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Summer BYF Retreat, Convention, and Volleyball Tournament

The Summer BYF Retreat, Conven-
tion, 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 2018-2019 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 en-
courage 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 cham-
pionship. Taylor Bigs came in third over B/CS.

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Like Eagles Staked to the Ground

- by Rev. Tommy Tallas

Where there is no vision, the people perish.... (Proverbs 29:18)

Once upon a time there was a little man – not small in stature, but a man who thought little, talked little, and planned little. Like an eagle staked to the ground, there was no soar to him. His ceiling was zero.

It was not that this man was selfish, but it was just that most of the time he was preoccupied with his own little world. He didn't allow his mind to stretch and breathe. He looked at life through a microscope, never a telescope. There was no horizon to his sight. The only time he got excited about anything was when it impinged directly on his own little life. His total life's sphere had as both its center and its circumference, himself.

His hopes and dreams for the future were limited to keeping things the way he had always known them. Once when walking he had found a \$5 bill on the ground. Now, as if paralyzed by the memory of his past good fortune, he always walked with his head and eyes downward. That posture seemed to speak for his whole life and attitude.

Here lies the tragedy of this little man – he was afraid to take risks. He lacked vision of what could be. He was secure in his own little world. Guarding the present with memories of the past, he was afraid to act for the future. He was an eagle who had staked himself to the ground.

Proverbs 29:18 reminds us that God seeks people with a vision – people whose feet are on the ground but whose eyes are on the far horizon.

He wants farsighted, committed people, dedicated to His holy purposes. Losing sight of the future is responsible for so many of the mistakes we all make. It is when we begin to think that the present is all there is that we lose hope, and with it judgement.

The story of the little man can also be the story of the church. There are times when the church, its organizations and individual members, are like eagles staked to the ground. Instead of soaring to great heights of faith and service, they tie themselves to the ground by fear of the unknown.

Helen Keller was once asked if there was anything worse than being blind. She responded, "Yes, having sight, but without vision."

It is with this thought that I encourage you to look to the future of the Hus Encampment. The Encampment is the glue that holds our denomination together. It has been the place where so many have come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and have their faith in Him strengthened. The various camps and retreats at the Encampment over the years have literally changed hundreds of lives, and now it needs our help. The building projects and renovations that have been completed and those that are planned are necessary to ensure its (and I believe, the Unity of the Brethren's) future. I encourage you to be generous in your support.

There is a story told about a man, Mr. Smith, who decided that he wanted



to walk across Niagara Falls on a tightrope, and he wanted to do it pushing a wheelbarrow with a man in it. He began practicing in his own backyard. First, he had the rope a few inches above the ground and learned to walk across without losing his balance. He then moved the rope higher and higher until he could walk it without falling. He then practiced pushing a wheelbarrow. Next, he placed a load of bricks approximating the weight of man in the wheelbarrow and practiced day after day.

His neighbor, Mr. Jones, couldn't help looking over fence to see what was going on. Day after day he watched Smith practice. As the big day approached, the media and a great crowd of people gathered near the Falls. As Smith approached the tightrope with his wheelbarrow, he hesitated. He turned to Jones (who by now was acting as his press agent and manager) and asked, "Jones, do you think I can do it?" "Of course, you can," replied Jones. Smith asked again, "Do you really think I can do it?" "Absolutely," said Jones, "in fact I've bet a lot of money that you can." "That's great" said Smith excitedly, "you're my man... get in the wheelbarrow!"

We might not always be the ones to have the vision, but we can support those who do. We may not always share their enthusiasm and hope, but we can help to bring their dreams to reality.

In a larger context, I believe God is saying to each one of us in the church, "Get in my wheelbarrow, help bring my dreams for you to reality." "Do as much for me as you can. Risk some money and time. Take some chances on new programs and new ideas. Eagles are meant to soar!"

– Rev. Tommy Tallas

Editor's Note: Rev. Tallas was ordained in 1970 and has served in the Unity for 48 years. For over 30 of those years he and his wife, Donna, have served, at one time or another, as counselors and directors of most all the conferences, especially Hus School. He has seen firsthand how the youth who have attended experienced life changing faith experiences... and how many of those youth have gone on to become pastors, teachers, and lay leaders in our denomination. It was their faith experiences at the Hus Encampment that helped make that possible.

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Worship at 11:00 AM.
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– Rev. Mark Sebek

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Guest speaker on 4th Sunday.
– Rev. John Kueker

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– Rev. Kay Polasek
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10:00 AM: Faith Adventure
– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

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– Rev. Kay Polasek

Fayetteville – Sunday School at 9:30 AM, worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Joe Emerson

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– Rev. Michael Groseclose

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Hus Camp Needs Your Help Can We Count On You?

