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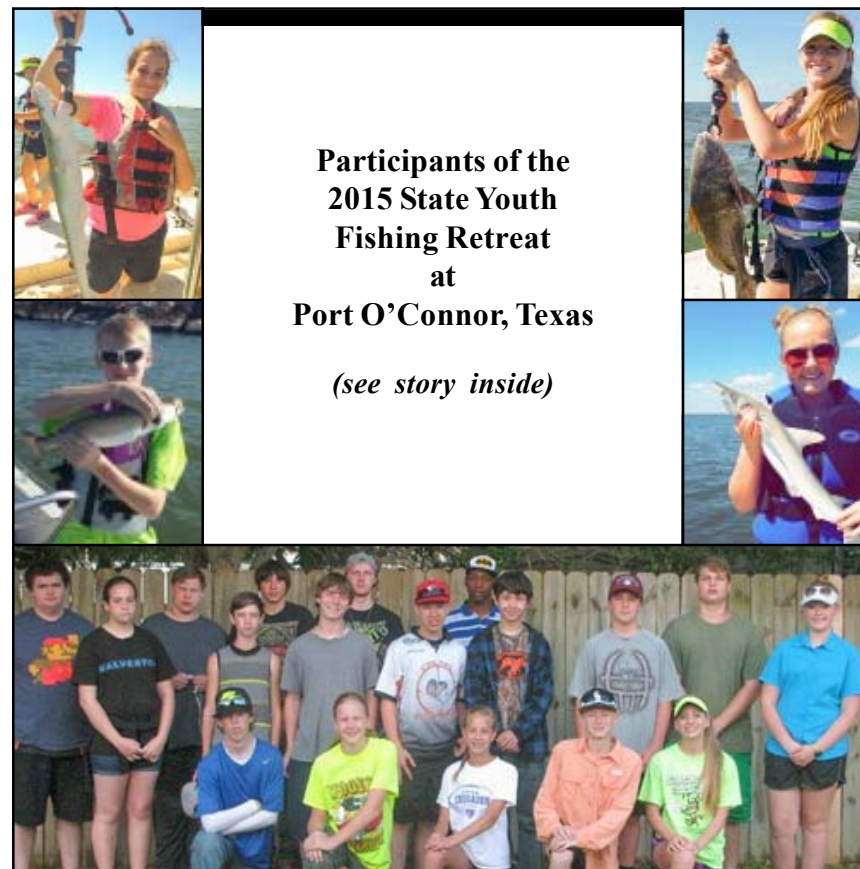
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President's Column . . . James Marek Played for a Fool or Blessed?

After a particularly stressful day at work, a couple of my coworkers and I decided to go out for dinner. As we finished eating and were exiting the restaurant, a well-dressed, middle-aged man approached us. He said he had been standing outside the restaurant trying to work up the courage to ask someone for some help. He went on to tell us that he was from Hubbard, Texas, and had been an unemployed machinist for several months. He had come to Austin for a job interview, and while here his truck had been broken into and the thieves had stolen some of his luggage and his wallet. His truck was almost out of diesel and he was trying to get back home. He asked if I could give him \$60 so that he could put enough diesel in his truck to get home. He said, "I promise, I am not a bum and if you help me, I will gladly send the money back to you once I get back home."



As I listened to him, I could not help but remember a very similar situation in North Carolina 2 years earlier. While stopped at a convenience store, our party was approached by a young man who was traveling with his wife and small children. He said that he noticed our Texas license plate and immediately felt relief. He said that they had driven from San Antonio to bring his wife's dad back to Fort Bragg. As they were leaving, he accidentally left his wallet and cell phone on the top of his car and they were both lost. He asked if we could help him by giving him money for gas so that he could drive back to San Antonio. He, too, promised that if we helped him he would personally drive the money back to us in Taylor when he got back to San Antonio.

In both cases I decided to help each of the stranded travelers, but I



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did not feel very good about it in either case. Although I decided to help these 2 men, I had not given to them cheerfully. I felt anxiety at the possibility I had been duped and these 2 men were nothing more than con men. I struggled with my decisions and even felt remorse as I became more convinced I had been tricked. Then I felt guilt for being almost angry at these 2 men for talking me out of my money. That night at the restaurant, one of my coworkers, who had witnessed the episode with the man, assured me that, although I would likely never see the money again, it was the right thing to do to help him. My co-worker even insisted that I accept money from her to help minimize what would most certainly be my financial loss.

The next morning as I was reading the Upper Room, the topic of the devotional was (yes, you guessed it) giving to those in need. The closing part of that day's devotional included these words: "The gift we had received was a reminder that we are not called to judge human hearts. We are simply called to emulate Jesus by responding with compassion to the human needs we encounter." The timing of this devotional seemed to be anything but coincidental. I felt God had responded to the angst I had felt with each person I had encountered. As I thought more about this, it

seemed clear to me that while my heart was not in the act of giving with either of the men, it was the right thing to do. If these 2 men were truly in need and I had the opportunity to help them, that was a blessing. If they were both con men (and it appears they were) it may be that they had provided a blessing for me. Here's what I mean. By responding to their plea for help because my faith demands it, and if I lost something of value in the process of extending compassion, I believe scripture suggests that acts such as these may result in the storing of treasures in heaven that will last for all eternity because of the small financial loss I may have suffered.

