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nual Prime Timers' Retreat at
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Details & Registrations will
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FROM THE PRESIDENT... Dr. Larry Koslovsky

Cade Lake

Cade Lake is still in recovery mode. Progress is being made at a pace that allows for thoughtful planning and good decision making. In cooperation with the Home Mission Board, current staff, and the Chapel community in dialogue with Lamar Urbanovsky, building plans are currently being developed.

Cade Lake is currently meeting at Caldwell Middle School. Sunday School begins at 11 a.m., lunch is at 12 p.m., and the worship is at 1p.m.

Second Phase of Main Building Renovation

The plans are complete for the second part of the renovation of the Main Building that has served the camp and denomination for 60 years. What is needed are funds to complete this project in time for next summer's camps.

The first phase of the renovation required extensive attention to water, septic, electrical, and power backup systems adding to the initial costs of the first phase of the project. With these systems now upgraded and updated, the first phase and second phase of the Main Building along

with all subsequent stages of future development and construction can be handled by the upgrades.

The second phase of the Main Building includes additional air conditioning, restrooms, repositioning of entrances, and attention to the interior that comes with remodeling. Anticipated cost is \$350,000.

Hurricane Harvey

Recovery continues in the Port Arthur area. Resources are available to aid others who are still in need. If you know of someone who could use a helping hand, please contact Rev. Mark Sebek (254-931-0000).

Missions

Home Missions exceeded its 2017 budget of \$58,000 with donations of \$64,319.39. Foreign Missions received \$70,546.21 toward its 2017 budget of \$73,000. Add to this, donations made to Harvey Relief and Cade Lake in response to the fire along with donations to the first phase of the renovations/building program at the camp. WOW! What this adds up to is not only a good sum of money to do ministry, but also tremendous generosity. Thanks so much!



In God's Hands Ministry

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

Mission Project

There is a need to drill a water well in Ahuas, Honduras; hauling water from the river is hard work. The equipment and pipe are there for the project and has been there for a number of years. Volunteers will be needed to go do the work. More information will be forthcoming. If you are interested, please contact David Miller, chair of Foreign Missions (dm103157@hotmail.com).

Moving Forward

There is always room for improvement (so I have often been told by mentors in my life). What gets us into trouble is satisfaction with the status quo. What robs us of momentum is the fear of change and letting go of control.

Perhaps one way of gauging our personal lives and corporate life as the Body of Christ is to consider on a regular basis...

Am I as a disciple and are we as the Body of Christ being, making, and doing the best and most with what the Lord has blessed and gifted me/us?

Let us consider for our personal lives, congregations, and the Unity: Being the best of who we are...

Making the most of what we've got...

Doing the very best we can do... in order to live grateful for the past, faithful in the present, and hopeful stepping into the future.



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– 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 (PO Box
163, Caldwell, TX 77836) – A Home
Mission Project since 10-22-11 – Sunday
School at 11:00 AM; Fellowship Lunch
at Noon; Worship at 1:00 PM.
– Rev. Kay Polasek
Co-Pastor, Rev. Jim Heckman

Caldwell – Come as you are! **Sundays** –
explore the Bible @ 9:30 AM (all ages);
KIDS CHOIR practices @ 10:15 AM; &
worship @ 10:30 AM! **Every 1st & 3rd
Wednesday**, join the fun @ Family
Game Night, 6-7:30 PM! Check out
lifeatebc.org for spiritual resources,
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– 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
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– Rev. Adolfo Gonzalez

Granger – Bible Study every Sunday at
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– Rev. Larry Zabcik

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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.
– Rev. Dr. Brad Herridge

Pasadena – Sunday School at 9:30 AM
and worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
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Community Christian Church of
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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

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Sunday, 9:15 AM – Prayer Gathering;
9:30 AM – Sunday School, All Ages;
10:30 AM – Worship Celebration Service.
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Sunday.
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Worship at 10:45 AM.
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Sunday.
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9:30 AM; worship at 10:45 AM every
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– Rev. Thomas Tallas

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

Westheimer Community – worship at
10:30 AM every Sunday.
– Pastor Lisa Johnson

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for October 2018

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

From the *New Revised Standard Version*, slightly modified,
unless otherwise indicated.

