).

We are getting help in researching the options. He has been having increasing pain in his right hip, and can't stand up or walk more than a few minutes without needing to sit or stretch.

After the Acapulco conference Robert made one last trip through the rough mountains of Guerrero visiting pastors and delivering tools. Now he will have to take a break till the problem is fixed. Paco went with him to help lift and to share the long hours of driving. This is Paco's first trip since he got married six months ago, and his comment to Robert coming home was, "All the trips I took up till now were leaving an empty house



Lamberto, Robert, and Gabriel

ning – The executive committee will handle the general planning of the convention. James is looking at ways this convention can memorialize the 600th anniversary celebration of Jan Hus martyrdom. Bro. Mike volunteered to be the chairman of this committee; volunteers should contact James. We plan to start the convention on Thursday morning in Nelsonville and be at Wesley on Saturday.

An idea for the convention theme is "Created in Christ for a Purpose". Other ideas are welcome. The main speaker will be Rev. Dr. David A. Schattschneider, former dean of Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, PA. He is one of the pre-eminent scholars of Moravian history, particularly in the areas of Moravian missions and Jan Hus. We plan to have him present multiple sessions during the convention.

13. James stepped out for this item and Bro. Mike took over to discuss this issue. A motion made by Pastor Kay to reimburse James Marek \$691.83 (flight, meal, car – no hotel accommodations) for the trip to the Northern Province Synod (out of administration fund) passed.

A motion by Bro. Mike to pay the expenses that have been incurred by our representative serving on the BWM and to pay the expenses in the future for the representative until further notice with the funds coming out of the contingency fund passed.

14. Transitional Executive Administrative Position – James discussed the possible need for a transitional position at the Executive Committee level. This position would be ongoing and would assist the Executive Committee to make sure that the decisions of the Synodical Committee and Convention get done and would have knowledge of the Unity by-laws. The

idea right now is for this to be a paid position, but is up for discussion. A job description would need to be drawn up.

15. Announcements: 1) Bro Butcher retired at the end of August. It was asked that the board president at Rosenberg be in contact with Bro. Larry Koslovsky in regard to the scheduling of supply pastors. 2) Rev. Vanessa Mitchell resigned at Caldwell to return to full-time teaching. 3) Rev Nello Strickland is doing well and thanks everyone for the cards and prayers.

16. Other reports: The Board of Christian Education report was given by Jennifer Chervenka, a member of the BCE and the Unity Youth Coordinator. The board is seeking clarification on the mission and purpose of the Christian Education board. A report was submitted (see agenda 16-a). They are going to send out a survey to all the churches that needs to be returned by December 1. They want to update the Catechism to make it printable, no changes would be made. A bibliography will be available on the Unity website of recommended Christian education resources. In preparation for the 2015 convention, the BCE is planning to have a Unity-wide conference on Jan Hus that would be presented by Dr. Mark Labaj.

Paper reports: Presidents report (Agenda 16-b); First VP report (Agenda 16-c); Secretary's report (Agenda 16-d); Youth Coordinator report (Agenda 16-e); Christ Covenant Church report (Agenda 16-f).

A motion by Bro. Mike to adjourn passed. Dr. Mark Labaj ended the meeting with a prayer. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Ripple
Secretary, Unity of the Brethren

year. A \$100,000 fidelity bond is required for the Treasurer, the cost is \$100.

6. Moravian (Northern Province)

Decision/Our Response – James reported about attending this Synod in the President's report. At the Synod, there was discussion on ordination of gay and lesbian individuals, with the proposal passing with 70% in favor. James thinks we need to show support for the Moravians as we would a family member with whom we disagree. Regardless of how we may view the Moravian decision personally, we should still pray for the Moravians in this difficult time. He sees the Moravians as family with our roots in Jan Hus. The decision found on the Moravian website (Moravian.org) is included in these minutes (see Agenda 6). Discussion. Bro. Jimmy Hejl reported on the Moravian Southern Synod, and they will be taking action on this subject at their Synod in 2018. There was other discussion. Dr. Koslovsky will plan to spend some time with pastors to get communication going with the clergy regarding this subject. There will be a pastors' gathering at Camp Allen near Navasota October 27-29.

7. Pastor David Johnson, pastor at New Tabor, is a licensed pastor in the Unity and has gone through education through the Hus International School (HIS) program. Bro. David and Ben Kruse have completed their studies (Agenda 7), and each have a final project to complete. A motion was made by Bro. Mike Groseclose to renew a 1-year license according to the by-laws to Pastor David Johnson for a pastoral ministry to New Tabor Brethren Church – passed.