The decision to give when asked is always a tough one, and I, like most people, have failed to respond on numerous occasions for fear of being taken for a fool. These 2 situations, however, have helped assure me that giving to those in need is a chance to demonstrate the love we know in Christ to those less fortunate while quite possibly providing opportunities for us to lay up treasures in heaven that will be ours forever. I am grateful for my coworker who supported and encouraged me, and I am also thankful for the way (I believe) God spoke to me through the Upper Room just when I needed His correction the most.

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– Rev. Mark Sebek

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Sunday except the 5th Sunday.
Holy Communion on 1st Sunday.
Guest speaker on 4th Sunday.
– Rev. John Kueker

Cade Lake Community Chapel – A Home
Mission Project since 10-22-11 – 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
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Dime Box – worship at 9:00 AM every
Sunday.
– Rev. Jim Heckman

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

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 9:00 AM
every Sunday.
– Rev. Ron Winsman

Pasadena – Sunday School at 9:30 AM
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Midweek Study twice per month on
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– Visiting Ministers

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School for children at 9:00 AM; worship
at 10:30 AM.
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Bible Study.

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

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Worship at 10:45 AM.
– Pastor Tim Chaplin

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of the Unity of the Brethren – Worship at
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– Dr. Mark Labaj
5th Sunday – Visiting Ministers

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9:30 AM; worship at 10:45 AM every
Sunday.
– Rev. Thomas Tallas

Wesley – worship at 9:00 AM every
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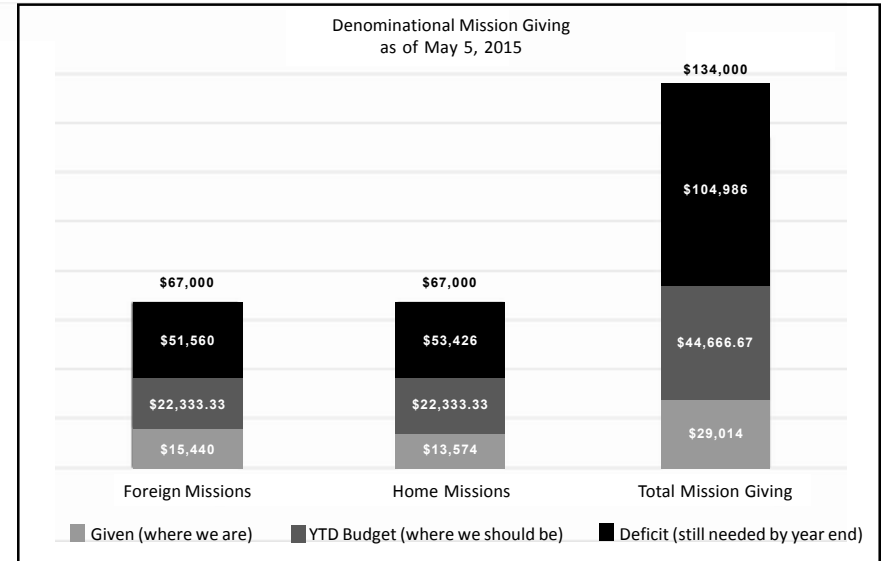
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Giving and Stewardship Corner

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 2:26

To the person who pleases Him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner He gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This, too, is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.

What makes the Dead Sea Dead?
It is always taking in, but never giving out.
D. L Moody: Evangelist; 1837-1899

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66th Biennial Convention of the Unity of the Brethren “Branches Bearing Fruit”

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

The Board of Elders of the Nelsonville & Wesley Churches most warmly invite you to the 66th Biennial Convention of the Unity of the Brethren to be held July 10-12, 2015. The 10th & 11th will be at Nelsonville and the 12th will be at Wesley. The churches are located on Nelsonville Church Road and Wesley Church Lane.

The convention will begin Friday, July 10, with registration at 9:00 A.M. Opening Worship with Holy Communion will begin at 10:00 AM. Convention business will be done at Nelsonville on the 10th and 11th and a Unity-wide Worship Service will be held at Wesley on the 12th. This Convention will center on “Celebration” commemorating the 600th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Jan Hus and the 150th Anniversary of the Wesley Brethren Church.

This year’s Convention theme is “Branches Bearing Fruit” with scrip-

ture from John 15:5:

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.”

