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Westheimer Christian Sisters Re-Organize

- by Carolyn F. Beseda

The Christian Sisters of the Westheimer Community Church convened on Sunday, June 25, 2017, to reorganize its local chapter that was originally organized on April 3, 2004. Eight women were present for this salient occasion, including Christian Sister Union Executive Committee Officers: President, Ms. Ann Sebesta; and Financial Secretary, Mrs. Lydia Faust.

Following an opening prayer by Reverend Lisa Johnson, the singing of hymns led by Mrs. Betty Parthum accompanied by pianist, Mrs. Carolyn F. Beseda, was joyous and meaningful. A devotional focused on the Book of Psalms was then presented to the group by Mrs. Beseda. President Sebesta conveyed the purpose and goals of the Christian Sisters Society and objectives were voiced and discussed by the women.

Local officers for this chapter were elected as follows: President, Carolyn F. Beseda; Vice-President, Jackie Blackmon; Treasurer, Betty Parthum; and Recording Secretary, Bessem Mfontem. The officers will be installed by President Sebesta on Sunday, September 17, 2017. A luncheon and fellowship was enjoyed by all prior to the meeting.

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A Message to the Unity

From the Synodical Board Executive Committee

To all Synodical Committee members and membership of the Unity at large,

As most of you know, several of our churches in Houston and Port Arthur have members who were directly impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Their homes were severely damaged by floodwaters and they are in need of our help. The Executive Committee is taking actions to begin identifying specific needs and offering assistance to those who don't have sufficient resources to make repairs on their own.

We are setting up a special account that will be used to accept donations and disburse monies for relief efforts. We are taking \$25,000 from our Contingency Fund to use as seed money for the account so that money is available immediately. If your congregation or any individuals feel led to contribute, send your donations to our Financial Secretary – Liz Ripple, 311 W State Hwy 71, Fayetteville, TX 78940. Please make checks payable to "Unity of the Brethren" and mark that it is for the **Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund**.

We have appointed Rev. Mark Sebek to serve as our point person to travel to the affected area, identify specific needs, and direct resources (manpower & financial) where they are needed most. David Miller will be responsible for organizing, coordinating, and perhaps leading work crews to help with demolition and reconstruction. He has already put

out a call for volunteers who are needed immediately. If you are interested in helping, please contact Brother Mark at 254-931-2000. Information will be sent out soon regarding when work crews will be going out and what is needed. In the future there may be additional needs. Please watch for emails sharing this information and pass this along to other members in your churches.

The Executive Committee has taken the actions described above to address the emergency situation that has unfolded in the Houston and Port Arthur areas. I wanted to make each of you aware of our actions since it involves a significant expenditure of funds outside of a Synodical Committee meeting. We will provide more information and discuss this in greater detail at our Fall Meeting on October 21st.

Please keep all those suffering because of this horrible disaster in your prayers and those in Florida who were impacted by Irma.

Thank you, The Executive Committee

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When Does God Give You Strength?

- by Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

We hear this at weddings and other momentous occasions often, but what if we consider how it describes God's love for each one of us?

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope,

and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

(1 Corinthians 13:4-13, NRSV)

God gives you strength as you let Him love you. Just as a child feels stronger and more confident when a loved one stands with open arms to give a hug.

God gives you strength as you let Him love you. Just as a friend feels stronger when you've listened for as long as it takes, without criticism, and prayed together.

When God gives you strength, you can stand forever.

Pick up those hands that feel weak.

Lift your head to gaze at the perfection in the sky.

Consider the never-ending ocean of leaves outside your window.

Remember:

When God gives you strength, you can stand.

It is true that we need one another to lean on, for prayer support, for encouragement...

Yet we know,

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.
– Rev. Joe Emerson

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. Joe Emerson

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.
– Rev. Tim Chaplin

Vsetin – A non-official member congregation of the Unity of the Brethren – Worship at 10:00 AM every Sunday.
– Dr. Mark Labaj
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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

Fayetteville Brethren Church

Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am

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Daily Morsels for October 2017

Dorothy E. Kocian

with Mari-Anne Kocian Gordon

All Scripture from the New International Version

1. **O man of God, ...pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. I Tim. 6:11**
2. A person's steps are directed by the Lord. Prov. 20:24
3. Do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight; preserve sound judgment and discretion. Prov. 3:21
4. Hold onto instruction and guard it well, for it is your life. Prov. 4:13
5. Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. Prov. 4:1
6. Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the Lord your God. Jer. 26:13
7. To the man who pleases Him, God gives wisdom, knowledge, and happiness. Eccl. 2:26
8. **I warned you when you felt secure, but you said, "I will not listen." Jer. 22:21**
9. The king renewed the covenant to follow the Lord and to obey the words of the covenant. II Chron. 34:31
10. For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake His faithful ones. Ps. 37:28
11. He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commandments. Deut. 7:9
12. Judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, according to my integrity. Ps. 7:8
13. It is because of God that you are in Christ Jesus, Who has become for us wisdom from God – that is our righteousness, holiness, and redemption. I Cor. 1:30
14. I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint. Jer. 31:25
15. **The Lord says, "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts." Jer. 31:33**
16. I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more. Jer. 31:34
17. All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace. Isa. 54:13
18. So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Eph 4:11-12
19. Just as He Who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do. I Pet. 1:15
20. Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings. Heb. 10:22
21. I stand in awe of Your deeds, Lord. Hab. 3:2
22. **Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Heb. 13:7**
23. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. I Tim. 1:17
24. The Sovereign Lord is my strength. Hab. 3:19
25. He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. Heb. 11:6b
26. From the Lord comes deliverance. May Your blessing be on Your people. Psalm 3:8
27. Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity to come on the nation invading us. Hab. 3:16
28. For no one is cast off by the Lord forever. Lam. 3:31
29. **Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord. Lam. 3:40**
30. The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Ps. 126:3
31. The Lord's love is with those who fear Him... with those who keep His covenant and remember to obey His precepts. Ps. 103:17-18

