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Fall Synodical Committee Meeting Minutes

The Fall Synodical Committee Meeting was held Saturday, October 22, 2016, at the Hus Encampment, with 52 in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Kent Laza and opened with prayer. Secretary and Financial Secretary Reports were approved. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$233,695.68.

Chairmen of the Hus Encampment Board of Trustees, Mark Olsen, provided an update on the work of the Planning and Building Committee. It was approved to move forward with the upgrades to the septic system.

The Administrative Position for the Unity will now be advertised. There is also a need for a Kitchen Manager for the Hus Encampment next summer.

Roger Runnels of Cy-Fair reported that the Cy-Fair Community Church has decided to disband. Kent Laza will be meeting with the congregation to discuss the next steps.

There was a discussion of the problems and opportunities before the Unity of the Brethren. Various ideas were shared. President Kent Laza asked each representative to talk to their congregation about these issues. Discussion will continue at the Spring Synodical Committee Meeting.

Ben Kruse was licensed for the Rosenberg Community Church and Tim Chaplin was licensed for the Temple Brethren Church.

Rev. Tommy Tallas provided a report on the Minister's Benefits Committee Meeting. He brought forth two motions, both approved, clarifying the definition of a part-time pastor (necessary for the IRS).

Ryan Volkman presented on potential new mission work in the Czech Republic.

Jennifer Chervenka provided a report on the youth program.





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Updates were provided on each of the Unity-supported missionaries. A budget of \$73,000 was approved for the Foreign Missions Budget for 2017.

Home Missions provided a report. A loan of \$10,000 (0% interest with no established repayment schedule) was approved to Cade Lake Missions to repair the roof. If churches want to contribute to paying off this loan, they need to specify that in the donation. A budget of \$48,000 was approved for 2017.

There was discussion regarding a request from a Moravian Church in Sarasota, Florida. No decision was made.

The 2017 Convention will be held July 6-8, 2017 at the Temple Brethren Church. President Kent Laza reminded churches about the election of local delegates. He urged churches to send young adults/youth as delegates or visitors.

Pastor Tim Chaplin closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Hairrell
Secretary, Unity of the Brethren

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

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Worship at 11:00 AM.
– Rev. Linda Chandler

Bryan-College Station – worship at
9:00 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Mark Sebek

Buckholts – worship at 9:00 AM every
Sunday except the 5th Sunday.
Holy Communion on 1st Sunday.
Guest speaker on 4th Sunday.
– Rev. John Kueker

Cade Lake Community Chapel – 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 – Come as you are! **Sundays** –
explore the Bible @ 9:30 AM (all ages);
KIDS CHOIR practices @ 10:15 AM; &
worship @ 10:30 AM! **Every 1st & 3rd
Wednesday**, join the fun @ Family Game
Night, 6-7:30 PM! Check out lifeatcbc.org
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more! Friend us on Facebook!
– Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

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 9:30 AM,
worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
– Visiting Ministers

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.
– Visiting Ministers

Nelsonville – Sunday School at 9:00 AM
Worship at 10:15 AM
– Rev. Michael Groseclose

New Tabor – Sunday School at 9:00 AM &
Worship at 10:00 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.
– Position Open

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.
– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

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.
– Pastor Ben Kruse

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 and 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 – A non-official member
congregation of the Unity of the
Brethren – Worship at 10:00 AM every
Sunday.
– Dr. Mark Labaj
5th Sunday – Visiting Ministers

Wall – Sunday School (for all ages) at
9:30 AM; worship at 10:45 AM every
Sunday.
– Rev. Thomas Tallas

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

West – Sunday School at 9:00 AM and
worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Curtis Holland

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

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Our Mind's Attention and Our Heart's Affection

-by Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

It's that time of year... Rush! Rush!
Buy! Buy! Decorate! Travel!

Jesus, however, is standing right next to you.

Jesus is sitting with you.

Jesus is waiting day in and day out to spend time with you.

The battle will always rage on for “your mind’s attention and your heart’s affection.”

Jesus, however, is standing right next to you.

Jesus is sitting with you.

Jesus is waiting day in and day out to spend time with you.

In the *Book of Jeremiah*, in the *Holy Bible*, we witness a battle between the prophet Jeremiah and the prophet Hananiah in chapter 28. In Old Testament times, prophets had to be 100% truthful or they would fall dead right where they stood. Prophets were God’s representatives who spoke His words to the world at a time when Jesus had not yet come to the earth visibly to live, suffer, die and

rise, and then give us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Today, we have the Holy Spirit – God living within us – if we have embraced Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of our lives. **Our battle is to sit and wait on the voice of the Holy Spirit and move according to the Spirit’s direction – never our own, because we are not divine, but human, and in need of God’s love, omniscience, omnipotence, and omnipresence.**

The prophet Hananiah said that the people of God would be freed from the yoke or oppression of the Babylonian empire; at that time it was a lie and Hananiah fell dead instantly.