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Daily Morsels for June 2015

- by Dorothy Kocian

1. We give thanks to You, O God; men tell of Your wonderful deeds. Ps. 75:1
2. Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them. Ps. 76:11
3. What god is as great as our God? Ps. 77:13
4. You are the God who performs miracles; you display Your power among the peoples. Ps. 77:14
5. We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord. Ps. 78:4
6. Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of Your name; deliver us and forgive our sins. Ps. 79:9
7. **O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you. Ps. 84:12**
8. The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” Ps. 14:1
9. “You are my Lord; apart from You I have no good thing.” Ps. 16:2
10. I call on you, O God, for You will answer me; give ear to me and answer my prayer. Ps. 17:6
11. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer. Ps. 18:2
12. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved. Ps. 18:3
13. To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. 1 Sam. 15:22
14. **It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. Ps. 18:32**
15. Seek the Lord and live. Amos 5:4
16. Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. Prov. 16:18
17. Do not take advantage of each other, but overcome evil with good. Rom. 12:21
18. Do not take advantage of each other, but fear your God. Leviticus 25:17
19. Repent then and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out. Acts 3:19
20. Unless you repent you will all perish. Lk. 13:5
21. **Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up. James 4:10**
22. Set an example in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity. 1 Tim. 4:12
23. Keep me from willful sins, that they may not rule over me. Ps. 19:13
24. Be careful to do what the Lord your God has commanded you. Deut. 5:32
25. Great is our Lord and mighty in power. Ps. 147:5
26. Fear God and give Him glory. Rev. 14:7a
27. Blessed is he who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in His commands. Ps. 112:1
28. **We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. Eph. 2:10**
29. O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in You. Ps. 84:12
30. The fear of the Lord teaches a man wisdom, and humility comes before honor. Prov. 15:33

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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERS RECEIVED

ANN BOSTICK and son JAMES joined Seaton Brethren Church on March 29, 2015, by letter of transfer from Taylor's Valley Baptist Church. Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska.

RECENT DEATHS

RAABE, TAMMY, age 50 and a member of Seaton Brethren Church, died March 10, 2015. She was born on December 26, 1964. Services were held on March 14, 2015, at Seaton Brethren Church. Burial was in the Seaton Cemetery. Survivors include her husband Jeb Raabe, son Jake Raabe, daughter Jenna Raabe, and a brother, David Furnace. Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska.

ADAMEK, LEVIE, age 96 and a member of Seaton Brethren Church, died April 4, 2015. She was born on October 4, 1918. Graveside services were held on April 8, 2014, at Lawnhaven Cemetery in San Angelo, Texas. Survivors include sisters, Elsie Cabla and Dorothy Tomasek, and several nieces and nephews. Minister: Rev. Tommy Tallas.

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And so fulfill the Law of
Christ."* (Gal. 6:2)

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The meals which will be provided
are:

At Nelsonville Brethren Church
Friday, July 10, and Saturday, July 11:
8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast – Com-
plimentary; Lunch 12:00 p.m. – \$10.00;
Supper 6:00 p.m. – \$10.00.

At Wesley Brethren Church Sun-
day, July 12: 8:00 a.m. Continental
Breakfast – Complimentary; Lunch
12:00 p.m. – \$10.00.

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

From the Nelsonville & Wesley
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Summary of the Minutes from the Spring Synodical Committee Meeting March 28, 2015

To view the minutes from the March 28, 2015, Synodical Committee meeting in their entirety, please go to the Unity Website, click calendar – see March 28, 2015. The attachments that are mentioned in the following report are also on the website.

President James Marek called the meeting to order. Everyone joined together in the singing of “To God Be the Glory” accompanied by Liz Ripple on the piano.

There were 56 people in attendance (see attached Roll Call).

1. Opening Devotional – Rev. Nello Strickland – “Wake Me.” He read from Ecc. 3:6-7. Bro. Nello encouraged everyone to keep going with their spiritual journey. He ended the devotional by singing “In His Time.”

2. Bro. Larry Zabcik led everyone in the Unity prayer.

3. A motion was approved to have the convention on July 10-12. The convention will be held at Nelsonville on Friday & Saturday and at Wesley

on Sunday. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. on Friday. The Executive Committee recommended to set the delegate fee at \$250 which was approved.

4. Convention planning – This convention will be about praise, worship and celebration. Plans are being made to memorialize the 600th anniversary of the martyrdom of Jan Hus and celebrate the 150th birthday anniversary of Wesley Brethren Church. All congregations were asked to allow their pastor to be able to participate in this joint worship service. It is the desire of the committee that all Brethren will come and participate in this service.

General business will be conducted on Friday & Saturday; a Unity-wide worship service will be held on Sunday at Wesley at 10 a.m. Rev. Dr. David Schattschneider, former dean of Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, will be the main speaker. He is one of the pre-eminent scholars of Moravian history, particularly on Jan Hus and

REMINDER FROM THE UNITY SECRETARY: All of the convention information has been sent to ministers, synodical representatives, organizational members, committee chairpersons, and other Unity contacts. *Ministers and Representatives* – please communicate so the person in charge of filling out the credentials form gets the form. The deadline to send back delegate credential forms w/\$250 fee per delegate and for all reports is **June 1, 2015**. Please return the credential forms with fees and all reports to the Secretary. Copies of the Convention Invitation, Secretary’s letter and Credential forms are on the Unity Website (see Calendar/Forms). Hotel information is listed in the invitation (also in this issue). Contact for further information: Liz Ripple, Secretary, Unity of the Brethren, email: lizripple@hotmail.com, or 979-378-2239.

If you have not sent in your Brethren Fund Assessments for 2014 or 2013, please do that soon. Assessments should be sent directly to Dan Merz, Financial Secretary (dan.merz@williams.com).