It is God who strengthens us to endure all things.

To bear all things

To hope

To believe

To rejoice

To follow His way

To be grateful

To be humble

To be sweet

To be kind

To love

To do all these things when we feel that we cannot.

Even when enduring something seems impossible.

It is God who strengthens us to endure all things.

For with God nothing is impossible. In Jesus, our hope is secure. In Jesus, our peace has been made, period.

Will you ask Jesus to fill you with the strength of His resurrection power to endure this moment and whatever moments lay ahead?

Will you let Jesus love you?

Will you nourish your mind and heart on the words of the Holy Bible?

Will you ask the Holy Spirit to rule your heart and mind?

Pick up those hands that feel weak.

Lift your head to gaze at the perfection in the sky.

Consider the never-ending ocean of leaves outside your window.

Remember:

God gives you strength as you let Him love you.

Pray this prayer right now:

"Jesus, pour your love and strength over me. I trust You."

Your life will change. Your heart will change. Your strength will never run on empty as Jesus' power is made perfect in your weakness.

When does God give you strength? Right now.

Asking Jesus to give each one of us His perfect tangible peace and strength, right this moment, hour-by-hour, day-by-day.

In Jesus' Hands,
Right With You,

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Bleak Prospects Indeed

- by Jim Pokorny

When it comes to books, movies, and television, I seem to gravitate toward things British. One story with which I am quite taken is *Bleak House* by Charles Dickens. It was one of his major works and was originally published as a 67-chapter serial in 20 installments between March 1852 and September 1853. If asked to categorize it, I would have to classify it as a mystery. Dickens populated the story with numerous major and minor characters and successfully wove together many intricate subplots. In 2005 the BBC transformed the novel into an 8-hour miniseries starring Gillian Anderson as the Lady Dedlock and Charles Dance as the ruthless attorney, Mr. Tulkinghorn. It has been many years since I have read the book, but I have the BBC drama on DVD and have watched it many times. My most recent viewing was in early July.

The story revolves around a Chancery case known as Jarndyce and Jarndyce. Experts suspect this fictitious suit was inspired by an actual one involving Charles Day, William Jennens, and Richard Smith. In *Bleak*

House, a man named John Jarndyce had amassed a sizable fortune. Following his death, many wills and fragments of wills came to light and the case dragged on for years. In a manner of speaking, Jarndyce and Jarndyce can be considered a character in the tale as it seems to take on a life of its own impacting the lives of others often with disastrous consequences.

The legal profession of the day criticized this work of Dickens and claimed it was purely satirical. All criticism aside, the novel did help the judicial reform movement already underway which ultimately brought about badly needed system reforms in the 1870s.

Dickens wrote: "Jarndyce and Jarndyce drones on. This scarecrow of a suit has, in course of time, become so complicated that no man alive knows what it means. The parties to it understand it least, but it has been observed that no two Chancery lawyers can talk about it for five minutes without coming to total disagreement as to all the premises.

January 6-7, 2018 – BYF Winter Retreat at the Hus Encampment. Registration deadline December 15, 2017.

February 24, 2018 – State Children's Rally at Hus Encampment.

For more information about the Hus School Encampment, go to:
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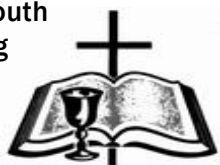
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Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

October 13-15, 2017 – Primetimers' Retreat at the Hus Encampment. Details and registration forms are in congregations and on Unity website. Registration is \$30 for Saturday or \$45 for the weekend. See invitation story in this issue for more info, or call Kimberly Marx at (254) 931-5657 for details.

October 21 – Fall Synodical Committee Meeting at the Hus Encampment. 8:00 a.m. – Kolaches & coffee; 9:00 a.m. – Meeting begins; Old business; Installation of new officers for 2017-2019; 2017 Referendum results announced. Everyone welcome to attend. Lunch served at noon. Agenda will be available soon. For more information contact Kent Laza, President, kent.laza@verizon.net.

November 4, 2017 – Seaton Brethren Church Christian Sisters Bake Sale and Quilt Show, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the church, 12451 State Highway 53, Temple (Seaton Community). Open to the public with free admission. See invitation story in this issue for more info.