The prophet Jeremiah was always in a spirit of sitting with God, listening and waiting on God’s voice. Jeremiah speaks in the *Book of Jeremiah*, chapter 28, verse 15 (NASB):

“Then Jeremiah the prophet said to Hananiah the prophet, ‘Listen now, Hananiah, the Lord has not sent you, and you have made this people trust in a lie.’



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Who do you really trust in your sphere of living?

Is your mind's attention on your relationship with Jesus Christ?

Does your heart's affection cling to Jesus first, before all others?

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During this Holy Season when we commemorate the first Advent of our Lord and Savior, the Light of the World, the Prince of Peace, the Wonderful Counselor, the King of Kings, the Word of Life, the One and Only, the True Vine, Jesus Christ, **how will**

you change your holiday planning so that Jesus is the Centerpiece that remains and guides your life especially throughout the New Year?

Do not trust in the lie that moves you to limit your time with such a Mighty God, who loves you and all those on this earth without limit. Like the prophet Jeremiah, sit, wait, and listen.

Jesus is waiting.

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VAVRA, ALBERT AND JOYCE, were welcomed into membership of the Caldwell Brethren Church on Sunday, November 13, 2016, by reaffirmation of faith in Jesus publicly. Minister: Rev. Vanessa Mitchell.

RECENT BAPTISMS

SCHLECHTE, ZOEY ELIZABETH, daughter of Nicholas and Shelby Schlechte, born on January 26, 2016, was baptized at the New Tabor Brethren Church, Caldwell, Texas, on October 30, 2016. Sponsors were Michael Weisenberger, Uncle, and Lauren Killough, family friend. Minister: Rev. David Johnson.

RECENT DEATHS

MILLER, LELAND HOMER, age 92 and a member of the Fayetteville Brethren Church, died on September 19, 2016, at St. David's South Austin Medical Center. He was born on February 13, 1924, in the Buescher Community north of Columbus, and married in 1948 to Bernice (Elsik) Miller, and after her death in 2002 to Doris (Coufal) Henslee. In 1942 he was drafted in the Navy for World War II and was assigned to the new aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Intrepid, the most frequently hit ship in WWII. Leland survived Leyte Gulf, the largest naval battle in history. After the war, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering from U.T. and spent his career as a consulting engineer in the appraisal of oil and gas properties in the U.S., Canada, and South America. He served as President of the Board of Elders at Fayetteville Brethren Church for 15 years. He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Doris, 2 daughters, 1 son-in-law, 1 step-daughter, 1 step-son, 4 step-grandchildren, and 5 step-great-grandchildren. Services were on September 24, 2016, from the Fayetteville Brethren Church with burial in that church's cemetery. Ministers: Michael Groseclose and Marcia Kifer.

ELSIK, JOHNNY JOE, age 61, died on November 4, 2016. He was born on October 14, 1955, in Edinburg to Eilo & Anna (Schobel) Elsik. He is survived by 1 brother, 3 sisters, 1 sister-in-law, 5 nieces, and 7 nephews. Graveside services were on November 7, 2016, at Fayetteville Brethren Church cemetery. Minister: Marcia Kifer

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Who's There

- by Jim Pokorny

Over the years, I have shared both my fondness for fantasy and science fiction and the lessons I have learned from them. BBC's *Doctor Who* premiered on British televisions 53 years ago and it is still in production. I consider it one of my personal favorites. I not only enjoy the stories; I also find the history of the program quite fascinating.

I first encountered the program when I was quite young and the local PBS channel televised it in black and white. Today, *Doctor Who* is an international phenomenon. This is quite remarkable considering the number of obstacles it overcame in the beginning.

In the early 1960's, television pioneer Sydney Newman was promoted to Head of Drama by the BBC. Newman was an idea man. In 1963, the BBC was losing a good share of its Saturday night viewing audience between a sports program called *Grandstand* and a popular music program called *Juke Box Jury*. Newman decided that a science fiction program could successfully bridge the gap and help the BBC retain its audience share.

Newman was a fan of science fiction. In his words, "Up to the age of 40, I don't think there was a science-fiction book I hadn't read. I love them because they're a marvelous way – and a safe way, I might add – of saying nasty things about our own society."

Newman thought this new program's target audience should be children. It should involve time travel and thus allow children to learn about historical figures such as Alexander the Great and Marco Polo.

Of course, time travel would require both a time machine and someone to pilot it. Newman thought the time machine itself should be able to blend in with the local surroundings. The name he invented for this time machine was TARDIS which was an acronym for "Time and Relative Dimensions in Space". To blend in, the TARDIS would utilize something called a chameleon circuit. As the first story was to take place in 1963 London, the time machine would be disguised as a Police Public Call Box. The chameleon circuit would then experience a malfunction and the TARDIS would forever retain this iconic shell no matter where it travelled. He thought the program's central character should be an older man in a position of authority such as a doctor.