- The Need -

Due to continued growth and demand for summer youth camps, and a desire to make the Hus Encampment more accessible for groups of all ages, our **current facilities are in need of renovation or replacement to accommodate the needs of our mission.**

- The Solution -

ALPHA - Phase A (Complete)

Kitchen Renovation/Expansion

Complete Renovation, Expansion and Appliance Replacement in the Hus Camp Kitchen

Cost & Status: This \$228,500 project is funded and completed in June 2018

Waste Water Treatment System

Complete Replacement and Expansion of the Waste Water Treatment System

Cost & Status: This \$149,000 project is funded and completed in June 2018

DREAM BIG - Phase B (Current Phase)

Main Building/Dining Hall Renovation

Renovation of the Entire Main Building to Include the Addition of Restrooms

Cost & Status: Final design and fundraising are in progress for this \$200,000 renovation

FUTURE PHASES - Phases C, D, E (Conceptual Designs Complete)

New Dorm/Housing Construction

Addition of a new multi-purpose, ADA compliant housing facility for approximately 200 guests.

Outdoor Gym/Pavilion Common Space

Multi-purpose common space located between the proposed new housing structures.

Parking & Walkways

Designated parking and accessible walkways throughout the campus to maximize space and ensure safety.

Repurposing of Old Boys' Dorm

Utilization of the existing Boys' Dorm as a recreation/craft area.

Knesek Family Funeral Chapels



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Sunday School 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM
Wednesday Eve. 5:30 PM
Prayer Service and Bible Study

served numerous terms on the Board of Elders, and for many years he was very involved with the Brethren Youth Fellowship and spent summers as a camp counselor at the Unity of the Brethren's Hus Encampment near Caldwell. No job around the church was too large or too small for Stanley; he poured his heart and soul into everything he did for the church as well as for family and friends. Without fail, he picked up the spirits of young and old alike and helped them to feel God's love and care. Stanley was renowned for the high-octane, high-decibel characters he portrayed during the annual High School Graduates Program and Vacation Bible School at Taylor Brethren Church. On any given Friday night you could find him at a local (or not-so-local) high school football game or at the Taylor SPJST Hall dancing and laughing the night away. He was deeply loved, he touched innumerable lives, and he will be greatly missed by many. Stanley departed this earthly life very suddenly and very unexpectedly on Friday, May 25, 2018, at the age of 62 years, 4 months, and 19 days. He is survived by seven children: His son Cody and wife Missi McCawley of Kenosha, Wis-

consin, son Stan and wife Rebecca Briggs of Belton, daughter Heather and husband Bradley Gatewood of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, son Clint and wife Dana Briggs of Round Rock, son Terry Briggs of Thorndale, daughter Callie and husband Matt Case of Montgomery, and son Ian Zamorsky of Hutto; 13 grandchildren: Avery, Ellie and Brayson Briggs, Christian, Caleb, Mckynzie and Abbey Briggs, and Caroline Case; his sister, Karen Gilchrist and husband Trey of Thorndale; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Larry Joe Zamorsky; and his niece, Jessica Gilchrist. Services for Stanley were held June 1, 2018, at the Taylor Brethren Church. Stanley was laid to rest after services in the Taylor City Cemetery.

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Worship 10:15 AM

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Jennifer Chervenka
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Cemetery
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Granger rural relief mail carrier. A full-time job was acquired with the Williamson County Government starting with the Health Department and continuing in Human Resources. She was instrumental in converting the County hardcopy records to computer form. With her pleasant, friendly personality and dedicated work ethic, she achieved numerous promotions, and retired in 2004. She enjoyed traveling, especially to Colorado and Hawaii, and preparing special meals and desserts for her husband, sons-in-law, and grandchildren. Mary Ann was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Allan Tomasek; and her daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Scott Meyners, Becky Tomasek and Darby Holmes, and Melynda and David Boerm. Additionally, she is survived by her beloved grandchildren, Tyler Meyners, Taylor Meyners, Abigail Boerm, Laren Boerm, and Caleb Boerm. She is also survived by her siblings, Nancy Adams and husband Ron Adams, Richard Kinsey and wife Rose Kinsey, Charles Kinsey and wife Gail Kinsey, and Ronald Kinsey; and several nieces and nephews, including a close relationship with Kathy Berry and husband Dave. Celebration of God's Presence in the Life of Mary Ann Tomasek was held on May 26, 2018, at the Taylor Brethren Church.

WOLFE, ANNETTE (ANN) RUTH CHLAPEK, 78, died on Wednesday, July 18, 2018. She was born on June 2, 1940, in Temple to Edward A. & Julia Jez Chlappek. She was a

member of Seaton Brethren Church, Seaton Christian Sisters, served on the Board of Elders, Sunday School teacher, nursery attendant, church secretary, VBS helper, and volunteered in many other areas of the Church. Ann married Donald Earl Wolfe on December 10, 1966. He preceded her in death on June 26, 2003. Survivors include one brother, Edward L. Chlappek and wife Martha; two sisters, her twin, Jan Huber and husband Earl, and Irene Marek and husband Ed; numerous nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on July 21, 2018, at Seaton Brethren Church with burial at Seaton Cemetery. Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska.