November 5, 2017 – “Honor Our Veterans” Service presented by Industry and Fayetteville Brethren Churches at 9:00 a.m. at Industry Fireman's Hall, Industry, TX. Contact Liz Treybig at ltreybig@austin.rr.com; 512-217-2140, or Liz Ripple at lizripple@hotmail.com; 979-378-2239, with any questions or veterans to be honored.

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December 16, 2017 – “Hey! Day” for College Students and Young Adults. More details to come.

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Innumerable children have been born into the cause; innumerable young people have married into it; innumerable old people have died out of it. Scores of persons have deliriously found themselves made parties into Jarndyce and Jarndyce without knowing how or why; whole families have inherited legendary hatreds with the suit. The little plaintiff or defendant who was promised a new rocking horse when Jarndyce and Jarndyce should be settled has grown up, possessed himself of a real horse, and trotted away into the other world. Fair wards of court have faded into mothers and grandmothers; a long succession of Chancellors has come in and gone out; the legions of bills in the suit have been transformed into mere bills of mortality... but Jarndyce and Jarndyce still drags its dreary length before the court perennially hopeless.”

As the BBC drama opens, two new wards of the court turn up. They are both orphans and distant cousins. One is Miss Ada Clare and the other is Mr. Richard Carstone. They have an older cousin also named John Jarndyce who currently resides at Bleak House. This estate once belonged to John's great uncle Tom

Jarndyce. John is known as a man of excellent character and enjoys good standing in the community. Working with his attorney, Mr. Kenge, he arranges for Ada and Richard to move in with him at Bleak House. As John is unmarried, a young lady by the name of Miss Esther Summerson, the heroine in *Bleak House*, is employed as Ada's companion, making the new living arrangements satisfactory with the Chancery. Of the many subplots, it is the impact that Jarndyce and Jarndyce has on these four that I find particularly interesting. This is especially true of young Richard, which Andrew Davies masterfully brings out in his screenplay.

Word of the new wards in Jarndyce and Jarndyce spreads quickly. A London landlord by the name of Krook is told of their youth and beauty. He states, “And they won't have it long. That Jarndyce and Jarndyce eats them all up. It's like being ground to bits in a slow mill. It's being drowned by drips and going mad by grains. Look how poor Tom Jarndyce ended up.”

Esther never knew her mother and was raised by an aunt who never had a kind word for her. As a child born



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out of wedlock, Esther was repeatedly told by her aunt that she was her mother's shame and the family's disgrace. Richard, Ada, and Esther move into Bleak House. Upon their arrival John Jarndyce greets them warmly. Once the trio settle themselves in, John's housekeeper gives Esther a tour of the house and presents her with a set of keys to all the rooms to which she will need access. Esther is not accustomed to such treatment and privately asks John why he is being so good to them.

After a brief explanation, he offers why he is determined not to let the case change him. He states, "Jarndyce and Jarndyce has ruined better men than me. The years go by, the claims are passed through the generations, and we can't get out of it, none of us, on any terms. My great uncle, Tom Jarndyce, was brought to despair by it." He then tells Esther how this man took his life. He continues, "I was his heir. This was his home." He adds that the first time he laid eyes on Bleak House was the day he brought what remained of Tom home and the house was quite bleak indeed. He states that it was as if the house, being so shattered and ruined, had

taken its life as well. Although it still goes by the name Bleak House, Esther tells John that he has done an admirable job of restoring the house and turning it into a proper home.

John also tells Esther, "And I determined never to be drawn into this case with its false hopes and ruined expectations. I am fortunate that I have enough to live upon and to help others, too, without tormenting myself with dreams of..." Overcome with emotion, John finds himself unable to complete the sentence.

One evening over dinner, the conversation turns to the need for Richard to take up a profession. John offers several suggestions. At the mention of medicine, Richard seizes upon it. The thought of being called a respected surgeon has a definite appeal. One day their attorney, Mr. Kenge, drops by Bleak House. He states that his cousin has a medical practice in Chelsea. He adds that this cousin is willing to superintend Richard's studies. The idea of leaving Bleak House and moving to London does not sit well with Richard. Unknown to anyone else, Richard has developed rather strong feelings for Ada.

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In a private moment, Richard tells Ada that he has fallen in love with her. Ada admits to having identical feelings. They build up their courage and reveal to John that they wish to become engaged. John discourages the idea because of their youth and the fact that Richard does not yet have the means of supporting a wife. When Richard counters with his pending inheritance, John gets extremely firm with him stating, "Don't pin your hopes on that Rick. Others have done that before you and come to grief."

Richard departs for London to begin his study of medicine. His attempt is half-hearted at best. Finding himself in London, Richard often leaves his studies and heads to the Chancery court whenever there appears to be a hint at any sort of development in Jarndyce and Jarndyce. He spends far more time on news of the case than on his studies. One day Esther, Ada, and John travel to London to visit Rick. They are invited to dinner by Kenge's cousin. As the meal is served, Kenge's cousin reveals that he feels that medicine is not the best career choice for Richard. John is quite surprised to hear Richard agree. Richard suggests that he might be better

suited for a career in law, but one has a feeling that he has an ulterior motive.