July 12-17, 2015 – Challenger Camp: (age 16- HS Seniors)

July 17-19 – Summer Retreat, Convention, & Volleyball at the Hus Encampment. For additional information in this issue.

SAVE THE DATE...

November 7, 2015 – Seaton Brethren Church Christian Sisters Annual Bake Sale & Quilt Show.

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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Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

June 6, 2015 – Camp Fee Fundraiser Meal at Cade Lake Community Chapel, 1005 Elm Dr. in Cade Lake (Caldwell) from 4-7 p.m. A “to go” meal of sausage, potato salad, and beans will be served. Free-will donations accepted to cover the cost of sending 11 kids to camp this year with the goal of \$3300.00. For further information contact Bro. Jim Heckman at 200-0513.

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

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

June 15-19, 2015 – The Seaton Brethren Church Vacation Bible School. A meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. each evening with VBS beginning at 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. for children ages 3 years through 5th grade. More information can be found on the Seaton Brethren Church Facebook page or by email at seatonbrethrenchurch@gmail.com.

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

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

June 28 - Fayetteville Brethren Church 17th Annual Celebration at the Ellinger Chamber of Commerce hall. Worship is at 10:45 at the church. Starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Ellinger C of C hall: Meal of turkey, ham and dressing – eat there or plates to go, bake sale, country store, musical entertainment by Kovanda’s Czech Band, and at 1:00 P.M. a 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 9, 2015 – Rev. Henry E. Beseda Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament for Missions at Fifth Bridge Ranch Golf Club, Monaville, TX: Registration 8 a.m. with tee-off at 9 a.m. Cost is \$80 per golfer, \$15 for non-golfers. Fees cover catered BBQ meal. For registration and additional information, please see flyer in this issue.

July 10-12, 2015 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday) – 66th Biennial Convention of the Unity of the Brethren: The 10th & 11th will be at Nelsonville and a Unity-wide Worship service will be held at Wesley on the 12th. 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. (See the official invitation with additional important information in this issue).

Moravian missions. Bro. Mike Groseclose announced that the convention invitation letter would be going out this week with hotel information. The secretary will be sending this out in the convention packets to all Unity contacts (also included – credentials forms & secretary’s letter). Please make sure the person in charge of this gets this information. James reported that it is planned for the churches to be able to give a short report of their program & ministries. If you are interested in this, contact James. We will again be using electronic voting devices offered by Dawn Marie Baletka.

Bro. Mike announced that information on the Rev. Henry E. Beseda, Jr., Memorial Golf Tournament for Missions will be sent out soon. The tournament will be held on Thursday, July 9, at the Faith Bridge Ranch Golf Club at Monaville, TX (Agenda 4-c). Registration will begin at 8 a.m.

5. Nominating Committee Update – This is listed in the President’s report (Agenda 19-a). Serving on the committee are Dorothy Hinson (Houston) – chair, Marvin Chlapek (Dime Box), Ruth Ann Wuensche (Taylor), & Bro. Joseph Polasek.

6. Consideration of License renewal for Tim Chaplin – According to the by-laws, each year served removes \$4000 from his loan. Tim gave an update on his education. Bro. Jimmy Hejl is serving as his mentor. A motion was approved to renew the 1-year license of Tim Chaplin to Temple Brethren Church. Bro. Tommy asked for a review of what the by-laws say about a license renewal. Discussion. The by-laws state the fall meeting, but since we approved his license at the 2014 spring meeting, one year has passed and we would be going slightly against the by-laws.

7. Consideration of License issuance for Ben Kruse – Community Christian Church of Rosenberg – Ben has been a ministerial student since March 2010, going through HIS. He has been filling in at Rosenberg on a regular basis since January 2015. Ben gave a report on his progress. He has tried to finish his education in 5 years as stated by the by-laws. He has been to 12 Brethren churches doing pulpit supply. He does have a final project to finish. Discussion.

Ben can get a license, but not ordained because he does not have



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college education. The best action seems to be for us to go through this process and get the formal requests from Rosenberg and from Ben and to consider Ben for a license in the fall. Discussion. From a by-laws standpoint, things have not been fulfilled. A motion was approved to extend Ben's ministerial student status for 1 year (*following Article III, E, 9-B*: Under unusual circumstances, this track of study may be extended if satisfactory progress is being made. Failure to complete the study within 5 years without an extension of the Synodical Committee revokes the ministerial student status). James thanked Ben Kruse for his service and reassured him that we are pleased with his progress and give him an extreme vote of confidence.

8. Dorothy Kocian has served as the West representative for 43 years and is stepping down. Darrell Kolinek (Austin) also wants to step down. A motion was approved to have Roy Janek serve as the West rep. and Eric Haynes as the Austin rep.

9. Rev Tommy Tallas gave a report on the Minister's Retirement Program. The committee members are Leonard Mikeska, Dan Merz, Tami

Laza and Adelle Moorehead, and Bro. Mike is the Synodical liaison. This program was created many years ago, and due to all the government regulations, pastors that have come into the Unity after 1999 are not eligible to participate. A need to modify the current Minister's Benefits Program has been identified and an effort is underway to restructure the program so that all Unity pastors are eligible to participate. Bro. Tommy has consulted with an investment advisor, Jessica Forrest with Alpha Capital Management (an independent professional investment advisory firm in Austin), and is exploring the options. The current program is designed for full-time pastors according to the by-laws, and has also been limited in the past only to ordained pastors, even though this is not in the by-laws. These items can be reviewed. The committee will be meeting before the convention. Comments are welcome.

