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67th Biennial Convention of the Unity of the Brethren

An Invitation by the Temple Brethren Church Congregation

To the Synodical Committee, Delegates, Pastors, Members and Friends of the Unity of the Brethren:

The Board of Elders, Pastor, and all of Temple Brethren Church invite you to join us for the 67th **Biennial** Convention of the Unity of the Brethren on July 6-8, 2017, at Temple Brethren Church

The convention will begin Friday, July 7, with registration and a complimentary continental breakfast at 8:00AM. Convention Activities will begin at 9:00AM.

The Convention theme is “Possibilities” with scripture from Matthew 19:26: *Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”*

The meals which will be provided are:

Thursday Complimentary Dinner for Pastors, Missionaries, Executive Committee, and their spouses.

Friday Complimentary Continental Breakfast. Friday Lunch meal ticket \$10.00. Friday Dinner meal ticket \$10.00.

Saturday Complimentary Continental Breakfast. Saturday Lunch meal ticket \$10.00.

We pray for your safe travels, that God will lead and bless the discussions, and that the movement of the Holy Spirit will be evident in the decisions made. May we agree to follow our motto: “In Essentials, Unity; in Non-Essentials, Liberty, and in All Things, Love”.

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2017 – A Unity Convention Year!

The 67th Biennial Convention of the Unity of the Brethren will be held at the Temple Brethren Church. Everyone is invited – Synodical Committee members (lay and ministers), church delegates, committee chairs, and all members and friends of the Unity. Lunch and dinner will be served on Friday and lunch only served on Saturday. All meals will be \$10 for guests. Convention member meals are paid by the convention. Each morning a complimentary continental breakfast will be served. The Temple congregation has been very busy getting ready to host this convention and we appreciate all the work that has gone into these efforts.

On Thursday a dinner will be hosted by Temple Brethren for all the Unity ministers and their spouses. After dinner, the ministers will gather to start the process of choosing a Pastor to the Pastors. The election of a Pastor to the Pastors is done at each convention (*additional info:* This pastor is elected by the clergy during the course of the Convention through a series of votes until one pastor receives the majority of votes. Hav-

ing time set aside for this purpose is very important in this process. The pastor to the pastors serves the Unity in several roles: is a member of the Ministerial Credentials Board, an advisory member of the Pastoral Relations Committee, and serves as a pastor to all categories of pastors and students for the ministry. At the 2011 Convention there was no real decision made on this position. For the first time it fell on the Synodical Committee to vote on this. At the 2012 Spring meeting, Rev. Dr. Larry Koslovsky was elected by the committee.)

Friday morning registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. for all convention members and guests. The opening worship service will start at 8:30 a.m. led by the pastor of Temple Brethren, Bro. Tim Chaplin. Three general sessions will be held on Friday. The first session will cover the Catechism Revision and Christian Education.

The Catechism Revision session will include a detail review of the revisions made to the Unity Catechism. Rev. Dr. Larry Koslovsky, Rev. Jimmy Hejl, and Rev. Mark Labaj

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serve on the Catechism Revision Committee that was appointed at the October 2015 Synodical meeting to review and revise the catechism. They were tasked with having a revised version of the catechism for the convention to adopt. The last revision adopted by a convention was in 1979.

A presentation will be given from the Board of Christian Education about how confirmation classes can be taught and how there could be possible coordination between nearby churches for catechism training. There will also be a discussion related to useful Sunday School resources and teaching materials.

There will be two breakout sessions: one will cover a review on the Hus Camp. An update will be given by the Camp Directors with reports on attendance figures, highlights, observations on the impacts to children, programming, and future needs. There will also be a youth panel discussion.

Another breakout session will be on Foreign Missions and will include presentations from Phil & Eunice Raiford and Rob & Anne Thiessen about their work in Mexico, Pavel & Stanya Kozak on their work in the

Czech Republic; and from Carolyn Groseclose about her work in Africa. There will be a time for questions and answers.