8. James has been in contact with the Dolph Briscoe Museum of Texas History on the UT campus regarding storage of the Unity's records and

pastoral records. After we donate these records, we would no longer have ownership of the records. Discussion on where to store the Unity's records.

James reported on the records of Bro. Henry Beseda, Jr. (given to the Unity as part of his will) – they are being digitized by Kelly Zrubek. (Kelly, not a member of the Unity, but lives across the street from the Granger Brethren church, has also volunteered to be the new Unity webmaster.) After the records are digitized, the plan is to put them on the Unity website along with other records for people to be able to search. Copyrighting the records was questioned. Since no one had a problem with donating the records, James would pursue the plan to store them at a place like the Dolph Briscoe Museum.

9. The mileage rate for next year's convention is to be set at this meeting; if no action is taken, it will be set at \$0.25 a mile round trip. All the members of the convention get their mileage paid. Discussion. A motion by Dorothy Hinson to pay \$0.20 a mile died for lack of a second. The by-laws will set the mileage rate at \$0.25 a mile.

10. Unity website update: James reported that the executive committee made a decision to move on the Unity website and approved a \$2,000 expenditure with Brady Huddleston for a new website. Hopefully, by the end of the year we should have a new website that is much more user friendly. As part of the contract, Brady will do updates free for one year.

11. Volunteers are being accepted for the 2015 Nominating Committee, usually 3 or 4 people (see agenda 11). Cathleen Schlechte has decided to relinquish her position as Editor of the *Brethren Journal*.

12. Convention Committee / Plan-



Robert with Lamberto and Paco

and returning to an empty house. There's a world of difference now that I have a family!"

And speaking of family, we are glad that our kids are coming for Christmas. Philip will be here for four weeks, and RuthE three.

Pray with us, and for us, Peace,
Robert and Anne

From the Woo's... December 2014

Dear Friends and Family,

Isaiah 9:2 says, *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone."* Yes Lord, may it be!

Merry Christmas! Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us, has come! We rejoice because Emmanuel came to earth as a baby, walked among us, died, and rose again for us! He is still with us through the Holy Spirit as He lives among us, drawing people into a relationship with Him. Hallelujah!

So much has happened since our last newsletter. Currently we rejoice as our small group is starting new groups. We had a training for this and

also an all-night prayer and fasting time for this work. Currently there are about 17 people in Hope Valley, the large Valley near our city, that have heard the gospel through our group and desire to know more about Jesus. A few of these have been baptized. There seems to be a hunger for God growing in Hope Valley.

Lord, make these 17 people disciples of you. Give them boldness and hunger to follow you, making new groups all over Hope Valley, bringing light into the darkness.

One new brother (we will call him Paul) is 40, never been married, and since the age of 8 months old cannot walk. He gets around in a hand cranked wheel chair. When May and others were going out to share one day they first asked the Lord where should they go? They asked, "Where are those that have soft hearts?" The Lord whispered the name of Paul's village to May, a place they had never gone to before, and so they went. When they saw Paul moving along the village streets, May asked him if they could go to his home and visit with him and his family. He believed and now is coming to the new group started in Hope Valley. When they met for the first time with this new group he was full of joy and purpose, and even asked if the man in all white that came to visit him in his dream was Jesus.

Lord we pray that you would call Paul into a purpose and fullness of joy and life like he has never known before, motivating him to go forth and share with others.

At the all-night prayer and fasting time we asked the Lord where to have



this new group, which village and home? The Lord gave a vision to a woman where she saw a home with a well and a tree in the front yard. As she described the vision, it triggered a memory in May. May had gone to share with an elderly woman over a year ago in Hope Valley but had not been back.

Lord we ask that you would pour out your power and love through healings, dreams, miracles, visions and wonders causing all of us to give ALL the glory to you!

The next week May and I went to find this 70-year-old lady. She lives in a nice house, but inside it was all dirty, with trash on the table and the floor unswept. Grandma didn't look very cared for. She was sitting on the sofa and could not move, and she was not dressed appropriately. She said her legs stopped working about a year ago, so they went to the witch doctor but that didn't help. As May and I shared with her, this lady's 30-year-old daughter became embarrassed and started to clean up the house. May emptied a trashcan beside the sofa that was acting as a bed pan for Grandma. Even though the house was nice, there was a sense of darkness and poverty.