1. The Lord has granted me the petition that I made to Him. I Samuel 1:27
2. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men. Colossians 3:23 (NIV)
3. Jesus answered them, "Take heed that no one leads you astray." Matthew 24:4
4. Behold, children are a gift from the Lord. Psalm 127:3 (NASB)
5. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. Numbers 6:25
6. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. John 14:2
7. **My God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19**
8. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear Him. Psalm 103:13
9. The Lord has heard my cry for mercy; the Lord accepts my prayer. Psalm 6:9 (NIV)
10. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Romans 12:10
11. God is with you in all that you do. Genesis 21:22
12. Present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. Romans 6:13
13. Death has been swallowed up in victory. II Corinthians 15:54b
14. **If we have died with Him, we shall also live with Him. II Timothy 2:11**
15. You have plans formed of old, faithful and sure. Isaiah 25:1b
16. Creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope. Romans 8:20
17. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Deuteronomy 6:5
18. I will make them many, and they shall not be few; I will make them honored, and they shall not be disdained. Jeremiah 30:19b
19. Thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 15:57
20. The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Psalm 9:9
21. **O Lord, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; You have made heaven and earth. II Kings 19:15**
22. Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Luke 17:17,18
23. Do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in You. Psalm 25:20
24. We speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. I Corinthians 2:7
25. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Romans 12:18
26. We walk by faith, not by sight. II Corinthians 5:7
27. God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. John 3:17
28. **Surely His salvation is at hand for those who fear Him, that His glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Psalm 85:9,10**
29. By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8
30. God created humankind in His image, in the image of God He created them. Genesis 1:27
31. Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

God's Path

- by Rick Weise



Almost everyone who has attended an event or visited the Hus Camp will recognize this scene. Yep, you guessed it, the gravel path leading from the main building out to the pond and vesper site. If you're like me, you remember this simple place fondly, as a spot where you rode your bike, ran down early in the morning before breakfast to go fishing, crept along at night while looking for "Wild Wilma", walked along with your flashlight and Bible for an evening vesper, trudged down to dump the "slop bucket", and yes, the place you met your friends when sneaking out of the dorms. While most of us probably take this simple path for granted, it, and the entire Hus Camp, are truly tools that God has used to touch my life and the

lives of many others. In fact, if we were able to calculate the total impact that this facility, its programming, volunteers, and students/campers have had on the world around us, we would be amazed at what the Lord has done through this place and those who have passed through it.

But what is God doing today? Is He still using the Hus Camp? And what about that simple path that so many of us tread upon . . . is it still as effective today at leading lives to Christ as it was 61 years ago when the Hus Camp was built? The answer is YES! With opportunities to attend Encounter, Alpha, Pioneer, Discovery, Challenger, and Hus School, the camp currently offers more summer



programming than ever before, reaching a variety of youth at a variety of ages. With many camps reaching or surpassing capacity, it is easy to see God's hand still working within the Hus Camp and Unity of the Brethren.

As I think back on my years as a camper several things come to mind: Special friends, great food, camp fire vespers, s'mores, and of course singing. Songs like *Seek Ye First, Children Go Where I Send Thee, Friends*, and an all-time favorite that perfectly describes the Hus Camp and its mission, *Pass It On*. If you've forgotten the words, it goes like this.... *It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing. That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it, you spread His love to everyone, you want to pass it on. I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found, you can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know, the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.* There are no better words than those of this song to describe how God has, and continues to utilize the Hus Camp/Unity of the Brethren to achieve His mission in the world... *We spread His love to everyone, we want to pass it on . . .*

Recently, the Unity endorsed a major capital building campaign at the Hus Camp. Built in 1957, the camp has been well maintained, but is in need of some modernization in order to remain successful in attracting both youth and adults of all ages. As a former Director of Alpha Camp, and attendee of many conferences, I have seen firsthand the need for additional

kitchen space, a new wastewater system, renovation of the main hall, and construction of new/expanded dorm facilities. Thanks to the generosity of several contributors, which included the use of adjoining property as a gray water spray field, numerous hours of project oversight, and an individual \$100,000 donation, I am happy to report that two of our top needs have been met. Both the kitchen renovation and construction of an offsite wastewater system are complete and in operation. Both worked amazingly well during camps this year.