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Newman contacted Verity Lambert and pitched the idea to her. Lambert hesitated. She was growing tired of being an assistant and was seriously considering leaving television altogether. Newman then informed her that he wanted her to produce the program. Lambert accepted and became the first female producer at the BBC. Newman then imposed one iron rule for Lambert. The program must never have ray guns or B.E.M.'s (Newman's term for bug-eyed monsters).

Waris Hussein, a young director from India, was brought on board to direct the program. To say that he was unhappy with the initial script ideas is an understatement. To make matters worse, the BBC in the early 1960's was a culture dominated by older men. Neither Lambert nor Hussein felt they were getting much in the way of either cooperation or respect from their peers. As time went by Lambert and Hussein leaned on each other for moral support. The pair quickly became excellent friends.

The next task was to find someone to play The Doctor (a mysterious man who has a title but no name – hence the title *Doctor Who*). Several candidates were considered. In the end, an

actor by the name of William Hartnell was selected. Hartnell was typically cast to play tough guys in British movies and television. He had become quite adept at playing both gangsters and army sergeants. Not exactly the type of personality one would associate with a children's program.

The remaining cast members were selected, but more problems loomed on the horizon. Filming of *Doctor Who* was relegated to BBC's Lime Grove Studios, which was known for being both notoriously small and hot. The excessive heat frequently set off the sprinkler system, which both destroyed sets and damaged sensitive electronic equipment.

The first episode entitled *An Unearthly Child* was filmed. This episode was intended to introduce the viewing audience to the Doctor and his granddaughter Susan, who were living in exile on Earth. Two of Susan's teachers, Barbara and Ian, were also introduced to the viewing audience. This pair became unwilling passengers of the Doctor once they stumbled onto his secret.

When Newman saw the final edit, he was not at all pleased. He instructed Lambert and Hussein to film it again

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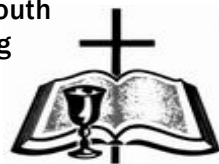
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1. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham saying, "Leave your country and your people, and go to the land I will show you." Acts 7:2-3
2. God promised him that he and his descendants would possess the land, even though at that time Abraham had no child. Acts 7:5
3. Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness. Gal. 3:6
4. **The scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." Gal. 3:8**
5. So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. Gal. 3:9
6. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. Ps. 32:8
7. He (Abraham) was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God. Heb. 10:11
8. By faith Abraham... was able to become a father because he considered him faithful who had promised. Heb. 11:11
9. Abraham believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness. Gen. 15:6
10. The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His unfailing love. Ps. 33:5
11. **Do not be afraid. I am your shield, your very great reward. Gen. 15:1**
12. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Ps. 34:18
13. Praise the Lord who has given rest to His people... Not one word has failed of all the good promises He gave. 1 Kings 8:56
14. Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the skies. Ps. 36:5
15. This is the day the Lord has made, let us be glad in it. Ps. 118:24
16. He redeemed us in order that the blessing given through Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that we might receive the promise. Gal. 3:14
17. Jesus said, "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me." Lk. 9:23
18. **The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness and faithfulness. 1 Sam. 26:23**
19. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God. Isa. 61:10a
20. He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness. Isa. 61:10b
21. The Lord declared to Abraham, "All nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed Me." Gen. 22:18
22. "His mercy extends to those who fear Him from generation to generation." Lk. 1:50
23. The Lord takes delight in His people; He crowns the humble with salvation. Ps. 149:4
24. The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. Jn. 1:14a
25. **We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. Jn. 1:14b**
26. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isa. 9:6
27. Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness. 2 Tim. 2:19
28. Flee from the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 2 Tim. 2:22
29. Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. 2 Tim. 2:23
30. Flee from sexual immorality. 1 Cor. 6:18
31. You are not your own; you are bought with a price. Therefore, honor God with your body. Cor. 6:20

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and threatened to fire the pair if this second cut was not to his liking.

This time Lambert and Hussein managed to film an episode that was more to Newman's liking. Their troubles, however, were far from over. The writers had not yet completed the script for the second episode about Marco Polo. The only scripts that were available for filming were those for a three-part episode involving cave men and the generation of fire. Newman was not at all happy, but with production already behind schedule there was no alternative but to film the cave man episodes.

Problems continued to plague *Doctor Who*. Even history seemed to conspire against it. The series premiere was slated for the evening of November 23, 1963. This, unfortunately, coincided with the assassination of President John Kennedy. Many British viewers opted to watch news coverage of that event instead.

In the days that followed, BBC executives got hold of a script being written by Terry Nations entitled *The Daleks*. This episode was to introduce viewers to the Daleks, a mutant race inspired by the Nazi regime. In the story line, a race known as the Kalleds had been involved in a 1,000-

year-old nuclear war with another race known as the Thals. An evil Kalled scientist named Davros genetically modified the mutant Kalled race and integrated select survivors into personal tank-like robotic structures. As part of the modification process, Davros removed every emotion from his new Dalek race except for one – absolute hatred for anything that is not Dalek.