Anyone that is interested may attend these breakout sessions – guests and convention voting members. The sessions are being planned to provide information to everyone.

Friday afternoon there will be two more general sessions along with two breakout sessions.

The second general session will be about moving our Unity forward. Regional discussions regarding cooperative efforts between churches is planned. Delegates and other convention members and interested guests will break up into small groups based on their geographic location in the state. The goal is to build upon discussions that were initiated at the Spring Synodical Committee meeting regarding ways that neighboring churches can work together on topics of mutual interest such as worship, Bible studies and joint community projects.

The third general session is a presentation on the Hus School Encampment. As directed by the last Unity



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Convention, the Long-Range Planning Committee was established by the Hus School Board of Trustees to develop plans for major upgrades to the Encampment for implementation over the next several years. The intent is to modernize the facility and make it more conducive for use by larger groups. Planned improvements include upgrades to the main building, new dormitories, offices, and caretaker housing. Also included will be a discussion about fundraising efforts that will be initiated to pay for the planned improvements.

The breakout sessions will cover technology for our churches and Home Missions. An overview will be presented of how available technology can help enhance the worship experience, such as how we can share sermons remotely, internet options, etc. Also included will be a discussion of the costs for equipment and installation. In the Home Mission breakout, Rev. Jim Heckman and Rev

Kay Polasek will give presentations about their work in Cade Lake. There will be a time for questions and answers.

Special music is being planned, and in the evening there will be a memorial service honoring the ministry of Revs. Gordon Hejl (2/21/1918-10/24/2016), Milton Maly (5/13/1940-5/30/2016), and Albert Michalik (3/2/1925-11/21/2016). The service of these 3 pastors in the Unity totals 172 years! Rev. Tommy Tallas will lead this service, assisted by Rev. Jimmy Hejl.

Saturday morning will begin with a devotional and uplifting music. The convention business will be handled in the fourth general session. Business matters include: adoption of the revised Catechism, By-Laws changes/updates including a change to dissolve the Board of Grants & Bequests; funding of the minister's retirement program; potential changes to the Brethren Fund; officer elec-

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Austin – Bible Study at 10:00 AM
Worship at 11:00 AM.
– Rev. Linda Chandler

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

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

Cade Lake Community Chapel – 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
Co-Pastor, Rev. Kay Polasek

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 for spiritual resources, events, videos, & more! Friend us on Facebook!
– Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

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

Dime Box – worship at 9:00 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Kay Polasek

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.
Interim Pastor – Brad Herridge

Pasadena – Sunday School at 9:30 AM and worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
– 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.
– Pastor Lisa Johnson



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Daily Morsels for August 2017

Dorothy E. Kocian
with Mari-Anne Kocian Gordon

1. I am the Alpha and the Omega, Who is, Who was, and is to come. Rev. 1:8
2. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Gen. 1:1
3. Let them praise the Lord, for He commanded and they were created. Ps. 148:5
4. God saw everything He had made and it was very good. Gen. 1:31
5. The Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, faints not nor is weary. Isa. 40:28
6. **Many are your works, O Lord; in wisdom You made them all. Ps. 104:24**
7. For by the Lord were all things created that were in heaven and earth, visible and invisible. Col. 1:16
8. Every good and perfect gift is from above. James 1:17
9. Be kind to one another, even as God has forgiven you. Eph. 4:32
10. The Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. Ps. 84:11
11. He has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you. Heb. 13:5
12. Put on the new man, after the image of Him that created you. Col. 3:10
13. **The Lord formed man of the dust of the earth, breathed life into him, and man became a living soul. Gen. 2:7**
14. Your iniquities have separated you from your God. Isa. 59:2
15. Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven. Ps. 32:1
16. If we love one another, God will dwell in us, and His love is perfected in us. I John 4:12
17. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Mt. 5:8
18. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Ps. 27:13
19. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee. Isa. 26:3
20. **For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. Rom. 6:23**
21. The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Hab. 2:14
22. You may be sure that your sin will find you out. Num. 32:23
23. The evil man has no future hope, and the lamp of the wicked will be snuffed out. Prov. 24:20
24. The peace of God will guard your hearts and your mind in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:7
25. You came out to deliver Your people. Hab. 3:13
26. It is good to be near God; I have made Him my refuge. Ps. 73:28
27. **No weapon forged against you will prevail; this is the heritage of the servants of the Lord. Isa. 54:17**
28. The eternal God is my refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deut. 33:27
29. I will give peace and none shall make you afraid. Lev. 26:6
30. Every word of God is pure; He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him. Prov. 30:5
31. Come and let us walk in the light of the Lord. Isa. 2:5