While this is exciting news and means for celebration, it reminds us that now is the time to move forward with our next steps. Steps that will not happen without your help! The Lord has been faithful in providing for the Hus Camp thus far, and I am confident that through each of us, His vision for an even greater mission here will be fulfilled. Thus, it is with celebration and rejoicing that I ask each of you to consider how you can financially support the current and long-term needs of the Hus Camp. In order to move forward with our next step, Renovation of the Main Building, we are in need of an additional \$350,000. Please prayerfully consider how you and your family can play a part in this step and the overall future of the Hus Camp. As the Unity's oldest running home mission, and one that holds great potential for the future, I encourage your generous support. Opportunities to become a part of this mission are boundless . . . with a one-time gift, monthly or yearly donations, IRA, stock, royalty or land contributions, and designations within your will. All contributions are tax

2019 SUMMER CAMP DATES:

ENCOUNTER

Ages 7-8 years old

Camp Cost: \$250*

Camp Date: June 30-July 2

PIONEER

Ages 11-13 years old

Camp Cost: \$350*

Camp Date: June 16-21

CHALLENGER

Ages 16-19 years old

Camp Cost: \$350*

Camp Date: July 21-26

ALPHA

Ages 9-10 years old

Camp Cost: \$350*

Camp Date: June 9-13

DISCOVERY

Ages 14-15 years old

Camp Cost: \$350*

Camp Date: June 23-28

HUS SCHOOL

In depth Leadership Program

Ages 16-19

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Date: July 7-19

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

**Camp pricing is under review by the board and may be adjusted.

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

Does your church/organization have an activity that you would like to include in this listing? Please send activity information including a contact name, phone number, and/or email address to the Brethren Journal Editor at: editor.brethrenjournal@gmail.com. Information must be received by the first day of the month immediately preceding the month of publication.

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Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

October 10, 2018 – Ocker Brethren Church Harvest Supper in the Ocker Fellowship Hall at the church, 17454 State Hwy 53, Temple (Zabcikville), TX. The meal will begin serving at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Stacie Sebek at (254) 718-5608.

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).

November 4, 2018 – Industry and Fayetteville Brethren Churches Honor Our Veterans Service. Joint service at 9 a.m. with Industry and Fayetteville Brethren Churches. Held at the Industry Firemen's Hall, Industry, TX. Brunch will be served after the service. For more information, contact Liz Treybig, (512) 217-2140, or Liz Ripple, (979) 378-2239. Pastor: Rev. Joe Emerson.

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

deductable. If you have not been to the Camp in a while and would like to schedule a tour, or would just like to visit about how you can be part of this great mission, please call or email any of our Hus Board of Trustees members, as we would be overjoyed to meet with you at any time. Contact information for the Board of Trustees is listed in the back of *The Brethren Journal*.

Remember, **“It Only Takes A Spark to Get A Fire Going.”** Let's make sure the Hus Camp mission is **“Passed On”** for generations to come. Please join me in support by going to **huscamp.org** for donation information or contacting a Board of Trustee member to personally discuss how you can donate to this cause.

In Christ,
Rick Weise
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*“Bear ye one another's burdens
And so fulfill the Law of
Christ.” (Gal. 6:2)*

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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

Waste Water Treatment System

These projects were 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

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prayed over Zotico, assuring him of God's full forgiveness. We said that now that he knows how much God can forgive, his job is to give this news to the people of his town and his step-father's town. He asked us how soon he could share his news with his new church.

I'm sharing it with you. Yayyy!