The irate executives contacted Newman and instructed him to cancel the program. Newman summoned Lambert to his office and delivered the news. Lambert protested and Newman reminded her of his edict concerning bug-eyed monsters.

Lambert insisted that the story was worthwhile and added that *Doctor Who* was "something really special". She pleaded her case convincingly, and Newman stated he would allow the program to continue for a bit longer. Lambert also insisted that the first episode be aired again because of the Kennedy assassination. Lambert's persistence paid off, and eventually Newman even agreed to this.

Special effects were limited by 1960's technology. The program's low



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budget led to additional design restrictions when it came to creating the tank-like Daleks. The resulting Daleks have often been likened to pepper shakers. They were equipped with a single eye stalk protruding from their rotating heads. In place of arms, the Daleks were equipped with a gun and a device for manipulating objects. Initially only three Daleks were created. Already over budget, kitchen whisks and toilet plungers were utilized for the guns and manipulators.

When *The Daleks* premiered, its audience share was enormous. The monsters that had children hiding behind the sofa cushions were a hit. Newman later admitted to Lambert that he had been completely wrong about the Daleks. He also congratulated himself for hiring the best people.

Just when it seemed *Doctor Who* was finally catching a break, events still seemed determined to conspire against it. First, director Waris Hussein left the program to pursue other interests. Next, lead actor William Hartnell was diagnosed with arteriosclerosis and was having difficulty both memorizing his lines and delivering them. Producer Verity Lambert's success resulted in her leaving the program as well. Even the Doctor's granddaugh-

ter and her teachers were eventually written out of the program. New and younger companions for the Doctor were written in. New script writers were brought in, further complicating matters for Hartnell.

Despite the obstacles, *Doctor Who* was still extremely popular. It now faced its biggest challenge since BBC executives first tried to cancel it. By 1966, Hartnell's health began to decline at a staggering rate. Although he was only in his late fifties, outwardly he appeared much older. His arteriosclerosis worsened. His inability to memorize lines was now quite problematic. He began taking out his frustrations on both cast and crew. His outbursts became both more frequent and more caustic. It finally looked like the end of the line for *Doctor Who*.

Sydney Newman was still Head of Drama and he was still an idea man. If *Doctor Who* was to continue it would have to do so without William Hartnell. But how can you possibly replace a program's central character with a new actor? Newman's science fiction genius rose to the occasion.

By now the story line had established the Doctor as being from an alien race having two hearts. The

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Doctor was a Time Lord from the planet Gallifrey. Newman's idea was a brilliant one. Time Lords, he devised, have developed a manner of cheating death. Just before dying, a Time Lord can "regenerate" every cell in his body and walk away a completely new individual.

So, on October 29, 1966, William Hartnell's Doctor regenerated and Patrick Troughton's second Doctor took his place behind the controls of the TARDIS.

To date 12 actors have played the Doctor. A few Whovians (a term coined to describe fans of *Doctor Who*) allow that Sir John Hurt's single episode portrayal of the War Doctor brings the total to 13.

Most Whovians have a favorite Doctor. Personally I liked them all, but I am particularly fond of the two most recent Doctors portrayed by Matt Smith and Peter Capaldi.

Matt Smith, the youngest actor to play the Doctor, was only 27 years old when he made his debut on January 1, 2010. Smith had a boyish charm which he extended to his Doctor and the writers gave him some great scripts to work with.

In one of his Christmas episodes, Smith's Doctor encounters a wealthy

and powerful man named Kazran Sardick. Sardick has in his possession the frozen body of a young woman named Abigail which he is holding as collateral. Years have gone by and Abigail's family still owes on the debt. They have but one wish. They plead to have Abigail unfrozen just long enough to share one final Christmas with them. Sardick refuses and orders the family to leave. The Doctor stumbles upon the scene and asks who the frozen young lady is. Sardick flatly replies that she is no one important.

In perhaps my favorite line from the entire series the Doctor replies, "Nobody important? Blimey, that's amazing. You know, in 900 years of time and space I've never met anybody who wasn't important before."

Of all the regenerations, I believe that of Smith's Doctor was the most poignant.

Moments before his regeneration he states, "It all just disappears, doesn't it? Everything you are, gone in moment. Like breath on a mirror. Any moment now, he's a coming."

The Doctor's current companion Clara does not understand regeneration. "Who is coming?" she asks.



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Smith replies that the Doctor is coming. Still not understanding, she reminds him that he is the Doctor.

Smith replies, "Yep. And I always will be. But times change, and so must I... We all change when you think about it. We're all different all through our lives. And that's okay, that's good. You've got to keep moving. As long as you remember all the people that you used to be. I will not forget one line of this, not one day. I swear. I will always remember when the Doctor was me."

Today's Doctor is portrayed by Peter Capaldi, who was 55 when he stepped into the Doctor's shoes. Unlike Smith's Doctor, Capaldi's Doctor is much darker and far more serious.