10. Executive Assistant Position (**Potential Convention Committee in addition to a Motions and Finance*) – This would be a potential position for someone who would serve as a non-voting member on the executive committee. This person would

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OBJECT LESSON: Transforming Lives

Materials:

- old, dirty coins (one per child)
 - jar with a lid
 - 1 heaping tablespoon salt
 - 1/2 cup vinegar (mix with salt in jar)
 - container with water
1. Give everyone a dirty coin. Talk about how our lives are like that coin – dirty with sin.
 2. We can ask Jesus to forgive us of our sins and help us to be more like Him. He can take away the dirt. He can change our lives.
 3. Have children put the coins in the container with vinegar and salt.
 4. Close the lid and shake. Immediately, you can see the coins begin to become clean. Shake gently to continue the cleaning process.
 5. Rinse off the clean coins with water.
 6. Give each child a coin to take home to remind them that Jesus forgives us of our sins and helps us to change our lives when we ask.

A Lost Boy

BACKGROUND: The parable of the prodigal son is a powerful story of our Father's love.

READ AND TELL: Luke 15:11-31

DO:

Retell the story using the following objects:

- Money: "give me my share of the estate."
- Pig: "sent him to his fields to feed the pigs."
- Food Scraps: "He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating."
- Binoculars: "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him."
- Sandals: "and the sandals on his feet."
- Ring: "Put a ring on his finger."
- Balloon: "Let's have a feast and celebrate."
- Cow: "Bring the fattened calf."

Play Hide and Seek with a stuffed pig. When he is found say, "He was lost and now he is found!"

BIBLE TRUTHS:

- God loves us, no matter how bad we have been.
- God always welcomes us home.
- A parable is a story that tells us something about God.

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stay on as executive boards change and the responsibility would include making sure that unfinished projects assigned by the Synodical Committee or convention would be completed. We would need to create a job description for a part-time paid position in the \$15,000 range. Dewyan explained further what this position could be. This topic is for further discussion and will be discussed at Convention.

11. Report on the Minister's Retreat – Report given by Dr. Larry Koslovsky. Two retreats were held, one in Oct 2014 and another in March 2015 at Camp Allen in Navasota. Each time 8-10 pastors were able to attend. The pastors got together to worship, study, and encourage each other. Bro. Larry thanked the executive committee for the financial support which authorized \$2,500 in October and \$2,000 for March. He hopes they can continue to do this 2 times a year.

12. Missions update (**Potential Convention Committee in addition to a Motions and Finance*) – James reported that in 2014 we collected over \$146,000 for missions. Each mission (foreign & home) had a budget of \$67,000. We are still about 15%

short in Home Missions (Agenda 19-a, President's report).

James reported that the excess in the Foreign Mission account will stay there because that is where they were designated to go. He expressed that these budgets are not competing against each other. We have tried to keep the figures current and relayed the information to the churches.

The amount to be transferred to the home missions will be \$21,290.31 to fulfill the budget agreement from October 2013. James explained how this figure was derived.

Bro. Jim Heckman gave an update on Cade Lake and asked everyone to keep them in your prayers. The biggest need he has is for someone to work with the youth every week. He is also looking at expanding the sanctuary or building a new one and turning the existing one into classrooms.

Kent Laza (Foreign Missions Board Chair) reported on the Thiessen's. The Thiessen's are now in Canada and have asked for help to get a computer and some software so Anne can continue her work as a teacher and send lessons to Mexico. A motion was approved (not to exceed) \$750 for



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the items and \$60 a month for a good cell phone plan.

The Woo's are back in North Carolina and will not be working as missionaries for a while. They are concerned about their salaries. Phil & Eunice Raiford would like to attend the convention. Churches are asked to contact Kent if they would like a visit from them. Kent reported on the spring meeting of the Board of World Missions in Salem, NC. He was impressed by their work and hope we can join them financially. A motion was approved to continue to support the budgeted amount for the Woo's and Thiessen's for 2015.

13. Potential By-Law Changes (*Potential Convention Committee in addition to a Motions and Finance) – Liz reported on some recommended by-law changes (see Agenda 13). James said another potential change to the by-laws would be to have the responsibility of website updates and changes to come through the secretary.

14. Pastoral Changes – Rev Vanessa Mitchell reported that she is back at Caldwell Brethren as their pastor. She resigned last summer, and Caldwell has called her back.

Bro. Larry Koslovsky is serving Pasadena along with Crosby. Bro. Larry reported that there is some strength in being where we are at the present time, even though we are small.

15. Website Update – James reported on the progress of the website. We are still doing some finalizing on the site. Ben Polasek is still helping us with the new site. Kelly Zrubek is the new webmaster. She is serving voluntarily. We will need something that can be maintained easily.