ZAMORSKY, STANLEY JOHN was born in Taylor, Texas, on Friday, January 6, 1956, to Joseph Raymond and Albina Frances (Gorubec) Zamorsky. "Stan the Man" never met a stranger. He was known for his sense of humor and larger-than-life personality. He loved his family, sports (especially hardball), and documenting everything he did with pictures. After his recent retirement from Atmos Energy, Stanley was employed as a school bus driver for the Taylor Independent School District. In just a few days he would have started a new job as a maintenance transportation assistant with the Thrall Independent School District and construction was recently completed on Stanley's new house just outside of Taylor. Stanley dearly loved his church and church family. He

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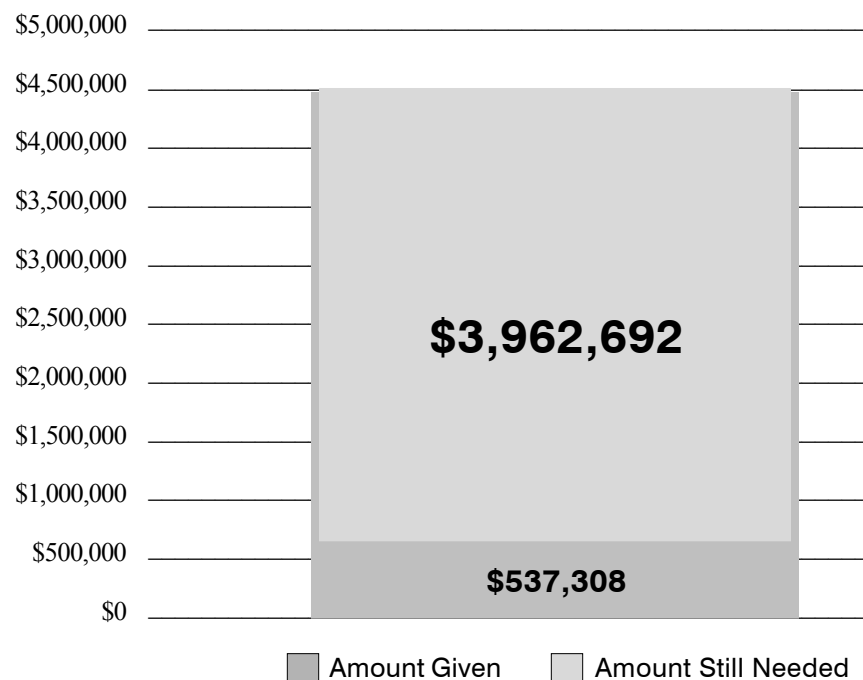
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Hus School Encampment Capital Improvement Project as of August 1, 2018



Current Project

Upgrade of Main Building – \$200,000 with A/C and Rest Rooms

Completed Projects

~~Kitchen Appliances & Equipment – \$106,301~~

~~Septic System Upgrade – \$150,000~~

~~Kitchen Remodel – \$183,000~~

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Everyday Ministries to Meet Everyday Needs
A Home Mission Work to Cade Lake and Burleson County

Patrick and Makayla Martin; Carrie, Annie, Isaac, Emily, and Abigail Fuller. Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Conrad (Buck) and Ruby Fox; In-laws, Harvey and Annie Martin; brother, Johnny Fox, and sister, Tina Tyson; granddaughter, Brigit Marie Fuller. Memorial service was held Sunday, May 27, for close friends and family in Brenham, Texas.

PRUESS, LILLIAN M. TEAFF was born in Taylor, Texas, on Thursday, September 1, 1921, to D.U. and Francis Schiller Teaff. She graduated from Taylor High School in 1939 and began working as a secretary while attending business school in Austin. During WWII she worked as a secretary for the Corps of Engineers in Galveston, Texas, and Washington, D.C. She then attended the University of Texas in Austin and became a lifelong Longhorn fan. She retired after 29 years in the business office of John's Clinic and Hospital. She was a lifelong, faithful member of Taylor Brethren Church, where she was baptized and confirmed her faith in Jesus Christ and taught the Senior Adult Sunday School Class for a while. Lillian enjoyed travelling, especially with her husband, Gilbert. Together they visited 49 state capitals. Lillian departed this earthly life on Monday, April 30, 2018, at the age of 96 years, 7 months, and 29 days. She is survived by her daughter, Sherry, and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents; her beloved

husband, Gilbert Preuss; her brother, Frank Teaff; and half siblings, Jimmy Teaff, Louis Trefz, Beatrice Hanson, and Jack Teaff. Services for Lillian were held May 4, 2018, at the Taylor Brethren Church. Lillian was laid to rest after services in the Taylor City Cemetery.

TOMASEK, MARY ANN KINSEY passed away in her home on May 8, 2018. She was born on October 23, 1943, in Chanute, Kansas, to Frederick and Georgia Kinsey. The family moved to Waco, Texas, in 1955, and she graduated from Waco High School in 1961. She was married to Allan Tomasek for nearly 50 years, living for over 45 years on their farm near Granger, Texas. Mary Ann took an active role in her family, church, and community. She was a member of the Pasadena, Austin, Taylor, and Granger Brethren Churches, where she served as Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher and was involved with activities such as the Christian Sisters Kolache Bake, fellowship lunches, and Unity of the Brethren Prime Timers Retreats. She was elected to the Granger ISD Board of Trustees and served for 15 years holding president and secretary positions. She was a member of the Granger SPJST Lodge and served as a Youth Group Leader, as well as being a Brownie Troop Leader. Her primary goal was to care for and support her husband, daughters, and grandchildren. As her daughters matured she worked as a



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Church: wallbrethren@gmail.com

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325-227-9900	325-213-0671	Tu-F: 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

VITAL STATISTICS

RECENT WEDDINGS

KELSEY MAREK and MATTHEW CARR were united in marriage on June 16, 2018, at Taylor Brethren Church. Minister: Rev. James D. Hejl.