In the opening moments of his second episode, Capaldi's Doctor asks Clara, "Tell me. Am I a good man?" After considerable thought Clara replies that she simply does not know.

At the end of that episode Clara returns to that initial conversation. She suddenly stops and states, "I don't know... You asked me if you were a good man and the answer is, I

don't know. But I think you try to be and I think that's probably the point."

In 2016 producer Steven Moffat announced that he was turning the reins of *Doctor Who* over to Chris Chibnal who has written several episodes of *Doctor Who*.

Moffat once said, "It's hard to talk about the importance of an imaginary hero. But heroes ARE important: Heroes tell us something about ourselves. History tells us who we used to be, documentaries tell us who we are now; but heroes tell us who we WANT to be. And a lot of our heroes depress me.

But when they made this particular hero, they didn't give him a gun – they gave him a screwdriver to fix things. They didn't give him a tank or a warship or an x-wing fighter – they gave him a box from which you can call for help. And they didn't give him a superpower or pointy ears or a heat-ray – they gave him an extra HEART. They gave him two hearts! And that's an extraordinary thing.

There will never come a time when we don't need a hero like The Doctor."

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The lesson to emphasize is that the outcome of the greed in one family is misery. In the second family, their generosity blesses others, and everyone enjoys spending time with them. After the story, use the questions that follow to create dialogue with your children. You can tell a similar story and change the setting if your children would relate more to a family visiting the circus, going shopping, at the swimming pool, or even Disneyland. James 3:13-16 can also be reviewed to give a Biblical perspective.

Questions for discussion

Which child in the story would you like to play with? Which child in the story would you like to be like? Have you ever seen any of these kinds of kids at the park? Would you want to be a part of a family that is full of envy and selfish ambition or full of peace and consideration for others?

Live the Proverb:

Caring for others

Have your children make something for someone else. Pray about the project together: "God, is there someone who needs to be encouraged by a gift or a visit from us?" Maybe it will be creating a card for a relative, baking cookies for the homeless, making a care package for someone in need, or spending time with a widow who struggles with loneliness.

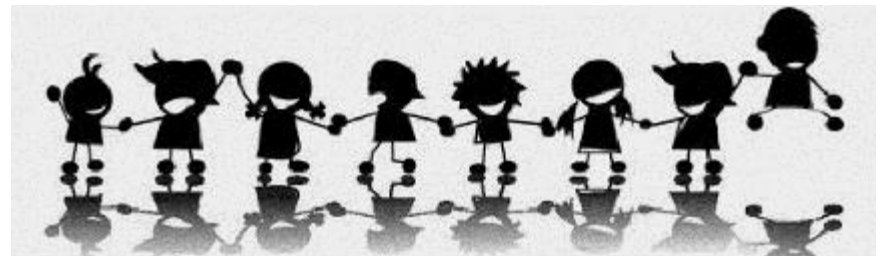
Generosity Party Time

Practice being generous with each other. For instance, have an ice cream sundae night. Each family member makes a sundae for someone else in the family. Put out ice cream and a variety of toppings, and allow your children to be generous in making sundaes for other family members. You can also do this with "monster cookies," which are oatmeal cookies filled with numerous additions like nuts, chocolate chips, sprinkles, etc. Family members can make monster cookies for designated family members, decorating each other's cookies generously.

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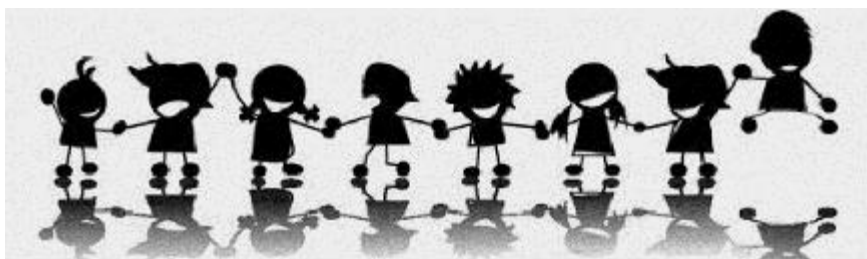
A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.
Proverbs 11:25

Understand the Proverb:

1. Read Deuteronomy 24:19-22 (or tell the story in your own words).
2. Ask:
 - a. What were the Israelites commanded to do when harvesting sheaves, grain, olives, and grapes?
 - b. Who would benefit from the harvesting not being as thorough as it could have been?
 - c. Why were they commanded to be considerate of those less fortunate?
 - d. Who are the poor in our community?
 - e. How can we be intentionally considerate of these people?
3. God commanded the Israelites to be generous with others because when they were slaves in Egypt, they were at the mercy of the Egyptians. God wants us to be merciful to those less fortunate than we are. "He says blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy" (Matthew 5:7). We can intentionally be considerate of those less fortunate by giving generously to those who are poor.
4. Reinforce the lesson with the following story:

A day at the park

One family had children named Me First, Gimme the Biggest, and That's My Toy. The second family had kids named Go Ahead, You Have It, and It's Your Turn. At the park, Me First shoved to the front of the line all the time. At snack time, Gimme the Biggest took the largest chunk of puffed wheat square, leaving almost none for the other kids. That's My Toy wouldn't share any of his sand toys with the others. These kids went home early from the park because their mother was tired of intervening in the trouble they caused and stopping their fights. When they left, everyone at the park felt like cheering (although they didn't because they knew this would be rude). The kids in the other family had a wonderful time at the park. Go Ahead let others go in front of her at the slide. You Have It passed around his snack of oatmeal cookies to the other kids in the park. It's Your Turn delighted the other children by sharing his new sand rocket. When they were going to leave, the other children at the park begged them to stay as they had made everyone else's afternoon at the park so enjoyable.



Prime Timers' Retreat 2016



OH, We Missed You!

Prime Timers' 22nd Retreat was held at Hus Encampment Friday-Sunday, October 7-9, 2016.

We were delighted when we realized 3 sets of sisters attended this year for the entire weekend! Pictured are: Sisters Susan Hanna & Linda Flens; Janet Pomykal & Sister Natalie Van Meter; and Sisters Martha Huffman & Annie Runnels.

Brother Mike Groseclose led our Saturday; Bible Study: Old Testament – Relevance Today.

The study shared both reflective and refreshing insights based on biblical principles to be applied in the world today.

With a complete ensemble of 24 singers and musicians, Texas Czech Choir entertained us with all our favorites. With so much toe tapping going on, Prime Timers could have been another instrument.

Although Prime Timers is an A+ retreat with great worship, icebreakers, Bible studies, food, entertainment, and Vespers, everyone's top comment is, "I come back to Prime Timers for the fellowship." It's so contagious that even First Timers feel it. We hope you can join the fun: October 13-15, 2017, Prime Timers' 23rd Retreat.

Committee Members: Carolyn Beseda, Rita Tyson, KK Marx, and Donna Verwold.

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Industry & Fayetteville Brethren Churches' "Honor Our Veterans" Service

The Industry and Fayetteville Brethren Churches held the 7th annual "Honor Our Veterans" Service at the Industry Fireman's Hall in Industry, Texas, at 9:00 AM on Sunday, November 6, 2016. There were 175 veterans honored, of which there were 3 ladies. This included 6 WWII veterans that were able to attend. They are Eugene Menking, Charlie Ripper, Dennis Rudloff, Oliver Rudloff, Claude Mertz, and Otto Kunze. Red, white, and blue wreaths and flower arrangements were displayed for a patriotic and festive setting. Biographies of each person honored were displayed, as well as other displays giving information of events and war stories. As the US flag was presented by Milton and Ann Heintschel (Retired Navy), Larry Sodek played the trumpet and Sharon Spiess played the keyboard while the audience sang "Onward Christian Soldiers". Larry also played the trumpet and Liz Ripple played "My Country



Tis of Thee" while everyone sang the song at the end of the service. Rev. Charles Amos gave the sermon. Billie Sisa from the Shelby American Legion Post 602 gave the welcome address. The cadets saluted the veterans at the picture taking to signify the accepting of passing of the torch/responsibility from the veterans to the younger cadets. Veterans returned the salute.

State Representative Leighton Schubert shook each veteran's hand. He also shook the hand of each family representative that was there to light a candle for his/her deceased veteran who was being honored. At this time, he gave each of them a small US flag with the notation of the event on it and an envelope with a copy of "Thanks" from US Senator John Cornyn; Governor Greg Abbott; and US President George H. W. Bush.



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Sunday School Helper

A generous person will prosper;
whoever refreshes others will be
refreshed.

PROVERBS 11:25

In the season of Christmas, there is a great focus on the giving and receiving of gifts. Giving gifts is a wonderful way to show others we love and care about them. But often the focus can turn from giving to getting!

This month's activities and lesson will focus on generosity! Being generous means being willing to share with others and put their needs and interests ahead of your own. This is tough for adults, so it can be very difficult for children.

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The letter from President George H. W. Bush read in part: "Barbara and I send greetings to all gathered for the "Honor Our Veterans" celebration hosted by The Industry and Fayetteville Brethren Churches. Today it is said that we have no heroes. Not so! We do have heroes, and the veterans to whom you pay tribute – men and women of clear purpose who put service ahead of self – are heroes in the truest sense of the word. Memory is the first measure of gratitude, and those who are truly grateful do not forget the service that has been rendered for their sake. Of course, while memory is the first measure of gratitude, its fullest and most meaningful expression is found in word and deed. We can never repay our veterans for all that they have endured for our sake, but we can show by our actions that their great sacrifices are cherished and remembered. This special celebration is a wonderful way to do just that. We Bushes send our respects and our thanks to each veteran in attendance. God bless you all. Sincerely, George Bush"