Anne

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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.

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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.

How Can I Help?

– Be A Friend to the Hus Camp –

Show your support and receive current information about what's going on at the Hus Camp. Seimply email your contact information (Name, Mailing Address, Email Address & Phone Number) to: Suzie Dusek at sdusek5@gmail.com

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– Join the Hus Camp Prayer Team –

Become a Hus Camp prayer warrior by signing up to be on our
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got him a recording of the New Testament in his Mixtec dialect. He's already in Romans.

Then came all our summer travel, and the whole time we were praying for Zotico and Maria. We knew that Jehovah's Witnesses were studying with them and inviting them to their gathering, too. We had no idea what it would look like when we got back, because we had only met a few times to pray and listen to the Mixtec Bible.

But things have gone quick since we've returned. They had been waiting for us. Zotico told us that he is "all in" with God, so we prayed with him about his assurance of belonging to Christ (Maria is still wanting to hear some more about Jesus before she takes this step). They went to church with us and promptly signed themselves up for the Tuesday night prayer meeting. It's heartening to watch someone moving faster toward God than you expected. We feel like we're running to catch up (like Philip and the Eunuch) so we can open doors for them to move closer to Jesus. The pastor of the church is very supportive. He's organizing a special Sunday School class to teach Bible stories orally (there are others in this Zapotec

town that can't read). We have a trip coming up, and as soon as we return we'll be baptizing Zotico. In the interim, he wants to share more with his family (his three married children live with him).

Yesterday after we taught him and Maria to tell the Creation story (they had no idea that it's Jesus who crushes the head of the serpent), he told us he had something to tell us. He said he couldn't keep walking into this commitment without telling us his past. He told us after his father had died, his mother had remarried a man in another town. Then this man was murdered. The step-brothers blamed Zotico's mother. They abducted and killed her, her daughter, and a grandbaby. When Zotico's brother came to find out what had happened, they shot him, too. Then the killers came after Zotico. He defended himself, killed one of the attackers, and went to jail for 12 years. "I've paid my debt to society," he said, "but will God forgive me? Can I still belong to Jesus with this past?"

I said, "Jesus forgave His own killers when He was hanging on a cross. He sure can forgive you." We



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

From Robert and Anne Thiessen . . .

August 2018

Missionaries in Mexico

Dear friends,

Sometimes when you talk to people about Jesus they kind of cringe, and it's an uphill climb because they've been turned off by any number of things about Christianity, or else they just don't think that God is much use to them right now. You have to respect that. But sometimes God has already been working in someone's heart long before you came along, and when you broach the Jesus topic, they are all over it. They were just waiting for someone to say something, and you did.

This is what has been happening with our neighbor, Zotico. He and his wife Maria are Mixtecs from the coast, near where we used to live, and we can kind of understand each other's dialect. We say *tani kun*, and they say *nakum chun*. Their Spanish is

excellent, so language isn't a barrier. They sell tacos from a little stand across the street. Robert sometimes gets breakfast there and found out they were Mixtecs, and that is how we started being friends. Last Easter I sat down to eat some tacos at their stand, and I asked them what they were doing for Easter. They said "nothing." I pulled out a syringe stuffed with red and yellow tissue paper. I handed this to Zotico and said that I loved Easter because it reminds me of how Jesus put His resurrection blood into me, a bit like when you get an injection. I said that Jesus' blood cures me of sin and death because He puts His God/human blood in me and in all those who belong to Him. He makes us a new race. Zotico had just been diagnosed with diabetes and was instantly interested in God's power over sin, disease, and death. But it wasn't just about getting a quick cure. He was interested in God. He can't read (never went to school but worked all through childhood), so we