RECENT DEATHS

HEJL, PATRICIA MAREK PAGE of Taylor, Texas, was born in Temple, Texas, on Wednesday, June 19, 1935, to Frank Joseph Marek, Jr., and Mozelle Patton Marek. She was a 1953 graduate of Temple High School. Pat married the Reverend Gordon A. Hejl on Saturday, December 28, 1996. He preceded her in death on Monday, October 24, 2016. She is also preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Shirley Marek Richardson; her sons-in-law, James Cooper and Cesar Farias; and her first husband, Homer Page, Jr. Pat died on Friday, January 12, 2018, at the age of 82 years, 6 months, and 24 days. She is survived by two daughters, Vickie Cooper and Lori Page; a son, Todd Page and wife, Julie; six grandsons, Jim Cooper, Evan, Dante and Jonathan (PJ) Farias, and Owen and Aiden Page; two great-grandchildren, Sydnee and Jared Cooper; a nephew, Don Clements; and a niece, Melissa Richardson, and her daughter, Courtney Jersey. Celebration of God's Presence in the Life of Pat Hejl were held on January 15, 2018, at the Taylor Brethren Church.

HERRIN, DENNY RAY, Ret. M. Sgt. 88 of Temple died on Wednesday, March 7, 2018.

He was born on January 21, 1930, to Jesse and Ferrel Herrin, in Bon Weir, Texas. He was a member of Seaton Brethren Church. He is survived by his wife, Lynda Herrin; son, Philip Milburn and wife Candice of Ontario, Oregon; Steven Milburn of Temple; daughters, Denice Allison and husband Brandon of Temple; Cheryl Iraggi and husband Keith of Portland, Texas; Debi Speice and husband Charles of Clovis, NM; grandchildren, Theodore, Nicholas, Cooper, Brendon, Caysen, Brayden, Brandon, Terrance, Jason, and Brandon; and 4 great-grandchildren. Memorial services were held on Monday, March 12, at Seaton Brethren Church with interment at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, Killeen. Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska.

MARTIN, JEAN FOX, 75, went to be with our Lord on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Jean was born October 10, 1943, to Conrad (Buck) and Ruby Fox of South Carolina. Jean and Bobby were united in marriage October 2, 1965. Jean was a graduate of Dreher High School, Columbia, South Carolina, class of 1961. She was a loving grandmother to her eleven grandchildren. She loved working with children with Sherry Murphy at Brenham Middle School and taking care of her grandbabies. She was a member of Wesley Church for years. but recently had started attending Industry Brethren church. Jean is survived by her loving family: Husband of 53 years, Bobby Martin; son, Curtis Martin and wife Crystal; son, David Martin and special friend Denise Evans; son, Ronnie Martin and wife April; Daughter, Tammy (Martin) Fuller and husband Michael; brother, Johnny Fox and wife Nelli of South Carolina. Grandchildren: Chase and Colton Martin; Kaitlyn,

SNOOK BRETHREN CHURCH

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COME WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday School – 9:00 AM; Worship – 10:15 AM
Bible Study – Each Tuesday, 9:00-10:00 AM

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Bank Name _____

Routing # _____ Account # _____

☐ The Hus Encampment may list my name and pledge amount in written materials when giving thanks to donors.

Signature: _____

Mail donation to:

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Donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

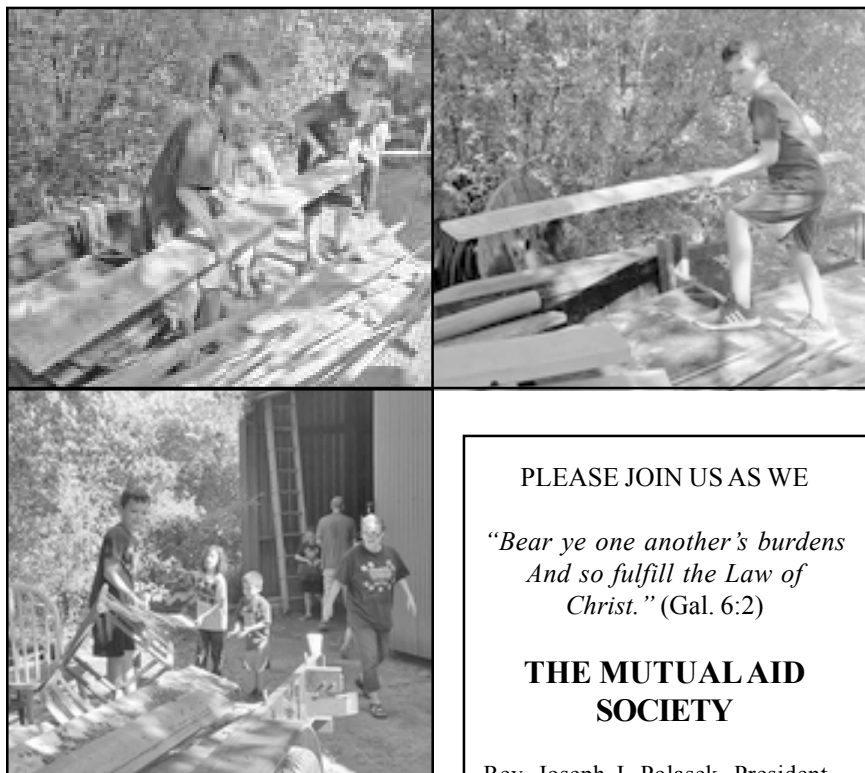
Cub Scout Service Project at the Hus Encampment

Eleven members of Cub Scout Pack 602 performed their annual Service Project at the Hus Encampment the weekend of July 28-29.