The Texas A&M Singing Cadets entertained the audience with special music during the service and afterward while people were being served their meal. There was a very large brunch-style meal with many desserts, etc., served to the attendees. Pictures were taken by photographer, Bryan Branam, of each person as he/she received "Thanks" from State Representative

Leighton Schubert. Photos will be mailed to participants after the event. For veterans unable to attend due to health, etc., a certificate stating that they were honored at this event, lapel flower, copy of the program, little flag, the copies of the three letters from Senator Cornyn, Governor Abbott, and President Bush will be mailed to them. Liz Treybig called the names of the Industry veterans and Martha Dove called the names of the Fayetteville veterans. Marian Branam pinned the lapel flower on each veteran. Liz Treybig introduced the dignitaries present: State Representative Leighton Schubert; the Singing A&M Cadets; Texas A&M Cadets Luis Garcia-Cosmo, Zac Wagner, Lance Mason and Matthew Luedeker; President of the Unity of the Brethren, Kent Laza; Austin County Historical Commission Representative, Grace Holcomb; Czech Heritage Museum Representative, Rhett Chandler; Former Industry Mayor, Alan Kuehn; Mayor of Industry, Mable Meyer; New Ulm Enterprise Reporter, Meridell



Anderson; and Central Texas Sound Band Trumpet Player, Larry Sodek. Each time a veteran's name was called, the bell tolled one time.

A POW/MIA table was set up with four empty chairs and place settings for the four branches of the service being honored at this event. The table is round to show that our concern for them is never ending. The empty chairs depict an unknown face, representing no specific Soldier, Sailor, Airman, or Marine, but all who are not here with us. The white table cloth draped over the table represents the purity of their response to our country's call to arms. The Bible represents faith in a higher power and the pledge to our country, founded as one nation under God. The black napkin stands for the emptiness these warriors have left in the hearts of their families and friends. The single red rose reminds us of their families and loved ones. The red ribbon represents the love of our country, which inspired them to answer the nation's call. The yellow



candle and its ribbon symbolize the everlasting hope for a joyous reunion with those not accounted for. The slices of lemon on the bread plate remind us of their bitter fate. The salt upon the bread plate represents the tears of their families. The inverted wine glass reminds us that our distinguished comrades cannot be with us to drink a toast or join in the festivities of the day.

Everyone was given a red poppy when they left the service area to go eat so they could wear them at this event and on Veteran's Day, November 11. It is with deep pride and honor that the Industry and Fayetteville Brethren Churches share in showing our grateful thanks to these fine courageous men and women.



LOL! Love Our Lord! Fall Youth Retreat September 17-18, 2016

Thirty-five youth and nine adults gathered at the Encampment for a weekend full of fun and spiritual renewal focused on TRUE LOVE. Then on Sunday, the youth visited St. Joseph's Manor in Caldwell and handed out blankets and totes and visited with the residents. A recap of our lessons follows:

How does the world view love? What does the world say love is? How does the world say love is shown? In the world around us, love is viewed as something physical. Love is expressed through physical things, sexually as well as through material gifts. Many children are brought up under the impression that the bigger and better the gift the more they are loved. In relationships, it's more about what you do or what you offer.

However, when we base our understanding of love on the world's view, we get it all wrong. Love isn't about what you have and what you get; love is about sacrifice. Everything we know about love and everything we do in the name of love

should be based on God's great love for us and the sacrifice of His son, Jesus Christ. To truly understand love, we have to fall in love with Jesus!

If we truly fall in love with Jesus, we will put Him in the 'front of our minds'. Everything we do and say will be influenced by our thoughts of Him and His love for us. We will listen to His voice and follow His commands. We will recognize our own faults and repent. More importantly, if we truly love Jesus, we will love others completely and unconditionally. Tolerance and apathy will become opportunities for loving correction and guidance in God's word, God's truth. Hatred and judgement will become forgiveness.

If we Love Our Lord, we must love because He first loved us (1John 4:19); and we must "love God with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind" (Matthew 22:37); and we must love our neighbors as we love ourselves (Matthew 22:39).



Home Mission Board Report

- by Martha Dove, Chair

At the October 2016 Synodical meeting, the Home Mission Board submitted a budget for 2017. The budget was lowered \$19,000 from the 2016 budget, making the total Home Mission budget \$48,000 for 2017 as follows:

Cade Lake Community Chapel: \$28,000 (including salary. for Rev Jim Heckman)

Cade Lake Operating Expenses: \$14,000 (including insurance)

Major Maintenance: \$2,000

In God's Hands: \$4,000

Given that the Cade Lake Community Chapel was in need of a new roof, the Synodical Committee agreed to a loan of \$10,000 at a rate of 0% and no established repayment schedule for carpentry work and the new roof. The roof was completed on November 1, 2016, at a cost of \$7,700. The loan will be repaid by the membership of the Community Chapel by raffles, bake sale, garage sales, etc. Donations to help with the loan will be welcomed. Please note on your check "For Cade Lake Roof".

Rev. Kay Polasek is working with Rev. Heckman at the Community Chapel by preaching, starting a Bible Study on Wednesday night, and prayer meeting on Sunday mornings. Attendance has been between 30 and 40 each Sunday.

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

November 3, 2016

Dear Prayer Warriors,

I was reminded that our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Eph. 6:12

What are you struggling with? Do you think it's all your sinful fault? Do you think it's some other sinner's fault? Has it ever crossed your mind that it could be Satan's fault? He is definitely out to get you, kill you, steal your joy, and destroy you.

We are told to resist him and draw near to God. When is the last time you did that? Do it right now!

We are so loved. We are loved when we are struggling, loved when we are sick, loved when we are in sin, loved, loved, loved. He first loved us, and He still does. He reaches out to us first. He is the Father in the prodigal son, running to you, ignoring you when you confess your sin to Him so he can kiss you and clothe you.

Last Wednesday and yesterday I had some episodes where I couldn't speak for about 3 minutes. My words come out slow and jumbled. Not fun. I also have permanent problems with typing, spelling, reading, speaking, thinking, and just generally feel like I'm in slow motion.

I have not had a mini seizure in two weeks, but maybe those episodes are



mini seizures??? Also, today, one of my doctors said that my nervous system is getting stronger and therefore the brain can tell the immune system to work better. Also, I heard a testimony today of a lady with tumors all over her body, and she just recently had a scan and her tumors are shrinking.

Yesterday the Lord told me I was doing everything I could do and the rest was up to Him. Today I cried and cried out to Him. I want my symptoms to go away more and more. I cried and cried, just like the lady Jesus talked about who cried out to the guy that was already in bed. We can ask and ask and ask and ask. I personally think Jesus likes all the attention. He is not annoyed or mad with us. He loves us, remember.

So, this afternoon my friend texted me a verse and it said this:

The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.

"Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your



hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground."

Exodus 14:14-16

Isn't God so good. He just answered me.

Please keep praying, and come tomorrow night for prayer, 7 p.m., 2015 W. Academy St. Aren't you hungry for Him?

Thanks so much for all the food, cards, flowers, and help you have given us. We feel loved

Please pray:

That my brain gets clearer and clearer and clearer on a daily basis.

That I will not have any more seizures or episodes that make me feel weird, or mess up my speech

That my cancer, anywhere in my body, dies, shrinks, and disappears.

That I can abide and rest in Him. In fact, I think we all need to do that, daily. Let us soak in His presence.

That fear would be gone, and perfect love would fill all the Woos'

hearts and home.

The Lord has blessed us with a beautiful house. We will move in a few weeks from now, even before we sign for the house. Isn't that Amazing? Who does that? Only Jesus.

Samuel hurt his foot. Lord, please heal it.

Michael can be stressed as he is taking care of all of us. Lord help Michael.

Pray for more joy, peace, more worship and prayer, more faith and hope and laughter in the Woo family.

That our home would become an Acts 2 home!

We praise You Jesus. Be glorified in all of this. May Your name be praised all over the earth. Draw us all to You. Make us hungry for You, Jesus. May the nations be glad only because they love and know You, Lord Jesus.

Oh, and we are really trying to rest and heal this month. November is a BIG month. We will do more scans at

the end of November. Please pray for that. Because of this, we have told many of you out of towners that we want to hold off on visits until we can get my body in a good place. Visitors stress Caroline out. Even the thought of visitors stress her out. We we are moving and starting basketball with the boys. Maybe in December or January it may be a better time. Thanks for understanding.

We love you so, so much,
Caroline and Michael and the kids

November 10, 2016

Hello family,

We love you. Jesus adores you!

Overall I feel like I'm on an up-swing. That God is working and telling me to move, because He has got this.

But I'm still having symptoms. I can't speak for 3 minutes or I have the left side of my body get numb and sort of vibrate for 6 minutes (mini seizure).

One pastor said, "Why do you say, 'When this problem is over, then

I will be happy.'" He said, "So are you going to be miserable for the next 2 months? Be happy now, in your trouble!"

We, as Christians, should be the happiest people in the world. We are loved, redeemed, made new, forgiven, etc. We have purpose and have been washed cleaned. We can talk to God and hear His voice. Joy, Joy, Joy.

So, no matter if I have symptoms, I want to live in joy and peace, the Prince of Peace.

Please Keep praying. We need your prayers.

Please come tomorrow night, Friday, November 11, for prayer at our house, 7 p.m. Kids always welcome. We now have 3 people who have had a touch of God and have been healed. He is SO good! Start your own prayer group if you don't live in Winston-Salem.

Ask and you will receive.

Pray for no more symptoms. For no fear, all joy. For complete healing in my body for the Glory of God. By His stripes we are healed!

Love,
Caroline

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