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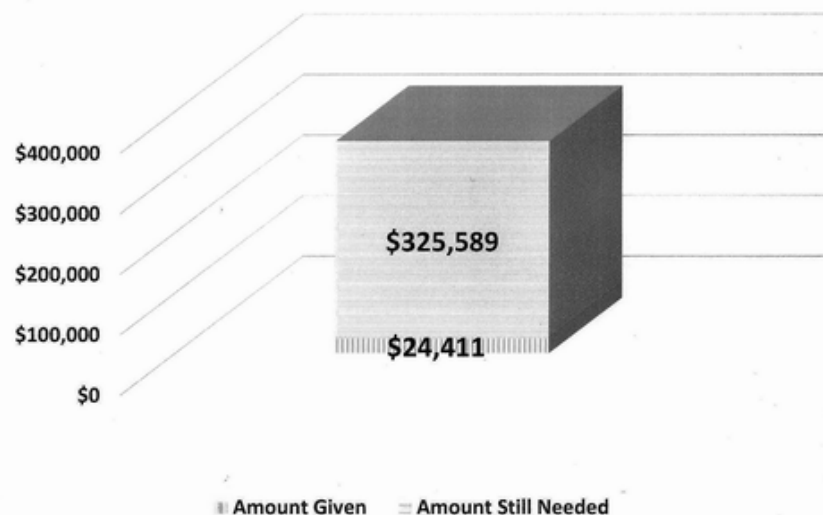
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Hus School Main Building Renovation Project



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saw thousands of people who had been dead come back alive. There is not a superhero in any comic book anywhere who saw the sorts of things that John saw. And when the new heavens and earth showed up for the happy ending to life on planet earth, and our story was all told, John retransformed, and came back. John is a superhero, not only for traveling through the other dimensions, but for being brave enough to come back and to write the Book of Revelation.

John's Kaleidoscope

Directions to make: <https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/how-to-make-a-simple-kaleidoscope-for-kids/>, or purchase on Amazon.

God had the angels take John from Earth to see Heaven. John saw Jesus being worshipped and he saw angels flying back and forth. Our kaleidoscope is a little like trying to look into a 4th or 5th dimension.

Superhero Freeze Tag

None of us have been to Heaven like John. Some of us may have been to places like California or even Hawaii for a trip. Some of us may have cool computers or cell phones that not everyone else has. We've all been granted certain privileges in life that we should be thankful for.

1. Choose one student to be "It".
2. If a student sees "It" coming towards them, he can say the name of a superhero to be safe. Then, sit down and can be safe for ten seconds; after ten seconds they must stand back up!
3. If "It" thinks a student has been sitting for longer than ten seconds or did not originally call out the name of a superhero, then he or she can say "1, 2, 3, you are no longer free!" and is now able to tag the sitting student.
4. The game is over after all players have been tagged out.

John was given the gift of seeing Heaven before he died. He saw the great Second Coming of Jesus, and the beautiful new heavens and new earth. We do not know when all this will happen. It's kind of like being tagged in our game. You never knew when that tag was coming, and you had to think ahead to know which superhero you would name. Jesus even told His disciples: "Nobody knows that great and terrible day, except the Father alone." We are meant to be joyful while on earth, but all the while we need to be sober and keep watch. We never know when we will be "tagged" and need to be prepared to give an account of all our actions.



Visiting Other Worlds

Materials

- King, queen, and jack playing cards
- Brown paper bag, cut open to lay flat
- Cup of water
- 3 pencils

Superman came from Krypton. He could lift a planet and carry it through space. *Hawkwoman* and *Hawkman* are crime-solving superheroes from the planet Thane-gar, who were beamed to earth to solve crimes. *Kilowog* is a green lantern BolovaxVik. He mentored most of the green lantern superheroes. **What is extra special about all these superheroes? They are from other planets, other worlds. Heaven is another world. Do we know what heaven is like?**

There are three superheroes who have been to heaven. They are Enoch, Elijah, and John. The difference between these men is that John was allowed to come back and tell us what happened. That is the Book of Revelation in our Bible! John was Jesus' favorite disciple. He also wrote the Gospel of John and First, Second and Third John. He was transformed to go into heaven.