The Pack spent the time cleaning out the tractor, bike, and fishing sheds, straightened and organized the sports shed, and gathered brush. They also had time to enjoy some traditional

camp activities like riding bicycles, fishing, and kickball. Many parents came to enjoy the weekend with their scouts.

Pack 602 is from South Knoll Elementary in College Station. Pack Cub Master is Jessica Evers; Den Leaders, Rich King and Delilah Janac; and Connie Janac, a committee member.



PLEASE JOIN US AS WE

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

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DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for September 2018

By Mari-Anne K. Gordon and Dorothy E. Kocian

From the *New Revised Standard Version* unless otherwise indicated.

1. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me. Isaiah 61:1a
2. **Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21**
3. Whoever says, "I have come to know God," but does not obey His commandments is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist. I John 2:4
4. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:16
5. Has God promised, and will He not do it? Has He spoken, and will He not fulfill it? Numbers 23:19
6. May the God of peace, Who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do His will. Hebrews 13:20-21a
7. Bless the Lord, O my soul, Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases. Psalm 103:2,3
8. We ponder Your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of Your temple. Psalm 48:9
9. **You Who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again. Psalm 71:20**
10. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and mourn. Zechariah 12:10
11. You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You. Psalm 16:2
12. The Father Himself loves you. John 16:27
13. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that He has promised to those who love Him? James 2:5
14. You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word. Psalm 119:114
15. The righteous live by their faith. Habakkuk 2:4b
16. **May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. Jude 1:2**
17. Only You know what is in every human heart. I Kings 8:39
18. God exalted Jesus at His right hand as Leader and Savior that He might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. Acts 5:31
19. Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Romans 12:3 (NIV)
20. It has pleased the Lord to make you a people for Himself. I Samuel 12:22
21. God does great things that we cannot comprehend. Job 37:5
22. Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him.'" Then the devil left Him, and suddenly angels came and waited on Him. Matthew 4:10,11
23. **Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that I need. Proverbs 30:8**
24. Do not worry, saying 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' Your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. Matthew 6:31,32
25. The Lord is the strength of His people. Psalm 28:8
26. Anyone who knows the right thing to do and fails to do it commits sin. James 4:17
27. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Romans 12:12
28. Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest. Exodus 34:21
29. Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times. Psalm 106:3
30. **Our Lord Jesus Christ died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with Him. I Thessalonians 5:10**

SAVE THE DATES...

December 15, 2018 – “Hey! Day” for college students and young adults at the Hus School Encampment.

January 5-6, 2019 – BYF Winter Retreat at the Hus School Encampment.

February 23, 2019 – Children’s Rally at the Hus School Encampment

2019 SUMMER CAMP DATES:

ENCOUNTER

Ages 7-8 years old

Camp Cost: \$250*

Camp Date: June 30-July 2

ALPHA

Ages 9-10 years old

Camp Cost: \$350*

Camp Date: June 9-13

PIONEER

Ages 11-13 years old

Camp Cost: \$350*

Camp Date: June 16-21

DISCOVERY

Ages 14-15 years old

Camp Cost: \$350*

Camp Date: June 23-28

CHALLENGER

Ages 16-19 years old

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Camp Date: July 21-26

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*Ages for these camps are subject to change pending board review and approval.

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For more information about the Hus School Encampment go to:
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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.

Yearning to Breathe Free

- by Jim Pokorny

On Sunday, July 22, 2018, we welcomed Mr. Peter Vodenka who spoke to us about how he and his family escaped from communist Czechoslovakia in the 1980's. Mr. Vodenka shared his harrowing tale with several other communities in Central Texas, as well. Whether or not you were able to attend one of his speaking engagements, I highly encourage you to visit his website, www.petervodenka.com.

I purchased Mr. Vodenka's book prior to his presentation, which he graciously signed. After hearing him speak, I waited patiently until others had purchased their copies of his book just to thank him for clearly appreciating what we sometimes take for granted. Mr. Vodenka's story brought many thoughts to mind in the days that followed.

One of the very first things I reflected on was the fact that God instructed Abraham to become an immigrant. God told Abraham to leave his home and enter a land he did not know. In obeying God, Abraham would be blessed. As importantly, Abraham would in turn become a blessing to others.

Genesis 12:1-3 (NET): Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go out from your country, your relatives, and your father's household to the land that I will show you. Then I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you, and I will make your name great, so that you will exemplify divine blessing. I will bless those who bless you, but the one who treats you lightly I must curse, and all the families of the earth will bless one another by your name."

This in turn led me to consider God's chosen people who found themselves living in bondage in Egypt. Whether we want to admit it to ourselves or not, scripture is clear when it comes to the treatment of immigrants.