16. Provisional Status of Rev. James Henry and Good News Fellowship at Palm Beach – Bro. Larry Koslovsky reported on the status of Rev. Henry and Good News Fellowship. A motion was approved to put Rev. James Henry on the retired pastors list, and release ourselves from the provisional status of the Good News Fellowship.

17. A motion was approved to add to the questionnaire a line asking each church to list a Zealous Agent for the *Brethren Journal*. Cathleen reported that there is a need to receive the vital statistics from each congregation.

18. Remembering – Alma

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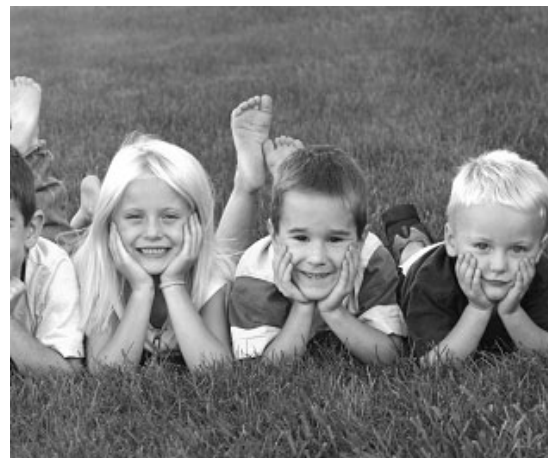
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*He was lost
and is found.*

Luke 15:32b

Sunday School
Helper



This month we continue to explore Children of the Bible. This month we look at a child who did not follow the wishes of his parents. All children disobey. This story shows us that we have a Father in Heaven who will always be there and always love us, no matter what we do.



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

Thursday, July 9th
Faith Bridge Ranch Golf Club, Monaville, TX

Four Man Scramble

Registration: 8am Tee-Off: 9am Cost: \$80.00 per golfer
 This includes 18 holes of golf, riding cart, catered BBQ meal, drinks, and a chance to win various prizes

To register: Fill out registration form and mail to address listed on registration form or call 979-865-3026 or email umhbpg@yahoo.com

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

Thank you!
Everyone come and enjoy the day!
 Non golfers can enjoy dominoes, games, and fellowship in the club house
 Cost: \$15.00 includes catered BBQ meal

Frantiska Urban – James read Miss Urban's obituary (Agenda 18). Miss Urban, a lifelong member of Fayetteville Brethren, was the oldest living member in the Unity. She passed away March 19 at the age of 101 years, 10 months and 20 days. James Hejl, who turned 101 in December, now has this honor. Rosalie Leshikar (Nelsonville) will be 101 in October. She is the granddaughter of Josef Leshikar, who was one of the first Brethren to come here from the old country. Miss Sylvia Vavra (Houston Brethren) is 99.

19. REPORTS: Presidents report – includes nominating committee slate of candidates (see Agenda 19-a); First Vice-President's report (Agenda 19-b); Treasurer's report by Dewyan Weise – (Agenda 19-c). Funds are based on a quarterly basis; Financial Secretary report (Agenda 19-d) – Dan Merz. He has some work to do with reconciling, will have this done by convention; Brethren Journal treasurer's report (Agenda 19-e); Jennifer Chervenka (Youth Coordinator) reported that she is available to visit at churches. She also reported on camp programming and the need for camp counselors and directors.

(Agenda 19 -f); Cade Lake Community Chapel (Agenda 19-g).

Bro. Lawrence reported on a prison ministry called Kairos. He asked for prayers for an event on April 16-19.

Diane Heckman reported that it is not profitable to have a bookstore since the availability of the internet. She still has some stock.

Bro. Tommy wanted to go on record thanking James and the executive officers for the great leadership the last 4 years and 2 years.

Leonard Mikeska reported on activities at Seaton Brethren. He said the sense of family is important in each of our churches. Bro. Jim Heckman ended the meeting with a prayer. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 a.m.

** - Potential Convention Committee in addition to a Motions and Finance*

Respectfully submitted,
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Still, We Are Here

- by Jim Pokorny

Over the course of the last four issues I have shared with you a rather detailed account of the first century of our history following the death of Jan Hus. Through them I have tried to share with you both my fondness of history and, more importantly, my particular fascination with our history. This is much more than a history that we share. It is a continuing story in which we are simply the latest chapter.

I will admit that the articles were somewhat lengthy, but I felt it was important to relate that first century in as detailed a manner as possible. If nothing else, I have convinced more than a few people in Taylor that I can be almost as longwinded on paper as I am in person.

In fairness, you must admit that God has blessed us with a remarkable heritage. As proof I only have to

point out that in July we will remember the life of Jan Hus, who was martyred July 6, 1415. Although we celebrate the life of Jan Hus every year, this year has the added significance of marking the 600th anniversary of his martyrdom.

Reflect upon this for a moment. Six centuries have come and gone in the affairs of men. Many generations have come and gone. As I studied page after page of our history, one thought kept resurfacing in my mind. There were so many times the church that we know and love today could have failed to materialize. Still, we are here.