John makes the necessary arrangements, and soon Richard is taken on by Mr. Kenge's London law firm to begin his new career. As Mr. Kenge is away on business, a certain Mr. Guppy is assigned the task of introducing Richard to his new profession. Guppy inquires if there is a specific case that Richard might like to begin with. Not surprisingly, Richard requests Jarndyce and Jarndyce. A short time later, many boxes are brought to him. Richard is a bit dismayed and becomes more so when he discovers that there are an untold number of boxes still in storage. Richard begins to read through some of the Chancery documents concerning the suit. He begins to learn firsthand just how muddled Jarndyce and Jarndyce has become. In practically no time Richard becomes as weary with law as he was with medicine.

Richard returns to Bleak House. With Ada at his side he informs John that he has decided to abandon his pursuit of law. He announces that he has decided to pursue a career in the army. Before John can say anything,



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Richard adds that he intends to purchase a commission in a good regiment. He also wishes John to formally recognize his and Ada's engagement.

John firmly warns Richard that the army simply must be his final career choice. He cautions Richard that by the time he outfits himself, his allotment will be all but spent. Once again Richard speaks of his pending inheritance. An exasperated John shouts, "Rick, Rick, for the love of God, don't found your hope on that wretched case! Better to borrow, better to beg... better to die!" Turning to Ada he adds, "I know these are strong words, Ada, but I've seen how that case destroys lives." He reminds the pair of the fate of his great uncle.

As time passes Richard becomes even more obsessed with the case and decides to fire Mr. Kenge and hire someone whom he believes will pursue his interests more aggressively. On the advice of a supposed friend he hires an attorney by the name of Vholes. Esther and Ada travel to London to visit Richard. Upon their arrival, Richard and Ada confess to Esther that they have been meeting in secrecy. Richard also admits to "feeling unsettled" in the army because of the case. He informs Esther of his hiring of Mr. Vholes, who appears to be doing a great deal more work than

did Mr. Kenge. Vholes, however, is accomplishing nothing aside from extracting money from Richard in the guise of legal services rendered.

In time, Vholes reveals to the friend who recommended him that Richard's allotment is practically spent. He states that Richard's selling out of the army might perhaps buy him a little more time. Once the last of Richard's resources have evaporated, Vholes presents the remaining bills to John, who pays the balance. Esther and Ada visit Richard again shortly afterward. Ada states that she will sign some of her allotment over to Richard so that he might be able to remain in the army. Richard accepts; not to stay in the army, but rather to more actively pursue Jarndyce and Jarndyce.

Shortly thereafter Ada visits Richard. She is appalled by the squalid accommodations Richard has taken up in a poorer section of London. Richard has also developed a rather persistent cough which concerns Ada, as well.

On a later date, Esther and Ada visit Richard, whose health appears to be declining. Ada surprises Esther with the news that she and Richard have married in secret. She adds that she will not be returning to Bleak House. Esther returns alone and breaks the news to John concerning the

Hus Encampment Capital Building Campaign

The Needs

Since its founding in 1914, the Hus Memorial School/Hus Encampment has sought to teach and encourage young people to become Christian leaders. Since that time, the programs have grown to include 6 different summer camp experiences for youth ages 7 - 19, and a variety of other Christian programs for people of all ages.

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Main Building/Kitchen Renovation
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Outdoor Gym/Pavilion Construction
Parking & Walkway Construction

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Through Prayerful consideration, the Hus Planning/Building Committee recommends the launch of a \$4,000,000 Capital Building Campaign for the Hus Encampment. Through a UNITED effort of support from our Unity Congregations, Friends of the Hus Encampment, Hus Camp Alumni, and fellow Christians like yourself, it is our belief that the Lord will bless our efforts and continue to bless the Hus Encampment and its programs for generations to come! Through Christ, all things are possible...won't you join in the dream by making a pledge today!

The Plans

If you would like to see the details of each of the renovation/construction plans presented at the Unity Convention in Temple, please visit the camp website on the internet at: www.huscamp.org

The Way

If you would like to join in the dream by making a pledge, here are some ways you can do so:

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marriage of Richard and Ada. John states that despite his warnings to the pair, he will be happy for them. Inwardly, Esther is deeply concerned because of Richard's declining health and the conditions in which he and Ada now live.

Esther decides to visit Richard and Ada again. This time she finds Ada alone and in tears. Esther learns that Richard is now quite ill and terribly weak. Ada also admits that he eats very little. She confesses that Richard spends virtually all his time and energy on Jarndyce and Jarndyce. Esther believes that things could not possibly be worse for the pair. She is quite mistaken. Ada reveals to Esther that she now carries Richard's child and doubts Richard will live long enough to see it born. Esther tries her very best to comfort Ada. Richard arrives assisted by Dr. Woodcourt, who has rather strong feelings for Esther. Woodcourt takes Esther aside and confirms Ada's fears. He reveals that he has diagnosed Richard with consumption.