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tions and hosting of the next convention.

After the convention business, an ordination service will be held for Pastor Tim Chaplin. Bro. Tim preached at Temple Brethren for the first time on March 24, 2013. He was accepted as a ministerial student at the 2013 Convention on July 19, and at the 2014 Spring meeting he was approved for a 1-year license to Temple Brethren, which has been renewed each year. Rev Jimmy Hejl has served as a mentor to Bro. Tim.

This is the first time an ordination has been held at a convention since probably 1910 (more research is needed). Two ministers were ordained at that convention, held in West on July 5 & 6: Rev. Joseph Barton and Rev. Joseph Hegar. Of significance is these were the first two ministers ordained that were trained by the new Brethren church body in Texas. Also of interest, at that time in history

there were no women serving as pastors or delegates to the convention.

Guests expected to be in attendance include Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Miller, President (2010-18) of the Provincial Elders' Conference (PEC) of the Moravian Church Northern Province. The PEC is the highest governing board of the Moravian Church, Northern Province, providing administrative leadership to congregations and program agencies. Miller was ordained in 1985. She served as co-pastor (1985-95) and pastor (1995-2005) of Lake Mills Moravian Church.

A celebration luncheon will follow the ordination service. If there is need for another business session, it will be held after lunch. Plans are also being made to live stream the ordination service and possibly some of the convention proceedings. If you are not able to attend, please keep this event in your prayers.

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Divine Reading

- by Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

It was quite possibly a challenge for you to get all your reading done when you were in school. We've all been distracted by numerous things and persons even. One distraction that no one can afford is to be pulled away by the devil, as surreptitiously as he does, from worshipping the Lord Jesus on our own, day in and day out.

A practice from ancient times called in Latin, *lectio divina*, meaning "Divine Reading" was a daily "appointment" that the Christians of the 4th century engaged in with great commitment. It includes 4 steps to draw you closer to Jesus, to open up the Living Words of the Holy Scriptures to your heart and mind. *Lectio Divina* brings a deeper, stronger, relationship with Jesus. It is my earnest prayer that each one of us steps into this "Divine Reading" with devoted hearts. *Let us go before Jesus as individuals who make up the Body of Christ and drink from the Word of the Fountain of Life.* The wisdom and peace that will come without fail for your life, preceded by the honest closeness to the Lord Jesus will change you and

your perspective, even your experiences in this life that is a gift from our Holy Lord Jesus.

The 4 Steps of *Lectio Divina*
("Divine Reading"):

1) Select a passage from Scripture and **read** it lightly, as many times as you feel led to, in order that you become *still* before the Lord, coming to a *calm* frame of mind.

2) **Meditate** on the passage. Read it again with your mind fixed on the image of Jesus on the Cross. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you. The goal here is to be filled with a deeper relationship with Jesus, not to gain any specific lesson.

3) **Pray** to the Lord as you read the Scripture. Talk with Him about whatever the Holy Spirit has stirred up in you as you meditated on the passage. Your prayer time for others can follow later. This type of prayer is simply you and the Lord about what the Holy Spirit has highlighted for you in the passage.