So many events have occurred that could have forever closed the door upon us. Yet at each critical juncture, God was there for us and either held the door open or opened a new door. Ours has not been an easy journey, but then, the things in life we



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Welcome

Youth Fishing Retreat at Port O'Connor

Twenty teenagers, nine chaperones, and nine guides made a great group for fishing at Port O'Connor on the annual fishing retreat the weekend of May 1-3, 2015. This was a year of sunshine and calm, glassy waters that made for great fishing.

We did experience boat troubles, as several were towed, one sank overnight, and one had no reverse after the first trip out. However, God provided, and everyone had the opportunity to reel in some fish. Some even reeled in some whoppers.

A special thank you to HEB Distribution for donating many of our meal items and to Clark's Bait for the large donation of bait. I would also like to express appreciation to each of the guides who volunteered their boats, fishing tackle, and time to make this retreat possible. Thank you so much for sharing your godly gifts with each of the young people this weekend.

Next year's fishing retreat will be April 29-May 1. Mark your calendars!



consider worthwhile rarely are.

Hus said, "Truth conquers all." Hus tirelessly pursued the truth. He rigorously studied what he believed to be true. He constantly taught what he believed to be true. He preached with zeal what he believed to be true. He resolutely stood on what he believed to be true. He was also mercilessly persecuted for his pursuit of the truth.

Hus was promised safe passage to Constance, a fair hearing and a safe return. Of these, only the first promise was kept. He was imprisoned next to a sewer prior to his hearing and became ill almost to the point of death as a result. Time and again Hus was asked to recant his teachings. He would not. Hus challenged his accusers to show him in scripture where he was in error. No attempt to do so was ever made.

As part of a foregone conclusion, Hus was found guilty. He was forced to endure a ceremony of degradation. In that ceremony he was stripped of his vestments and a pronouncement was made by the council that the name of Jan Hus be forgotten by history. As Hus was led to his execution, his books were publicly burned. Hus, like his books, was burned at the stake. History reminds us that he faced death singing. Six centuries have passed and we still celebrate the life of the man the council wanted forgotten. Still, we are here.

After his death Hus was viewed in many different ways. Some saw Hus as Catholic. Others viewed him as Protestant. Some saw him as a patriot. Others viewed him as a champion of church reform. Some saw him as a great moral teacher. Others viewed

him as an enemy of the Papacy. There was no unified vision of who Hus was or what he actually stood for. Still, we are here.

The movement that gained momentum under Hus then fractured into a varied collection of sects and parties each with its own vision. Corruption ran rampant through both the established church and the state. The chaos of war was thrown into the mix. Still, we are here.

Chelcicky wrote of the need to renounce the world and return to the original church and the teachings of Jesus and the disciples. He was a man of peace and integrity who considered the war an abomination to both sides. He took exception to the compromise reached between the Catholics and the Utraquists. Although a spiritual leader, he would not unify his followers into a church. Still, we are here.

Gregory led a band of followers to Kunwald. Viewing the established church as lacking in discipline, they chose to forever break with Rome. Persecution was their reality. They established a new priesthood, or Unity, and the severity of their persecution increased. Still, we are here.

Upon Gregory's death, the Unity became divided. Division arose as to how it should respond to secular authority. The sense of division grew as it struggled in its understanding of salvation. Two distinct camps formed within the Unity. Eventually a schism took place that forever divided the Unity. Still, we are here.

All of these things occurred within our first century. There was still much more to come. In the centuries that



followed events seemingly conspired time and again to forever halt what began with Jan Hus.

The Unity was misunderstood. It was persecuted. It was asked to take sides in a civil war. Its leaders were imprisoned. Its members were tortured and executed. It was given an ultimatum to convert or leave. If its followers were to leave, then where were they to go? Who would take them in? Even when such places were found, their new hosts often insisted that they abandon their ways and adopt those of the land. This is only a partial list of the many trials faced. Still, we are here.

One is forced to consider the fact that any one of these events could have put an end to us. The fact that we have survived them all is both amazing and a clear indication that God's hand has been on us all along. In a much earlier article I shared with you a passage of scripture from Revelation concerning the church in Philadelphia. Throughout my study of our history I was continually reminded how well it applies to us. As such, it bears repeating.

Revelation 3:8 (NET) – *"I know your deeds. (Look! I have put in front of you an open door that no one can shut.) I know you have little strength, but you have obeyed My word and*

have not denied My name."

One of the books I read was J. E. Hutton's *A History of the Moravian Church*. Hutton's ability to present history in the form of a narrative really brought our story to life. As I read each page in his book I came closer to one inescapable conclusion. We are still here, and therefore we exist for His purpose rather than our own. Before closing, I feel obligated to share Hutton's final paragraph from that book. These words were written a century ago, but in them I found a wonderful affirmation that validated my conclusion.

"As the Moravians, therefore, review the wonderful past, they see the guiding hand of God at every stage of the story. They believe that their Church was born of God in Bohemia, that God restored her to the light of day when only the stars were shining, that God has opened the door in the past to many a field of labour, and that God has preserved her to the present day for some great purpose of His own. Among her ranks are men of many races and many shades of opinion; and yet, from Tibet to San Francisco, they are still one united body. As long as Christendom is still divided, they stand for the great essentials as the bond of union. As long as lepers in Palestine cry "unclean" they

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JOIN US!