In a strange and sudden turn of events, a new document is uncovered. Inspector Buckett pays an unexpected call on a certain Mr. Smallweed. Smallweed is reading over the document that has come into his hands and is trying to determine which of

the many characters will pay the most for it. Smallweed tries unsuccessfully to conceal it from the inspector. With the law on his side the inspector demands that Smallweed relinquish it. This turns out to be yet another will that is connected to Jarndyce and Jarndyce. After the will is submitted to the Chancery, Mr. Kenge summons John to his office. There he states that this is the most current will and once recognized by the court it will reduce John's inheritance significantly. He adds that the inheritance of Richard and Ada will be greatly increased. Richard and Ada also learn of these new developments.

When John and Esther arrive at the Chancery court, they find it in a virtual state of chaos. Order is eventually restored. Richard and Ada are also there, and they are named by the Chancery as the primary beneficiaries... but there is more. The Chancellor adds, "Unfortunately, this revelation has coincided with another, that the whole estate has been absorbed in costs. And thus, the whole suit lapses and melts away. Jarndyce is no more."

Richard collapses on the spot and is taken to his home. With his wife Ada, Esther, and John at his bedside, he awakens. He speaks with each of



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them in turn before the grim specter of death silences him forever. Richard dies before his child is born. Ada's greatest fear has now become her reality.

Although Richard was but a fictional character that flowed from the pen of Charles Dickens, I cannot help but feel pity for him. He, like so many others, became so obsessed by the suit that he allowed life to simply pass him by. While there is no doubt that he and Ada loved each other, that love was never allowed to bloom into its fullest potential. Then, there is the matter of the child born after his death. A child living in a poor section of London deprived of ever having known a father. One cannot help but wonder if this small life might become yet another victim of Jarndyce and Jarndyce. A life that might perhaps

become the inspiration of yet another tragic character of Charles Dickens.

Of all the subplots, I am drawn into Richard Carstone's cautionary tale each time I watch *Bleak House*; his downward spiral, his growing resentment toward John, who only had his best interest at heart, and his tragic fate. With each viewing, I cannot help but be reminded of two things our Lord said.

1 Timothy 6:10 (NET): *For the love of money is the root of all evils. Some people in reaching for it have strayed from the faith and stabbed themselves with many pains.*

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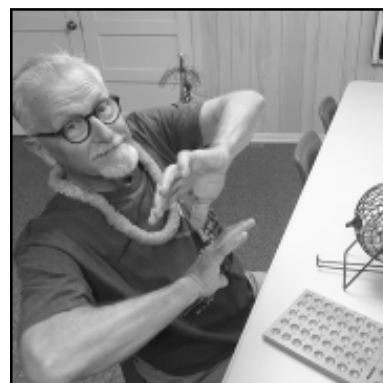
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ment, obedience, courage, and love. We talked about our friendships and how our friends should draw us nearer to the God who loves us rather than drive us and others away. Our lives should be to bring others to know about the saving grace of Jesus Christ and when we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us so that we can SHINE!

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Seaton Golden Hearts

The Seaton Brethren Church Golden Hearts was formed in 2010 and is still going strong. This group of 50 and older meets every fourth Thursday at SBC at 10:30.

We begin with a challenging devotional & scriptural reading, followed by birthday and anniversary celebrations. This gathering also includes various activities such as "show and tell", where people always bring interesting items and antiques, funny videos, food, of course, and Bingo and

dominoes. We've even on occasion played Wii Bowling. We are never short on food or laughter.

Also, the group often takes day trips (pictures enclosed from a recent trip to Homestead Heritage in Elm Mott). We also have a Christmas party with an ornament exchange and a summer party in July (pictures enclosed). If you are ever in the Seaton area on a fourth Thursday, please stop and see us and join in the fun.



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From the Woo's . . .

August 22, 2017

Dear Friends and family,

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Welcome to the beginning of a new school year. That means a lot to



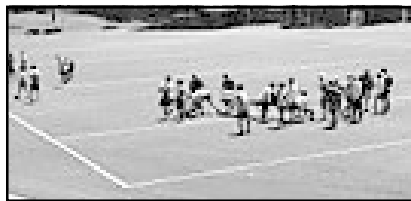
people with kids or who are teachers. It means a ton to me as I just came back from MA to prepare my kids for school. Five kids, four different schools, two sports teams, and

hopefully a lot of help from the right people (think transportation needs). I am also coming off a summer high as my kids had the opportunity to go to a variety of camps: Christian camps, soccer camp, cooking camp, grief camp, basketball camp, ballet camp, family camp, VBS, and swim team.

As I reflect, my life does revolve around my kids for this season of life. People continually ask how they are doing. I think they are well, but it is



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hard to tell sometimes as we are often simply trying to survive.

Looking to the future, there seems to be two different opportunities on the horizon. One is to stay with OMF as a mobilizer. This would mean remaining on a support-based salary and some travel. The second would be to a mission director/pastor at a local church. I will currently be exploring both opportunities this coming month, and I would greatly appreciate your prayers.

One thing is certain. I still desire to serve the Lord in a kingdom-building mission position. The thoughts in my mind are: How will the world have the opportunity to respond to our Savior? How are we His hands and feet? How do we carry the Good News in our every day life? I hope to continue to use my gifts and talents to help answer these questions and facilitate the fulfillment of the Great Commission, of which we each play a critical role.