Why can't we see heaven from earth? We cannot see heaven because we were created to only exist in, and understand, three dimensions. We can only understand length, width, and depth. *Hold up three pencils, crossing two to denote length and width, then spearing them at the cross section to denote depth.* This is all we are designed to see and understand. However, theoretical physicists, also known as string theorists, have determined that mathematically there are ten dimensions. Regular superheroes only travel in 3 dimensions. John went into the 4th, 5th, and maybe the 6th dimensions. Let me introduce you to the Flatlanders. They can only see in 2D – left and right. *Lay out brown bag and face cards.* **Could they see us??** No. That would mean they would be seeing into the dimension of depth, and there is only length and width. So, they can't see us. **Does that mean we are not here?** No. John was telling people about God, but since the people could not see God, they didn't believe. They put John in jail and did many other horrible things. God decided to rescue John by pulling him out of earth and took him to Heaven. He saw angels. He saw Jesus. He saw the devil and totally bad-guy murderers thrown into the fiery pit. He saw helicopters and bombs on the earth, with angels going back and forth from heaven, helping out and doing God's will. He

Martin Luther – The Saxon Hus

- by Jim Pokorny

Recently, a friend asked me about what theologians have said about Jan Hus. I instantly recalled an event known historically as the Leipzig Debate, which I shared with him. It took place at the beginning of July in the year 1519. This event was so significant that the Rev. Dr. Craig D. Atwood included it in two of his books. The first was *The Theology of the Czech Brethren from Hus to Comenius*. The second was *Always Reforming: A History of Christianity Since 1300*.

A century had passed since Jan Hus was burned at the stake in 1415; his voice forever silenced by the Council of Constance. Almost two years had elapsed since Luther's Ninety-Five Theses had been nailed to the church door in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517. The church of the 16th Century was still in need of reforms. Now, Martin Luther challenged the authority of the pope and church councils alike. Like Hus before him, the sale of Indulgences also bothered Luther. He specifically addressed these in four of the Ninety-Five Theses.

21. Thus those indulgence preachers are in error who say that a man is absolved from every penalty and saved by papal indulgences.

22. As a matter of fact, the pope remits to souls in purgatory no penalty, which, according to cannon law, they should have paid for in their life.

23. If remission of all penalties whatsoever could be granted to anyone at all, certainly it would be granted only to the most perfect, that is, to very few.

24. For this reason most people are necessarily deceived by that indiscriminate and high-sounding promise of release from penalty.

The abuse of Indulgences had a significant economic impact over the years. Almost 150,000 ducati per year went into the building of St. Peter's basilica in Rome. The annual expenses of Pope Leo X topped 600,000 ducati. Meanwhile, the income of the average middle class worker in Germany was roughly 200 ducati per year.

Luther successfully defended his Ninety-Five Theses earlier in April



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1518 before a committee of Augustinian monks of his monastic order. Although there was some disagreement by the older and more conservative monks, the Ninety-Five Theses were published and spread throughout Europe. At this, Pope Leo X summoned Luther to Rome to recant his teachings and ask forgiveness. If not, Luther would likely face excommunication as did Hus a century before. Many attempts made by government and church officials to reason with Luther failed.

Luther greatly desired to debate Indulgences with John Eck, a theologian at the University of Leipzig. In July 1519, Luther got his wish. Eck proved to be a formidable opponent. At one point Eck accused Luther of being a Hussite as he rejected the authority of the pope to grant Indulgences. Luther suddenly found himself cornered. Should he deny the statement, he could be easily perceived as significantly undermining his own position. Should he agree, he could then easily be labeled a heretic by Eck.

With church and secular powers looking on, Luther asked for a recess to prepare a response. The recess granted, he went to the university library and read the official chronicle of the Council of Constance.

When Luther returned to the debate, Eck must have felt like he had his opponent right where he wanted him. Luther surprised everyone, including Eck, by stating that Hus was right. Before the shock had time to wear off, he added that it was the Council that erred. Luther was then referred to as the Saxon Hus by supporters and detractors alike.