Leviticus 19:34 (NET): The foreigner who resides with you must be to you like a native citizen among you; so you must love him as yourself, because you were foreigners in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

It also made me remember that most Americans, myself included, are descended from immigrants. I wondered just how radically different our lives would be had our ancestors been refused entry into America.



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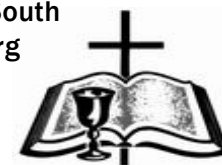
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Sunday School 10:45 A.M.

Off: 979-693-3606

email: papasebek@gmx.com

People often ask me if I have traveled to the Czech lands. When I reply no, they almost always tell me that I should, because both sides of my family came from there. I reply (in good humor) that my family wanted to come here. All kidding aside, one of the great freedoms we as Americans possess is the freedom to celebrate our heritage, whatever it may be.

One of the other great freedoms we enjoy is freedom of religion. My Sunday School class meets in our library. More than once I have used this venue as an object lesson in freedom. Of how we can meet Sunday after Sunday without fear of authorities breaking down our door, arresting the lot us, and confiscating all the religious materials that surround us to be used as evidence against us in a sham of a trial.

Lastly, I thought about the Statue of Liberty. For many immigrants, this was their very first impression of America. It was for members of my family. What an impression it must have made. There is a bronze plaque at the Statue of Liberty upon which are the words of a poem written by Emma Lazarus in 1883 entitled "The New Colossus".

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch,
whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command

The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

Immigration has become one of those hot button topics that deeply divides Americans right now. Even so, I pray that America will always remain a place where the Peter Vodenka's of the world can turn and feel welcome.

New Tabor Brethren Church Celebrating 125th Anniversary

The New Tabor Brethren Church Board of Elders wishes to extend an invitation to all churches and former members of the New Tabor Brethren Church to the 125th Anniversary celebration held on Sunday, October 14, 2018, at 10 a.m.

A barbecue noon meal will be provided following the celebration service. Entertainment and a raffle will be enjoyed.

A warm welcome is extended to all visitors. For information, please contact Christine Campbell at 979-324-0741.

Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

September 14-16, 2018 – BYF Fall Retreat at the Hus School Encampment

September 22, 2018 – Fall Synodical Committee meeting at the Hus Encampment beginning at 9 a.m.

October 12-14, 2018 – 24th Annual Prime Timers' Retreat at the Hus School Encampment in Caldwell, TX. Details & Registrations will be sent to each congregation and should be available for download on the Unity website. For more information, call Donna Verwold at (713) 553-5542 or email dmverold@yahoo.com

October 14, 2018 – New Tabor Brethren Church 125th Anniversary Celebration. Service at 10 a.m. with barbeque lunch, entertainment, and raffle to follow afterward in the Fellowship building (see invitation in this issue).

November 3, 2018 – Seaton Brethren Church Christian Sisters Bake Sale and Quilt Show at the church, 12561 State Highway 53, Temple (Seaton Community), from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (see invitation in this issue for more information).



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June 2018

Missionary in Zambia, Africa

2017 began like any other day of a New Year. The teaching staff at New Day Orphanage began planning for a new school year. We cleaned our classrooms, teaching assignments were given, and lesson plans were written. For this school year I would be teaching 1st Grade Language Arts, 5th Grade L.A., 7th Grade English, and World History. I would also be doing a Guided Reading for First Graders, and a homework study hall time for students.

Here at home, Mom and Dad were doing well. At the end of February Dad became ill, and eventually went to the Corner Stone Nursing Home for physical therapy to help him regain his strength. In March Dad had a setback, and I started praying for guidance – should I stay at NDO or should I come home for a brief time. With the Lord's guidance, I returned to Texas.

Arrangements were made for someone else to take my classes. The staff was very understanding about this, and I returned at the beginning of May. By the end of June Hospice was called, arrangements were made, and Dad came home. He went to be with the Lord on August 1, 2017.

I stayed to help Mom, especially when she decided to have knee replacement surgery.

Since I was staying, I was able to give my time and help out in any way at the Ocker church. I taught Sunday School for teachers when they couldn't be there. I directed the Choir on the second Sunday of each month. I helped clean the church when one of the ladies fell and broke her leg. I gave formal and informal talks on life at New Day and what I do there. I even substituted at Rosebud-Lott a couple of times.

I will be returning to New Day on June 28, 2018, and resume my work there.

The Lord works in mighty and



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powerful ways. He has allowed me to have quality time this past year with family and friends while still being in His Will.

Yes, 2017 and half of 2018 was not what I had planned, but was what the Lord planned, and being one of His Children, I followed His Way.

I do want to thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers, and support. Please continue to keep NDO in your prayers as we go through a new change there. I don't know what will happen, but the Lord knows, and He will guide us through this transition.

Thank you again
and God Bless,

Carolyn,
New Day Orphanage
Mapunza, Zambia

From Robert and Anne Thiessen . . .

July 2018
Missionaries in Mexico

Hello, dear friends,

This summer has meant living out of suitcases. Philip graduated on Sat-

urday, May 5th, in Texas, and then we drove overnight, with him, to be at Elai and Mikael's graduation the next day in Illinois.