Pressing on and looking up,
Michael and the Woo family



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Summer BYF Retreat, Convention, and Volleyball Tournament

The Summer BYF Retreat, Convention, and Volleyball Tournament was held July 22-23 at the Hus Encampment.

The business meeting began at 8:30 a.m. Local youth groups reported on their annual activities, and reports from the State retreats were approved. Dates were set for this 2017-2018 calendar year: Fall Retreat, September 16-17; College/Young Adult "Hey Day!", December 16; Winter Retreat, January 6-7; State Children's Rally, February 24; Summer Retreat & Volleyball, July 14-15.

Everyone then gathered in the main building for worship and celebration of the Lord's Supper. Bro. Mike Groseclose brought the message. If we want to live out loud, love out

loud, or do anything out loud for our Lord, we have to be willing to do and think about things differently. We have to be able to stand out from everyone else and not only do things for ourselves but for others. We have to be able to love unconditionally and offer forgiveness when needed. We have to be able to support and encourage those around us without judgement. We have to Love our Lord.

After worship, 12 teams competed in the tournament. It was serious competition with many laughs and tons of joy. In the end, Ocker Skittles (MS/HS team) beat Wall for the championship. Taylor Bigs came in third over B/CS.



1st place team: Ocker Brethren



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2nd place team: Wall Brethren



3rd place team: Taylor Brethren

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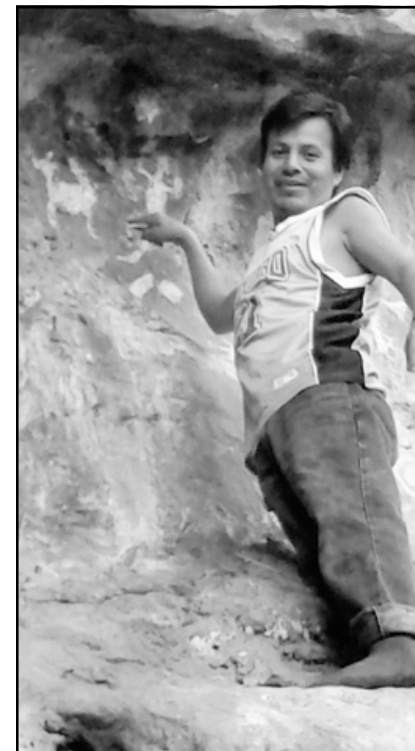
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out what the "other half" thinks. He had mixed reactions.

I arrived at Gabino's home after ten, in the raining dark. The next day over breakfast the local pastors started trickling in, till all ten arrived and we were ready. The purpose of the session was to lay a foundation for the pastoral training, as we did in Peru, but for a very different audience. Indigenous people, even leaders, don't readily interact and answer questions, so it's always hard to gauge how much I'm "getting through." They only had around five hours, after which we were just beginning to look at New Testamental leaders, so we agreed to meet in two weeks. I stayed an extra day, Gabino wanting to show me the sights. His town is called "The Caves", with many spread out through the cliffs all around. He took me into one that is sometimes used for witchcraft, and we clambered around, looking at bats and endless tunnels, until he led me out through one of those twisting tunnels to another exit. He is half my size, so at some points I was pushing through fissures just a bit wider than me, scrambling for toe holds in the slippery rock. Can't say I'd enjoy doing this for hours.

I return there in two weeks, probably again on the public van. Once I have the road memorized I'll drive and Anne can go. Gabino has a store, but because of the distance, all the goods he buys are expensive. Maybe I can make back my gas money and take him the things that sell better. Plus, we talked about him learning woodturning, since they have many pretty woods out there. Gabino said one of the saddest things I've ever heard, "Sometimes I sit for days thinking



about what things I could do to improve life here. I just can't think of anything." This is what drives men like Gabino away from their villages. Pray for an answer to his unspoken prayer that fits the Kingdom of God.

Saturday, Anne and I travel three hours to San Vicente Lachixio, a Zapotec town where I've been building relationships for five years now. I'll write more next week, but for now, please pray as we have an audience with the town leaders at noon, presenting a hand-made quilt as a gift of friendship from a church in Texas. Please pray, too, for Gabino and the pastors in Amoltepec as they ponder the "new to them, but old" ideas they heard.

Thank you,

Robert



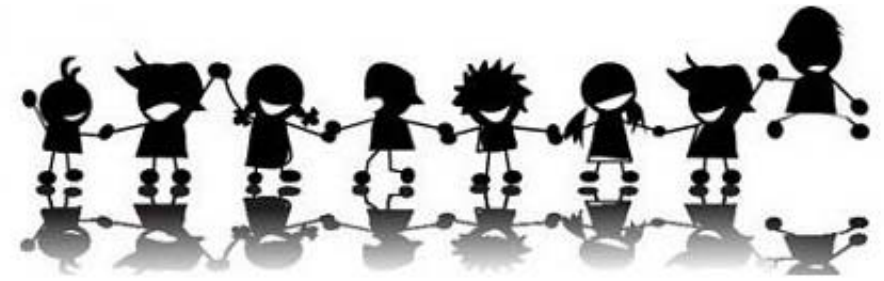
Gabino would sit on the sidelines, excluded through being so far from any of the others. One of the main leaders, Alejandro, kept trying to figure out how we could cover that small group of a dozen churches, too.