4) **Contemplate** your friendship with Jesus as you read the Scripture

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for July 2017

Dorothy E. Kocian
with Mari-Anne Kocian Gordon

1. You are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:28
2. **So that, having been justified by grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.** Titus 3:7
3. Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. II Cor. 3:17
4. Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Eph. 4:3
5. By this shall all know that you are My disciples, if you have love one to another. Jn. 13:35
6. You are no more strangers and foreigners but fellow citizens with the saints. Eph. 2:19
7. God does not show favoritism but accepts those from every nation who fear Him and do right. Acts 4:34,35
8. Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Eph. 6:10
9. **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with spiritual blessings.** Eph. 1:3
10. Walk with lowliness and meekness, with patience bearing one another in love. Eph. 4:2
11. You are a chosen people, a holy nation, a people belonging to God. I Pet. 2:9
12. Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Ps. 37:3
13. Do not forget to do good and to share with each other. Heb. 13:16
14. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters. Col. 3:23
15. Do everything in love. I Cor. 16:14
16. **For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.** Phil. 1:21
17. Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought. Rom. 12:3
18. Rejoice in the Lord always. Phil. 4:4
19. Abiding love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Ps. 32:10
20. Thou wilt show me the path of life; in Thy presence is fullness of joy. Ps. 16:11
21. May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You. Ps. 40:16
22. To be spiritually minded is life and peace. Rom. 8:6
23. **Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.** Rom. 5:1
24. The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts. Rom. 5:5
25. I have loved you with an everlasting love. Jer. 31:3
26. Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us. I John 3:1
27. God causes us to triumph in Christ. II Cor. 2:14
28. Be on guard; stand firm in the faith; be people of courage; be strong. I Cor. 16:13
29. Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called. Eph. 4:1
30. **As in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.** I Cor. 15:22
31. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. Isa. 40:31

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July 6-8, 2017 – 67th Biennial Convention of the Unity of the Brethren at Temple Brethren Church. Contact Kent Laza for information (kent.laza@verizon.net) or see article in this issue.

July 9-14 – Challenger Camp at the Hus Encampment.

July 22-23 – Brethren Youth Convention and Volleyball Tournament at the Hus Encampment.

For more information about the Hus School Encampment, go to:
www.huscamp.org

Save the Dates . . .

October 13-15, 2017 – Primetimers' Retreat at the Hus Encampment. More info to come soon!

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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in this last step. Like chewing on a piece of beef jerky or taffy, think on what Jesus means to you.

You will be blessed beyond overflowing as you practice *Lectio Divina*, this "Divine Reading," every day. It is meant to be a relaxing yet deep encounter with the Risen Christ. The Holy Spirit will fill you with peace and wisdom that will astound you. Your days will be better, different. The wisdom and peace that will come without fail for your life, preceded by the honest closeness to the Lord Jesus, will change you and your perspective, even your experiences in this life that is a gift from our Holy Lord Jesus.

Consider Psalm 23 (NRSV) as a place to start:

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters; 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff—they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

I love you in the Holy Love of our Lord Jesus.

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One Good Intern Deserves Three

- by Jim Pokorny

I recently celebrated yet another work anniversary. It is very difficult for me to believe that I have been working with the same firm for 26 years. In today's business world this is the exception rather than the rule. There are only two other individuals in our office who have been with the firm longer. Practically everyone on our payroll has been with us ten years or more. Our current president joined the firm just two weeks after I did. From time to time I remind him that I have seniority.

My role in the firm is quite unusual. I divide my time between both billable work and support. As Senior Data Analyst, my official responsibility is taking large amounts of data and summarizing it into something that is both useful and meaningful. Unofficially, I am also considered the local onsite IT person that handles both Level 1 and Level 2 support.

Once I found myself in the IT realm, I learned that people will let you know very quickly when there is a problem. Not once in my 26 years of

service have I ever received an email from anyone stating that everything is working as it should be. Silence has proven to be the very kindest of barometers.

Technology has changed a great deal since I first walked through the doors. Keeping abreast of that ever-changing landscape is a must, and I dare not fall behind. Operating systems have changed several times. Many software providers failed to keep up with these changes and replacements had to be found. Even our local network has become virtualized. Employees and visiting clients now expect to use smart phones, tablets, cloud storage, video conferencing and a host of other things.