Things accelerated quickly. Luther's writings sold all over Germany. In June 1520, Pope Leo X issued a papal bull condemning Luther on 42 counts of heresy. He gave Luther 60 days to recant or face excommunication. Luther responded by publicly burning both the bull and a copy of the canon law to demonstrate that it was the church that needed reformation.

On January 3, 1521, the pope formally excommunicated Martin Luther.

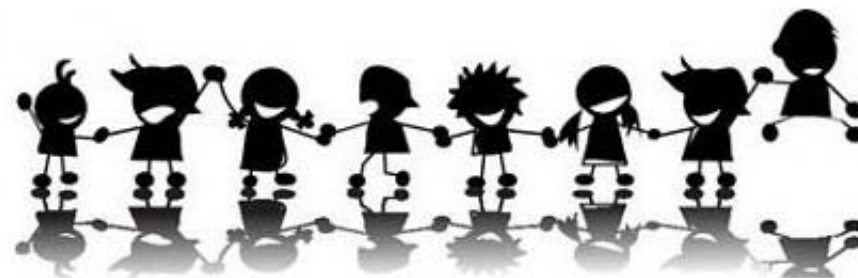
In April 1521, Luther appeared before the Imperial Diet in the town of Worms. A papal representative asked Luther if he repudiated his books and his errors. Luther said he could not unless convinced "by Scripture and plain reason." This is strikingly like what Jan Hus said to the Council of Constance. When asked to recant, Hus challenged his accusers to show him in Scripture where he was in error. No attempt to do so was made.

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My Father's house has many
rooms.

John 14:2

A super hero visits other worlds. John is one of only a handful of people on planet earth who were allowed to view Heaven before they died. The others were Enoch (Genesis 5) and Elijah (2 Kings 2). John was allowed to come back and share his experience! This month's activity will focus on John and how he shares his experience of Heaven with us. NOTE: This is a very cool way to talk about heaven, but for older children & youth.

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.

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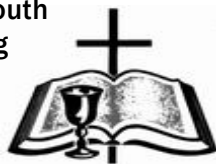
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Taking Hold of Lasting Peace

- by Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

Although there are many roads to achieving peace in a relationship or situation, only one direction will lead you to permanent peace. **Leaving absolutely every decision up to God. Holding absolutely every thought captive to Christ. Making all of our heart, mind, and soul obedient to the direction of the Holy Spirit.** These are the ingredients that create peace in a person's heart and mind . . . lasting peace.

Whatever is causing you to feel anxious;

Whatever is filling you with despair;

Whatever is replaying itself endlessly in your mind.

Stop and pray in the Name of Jesus Christ for every thought and every emotion to bend its knee to Jesus Christ.

You know what to do.

In your heart of hearts, the Lord has whispered to you what is best according to His will – not the will of others . . . not even your own desires.

It is not for us to follow the desires of our hearts. It is for us to seek the

desires of God's Heart and to follow it unswervingly.

Stop and pray in the Name of Jesus Christ for every thought and every emotion to bend its knee to Jesus Christ.

In the Holy Bible, in the Apostle Paul's letter to the Corinthian Christians, who were constantly struggling to follow God's will as they experienced many sufferings, we receive help from God for our own struggles. We come to realize that our battles are not just against others or simply within ourselves. We sense the truth, that there are forces at work in this life that constantly strive to derail us from even being able to recognize when God is at work and what God is directing us to do. The devil is at work to throw each one of us off track. Our only focal point that will guide us without fail into good decisions and fill us with lasting peace is Jesus Christ Himself.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5, reads: *Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human*



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standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ.

What standards do you take into account as you make decisions? Are they more often than not just what seems best in your eyes? What about God's eyes?

What stronghold, or debilitating thought pattern, has taken over your thoughts?

Will you fight to take every thought in prayer to Jesus, asking Him to make it obedient to His Holy Will?

Lasting peace comes when we fight to live according to Jesus' teachings rather than our own opinions or that of others.

Lasting peace comes when your every thought obeys Jesus Christ.

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You know what to do.

In Jesus' Hands,
Right With You,

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