I finally volunteered to go out there straight from Oaxaca City, as that seemed like something I could do in the weeks that we are based there. Someone had said it was a bit closer to Oaxaca city than Tlaxiaco, which encouraged me a bit, too.

So, Sunday morning, after waiting an extra hour (villages ignore daylight saving's time), I set off at 11 a.m. in a 15-passenger van. I had set aside the seat that works the best for me, the front one, by the window. Another miscommunication, because seat #1 turns out to be the very small, crowded one in the middle between what I had wanted and the driver. By this time I knew that I was in for at least ten hours, and wasn't starting this trip in

the best of humor. The thought of having my left knee jammed into the heater controls, my right foot scrabbling for a surface that was flat, and having nothing to keep my upper body braced for all the ruts of the road was daunting. But I remember something I've been reading in Neil Peart's travel book, *Far and Wide*, advice he learned years previously from a drumming teacher: "It is what it is; deal with it."

I started a conversation with the driver, then eventually with the fellow that did get the "preferred" seat. The teacher wanted to know where I'm from, what I'm doing, stuff that inevitably leads to the deeper ones, about faith, foreign involvement in places like this, and the meaning of life. I got to spend quite a bit of time asking him about his impression of both the Christians in the area and the different kinds of social development he has seen. Always interesting to find



Sunday School Helper

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

1 John 5:7 (KJV)

Candy Corn is a seasonal favorite that can help illustrate a very difficult topic – The Trinity.



The Trinity

Using candy corn as an example, have the following discussion with children. You can also use the image below to help explain the Trinity.

- How many colors are on one piece of candy corn? (3)
- What colors are they?
- Did you know that Candy Corn can teach us about God?
- God is sweet and full of goodness.
- Just like candy corn has three parts, God has parts too. The big word we use in church is the "trinity". As we grow and learn more about God we will discover that he is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Have your children pick a color to represent each part of God.)
- God was always there.
- He has a son named Jesus that he sent into the world to die for our sins.
- After Jesus died on the cross and rose again, he went back to heaven. When Jesus went back to heaven, God sent the Holy Spirit. We have the Holy Spirit with us no.
- Why is God 3 in 1? Maybe it is to show us that no matter what He is with us! That is how much He loves us! He is God (Father), He came to live like us (Jesus), He wants to live in our hearts (Holy Spirit). Every time we munch on some sweet candy corn it can remind us just how much God loves us!

Here's a fun video on how Candy Corn is made:

<https://youtu.be/DgTvgQfcllM>



**As there are three colors in the
candy I see;
there are three persons in the
Holy Trinity.
God our loving Father, Jesus,
the son,
and our helper, the Holy Spirit.
All three are God, yet together they
are one.**



Pray for wisdom for Robert, as he "proclaims the Kingdom of God," and for the pastors of Amoltepec, as they seek to grow in their ability to equip their church for service to the King.

Thank you for your participation,
Anne and Robert

Thursday, August 31, 2017

Dear friends,

I spent the last few days with a small group of indigenous church

leaders in one of the remotest parts of Oaxaca state, Amoltepec. I got to know Gabino, one of the main leaders there, in the regional pastors' meetings that happen in the Tlaxiaco region every two months. For about half a year now we have been trying to help small geographically linked groups of pastors develop mentoring networks. This would allow them to train themselves and bring in new leaders without having to go away or rely on means that don't suit their situation. At each of these meetings



This is what we taught, claiming that leadership in the church derives its authority from a thorn-crowned Christ. “Make disciples,” He orders, “and teach them to obey all that I have commanded...” What is this *all*, exactly? The commands of Jesus are roughly forty or so in the gospels, but they can be summarized in seven outrageous orders, which take a lifetime and beyond to fulfill. The group of two or three or a thousand that seeks to obey Jesus’ commands in worship is truly a church, and the leaders (or elders or pastors) who equip a group to obey His commands are true leaders. Effective pastoral training equips pastors (leaders, elders) to guide their churches toward greater allegiance, obedience, and worship of the King. And as followers of the King, we join His purpose on earth, His task force, to establish His reign, through love, in every corner and aspect of human experience. Our goal, our hope, our prayer, is that He be king of the cosmos. “Your Kingdom come! On earth! As it already is in heaven!”

The Peruvian pastors can do this. They can lead their congregations

toward greater submission to Christ. They can not only lead with confidence, but train others to do so, no longer looking for outsiders to do this for them. Our hope is that the simple activities and corresponding studies that they will follow in their Extension Bible Institute will be a useful tool in equipping them for this holy job. They are all in different places of applying these ideas and studies, but this way of training leaders adapts to that reality easily.

The day after returning from Peru, we drove to Tlaxiaco, and then to Chalcatongo, to meet with pastors directing two regional branches of the Extension Bible Institute in Oaxaca. Marcos had invited another pastor from San Miguel to join the program, and we listened to him explain, “You see, the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, a weed that can’t be stopped, not even by the lack of credentials...”