Next, we helped E&M move to Atlanta, driving 14 hours each way to move their belongings. Cailey graduated, too, in Vermont during that time. Then, on the 19th, P&C were married high up in the Colorado mountains, where even a little bit of sleet couldn't detract from the high spirits of having family and friends gathered for the celebration. The month ended with a full Thiessen family gathering in Ontario to celebrate the weddings of three cousins this year.

We were a couple weeks in Ontario after that, and now are at the end of a few weeks in North Carolina. In the middle I went to Panama and spent Father's Day weekend with a group of indigenous Mennonites working through what it would mean for them to work in pastoral teams. We were also able to get together with Anne's parents in Florida for a couple days. Our two hadn't seen the grandparents in four years, and now we were able to present our two new kids.



Pour 6 cups of water into the pitcher. "...But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." This water that Jesus speaks of is the Holy Spirit. Then we need to be washed of our sins... we need to be sweetened up. Pour in the syrup (1 cup water, 1 cup sugar cooked into a syrup). I just poured in melted sugar. It makes bitter liquids sweet. If we decide we want to become good, God helps us. He forgives us. He puts us in a position so that we can do His will. For super heroes like the Apostle Paul, God took away his desires to do bad things to Christians and made him want to do good things. God turned a bitter man into a superman!

In Acts 19, Paul healed so many people that he could not lay his hands on all the people who asked. So people were asking him to touch handkerchiefs that could be taken to the sick. People were being healed and demons were coming out of others, just by touching his handkerchief. In Acts 20, he brought a dead boy back to life. In Acts 28, he was attacked by a poisonous snake. He shook the snake off him and into a fire, and he was not hurt.

Superheroes can teach us a lot. First: We can be forgiven. No matter what. If super-villains can become superheroes, then we can be forgiven for anything we've done. All we have to do is feel truly sorry... then truly ask for God's help. Second: We can change. As bad as we were, that's how good we can become... and then some! Today, Paul is the most well known of all the apostles. He wrote over half of the New Testament. No matter what we've done, God can sweeten us up. *Hold up your cup in a toast.* We can be like bad guys turned good... it's never too late to be sorry for what we've done and allow God to make us into something good. Drink up this sweet lemonade and be thankful for God's love and forgiveness!

Pour lemonade for everyone.



Bad Guy to Good Guy

Tell the story

When Bad Guys Turn Good

You will be making a half gallon of homemade lemonade in front of your class as you go along.

In the superhero world of DC Comics, two major bad guys recently switched sides, becoming good. *Hold up first picture of Alexander Luthor.* His supernatural powers were most often used to try to kill Superman. Lex is now a member of the Justice League (joined by another former villain, Captain Cold). Also, there is the Transformer, Megatron. He became good, too, joining the Autobots. *Hold up first picture of Megatron.* Paul started out as a really bad guy too. He killed Christians! Let's look at how goodness overtakes a superhero.

Lots of superheroes come into their power through strange occurrences, like a lightning strike or an electrical shock. Paul's was a little like that. He wasn't struck by lightning... but he saw a bright light on the road to Damascus and was blinded. He heard the voice of Jesus asking him, "Why are you persecuting me?" After three days, Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit, his natural "tap" to superpowers. Goodness can overtake a superhero and it can happen to us, too.

Pass out small cups. Squirt straight lemon juice into each cup (just enough to taste). People who do bad things are often filled with bitterness, like this lemon juice. They want power. They think they are entitled to rule over people. *You can let children taste the lemon juice.* The Holy Spirit gives us hope. *Pour 1 cup of lemon juice into a pitcher.* The Holy Spirit is compared to water (John 4 13-14), "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst...."



We enjoy visiting family and supporters in North America because we get to explain anew the rewards and challenges of being Christ's ambassadors in very different places from what our friends normally experience. This is an important part of our ministry – linking believers from diverse backgrounds. In Ephesians, Paul makes it clear that this is what God has been doing from the beginning of our history – moving the different peoples of the world toward reconciliation.

This work of reconciliation is sometimes complicated when the sending culture expresses an attitude of "privilege." If the "goers" that Paul talks about in Romans take with them some innate sense of superiority, clashes occur. These clashes are subjects of whole shelves of libraries.

One story from the life of Jesus, a short one, expresses His attitude toward privilege, and towards those with none. A woman, who has been bleeding for 12 years and is now destitute, approaches Jesus. This woman is unnamed, and her story is embedded in a longer story about a man with a name and position – Jairus, the synagogue official. She has spent much of her adult life being "unclean." I don't think in our modern culture we know how awful this was. She felt shame around people, and worse, she felt unacceptable even to God. She couldn't even enter the Temple, and now she suffered the shame of poverty, as well, and not one bit of this is her fault.

She senses that Jesus is different, though, and in a crowd she finds a way to creep up and have the most minimal contact with him... and she's



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healed! With that she fades into the background.

But Jesus stops the whole crowd of “important people,” those with names and positions, and makes them look around – at the people they normally miss. Jesus also knows this woman needs something more than physical healing to heal what is driving her away from relationships and from approaching him face to face like Jairus had. He identifies her, and though she is terrified of calling attention to herself after all those years of rejection, she tentatively steps forward.

Here, in a way that no other religious leader could do, Jesus, the Face of God, reaches out his hand and says, “Daughter.” She, who till today has no other name, receives that most precious name, one of relationship and love.