We led Grandma into a time of confessing her sins of idolatry, the witch doctor, and even forgiving a friend. She also received the Lord into

her heart.

This past week the new group met at her home. Grandma was growing in hope, and you know what, her home has a well and a tree in the front yard! During this first meeting of the group, May found out that the grandma's daughter sells and uses drugs from this home.

Lord, heal this grandmother's legs and break the darkness of poverty, drugs, and hopelessness from this house. Bring the whole family into salvation. Bless this group and cause it to grow in numbers and in deep relationship with you.

Many of you have prayed for May's 45-year-old, unbelieving aunt. Last week she felt sick and went home to rest. That same night her family members took her to a witch doctor to find out what was wrong. The next day the aunt could not walk. Two days later the aunt could not walk nor talk and the relatives called May and her husband to come and help take the aunt to the hospital. By that time there was nothing to be done to help the aunt and she died that night, of what we believed was a treatable aneurysm.

May was able to share with her, not for the first time, in her coma-like state, that Jesus loves her and died for her sins. May encouraged her to call on His Name and to confess her sins.



Bro. Mike Groseclose accepts award at Synodical meeting.

Mike reported the *Journal* is doing well. They are going to prepare a budget soon. A treasurer's report was presented (Agenda 3-a). They have paid back \$2000 on the \$7000 loan taken from the Unity. There is a balance of \$10,067.36 in the account. They have not sent out a survey, but have found from verbally talking to people, the majority want the *Journal* in printed form. They will probably have to increase the subscription rates for the printed form as the years go by. Discussion continues on the electronic format. Bro. Mike gave credit to Ben & Pastor Kay Polasek for the work done on getting and collecting advertisements in the *Journal*. James wanted to clarify the suggestion made at the spring meeting about having a survey to see who would want the *Journal* in electronic form. The suggestion for the survey was to see how many would want the *Journal* electronically and how many wanted a printed copy. Those that wanted it electronically could get it that way and the *Journal* would continue to be printed.

4. Consideration of 2015 Mission Budgets – James reported that there is a good chance we will meet the foreign mission budget of \$67,000

this year; the home mission budget of \$67,000 will be about \$20,000 short.

Bro. David Johnson, Chairman of the Home Missions Board, presented the Home Missions budget for 2015. He reported on Cade Lake and "In God's Hands Ministry" (see Agenda 4-a). Bro. David offered to bring a team to churches next year from January to April and present a skit that he wrote.

Proposed Home Missions Budget (Agenda 4-b) for 2015, \$67,000, as follows: Cade Lake Mission, Burleson County: Rev. Jim Heckman, \$49,000; Operating Expenses, \$12,000; and In God's Hands Ministry, \$6,000.00

Joyce Baletka (member of the Foreign Mission board) reported on Foreign Missions. Proposed Foreign Missions Budget for 2015, \$67,000 (Agenda 4-c), as follows: Thiessen's, \$20,000; Woos, \$15,000; Raiford's, \$8,000; Kozak's, \$12,000; and C. Groseclose, \$12,000.

Dewyan Weise, Unity Treasurer, reported on the financial status of the Unity (see Agenda 16-e).

Dewyan, liaison to the Board for Grants and Bequests, reported that the balance as of 10/3/14 is \$417,743.51. James reported that these funds are an additional resource should the Synodical Committee need it for a worthy cause.

Discussion on mission budgets. A motion was made by Dewyan Weise to give the North Carolina guests speaking privileges at this meeting – passed. A motion was made by Dewyan Weise to support a budget for 2015 of \$67,000 to Home Missions and \$67,000 to Foreign Missions, total \$134,000, with any shortfall taken out of contingency – passed.

5. James reported that we have \$80,000 of coverage on the building at Cade Lake and it costs almost \$1600 a



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Summary of the Minutes from the Fall Synodical Committee Meeting October 4, 2014

To view the minutes from the October 4, 2014, Synodical Committee meeting in their entirety, please go to the Unity Website, click calendar – see October 4, 2014. The attachments that are mentioned in the following summary are also on the website.

President James Marek called the meeting to order. Representatives from North Carolina, Pat Highfill and Leigh Ann Leinbach, joined the meeting by Skype.

There were 36 people in attendance (see attached Roll Call) as follows:

VOTING MEMBERS: Pastors (10): Rev. Joe Emerson, Rev. Michael Groseclose, Rev. Jimmy Hejl, Pastor David Johnson, Dr. Larry Koslovsky, Dr. Mark Labaj, Rev. Joseph Polasek, Rev. Kay Polasek, Dr. Jerry Terrill, Rev. Ron Winsman.

Lay members (14): Caldwell – Ron Dusek; Crosby – Debbie Clark; Cy-Fair – Roger Runnels; Dime Box – Marvin Chlapek, Fayetteville – Liz Ripple; Houston – Dorothy Hinson; New Tabor – Robert Schlechte; Ocker – Robin Brinkley; Rosenberg – Alice Kocurek; Snook – Connie Janac; Taylor – James Marek; Temple – Gayle Farrow; Wall – Dewyan Weise; Westheimer – Leroy Parthum. Non-Voting: Ministerial student – Ben Kruse and 11 visitors.

1. Opening Devotional, Rev. Joseph Polasek – Bro. Joseph opened with a prayer. He began by stating how busy everyone is and all the things we have to do. He read from Luke 9:57-62, where Jesus encountered 3 men and asked them to follow

Him; one replied that he had to bury his father – he was busy like we are today. Bro. Joseph asked, “Are we too busy for God?” We need to remember to put God first. He ended in prayer.

James thanked Jim, Dawn Marie & Joyce Baletka, who have been providing food for our meetings for years; he also thanked the people who help get things set up for the meetings.

James led everyone in the reading of *The Unity Prayer* – “Holy Spirit, as in the past you united different men and women and made them one, so bring us together in a oneness that celebrates our diversity of talent and ability. May our personalities blend in a superb harmony, as, laying our egos aside, we learn to prefer one another and to delight in encouraging the gifts we see in others. Let there be no star temperament, no prima donna behavior among us, but a sense of ensemble, as we try to be as anonymous as possible so that you can shine through our efforts to the glory of Christ. And when all is done may we be in the wings and HE in the spotlight, taking center stage and receiving all the applause! Holy Spirit, you who are fully God and yet so anonymous, hide us that we may reveal Him. Amen.”

2. Recognition of Outstanding Leadership in Mission Fundraising – James presented Bro. Mike Groseclose and his wife, Trish, with a plaque for their work with the Rev. Henry Beseda, Jr., Memorial Golf Tournament. Over \$7500 was raised. Bro. Mike explained how the tournament got started and announced they are making plans for another tournament next year.

3. Brethren Journal Update – Bro.

During the funeral one relative with a new 1-month-old baby was sharing that her baby had not stopped crying since she was born and they had taken her to the witch doctor but it did not help. May was able to clearly say to her large family, “Witch Doctors and demons cannot help you. Only Jesus can help, and you need to go to the hospital.”

Lord we pray for May's family, and the children this aunt has left behind. Give them hope and a desire to know you, Jesus, as they live in such darkness.

There are two other areas that our locals will try and start new groups in in the coming weeks. Please pray for the Kingdom of God to go forth and bring light, Emmanuel, to this dark area of drugs, witch doctors, Buddhism, AIDS, sickness, idols, spirit worship, and hopelessness.

We pray that this Christmas you will know God's love and joy through Emmanuel, God with us!

Blessings and much love,
Michael & Caroline, Samuel,
Ian, Zach, Isaac, and Salem

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Veteran's Day Service at Dime Box Brethren



Front Row (L-R): Bethel Blaha, Barbara Becvar, Frank Balcar, Doris Balcar, Alice Chlapek, Jean Davis, Waymond Davis.

Back Row (L-R): Bro. Jim Heckman, Allen Horak Elder President

Editor's Note: The following article is a transcript of the Veteran's Day Service at Dime Box Brethren Church by Rev. Jim Heckman.

In our country we celebrate two days to honor our veterans. Memorial Day is primarily designated to remember those who died as they served our country. Tuesday is Veterans' Day... a day designated to celebrate all veterans...particularly those who are still with us. And so, I'd like for all our veterans to stand now and be recognized. I particularly want to recognize our WWII vets, Frankie Balcar and Burt Dodd.

Now, our church would like recognize some of our veterans... people who have over the years done very effective work to keep the church viable. The first honoree is someone I've already mentioned, and his recognition is not only for work done at the church, but more importantly the work he has done at the Hranice cemetery for decades. Of course, you know that I'm speaking of Frank Balcar.

We are and we have been blessed for years by three pianists/organists.

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**This must be done well in advance.*

For Tweens and Teens:

Read the complete story of Joash in 2 Kings 11-12. Discuss how things went well as long as those around him were good. Discuss what happens later in his reign when bad influences enter his life. Discuss how this is relevant in our own lives.