The biggest challenge in my world today is security. Each day I glance over the latest tech headlines fully expecting to read about some new computer virus, malware, or ransomware that has taken a company down. This means regularly updating our security software, monitoring firewalls, purchasing new hard-

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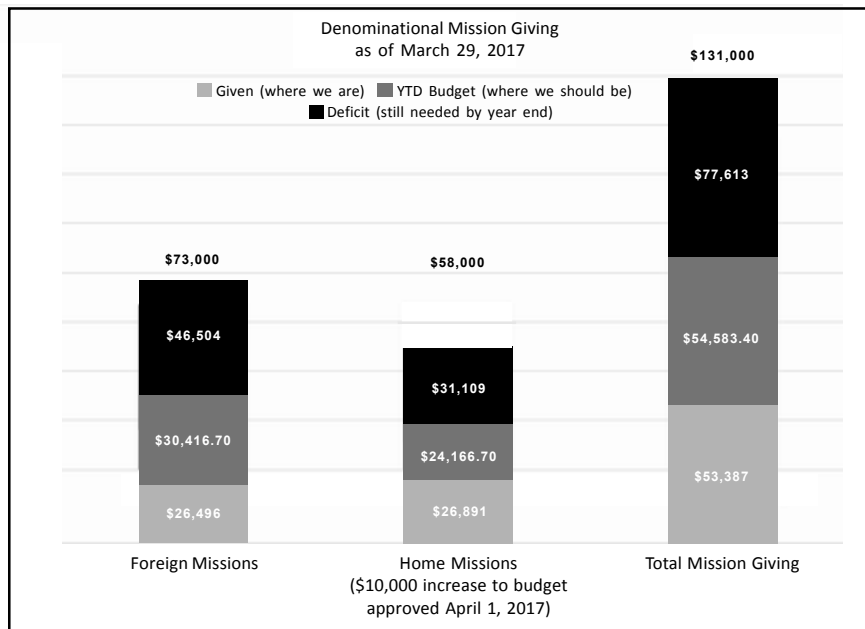


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ware, and even taking some services offline when a new threat arises. Staying one step ahead of the bad guys is a bit like tap dancing in a minefield.

We were acquired by a large corporation in late 2014, and that has added new layers of complexity to my job. Corporate is always instituting new guidelines which tend to interfere with local expectations. Diplomacy, I have learned, is the delicate art of allowing someone else to have your way.

Then there are the special requests. This year, for example, I was informed there would be three interns working at our facility over the summer. I am certain that from both a management and corporate perspective this did not seem like a big deal. From an IT perspective, it was.

Computers and hardware had to be procured, offices needed to be prepared, accounts had to be set up and software licenses had to be reviewed. From a practical perspective, it does not matter whether a new employee is an intern for the summer or a member of management who is likely to be around for years; the same amount of preparatory work is required. Everything must be in place and tested

before each intern shows up for work.

When it comes to interns, this is merely the first of several stages in my relationship with them. The second begins on their very first day at work when I provide them an overview of our systems. We then move on to what is considered acceptable and unacceptable in our computing environment. By this point they are feeling a bit overwhelmed, so I allow them time to decompress before walking them through corporate's web portal.

At this point it would be very easy for me to simply walk away and allow them to fend for themselves. Instead, I ask them to check their email regularly for links to the training videos to which they will be subjected. Having been down this road myself, I recommend an order that will allow them to be productive and still comply with corporate's expectations. (Frankly, if given a choice between watching another training video or watching paint dry, I would first inquire as to the color of the paint). Once they have successfully navigated the corporate maze, we then enter stage three of our working relationship.



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This typically occurs when one of our engineers assigns them their first task. Interns tend to be polite, bright, and educated. What they lack is practical experience. That is what we are supposed to be providing them. When an engineer assigns them a task, he normally points them to the data and describes the output he desires. Between the starting point and the destination lies a huge gray area for them to navigate. Their meeting with the engineer typically concludes with: "If you have any questions, just ask Jim."