Jesus stops His disciples, and the “important people,” and the crowds,

and makes them look past their plans and immediate needs. He says: “Stop, look behind you, find the outcasts, and lift them up into full relationship.”

Our attempts at this are imperfect. We struggle to love even the ones closest to us, the ones that love us back. It’s harder to excel at loving those who are so different from us. As we all work together at this high calling, we value your prayers and support that sustain us.

We return to Mexico next week, and then go on to Paraguay for a Mennonite gathering of Latin American leaders involved in training. We are looking forward to learning from these people and sharing ideas and plans for raising up even more leaders who have the attitude of Jesus.

Thank you,
and many blessings,

Robert and Anne

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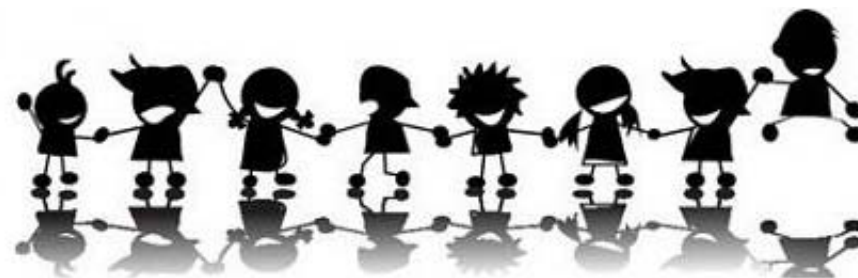
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Sunday School Helper

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins and purify us
from all unrighteousness.

I John 1:9

Comic publisher DC Universe has created villains who have been transformed into good guys. Apostle Paul is just like that. Using homemade lemonade, kids will understand why bad people don’t necessarily stay that way, and how forgiveness is big business in the superhero realm for Jesus.

Thoughts about giving...

Remembering the Unity of the Brethren or any of its ministries is a fitting testimony of your belief. Your gift in a will can be a legacy that continues to affect the Christian values, mission, and ministry that is important to you.

You can give without restrictions and let us use the funds for the most pressing needs or you can specify how, when, or where you want the funds used.

You can require that we hold the principle as an endowment and use only the earnings each year.

You can give in memory or in the honor of someone.

Your gift can be contingent. The funds go to someone if they survive you and if not, then to the Unity.

You can tell us now that you have named the Unity in your will and allow us to express our gratitude...or you can let it be known later.

There are many other ways to give. Contact any Board of Grants and Bequests member about what you can give and how you can give.

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Prime Timers’ Retreat 2018 Invitation

Mark Your Calendars!

The Prime Timers’ Committee invites all Unity members and friends to the 24th Annual Prime Timers’ Retreat at the Hus School Encampment in Caldwell, TX, on Friday, October 12, 2018, through Sunday, October 14, 2018.

Details & Registrations will be sent to each congregation and should be available for download on the Unity.

Those who want the full experience can stay in either a dormitory or cabin for the weekend at the camp, while others can come for the just day on Saturday; enjoying worship, bible study, entertainment, good food, re-connection, relaxation, and fellowship. Our ages range from 40 and above.

Come join the fun, while also supporting the Hus Encampment. For more information, call Donna Verwold at (713) 553-5542 or email dmverold@yahoo.com.

Seaton BC Christian Sisters Bake Sale and Quilt Show Invitation

The Christian Sisters of Seaton Brethren Church are hosting their annual bake sale and quilt show fundraiser on Saturday, November 3, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, 12561 State Highway 53, Temple (Seaton community).

Featured items in the sale will be kolaches, cakes, pies, cookies, bread, jellies, chicken dressing, homemade egg noodles, homemade canned goods and craft items. A re-sale shop will be opened. Sandwiches and home-made soup will be available to purchase for lunch. Quilts will be on display in the sanctuary.

A handmade quilt and gift cards from different businesses will be given away for a love donation of \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5. The proceeds from the fund-raiser benefit the many projects the Sisters’ support. The sale is open to the public with free admission. For more information, please contact Helen Haisler at (254) 718-5356.

To communicate with the Hus Encampment . . .

. . . regarding scheduling* of meetings or events there, contact:

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**This must be done well in advance.*

Seaton Brethren Church 2018 VBS SHIPWRECKED

The Seaton Brethren Church was transformed into a deserted island and underwater setting during June 11-15, 2018. A total of 56 excited children and approximately 60 staff members enjoyed the week of learning that Jesus rescues us no matter the situation.

The first day we had 19 pre-schoolers ages 3-5 years old! Our VBS is geared for ages 3-12. Each evening began with a light meal followed with the opening of singing and learning how God created each animal featured that day. With the new projection system in place the kids could enjoy the big screen effect this year. Split into two rotation groups the kids moved to Bible Stories, Imagination Station, Games, and Kid-Vid video. Each evening ended with a more singing, a skit, and a review of what was learned during the session.

One night in the closing, the kids were asked what they liked best about coming to VBS. One said, "Going to VBS with my New Friend." These two little girls had never seen each other before that first night. Actually, one of them was visiting from another state. How awesome is that!

VBS Directors, Ruth Psencik and Pastor Denise Mikeska