This Sunday Robert takes a 9-hour bus trip to spend three days with eleven pastors, helping them understand these same ideas and organize a fifth Oaxacan regional branch of the Extension Bible Institute in Amoltepec.



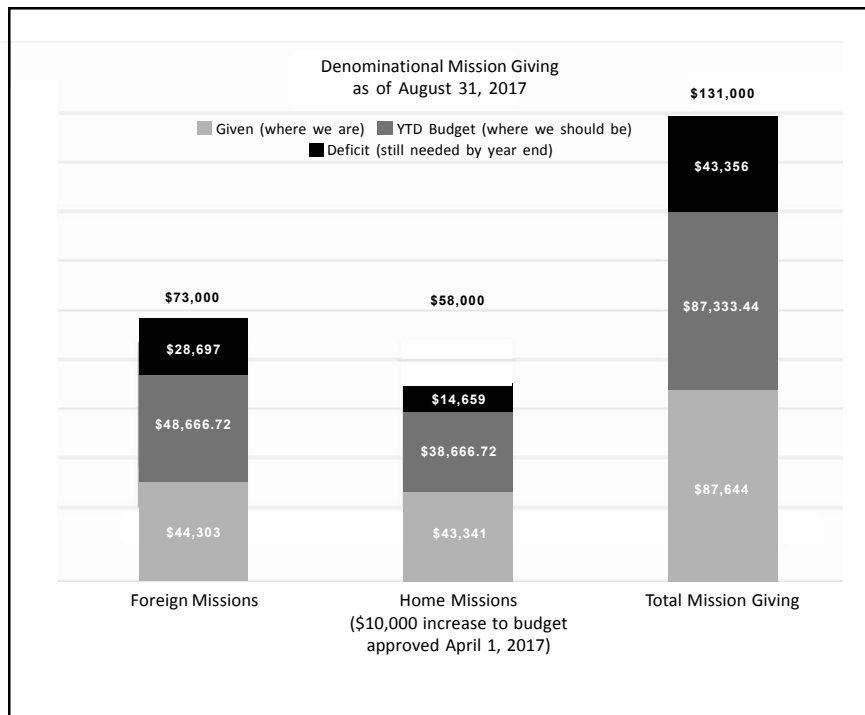
Here’s another way to illustrate the Trinity. You could color the dough orange, yellow, and white and make candy corns!

- Today we’re using this cup of common flour and this common table salt to understand the Trinity.
- *Hold up the cup of flour.* Let’s pretend this is God the Father. White is a symbol of purity, and we know that God is purest of the pure. *Turn the flour over into your bowl.*
- *Hold up the half cup of salt.* Let’s pretend this salt is Jesus. Jesus told us, “You are the salt of the earth” in Matthew 5:13, meaning we Christians “flavor” the earth by sharing God’s word. And Jesus would certainly know about that; he was the original salt. *Turn the salt over into your bowl.*
- *Hold up your half cup of water.* Let’s pretend this is the Holy Spirit. Water is often associated with “spirit” in the Bible. In John 3:5, Jesus says “no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the spirit.”
- *Mix all ingredients with your mixer.*
- We’re mixing all three ingredients together. Is the salt still in here? *Yes.* Is the flour still in here? *Yes.* Is the water still in here? *Yes.*
- All three are still here. *Stop mixing.* Yet now we have one substance. Can anyone guess what it is? *Hold up some dough and squish it around in your hand.*
- It’s one thing now – it’s homemade play dough. And yet, all three ingredients are still there.
- That’s one of the ways we can understand the Trinity – three in one. Definitely three; definitely one. Let’s make something!

Check out the blog and for more ideas and links!

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

From the Thiessen's . . .

Thursday, August 24, 2017

Dear friends,

We went to Peru last week to help the MB churches there open up three regional branches of an Extension Bible Institute. The group has been plagued by models of pastoral training that not only left their pulpits empty, but handicapped local leadership as well. This is a familiar story in all the Majority World. We had been invited on our last trip to address a "leadership vacuum" in the Peruvian churches, but we never found a leadership vacuum. What we found were "lay" leaders (not a biblical term) serving faithfully but without much confidence, because they didn't have "proper" credentials. Somewhere along the way well-intentioned outsiders had left the impression that this type of leader wasn't the ideal, biblical basis of healthy churches.

Who gets to decide what "proper" credentials are? What makes a leader a "pastor"? These questions bedevil

the mission world as we wake up to the weaknesses that accompany the spread of the gospel from one culture to another.

We spent two days in each region laying the foundation for Christian leadership. Where does our authority come from? The statutes or traditions of our denomination? A credentialing body or association? Our seminaries?

Jesus claims all authority in heaven and on earth, but He earned His authority the hard way. While He hung on the cross, He could have used divine power to step down. After all, he was our rightful king and could have forced us to accept Him. But He did not. He refused to use force. His crown was one of thorns, and He died rather than abuse His power. He was the only human ever uncorrupted by power. And in His refusal to force love, He became our king. Worship! We worship this king! And may nothing come between us and our all-out loyalty to Him.

In these times of confusion about human power and authority and politics, may we as a holy church hold to this above all!