On their first day they call me sir. By day three we are typically on a first-name basis. By the end of their second week we typically have established a good working relationship. At this point they will start asking me questions about my own career path. They will ask either how long I have been with the firm or what year I came aboard. When I tell them, they usually say something like: "Wow! I wasn't even born yet!" I suppose Methuselah got that a lot.

Last year I had one particularly inquisitive intern ask me what technology was like when I was young. I joked, "Well, things were pretty dull and dreary until we hit upon the wheel and fire." After we shared the laugh, I told them about things like 45

RPM records, rotary telephones, party lines, and black and white television with no remote that picked up three channels.

The summer will pass all too quickly and, like the interns that preceded them, they too will leave us. I can always count on these young people thanking me for my help before they depart. A new batch will take their place next summer, and I will get to repeat the process all over again.

It's funny, but one of the training videos everyone is expected to sit through concerns things that are frowned upon in the workplace. In today's multinational corporate world, the sharing of one's faith ranks among these. Corporations can make us agree to certain terms if we choose to work for them, but there are many things over which we have complete control. Among these is how we choose to treat others. This is especially true of those who can do little or nothing to help us advance in our careers.

Comenius put it this way – "Whenever you encounter one of your neighbors, regard him as yourself in another form (which he is), or indeed as God in another form, for he is the image of God, and God will be watching to see how reverently you treat him."

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catch a ball is out, and all the balls that were not caught are out of play.

- Have that group throw the balls back. Again, the students who do not catch any are out. Continue with this pattern until all of the students on one team are out.
- The last team standing wins!

Demonstration:

Supplies: Bottle of seltzer, Permanent marker

- What are some thing that make you happy? (Give the kids a chance to respond.) People love being happy so they do all kinds of things to make themselves happy. They go to movies. Go on vacations. Read books. Tell jokes. But happiness is really just something on the outside. (Draw a smiley face on the bottle.)
- If I told you I was going to give you \$100 you would probably be really happy. It's something that happens on the outside that makes you happy. The problem with happiness is that if the things around you aren't going well you aren't happy anymore. Maybe instead of me giving you \$100 you lose \$100, and now you aren't happy anymore. (Draw a frown face on the bottle. While you are doing this make sure you shake up the bottle a little so it will spray when you open the bottle.)

In Nehemiah 8:10 we read that Joy is our strength. Joy is something that comes from within. (Open the bottle and let the water spray out.) If something good happens to you you may be happy, but you can also have joy inside your heart. Make something bad happens and you are now sad, but you can still be joyful because joy comes from within your heart not from our circumstances. God's joy is our strength in tough times. We are able to be joyful because we know that God loves us and cares for us and that our names are written in Heaven.

Check out the blog and for more ideas and links!

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



The Prodigal Son

Read or tell the story of The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-31). Veggie Tales also has a video you could use.

Discuss:

- Why do you think the son wanted to leave home?
- Where did he go looking for joy?
- How do you think the father felt when his son left home?
- Did the son find joy in spending money and living wildly?
- Where did he finally decide to go?
- Why did the father have a big party for his son when he finally came home?
- Why do you think Jesus told this story?

Jesus told this story to illustrate how much God loves people and how readily He forgives those who confess their wrongdoing. The life lesson we can learn from this story is that as long as we go looking for joy and satisfaction anywhere other than God, we will never be satisfied.