Read the complete story of Josiah in 2 Kings 22-23. Discuss how he found the Book of Law (which is Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy) and reintroduced it to the people. Discuss how things changed as a result of reading the book. Discuss how reading the Bible should influence our behavior. A discussion of the 10 Commandments could be included in this discussion.

Do:

Search for God's Word

Prepare: Hide candy behind a drawing of a tree. You could also hide scrolls with the 10 Commandments written on them. Print the verses below on slips of paper. Each verse gives a hint to the next location. For a large group, do in teams. Print verses on different colored paper for each team.

- 1 Samuel 3:15 – give to students
- 1 Samuel 1:9 – hide by a door
- Exodus 25:23 – hide by a chair
- 1 King 6:5 – hide near a table
- Genesis 2:17 – hide at the picture of the tree

1. Read the first verse.
2. Students use the hint (door, table, etc.) to find the next clue.
3. Repeat until they find the tree and the candy.

For a longer game, select additional verses.

Young Kings: Joash & Josiah

King Joash

Background: Joash began his reign when he was only 7 years old!

Read and Tell: 2 Kings 11:21. Joash was the only member of the royal family who was not killed by the previous ruler. He was hidden by his aunt to save his life. This is why he became king at such a young age. Joash ruled for 40 years. During his rule he repaired the temple.

Do: Play Hide and Seek with a baby doll to remind children how his aunt saved his life. Make and decorate crowns.

See <http://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/mcrown.htm>

King Josiah

Background: Josiah became king when he was eight years old.

Read and Tell: 2 Kings 22-23. Josiah was a good king. He reintroduced people to the Book of Law (first 5 books of the Bible) and encouraged them to listen to stories from the book.

Do: Play "The Bible says" (like Simon Says). Make scrolls and write a favorite verse in the scroll. Directions for a scroll can be found at <http://www.crafts.creativebug.com/make-bible-scroll-crafts-1534.html>

BIBLE TRUTHS:

- Even young children can do mighty things for God.
- It is important to have friends who are a good influence.
- It is important for you to read your Bible.
- It is always important to obey God.

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You will remember that we honored Teresa Buchan a couple of years ago at our church centennial celebration. Today we'd like to honor Barbara Becvar for her years of service and Alice Chlapek who has been honoring us with her talent for several years now.

Another element of our church's beauty are the grounds around us. For years these grounds have been tended by two people who have now also taken on the maintenance of the cemetery that Frank did for so many years. We would like to recognize Waymond and Jean Davis.

Finally, for many years the work of the church, whether it was serving as President of the Christian Sisters or being responsible for hospitality of families who had funerals here, and so much more, has been done by one lady on whom I have depended for my

eight years here. Please help me honor Bethel Blaha.

May God bless all of you who have done so much to keep Dime Box Brethren Church a force in this community.

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

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Baskets for Veterans



Pictured are Millie Schiller, Howard Bowman, Violet Neeley, Lee Brandt, Mary Jane Kocurek, Gloria Wilson, and Virginia Macik. Seated is Cathy Kuritza.

The Christian Sisters of the Community Christian Church made 52 baskets for the V.A. Hospital in Houston. The ladies filled the baskets with all kinds of goodies, along with stuffed animals and flags. They then personally delivered each basket to the residents of one unit and prayed with them.

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of heaven belongs to
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- Matthew 19.14*

Sunday School Helper



As we begin a new year, I wanted to begin a new topic of lessons and activities for the children of our Sunday Schools and families. Many of the most famous and popular stories of the Bible are about men and women who are much older than the children we serve, so I thought it would be fun to explore the children of the Bible and see what truths we can learn from their stories. In my search, I realized there are not that many, which I think emphasizes the importance of the children who are mentioned. I hope you and the children in your life enjoy this exploration into The Children of the Bible.

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Industry & Fayetteville Brethren Churches Honor Our Veterans' Service

Industry and Fayetteville Brethren Churches honored 144 veterans on Sunday, November 9, 2014, at the Industry Brethren Church 9 a.m. service. This was the 5th annual service of this kind for the churches.

There were 143 veterans on the program and one guest veteran recognized. Each living veteran received a remembrance ribbon with red poppy and "thanks" on it, as well as a small US flag that noted the event. The flag was presented to each participant by Rep. Lois Kohlhorst. The deceased veterans had representatives come forward and light a candle in their honor and receive a small flag from Rep. Kohlhorst, also. There were five Eagle Scouts that are also A&M Corps of Cadets, including Matthew Luedekar, Kade Bletzing (Air Corps), Ricky Hielsmiann, Zach Wagner, and

Lance Mason. Also helping in the service was Eagle Scout Sam Luedekar of A&M. As Sharon Spiess played "Onward Christian Soldiers", two of the Corps of Cadets carried in the large banner with a cross on it and military branches represented saluting. They hung this on the wall in the front of the church. This was followed by Shelby American Legion members Billie Sisa and August Voelkel posting the colors, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Martha Dove read a Proclamation from Governor Rick Perry and wife, Anita, that was given to the churches and addressed "Thanks to all that served our country". This message included "Each generation of Americans has answered the clarion call to defend the ideals of liberty. Across



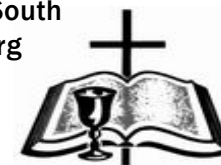
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the globe, in the face of aggression, tyranny and despair, they have dedicated – and sometimes sacrificed – their lives to securing Americans’ freedom. Whether they served at home or abroad, on the front lines or at our seas and ports, in times of peace or in times of war, our nation’s veterans deserve the utmost respect for their dedication and service. Old Glory flies high, and our nation remains free, because of their devotion. To those veterans in attendance, First Lady Anita Perry and I salute you. On behalf of all Texans, thank you for your service.” (Signed: Rick Perry, Governor)

The service message was delivered by Pastor Kay Polasek. Terri Ross (her father is one of the veterans honored) played beautiful music on the harp while names of the veterans were called. The church bell rang one time as each veteran’s name was called. As Liz Ripple played the piano, the congregation sang one stanza of each military branch’s song, while the veterans from that branch stood up. The

Corps of Cadets’ young men came to the front of the church and, as veterans stood and saluted, they returned the salute to the veterans as a gesture of “Thanks and Honor”. The Eagle Scouts (Corps of Cadets) assisted all those needing help in ambulating, also.

The church was decorated with red, white, and blue arrangements and many flags, including all the flags of the different branches of the military. A large flag drape on a tripod was in the front of the church with a large flag bow that held red streamer ribbons containing name labels of each honored veteran. Liz Ripple called the names of the honored Fayetteville veterans and Martha Dove pinned on their ribbons; Liz Treybig called the names of the Industry honored veterans and Marian Branam pinned their ribbons on. There was a wreath holding red, blue, and white flowers (representing the deceased honored veterans) with a cross in the center, a white dove below five small US flags, and below the flowers the words

versity; University of Texas, Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1947; and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Bachelor of Divinity in 1951. The Certificate of Ordination was bestowed upon him in June 1951 in Caldwell, Texas. He served first as the Beseda family pastor, officiating at baptisms, marriages, and family funerals and reunions.

He made sure that his father’s records of baptisms, marriages, and funerals (Reverend Henry E. Beseda, Sr.) were donated to The Czech Heritage Society of Texas for publication. These records are important in all libraries in the Czech communities.

He was known as the “marrying and burying preacher”, and never refused to help anyone regardless of their religious affiliation or nonaffiliation. He served 16 Brethren churches throughout Texas since his ordination in 1951, and was loved by all he served. He loved to sing in choirs and would do so anytime he was asked. He continued serving in several churches until he became ill in 2012. He was known as Brother Henry, and was one of a kind.

He was a proud U.S. veteran, serving courageously with the U.S. Navy during World War II as a Yeoman-First Class on the USS Oakland in the Pacific Theatre from October 1941 until October 1945. He returned to Texas via the USS Texas from Honolulu, Hawaii. It was during his service to his country that he heard God’s call to pursue the ministry.

Organizations he belonged to include: American Legion Chapter 451–Chaplain; VFW Chapter 4458–Chaplain; Burleson County Hospital Auxiliary – Chaplain; Caldwell Senior

Citizens – Chairman of the Board; Warren Lodge #56, A.F. and AM – Chaplain; Habitat for Humanity; Texas A&M Agri Life Extension; Forever Young Committee; Copperas Hollow Country Club; Burleson County Ministerial Alliance; SPJST; Czech Choir; RVOS Lodge 108; and Germania Insurance.

He served as Kolache King of the Caldwell Kolache Festival, and also was an avid golfer.

In 1987 he was named Outstanding Senior Citizen of Burleson County; on January 21, 2012, he was awarded the Golden Trowel Award from his Masonic Chapter.

His travels included two trips to the Holy Land, missionary work in Honduras, and many shorter excursions to destinations in the U.S.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Reverend Henry E. Beseda and Julia Rose Chernosky Beseda, 3 brothers, Woodrow, Joseph Maitland, and Robert, and 5 sisters, Maravene Beseda, Orbin Vance, Julia Bradshaw, Effie Howell, and Florene Mrazek. Survivors include wife Carolyn Filipp Beseda, brother-in-law Jerome Mrazek, and 14 nieces and nephews. Accepting the award was his wife, Carolyn Filipp Beseda and Beseda relatives and friends.

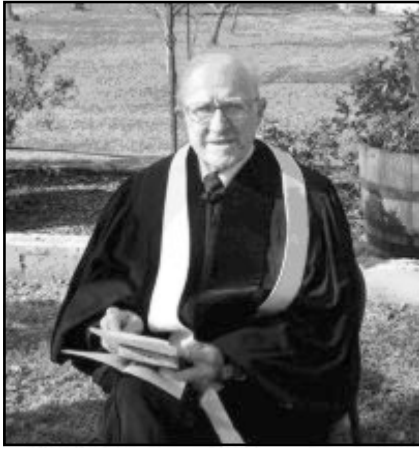
Others recipients honored were:

CHS Blaha-Hejl Memorial Award for a CHS Deceased Member to Mary Frances Spacek for contributions to Texas Czech culture and heritage.

Texas Czech Heritage Award to Evelyn (Tichavsky) Skopik for contributions to Texas Czech culture and heritage and to Joe D. Vrabel for Contributions to Texas Czech Culture and Heritage.



The Czech Heritage Society of Texas Annual Fall Membership Meeting



the CHS Executive Committee members attending (composed of state officers, appointed committees, Board of Trustees, and 15 chapter presidents) was for a deceased non-member for contributions to Czech culture and heritage: Reverend Henry Earnest Beseda, Jr.

Henry Earnest Beseda, Jr., was born in Port Lavaca, Texas, on February 17, 1920, the son of Reverend Henry E. Beseda, Sr., and Julia Rose Chernosky Beseda. He was married to Carolyn Filipp Beseda, a retired public school teacher. He passed away on September 16, 2013, in Houston, Texas.

His parents educated him through the Presbyterian Church and The Unity of the Brethren. His education included studies in Alice, Texas, and Holdenville, Oklahoma, culminating with a high school diploma from West High School in West, Texas, where he played halfback for 3 years and was active in the West Czech Club.

His advanced education included studies at the Schreiner Institute, associate degree, 1939; Texas Tech Uni-

The Czech Heritage Society of Texas held their Annual Fall Membership meeting on November 8, 2014, at the Cottonwood Hall in Cottonwood, Texas, near West, Texas. This meeting is held to elect officers and/or ratify trustees for the following year, as well as to present the CHS Annual Awards, honor the recently deceased CHS members, and honor the USA Military.

One of the recipients of the *CHS Annual Blaha-Hejl Memorial Award* voted on at the September meeting by

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“Thanks Vets” on a red ribbon with a white dove to each side. As attendees left the church they were given a red poppy to wear to honor those who served our country.

Afterward everyone went to Fellowship Hall, where a delicious brunch of many different foods was served. Marie Surovik, Linda Lawson, Roberta Schmidt, Shirley Maeckel, Joe & Sherry Coufal, and Kathy Voshalike set up and served everyone a bountiful meal. The hall had many displays, including one of an article featured in a 2009 *Bellville Times* edition of Theodore Wehring’s service, during which time he was a prisoner. All branches of the service were represented in this group of veterans and all times of service dating back to the Civil War and current active service. People enjoyed viewing all the biographies of these men and women who served our country.

Flags donated by the Shelby American Legion Post 602 were placed on all the veterans’ graves in the cemetery. US flags also were placed along

the walks to the church building and Fellowship Hall.

Ministers honored were Rev. Henry Beseda, Jr. (deceased), Rev. Laurence Junek, Rev. Nello Strickland, Rev. Milton Maly, Rev. Gordon Hejl, and Rev. Daniel Marek (deceased).