Seaton Brethren Church Vacation Bible School

The Seaton Brethren Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School from June 15-19, 2015. This year's theme is Everest, where kids learn how to conquer challenges with God's mighty power. A meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. each evening with VBS beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. for children ages 3 years through 5th grade.

More information can be found on our Seaton Brethren Church Facebook page, or by email at seatonbrethrenchurch@gmail.com.

Caldwell Brethren Church Family Night

The first and third Wednesday of each month the Caldwell Brethren Church Family holds "Family Nights!" We meet from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in our fellowship hall, sharing a potluck meal and playing games such as "42" and "Chickenfoot," among others. There are activities for the children, as well! Our motto on Family Nights is "Come as you are and come hungry!" The fellowship is sweet!

Hope to see you some Wednesday evening!

Website: lifeatcbc.org
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Summer Youth Retreat July 18-19, 2015

The Summer Youth Retreat, Volleyball Tournament, and Convention are right around the corner! All reports, volleyball information, and registration forms are due by June 30. (All forms are available at www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com.)

Check-in will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 18. The convention will begin at 9 a.m. All participants are asked to be in the classroom building by 10 a.m. so that we can have a registration check and activities can begin. A trophy presentation will be held on the courts as soon as the tournament concludes. There will be no evening worship. Sunday morning a continental breakfast will be provided and there will be no organized activities. Dismissal Sunday will occur as soon as the camp is cleaned.

Please note that **the beds in the dorms and camp cabins are reserved for the YOUTH and 1-2 sponsors per church group**. All other adults will be "lodged" as space is available on a first-come; first-served basis. Our numbers have increased greatly for the summer retreat, and most adults will need to secure their own accommodations.

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Chervenka: 254-913-1244; jennchervenka@farm-market.net.

Read the Lord's words again:

"Come to Me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

Jesus is calling. Jesus is calling each one of us to walk in His rest through all the burdens we face.

The reality is that we never face our burdens alone if we walk as Jesus has walked, learning from Him, and experiencing the levity that this way of life brings to any and every burden without exception.

Will you open your eyes to the reality that you are not on a deserted island? Will you cease from worrying about that tax refund or other financial struggles?

Will you let Jesus heal you in His way and in His time?

May the rest that the Lord Jesus alone can give fill you beyond all measure!

In Jesus' Rest, Sister Vanessa Mitchell

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still have their mission in the land where the Master taught. As long as Bohemia sighs for their Gospel, and the heathen know not the Son of Man, they feel that they must obey the Missionary mandate; and, convinced that in following these ideals they are not disobedient to the heavenly vision, they emblazon still upon their banner the motto encircling their old episcopal seal:

'Vicit Agnus noster: Eum sequamur.' (Our Lamb has conquered: Let us follow Him.)

Our convention is now but a month away. One of the things planned is an outdoor worship service with members from many communities in attendance. It was my privilege to be in Nelsonville when the planning committee met. As plans for this outdoor worship service were discussed, I

fondly recalled the fact that Jan Hus preached outdoors to large crowds from all walks of life. He did this during the Interdiction and as he travelled the 200 miles by wagon to Constance.

I can think of no finer way to celebrate the life of the man to whom we owe so very much.

Hypothetically speaking, I wondered what I might say to Jan Hus today if I had the opportunity.

I suppose the words I would choose would be: "Thank you, Master Hus. As you can see, still, we are here."

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Caldwell Brethren Hosts Salad Supper



Jayla Fry, Executive Assistant with the Master Gardener Program at Texas A&M University, speaks to the Christian Sisters.

Mrs. Jayla Fry, Extension Assistant to the Master Gardener Program at Texas A & M University, served as the speaker at the Caldwell Brethren Church's April 2015 Salad Supper. Mrs. Fry explained how to cultivate a variety of roses in our climate and related their cultivation to Biblical references. The message was wonderfully received by a "full house" in the church fellowship hall.

The Presence of the Holy Spirit was tangible as evidenced in the diversity of churches represented among the ladies who attended. The Caldwell Brethren Church Family is grateful for all those who came and shared the many wonderful salads and desserts. Most of all, we are humbled at how the Lord Jesus made it such a special evening.

In Jesus' Joy, Sister Vanessa Mitchell



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Rest

- by Rev. Vanessa L. Mitchell

How often have you found yourself in a place in life where rest seems as distant as signs of civilization on a deserted island? Or as distant as that tax refund that still hasn't come in the mail? Or perhaps as far off as the healing you are so eager to have from an illness or an injury?

The Lord Jesus promises regardless of our circumstances that He intends for us to have rest. The caveat is that we learn to take on the Lord Jesus' "yoke."

Matthew 11:28-30 delivers this promise to us:

"Come to Me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

Are you weary?

Are you carrying some burden that is much too heavy for you?

Is it possible that you are carrying multiple burdens that were not intended for you to handle alone?

Read the Lord's words again:

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Do you trust Jesus will give you rest?

Are you willing to learn from Him?

Have you witnessed His gentle touch in your life circumstances before?

Do you know just how gentle and humble Jesus' heart is toward you?



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