GAME:

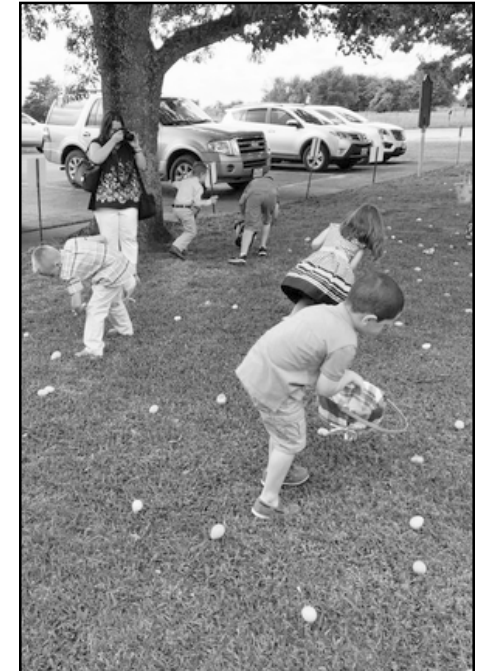
Supplies: Glow sticks, Tape, Balls (soft)

Before the game, tape glow sticks to all of the balls except one.

- Split the group into two teams, and have each team split into four groups, with the two groups of each team standing facing each other, a couple steps apart.
- Show the students the ball that does not have the glow stick taped to it. Ask them if they think throwing it and catching it between the two groups of each team seems possible.
- Turn the lights off.
- Ask the group if they think it's possible now that the room is dark. If they do, ask them if they think it will be harder without the light.
- Then, bring out the balls that are glowing from the glow sticks. Ask if they think it is possible now, with the glow sticks.
- Give the balls to one group from each team. Have them toss the balls to the group across from them. Anyone who does not

New Tabor Brethren Easter Egg Hunt

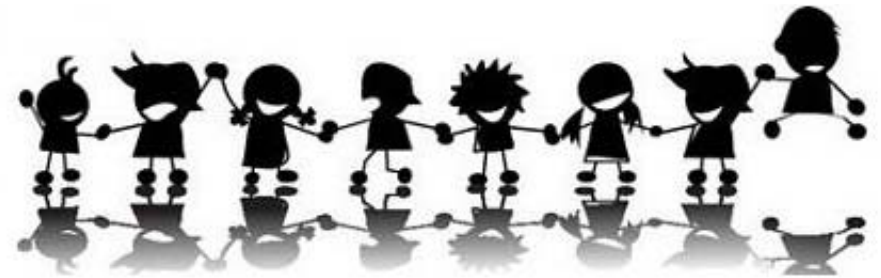
The Children of New Tabor Brethren Church enjoyed a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt out on the front lawn of the church on Easter Sunday. Every single candy-filled egg was found by eager hunters and every basket was overflowing with sweet candy goodness!



New Tabor Brethren Vacation Bible School

More than 60 children participated in the Maker Fun Factory VBS at New Tabor Brethren Church the week of June 4 through June 8. The children in grades Pre-K through 6th grade learned

that they were built by God and built for a purpose. Each night they enjoyed a meal together, music time, story time, crafts, skits, and games, all in great fun!



Sunday School Helper

*... Fill us at daybreak with your Love,
that all our days we may sing for JOY.*

Psalm 90:14

If you like chocolate, coconut and almonds, an Almond Joy can bring you a little joy. However, that joy is fleeting. It is not a deep, down in your heart kind of joy. The Bible tells us that we can have true Joy, Joy that is deep down in our hearts; Joy that is sustainable through any circumstance. That is the type of joy we are exploring in this month's lessons!



“Go start a church and lead it. Baptize new disciples and share the Lord’s Supper with them. Look to the Bible for instructions on what to do rather than following the rules of the denominations that you find.” On the basis of this brief and rare Pauline counsel, Marcelino started a vibrant, reproducing Mixtec church. Yay for another Cornelius.

Our role in Marcelino’s life is to mentor him, but more importantly, to help him train up new leaders that will reach out to other Indian villages around him. Today we met with Marcelino and two of his leadership team, as well as four church leaders from other towns, to set up discipling chains so that they can co-mentor one another and pass on the pastoral training materials that we have introduced to them. Marcelino has four people from his church reaching out to other towns, three Mixtec and one Triqui. He is now planning to mentor them as they follow his example in planting churches. He told us that when he began looking over the *Train & Multiply* materials, he felt that he was just getting started in serving the Lord. Again, we found this quirky. After all, he’s been leading a vibrant church for 20 years. I think up until now he had been busy with the challenge of leading his church, but now a new vista has opened before him. He sees that he can lead his congregation into starting indigenous churches like his own in all the villages around him. He kept shaking his head, saying he had so much to learn.