In addition, other veterans honored were: Robert Anderson, Adolph Assmann (deceased), Roy Dean Duve (deceased), Bennie Boelsche (deceased), Raymond Bayer, Leroy Keaton, J.B. Branam, Clarence Coufal (deceased), Thomas Coufal (deceased), Chris William Coufal, Daniel Coufal (deceased), Leonard Coufal (deceased), Jesse Coufal, Joe Coufal, Sr., Dr. James Hrachovy, Barnell Coufal, Daniel T. Schmidt (deceased), Calvin Coufal, Sidney Welsch, Benjamin Krenek (deceased), Jerry Kunetka (deceased), Alvin Henry Coufal, Gus Kautz, Jr., Alvin Chaloupka (deceased), Henry Lee Franke, Billie Sisa, Benjamin J. Coufal (deceased), Jan Oldrich Mares (deceased), Bert Dodd, Emil J. Fick, Jr. (deceased); Walter Rasch (deceased), Bob Martin, Larry Kainer, Bennie



Dockal (deceased), Rudolph Schmid (deceased), Sanford Schmid, Henry J. Schovajsa (deceased), Robert Jacobson (deceased), Charles Blinky (deceased), Harry Blinky (deceased), Louis Franta (deceased), Henry H. Syptak (deceased), William (Bill) Walden (deceased), Warrie Coleman (deceased), Leo Urban (deceased), Otto Leo Urban (deceased), Ladislav Hromadka (deceased), John Divin, Sr. (deceased), Henry Martinek (deceased), Mickey Fenn (deceased), John T. Henslee, Jr. (deceased), Anton Henneke (deceased), Gilbert Henneke (deceased), John Hlinsky (deceased), John Holan (deceased), Louis A. Weselka (deceased), Frank Jecmenek (deceased), John A. Jecmenek (deceased), Chas M. Juren (deceased), Joseph John Krennek (deceased), Gus Hruska (deceased), Jan Hruska (deceased), Leroy Hruska (deceased), John T. Rippel (deceased), Leslie Singer

(deceased), Bill Dove (deceased), Raymond Roesler (deceased), Edward Hoff (deceased), L. W. Wright (deceased), Lee Roy Cervenka (deceased), Gary Dorsett, Jerry Dove, Ann L. Heintschel, Milton Heintschel, Jerry Marshall, James R. Herbst, Laddie Ripple, Elroy Issleib, Claren Kotrla, Eddie Krause, Alfred Krause, Gary Gross, Willie Shupak (deceased), Charley H. Lesikar (deceased), Edward O. Maeckel (deceased), Ernst Edward Maeckel (deceased), Leland Edward Maeckel (deceased), Marvin William Maeckel (deceased), William Otto Maeckel (deceased), Gregory Maly, Jean Maly, Ben Polasek, Leland H. Miller, Emmett Roy Coufal (deceased), Milan Petrusek (deceased), C. M. McAlexander, Jerry Alexander, John Ripple, Jr. (deceased), William Vasicek, August Voelkel, Theodore Wehring (deceased), Fred J. Ross (deceased), Edwin A. Kuehn Jr., Dennis Rudloff,

Delvin Syptak, Oliver Rudloff, Asa Jackson, Raymond A. Kretzschmar (deceased), James Hejl, William Hajek (deceased), Sam Humphries (deceased), Bennie Poncik (deceased), Johnnie Poncik (deceased), Darwin Macat, James Schimara, James E. Havemann (deceased), Robert "Bob" Brightwell (deceased), Willis G. Dove, Godfrey Dove, Hugh G. Dove, John T. Owens, Dr. Tom Kennedy, Harry Taylor Marshall, Vernon "Sonny" Neal Billings, Louis A. Cannon (deceased), Ernest Coufal (deceased), Marvin Coufal (deceased), Ben Chovanec (deceased), Jerry Kubala, and Eugene Michalsky, Sr. James Hejl is a WWII veteran (our oldest veteran honored) and will be 101 on December 13. There are also two Civil War veterans; Bert Dodd who served at Iwo Jima; Leland Miller served on the Intrepid (most shot-at ship during WWII); Theodore Wehring (prisoner

of War, Death March to Bataan); and Ben Chovenec (prisoner of War), etc.

Each person serving in the military gave in a special way as it takes everyone from cooks, drivers, pilots, etc., to keep our nation secure and safe, and we honor all those who gave each in his/her special way.

It was estimated that there were 160 people attending this event. Honored living veterans who were not able to come to this event were mailed certificates stating they were honored for their military service, their remembrance flower ribbon, small US flag and a program of the event. Pictures were taken of the veterans receiving their lapel flower or the veteran representative lighting a candle for the deceased veteran. Also pictures were taken with Rep. Kolkhorst as she handed each person a small remembrance US flag. Each person featured will be sent a copy of their picture.