But we were humbled by his vision. Instead of boasting about what he had already accomplished in establishing a large indigenous church,

he has his sights on what is left to be done. Instead of pursuing the good life somewhere else, he has chosen the far more difficult life of a Mixtec farmer and bi-vocational pastor. It’s unusual people like this that keep us here. We want to help him multiply his gift and his vision among other Mixtecs who can reach out to family members and friends in other unchurched villages. We want to provide excellent pastoral training by extension in the area so that Marcelino and the others in our meeting (Demetrio, Mariano, and Juanito) do not feel pressured to send their brightest and best away for training, but can keep them working in their own area as they study. Just-in-time training. The term might be new, but the concept is not (2 Timothy 2:2). It depends on vast collections of quirky Corneliuses just like Marcelino.

We will be spending six weeks over the next while in Texas, visiting supporting churches and individuals, and getting to know some Hispanic Mennonite Brethren churches down in the southern part of the state. We leave Wednesday.

We were blessed to have Philip and Elai and Mikael spend a couple of weeks with us in May. They came with some friends, and at one point we had 12 young adults in the house. Things sure seemed quiet once they all left.

Elai and Mikael will be in Austin this summer, where he has an internship with IBM in sales. Philip has an engineering internship in Illinois with an agricultural machinery company.

Thanks for all you do,
Anne and Robert



Fayetteville Brethren Christian Sisters Activities

The Fayetteville Brethren Christian Sisters continue to send care packages to the U.S. military that serve overseas. Recently, a thank you letter was received from a unit that is serving in Afghanistan – the soldiers of 761st Ordnance Company (EOD). The letter reads:

“I would like to thank you and the Fayetteville Brethren Church for the care packages that you sent to our unit! The packages arrived in very good shape. The soldiers of 761st Ordnance Company (EOD) are some of the best EOD Soldiers I have had the pleasure of working with. Your support of our unit and community gives us the strength and resolve to continue with our mission here in

Afghanistan. We will continue to fight the good fight here! K.S.H., Captain, U.S. Army.”

Pauline Ott is the chair of this program. She and her family have been faithfully mailing packages to our military men and women serving overseas for over 10 years. The project was started in August 2006 and has touched many lives. The members at Fayetteville Brethren and several friends in the community help support this project by giving donations such as hand sanitizer, Advil, lip balm, and foot care products, snacks, all sizes of batteries, and many other items. The Christian Sisters help by paying the postage to mail the packages.



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

From the Thiessen's in Mexico...



June 4, 2017

Dear Friends,

Some people collect spoons, music albums, stamps, flags, buckles, hair colors. I (Anne) have, as I've mentioned before, a collection of Quirky Corneliuses, those unlikely men and women of peace who gather a church around them. Today I added a new Cornelius. Marcelino is a Mixtec from Oaxaca, but he immediately surprised us by understanding our Guerrero Mixtec. Oaxacan Mixtecs usually smile when we try out our variance and switch to Spanish. We figure the Guerrero Mixtecs we know originated generations ago from Marcelino's area. Cool.

Marcelino came to Christ in North

Carolina, where he fled more to escape the alcoholism of his hometown than to make money. The man who introduced him to Christ asked him whether he planned to live for money or live for God, and Marcelino immediately chose to go back home to “tell all that God had done for him.” (Again, unusual.) Now, 20 years later he is pastor of a Mixtec church in a town called Zaragoza. The preaching, Bible reading, and singing is done in Mixtec, a very unusual gift, thanks to the good work of a Bible translator and Marcelino's calling to reach his own people.

As Marcelino was leaving the US, soon after becoming a believer, his mentor gave him excellent advice:

