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After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the East came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ...When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him... (Matt.2:1-2, 10-11a NIV)

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Seaton BC Sausage Supper Invitation

The Seaton Brethren Church annual sausage supper fundraiser will be held Saturday, February 16, 2019, beginning at 3 p.m. until the sausage is gone. The menu consists of home-made pork sausage, sauerkraut, new potatoes, seasoned green beans, bread, homemade desserts and tea or coffee. Dine in or drive-thru plates will be available for \$10 each.

The **LOCATION** of the supper is at **Seaton Star Hall**, 10842 State Hwy. 53, Temple (Seaton). There will be a bake sale consisting of kolaches, pies, cakes, strudels, other baked goods & jellies; a raffle and a silent auction. Proceeds benefit the ministry of the church, community and other projects. The public is invited.

Matching Technology Grant Program

The Synodical Committee approved an application for a Matching Technology Grant for all Unity churches. Churches may apply for a matching grant up to \$1,000. This is to assist churches who are seeking to enhance their worship experience through the use of technology and A/V equipment.

The deadline to apply for a grant is December 31, 2020. The application can be found on the Unity website at UnityoftheBrethren.org, Contact Us – click on Forms. If you need one mailed to you, please contact the Unity Secretary, Angie Hairrell. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Executive Committee.

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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 \$380,000 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.

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. Simply email your contact information (Name, Mailing Address, Email Address & Phone Number) to: Suzie Dusek at sdusek5@gmail.com

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 (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
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.
– Rev. Dr. 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
5th Sunday – Visiting Ministers

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

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

West – Sunday School at 9:00 AM and
worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
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Westheimer Community – worship at
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By Mail - make checks payable to Hus Camp Buliding Fund and maile to Todd Corporon, 5350 CR124, Georgetown, TX 78626

– Volunteer to Serve –

**Special Events/Fundraising Social Media Church Presen-
tations Work Days Publicity**

Get involved by volunteering to serve on a Hus Camp Committee
Simply Email or call us to find out more about working on behalf of
the Hus Camp with one of these groups.

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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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be notified by email about the prayer request.

To join the team, simply email your contact information
(Name, Mailing Address, Email Address & Phone Number) to:
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**This must be done well in advance.*

Hus Encampment Capital Building Campaign

Pledge Form:

Please accept this joy-filled pledge.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email _____

3-Year Pledge: ☐ \$100,000 ☐ \$50,000 ☐ \$25,000 ☐ \$15,000

☐ \$10,000 ☐ \$7500 ☐ \$5000 ☐ \$2500 ☐ \$1500

☐ Other _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ ☐ Check # _____ ☐ Cash

(Please make checks payable to: "Hus Encampment Building Fund")

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard – Credit Card # _____

Exp. _____ Security # _____

Remaining Amount: \$ _____ to be paid over the next

☐ 12 months ☐ 18 months ☐ 24 months ☐ 36 months

Monthly Payment Amount: \$ _____

☐ Please charge my credit card monthly ☐ Please bill me monthly

☐ Please use electronic funds transfer from my bank acct. monthly:

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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TREYBIG, ELIZABETH MARIAN (COUFALI) 74, of Austin (Rollingwood), Texas, passed away on Thursday, December 6, 2018.

Elizabeth was born in Willow Springs on May 14, 1944, the daughter of Robert A. Coufal and Antonia (Legler) Coufal. She married Harvey J. Treybig on December 22, 1963, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Warrenton.

Elizabeth grew up in Fayette County and lived in Austin for 54 years (Rollingwood for 40). Lizzy, as she was affectionately known by friends and family, graduated from Fayetteville High School and attended Wharton County Junior College and the University of Texas and worked as a nurse at Columbus and Brackenridge Hospitals and as a Home Health Care Assistant Administrator. She also worked for Austin Research Engineers and General Cinema Theaters as a District Manager Assistant before her retirement in 2002.

Elizabeth was a very active member of every organization and church she was a member of throughout her life and was a very passionate fan of every activity her son, grandchildren, and extended family were involved in. After overseeing or creating programs including the Sunday School program at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Austin, she started the "Honor Our Veterans" service for the Industry Brethren Church and Fayetteville Communities in 2010. She also contributed to books such as "Czechs in Uniform III", many bios for genealogy trees and "Life Books". Along with her husband, she produced monthly newsletters for her beloved church.

She is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, Harvey J. Treybig; son, Bradley H. Treybig and wife, Kelly, of Austin; granddaughter, Kasey Ann Treybig and fiancé, Chase Ricketts, of Austin; grandson, Brandon Geoffrey Treybig of San Marcos; sister, Roberta Schmidt of Columbus; two brothers: Calvin Coufal and wife, Sheila, of Willow Springs, and Barnell Coufal and wife, Joyce, of Florida; as well as numerous nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Euna Mae Coufal Krennek, and brothers-in-law Daniel Schmidt and Benjamin Krennek.

Funeral Services were held at Industry Brethren Church, on Thursday, December 13, 2018. Burial followed at Industry Brethren Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Industry Brethren Church Cemetery Fund in her honor, 2758 Main St, Industry, TX 78944. Family and friends can view and sign the guestbook online at www.lagrangefunerals.com.

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Love Endures

- by Jim Pokorny

I recall one cold December evening when a few of us had gathered at the church. As activities were winding down someone stepped outside, returned and announced that it was snowing. Snow is a rare commodity in Central Texas, but snow so early in the season is rarer still. I concluded that the snow had to be very light and the flakes quite small indeed.

With business concluded we prepared to leave. I was quite surprised to see just how wrong I had been. The snowflakes were substantial and the rate at which they fell was considerable. Fortunately, the streets and sidewalks had retained enough heat for the snow to melt on contact. A fair amount had already accumulated on the grass and shrubbery.

I drove carefully home, and as I pulled into my driveway I saw my new neighbor outside with her two daughters. The girls were running around excited by the falling snow. I exercised more caution in case one or both should happen to dart in front of me.

After I parked, I took a few mo-

ments to speak with the girls' mother. We exchanged pleasantries and I was surprised when she apologized for the noise her daughters and their friends tended to make. I told her there was no need to apologize. I then shared with her some of the memories my parents shared with me of my brother who died in infancy about eight years before I was born.

I shared how Mom's labor had been both long and difficult. I also shared how special his needs were and how he required constant attention by my parents. I shared how loving family members would come by to care for my brother, just so Mom could afford the luxury of a bath or a well-earned nap. I shared how my brother had to be fed through a tube and how much this broke Dad's heart.

It was difficult for me to gauge my new neighbor's reaction through the darkness and the snow, so I got to the point. "You see," I stated, "I am not annoyed when I hear your daughters and their friends making noise, laugh-



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ing and playing. Instead, I thank God that they are happy and healthy.”

I was reminded of that night recently when I received photographs taken 64 years ago from my cousins Jerry and Ellen Hodon. These were taken at the cemetery the day my infant brother Henry Joe Pokorny was laid to rest. I found one photo particularly moving. In it were Rev. Svoboda who officiated and four of my cousins who acted as bearers – Jerry Hodon, Danny Mikulencak, Emil Pokorny and Frankie Trlica.

The first thing that struck me was the size of that tiny coffin. The second was just how young my cousins who acted as bearers were at the time. Last, but certainly not least, was Rev. Svoboda. I never knew Rev. Svoboda but if it were possible, I would thank him not only for his service but also for the comfort he must have provided to my parents during this very difficult time.

Along with the photographs, Ellen took the time to enclose an emotional letter. In it she discussed how the photographs were found and the memories they brought back to Jerry. Also recalled was the profound sor-

row all family members experienced.

I am so very grateful for the photographs and the letter. Together, they are additional connections to the brother I never had the privilege to meet. Too often things fall through the cracks of time. But there are still those rare occasions when things resurface, and someone cares enough not only to preserve them but also make certain they go to those to whom they would matter most.

Returning to the present, I get along quite well with my trio of neighbors. Whenever the two girls see me, they wave enthusiastically and shout, “Hi, neighbor!” I respond in kind.

I do not know why their mother is raising two girls alone as it has neither come up nor is it my business. My love for neighbor means that I try to be a good example for the girls on how a man should act, both in general and through the respect I show their mother.

My parents and my brother may have passed away, but my love for them endures. I extend that love and my profound gratitude to Jerry and Ellen for the photographs, the memories and the reminder.

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for February 2019

By Mari-Anne Kocian Gordon and Dorothy E. Kocian

All Scripture from the *New International Version* unless indicated.

1. In Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Colossians 2:3
2. God is God not of the dead but of the living, for to Him all are alive. Luke 20:38
3. **Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?** Matthew 6:26
4. Oh Lord, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in time of distress, to you the nations will come. Jeremiah 16:19a
5. He has done everything well; He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak. Mark 7:37b
6. The heavens are yours, and also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it. Psalm 89:11
7. I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, O sovereign Lord; I will proclaim Your righteousness, Yours alone. Psalm 71:16
8. We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first. Hebrews 3:14
9. I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them. Jeremiah 32:40a
10. **When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.** Matthew 17:8
11. The Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. II Thessalonians 3:3
12. I am the Lord your God, Who teaches you what is best for you, Who directs you in the way you should go. Isaiah 48:17b
13. Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24
14. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow. Jeremiah 31:13 b
15. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace. Isaiah 55:12
16. Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins. Psalm 25:18
17. **Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.** Hebrews 12:1b
18. The Lord is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. II Peter 3:9b
19. We are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men. II Corinthians 8:21
20. I will not accuse forever, nor will I always be angry. Isaiah 57:16a
21. My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Psalm 34:2a
22. It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1
23. If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31b
24. **He shielded him and cared for him; He guarded him as the apple of His eye.** Deuteronomy 32:10
25. Oh Lord, you brought me up from the grave; You spared me from going down into the pit. Psalm 30:3
26. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:5
27. And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy. Nehemiah 12:43
28. We want each of you to show the same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure. Hebrews 6:11

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19. First go and be reconciled to your brother, then come and offer your gift of worship. Matthew 5:24b
20. **When times are good, be happy, but when times are bad, consider God has made the one as well as the other. Ecclesiastes 7:14**
21. Cast your cares on the Lord, and He will sustain you. Psalm 55:22a
22. Do not judge, or you too will be judged. Matthew 7:1
23. "Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?" declares the Lord. Jeremiah 23:24
24. Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" and I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8
25. Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed; His compassions never fail; they are new every morning. Great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23
26. Jesus said, "Now my heart is troubled... [yet] it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name." John 12:27,28
27. **The King will reply, "I tell you the truth: whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40**
28. [The righteous] will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; He is my Rock; there is no wickedness in Him." Psalm 92:14-15
29. Anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from His. Hebrews 4:10
30. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21
31. But the Lord is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. Jeremiah 10:10a

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Blessing Jesus

- by Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

What if your life's mission for 2019
was fixed on blessing the Lord Jesus?

Have you ever pondered the real-
ity that you could actually BLESS
Jesus?

What are the possible outcomes of
such a *New Year's Resolution*?

How could you BLESS Jesus?

Take a little break from the tasks of
your day and allow your mind to soak
in the words of Psalm 103.

Lean in and catch a glimpse of how
you could BLESS Jesus.

Psalm 103 (NRSV), from the Holy
Bible- **a song with life-enhancing
lyrics:**

1 *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and
all that is within me, bless His holy
name.* 2 *Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all His benefits –*
3 *who forgives all your iniquity, who
heals all your diseases, 4 who re-
deems your life from the Pit, who
crowns you with steadfast love and
mercy, 5 who satisfies you with good
as long as you live so that your youth
is renewed like the eagle's.* 6 *The
Lord works vindication and justice
for all who are oppressed.* 7 *He made
known His ways to Moses, His acts
to the people of Israel.* 8 *The Lord is
merciful and gracious, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love.* 9
*He will not always accuse, nor will
He keep His anger forever.* 10 *He
does not deal with us according to
our sins, nor repay us according to
our iniquities.* 11 *For as the heavens
are high above the earth, so great is
His steadfast love toward those who
fear Him; 12 as far as the east is from
the west, so far He removes our trans-
gressions from us.* 13 *As a father has
compassion for his children, so the*

*Lord has compassion for those who
fear Him.* 14 *For He knows how we
were made; He remembers that we
are dust.* 15 *As for mortals, their days
are like grass; they flourish like a
flower of the field; 16 for the wind
passes over it, and it is gone, and its
place knows it no more.* 17 *But the
steadfast love of the Lord is from
everlasting to everlasting on those
who fear Him, and His righteousness
to children's children, 18 to those
who keep His covenant and remem-
ber to do His commandments.* 19 *The
Lord has established His throne in
the heavens, and His kingdom rules
over all.* 20 *Bless the Lord, O you His
angels, you mighty ones who do His
bidding, obedient to His spoken word.*
21 *Bless the Lord, all His hosts, His
ministers that do His will.* 22 *Bless
the Lord, all His works, in all places
of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my
soul.*

Most of the time we envision God
blessing us. We ask God to bless our
meals and the hands that prepare
them when we sit with family and
friends for a meal. We ask God to
bless friends that are having health
troubles or who need peace in their
lives. Nonetheless, God is clear. In
Psalm 103 above, we see that we are
not only supposed to ask God to
bring blessing into our lives as well as
into the lives of those we love, but we
are called upon to "bless" God. What
a paradigm shift! Giving blessing to
the Great Giver! How do we do this?
Go back. Take time now. Read Psalm
103 again with this question in view:

How am I supposed to bless God?
1) Remember the countless ways



your relationship with God benefits you.

2) Ask God to forgive you for anything and everything that you know has distanced you from Him.

3) Recognize the healing that God has brought into your lifem both physical and emotional.

4) Rejoice that God has guaranteed you a place in Heaven in eternal friendship with Him!

5) Make note of the steady love God pours over your life, of His never-ending mercy to you. Grab a little notebook and jot it all down, or perhaps keep a running doc on your phone that lists it all out.

6) Focus on the good God has gifted you and allow it to fuel you, so that you can live a free and abundant

life rather than being limited by a negative perspective.

7) Show compassion to all, period.

8) Do the right thing according to God's Word in the Holy Bible, not according to what seems right in your own eyes.

What if your life's mission for 2019 was fixed on blessing the Lord Jesus?

Jesus is waiting.

Get going.

Bless Jesus and be BLESSED.

Bless Jesus.

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Daily Morsels for January 2019

By Mari-Anne Kocian Gordon and Dorothy E. Kocian

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1. Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12
2. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:17
3. Jesus said, "...Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:14
4. "Come follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19
5. I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips. Psalm 34:1
6. **And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. II Corinthians 3:18**
7. Who is it who overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. I John 5:5
8. And now I will show you the most excellent way. I Corinthians 12:31b
9. I love those who love Me, and those who seek Me find Me. Proverbs 8:17
10. Jesus said. "No one who does a miracle in My name can in the next moment say anything bad about Me, for whoever is not against us is for us." Mark 9:39b-40
11. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with Thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6
12. There was a great wind...but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind, an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake, a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire came a gentle whisper. I Kings 19:11-12
13. **Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:3**
14. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome." Genesis 33:28
15. We are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. I Corinthians 3:9
16. Remember the wonders [the Lord our God] has done, His miracles, and the judgments He pronounced. I Chronicles 16:12
17. We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28
18. Brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. I Thessalonians 4:1



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The Wall Brethren Christian Sisters have been in ministry for 79 years.

The Country Store sponsored by the Christian Sisters during the church's annual Harvest Festival features tea rings and cinnamon rolls made by the ladies.



One of the newer outreach projects is to provide socks for a local soup kitchen. The socks are wrapped around travel-size toothbrush sets and candy canes and tied with a holiday ribbon. These gifts are distributed to the homeless and others who come to the soup kitchen.



Each Christmas, the Christian Sisters provide poinsettias to senior adults in the church and in the community as well as those with long-term medical concerns or other needs. The poinsettias adorn the sanctuary for one Sunday before being given to the recipients.



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From the Foreign Mission Fields

**From Robert and Anne Thiessen . . .
Missionaries in Mexico**

December 13, 2018

Immaculate Conception

Dear friends,

I'm getting ready to give the address for tonight's graduation of the *Sin Fronteras* entry-level missionaries. They've completed a 9-month preparation, 3 in studies and teamwork, and then 6 months in an indigenous village, working at language learning and cultural adaptation.

I was only asked to give the address at 10 o'clock last night, so all day, as I've been working at other things, I've been pondering what to say. My thoughts have centered around how at Christmas we recognize the coming of God among us as an infant, after the normal 9 months of pregnancy. The similarities with what these 6 students have been going through in their preparation are many. For starters, the Immaculate Concep-

tion, that great Mystery, speaks to the complex process by which each of these participants embarked on this course. Who knows what intricate work of the Holy Spirit brought each one here?

We've made the move to Tlaxiaco, and are mostly "moved in." My shop will take a while longer, but the 2-bedroom apartment is cozy, all the art is hung up, and the kitchen is workable. We have a wonderful view from the couch out over the edge of town receding out towards a hill, where the setting sun outlines the distant trees as if they were a couple hundred yards away.

The 2000 feet extra that we rose coming here (now at 7000 feet) makes it chillier, but on the plus side, water boils at close to the perfect temperature now for great coffee (197 degrees F). We are finding from neighbors and friends which stores to buy what at, and all those little things that make life easier. We are enjoying settling in. We live right in a complex of *SF* apartments, with students and field

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March 16-17, 2019 – BYF Spring Retreat at the Hus Encampment. Find information on www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.org.

March 30, 2019 – Spring Synodical Committee meeting at the Hus Encampment. 8 a.m.: Kolaches & Coffee; 9 a.m.: Meeting begins. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Dr. Larry Koslovsky, lwkoslo@aol.com. On the square in Fayetteville at the

April 6, 2019 – "Hey! Day" for College Students and Young Adults at the Hus Encampment.

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Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

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

February 1-3, 2019 – Women's Campference at the Hus School Encampment. See information in this issue about registration.

February 16, 2019 – Seaton Brethren Church Annual Sausage Supper Fundraiser at Seaton Star Hall, 101842 State Hwy. 53, Temple (Seaton) beginning at 3 p.m. until the sausage is gone. (See invitation in this issue for more information.)

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

February 23, 2019 – Fayetteville Brethren Christian Sisters Fundraiser: On the square in Fayetteville at the Old Fire Station from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. – breakfast tacos, bake sale, country store, and raffle. Love donation of \$2 per ticket or \$10 for 6. Top prize is a \$200 VISA Gift Card. For information, contact Liz Ripple (979) 378-2239 or lizripple@hotmail.com.



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missionaries moving around and knocking on the door frequently. Anne says this is like living in a dorm again.

Tomorrow night we all (about 30 people) are leaving for the coast, for the first ever retreat of *SF*. These missionaries serve in remote and difficult places, and with very few resources – certainly nowhere near enough to afford a retreat, not even every 3 years (like my agency does). So, we asked a few of you to help, and thanks to your response, *SF* can take 3 days down in Huatulco (on the Pacific, about a 10-hour bus trip) and be pampered a bit. A young couple from Oaxaca City (the husband is a former student of Anne's) is accompanying us to help lead the worship, and Anne is taking the lead on content, but mostly this is a low-key time

for them to relax and enjoy each other's company in a different part of God's creation.

The highlight will be a recognition ceremony on the last night, honoring their efforts in life-long learning through Anne's *Instituto Voces*. Over the last 2 years, Anne has either written or edited 40 articles that all *SF* missionaries study and interact about with her and each other. These essays cover topics of missiology that are tailored to our situation here but draw from the wider resources from around the world. The name, *Voces* (Voices), is meant to get at our desire that they hear from the variety of voices that speak into our lives as missionaries, from the past, from the established church world, but also from each other and other emerging sources of direction.

We are spending Christmas in Atlanta with both sets of kids. Back here in early January. Many thanks to all of you, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Robert and Anne

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**From Pavel and Stania Kozak . . .
Missionaries in the Czech Republic**

November 20, 2018

In the beginning let us please express how HUMBLY THANKFUL Stania and I are for our ministry trip to Texas in October! It was a so, so nice and blessed trip! We could meet many such precious people, dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, and we could have a fantastic time together!

Special THANK YOU belongs to all dear Brothers and Sisters of the Unity of Brethren we could meet during our traveling across the Texas! What a super and lovely meeting with His Love! It really warmed up our hearts a lot! THANK YOU!

We are so THANKFUL to Lord Jesus that we could meet many other dear Friends we know for years! What a precious time for we could give them our BIG HUG! So sweet memories! Thank you ONCE AGAIN to all our beloved Friends for your LOVE to us! I can hardly find proper words how to express our gratefulness! Especially to those who did host us, who did open their homes for us, who did feed us, who did open their hearts and palms for us... May our Lord Jesus Christ BLESS YOU ALL!

Making Disciples

Making disciples – this is what we do PRAY and work hard for! The main thing is we have to trust Father God that He will CALL new and new people to join His People! It is not about us, about our “smartness”, skills or about something like that... It is about Him, about our sharing and proclaiming of the simple message of

the Cross – He Died for Your Sins!

When we do share this Message with the people, we do always emphasize the DEEP God’s LOVE on one side and also such terrible PAIN, SUFFERING and TEARS of the Lord Jesus Christ for our SINS, for their sins too!

Some people just do not care, some are listening to us seriously and some are willing – God knows – to think deeper about those things, about the Message of Grace! We are just so sorry that here, in the MOST atheistic country in the world people are NOT much open to do bigger steps to SEEK God! The satanic bondage upon this nation is really strong!

BUT Lord Jesus knows and HE is in ACTION!

2 Tim 1:9: *Who saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before times eternal...*

OUR MINISTRY UPDATE

Please PRAY for Vera...

Please pray for our newly baptized Sister Vera. Because very, very tough childhood and because of her tough life age (14) and because of her not strong health she is in a hospital for 3 months! She lost her father (suicide) when she was a kid, and does not live with her mother at all because of the bad lifestyle of her mother... She lives with her aunt for years... You could see the pictures of her Baptism in our last Newsletter.

The BEST in our eyes is our ministry to the youth and to the KIDS in Prostějov! There is a core group of the kids who attend our Christian

Dancing Raisins

The Bible:

Praise his name with dancing, accompanied by tambourine and harp. For the Lord delights in his people; he crowns the humble with victory. Psalm 149:3-4 (NLT)

Supplies per child:

Raisins, clear plastic cups, carbonated water

The Experiment:

Ask, “Can raisins dance?”

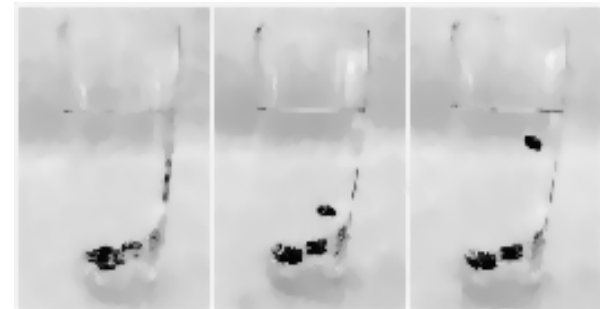
Fill a cup with carbonated water and drop in several raisins. Ask kids to hypothesize about what’ll happen. Watch for a few minutes to see what the raisins do. Then enjoy a snack.

Scientific Facts:

Carbonated beverages are pressurized by carbon dioxide gas. Carbon dioxide bubbles attach to the wrinkled raisins and cause them to float and bounce. They’ll continue to “dance” up and down until they get soggy or the carbonated water goes flat.

Talk:

Was your guess correct? Why did the raisins dance? Read the Scripture. Are the bubbles like or unlike how God wants us to praise him? How can we praise God with enthusiasm every day?



God Looks At Your Heart

The Bible:

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7 (NLT)

Supplies per child:

Large coffee filter, scissors, a black nonpermanent marker, water

The Experiment:

Ask, "Can you find a rainbow in a black marker?"

Color a black dot in the center of the coffee filter. Ask children what they think will happen if you add water to the black dot. Drop about 10 drops of water on the black dot and watch the rainbow appear.

Scientific Facts:

Black ink is made of colored pigments and water. Then when more water is added, the pigments dissolve and spread through the filter, revealing a rainbow of colors.

Talk:

What happened when we added water? Were you surprised? How is this like you? Read the Scripture. What qualities do you have that others don't see? Does God see those qualities? Reinforce that God looks at your heart, not your outward appearance.



Club regularly! Their parents, mostly mothers only because of divorces, are SO HAPPY that their kids can come and be with us. We try to provide the "whole service" for them. Food, entertainment, school tutoring, help with their home works, trips, Bible study, etc... We are like their "second parents"!

A new young lady recently started to attend our club. She visited a church as a little girl, knows something about Lord Jesus. She is pregnant now and is having big problems with her boyfriend now. So, we do try to understand her situation and pray for her, for her salvation and new beginning in Christ Jesus!

Also, our next Mission Field in Trinec is great place where to share the Gospel among the people. We were privileged to share the message of God's Grace with several hundreds of young people this year! We do praise God for the privilege to do it!

Next month we do plan to visit our beloved in Decin and encourage the church over there too!

ALL Praises belong to our Father God in our dear Lord Jesus Christ!

HAPPY, HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

My wife Stania and I are so HUMBLY THANKFUL for each single, either small or BIG thing, which our Father God is doing through His Grace in our lives in Christ Jesus!

We do learn to be thankful for each new day He is giving us as His Gift! New chance to say THANK YOU Dear Lord Jesus! We are daily learning to be thankful for all things which He allows to come into our lives, either very good OR not very good...

All which are "not very good" in

our eyes are always drawing us closer to the Lord Jesus and are encouraging us to fight the GOOD FIGHT of faith! God is always using "not very good" things into GOOD... So we ALL know – God IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!

We are also very THANKFUL for each of you, our dear Brother, dear Sister, dear Church for your wonderful ministry hearts for Lord Jesus and for His Kingdom! It so precious to know that we all are part of the Heavenly Family in Christ!

We TRUST that each of you will have great Thanksgiving time with your Families, with His Peace in your hearts!

May our Lord Jesus BLESS YOU abundantly!

OUR HUMBLE PRAYER REQUESTS...

BIG Thank You to you all, who do PRAY for Stania and me. Humble THANK YOU in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ! Please continue to pray for our protection and for Lord's Power for our daily ministry in this DARK country! Thank you! :)

From Joel and Teresa Jelski . . . Missionaries with Fields of Wheat

November 23, 2018

Introduction

My name is Joel Jelski. I am 29 years old, married to Teresa, and we have one son, Boaz. I was born and raised in Israel in a Jewish Messianic family. I gave my life to the Lord at 17.

When I was 18, I began to sense God was calling me into ministry. As



a teenager in high school, I was heavily involved in different ministry opportunities, including a house of prayer, pro-life ministry, and organizing a national worship gathering for teens, and also serving as a leader at youth camps.

When I finished high school, I went into the Israeli military for 3 years of compulsory service as a tank commander. I met my wife, Teresa (who is from Mexico), towards the end of my military service (in 2011) in my congregation as she was visiting for 3 months. After getting to know each other and talking for over a year, we dated and got married on July 25, 2013.

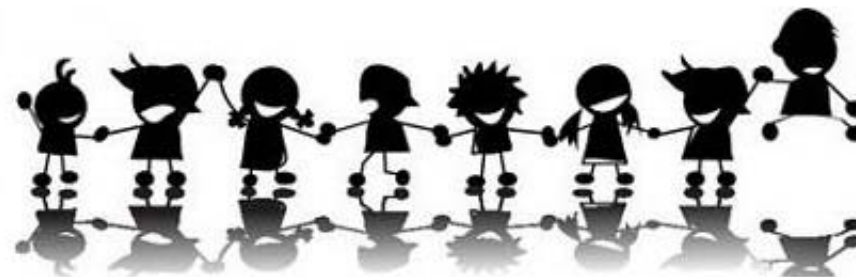
After finishing the military, I felt clear direction to begin serving in full-time ministry in the House of Prayer, Succat Hallel, where I served for over 5 years. I also finished my bachelor's degree in Communication and Education during that time.

In 2017, God spoke to me clearly about transitioning into a new ministry called Fields of Wheat. I serve directly under an apostolic leader and one of the fathers of the messianic movement, Eitan Shishkoff. Under his mentorship and leadership, I serve with three distinct projects:

1. Discipleship program for young adults called Olive Tree.
2. Katzir (Harvest in Hebrew) youth camps.
3. Fields of Wheat Training & Equipping center initiative.
4. Through the first two, international outreach and missions, taking young adults and teens into the nations.

Our vision as a family is to:

1. Serve as a father and mother in our generation and see young people transformed by the love of God, walking in the fullness of God's call for their life.
2. To see unity established among



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Great are the works of the Lord. They are studied by all who delight in them.

Psalm 111:2



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our generation between Jewish and Arab believers and be a part of establishing the Isaiah 19 Highway vision – unity in the Middle East. We believe God desires to release a blessing through unity (Is. 19:24 and Psalm 133) in our region and in the nations.

3. We believe God's heart in reconciling Jew and Gentile and bringing understanding to the nations concerning God's heart and plan for Israel.

4. We believe we as Jewish believers are called to be a light to the nations (Isaiah 49:6). We desire to raise up laborers for the harvest in Israel and the nations, unto the return of Yeshua (Matthew 23:39 and 24:14).

We do this practically by working with and ministering to youth, impacting and investing in the next generation. One of the greatest challenges they will face is the military, where many young people leave their faith. We want to equip them to succeed in high school, equip them to

overcome difficult circumstances in the military, and succeed in their walk with the Lord after. The discipleship program is a post-military program designed to help young people get their hearts restored, strengthen their walk with the Lord, and receive God's heart for them and His calling for their life during a dedicated season of training and equipping. The equipping center, which we are planning and fundraising for, is made to house these two projects, as well as host people from the nations who desire to connect with Israel not just touring, but through the local Jewish messianic and Arab Christian body. This place will serve Jews, Arabs, and Gentiles from the nations in unity, equipping them with God's heart for Israel and the nations.

You can see more online at fieldsofwheat.org (website will be updated soon), and our personal site on tikkun.tv/joel-and-teresa

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of ECFA. Eitan Shishkoff (who I serve under) is one of the 3 leaders for Tikkun. Eitan is the founder and director of Fields of Wheat.

Discipling the Next Generation

Last week we began our 3-month discipleship program. Right now, we have 3 guys who will be here for the program (we may have 4 later). We begin each morning with 2-1/2 hours of personal quiet time, corporate Bible study, and worship and prayer. Then we go work for 6 hours in an olive grove and in a goat farm owned by believers. A little about the guys with us: "E" is 21 and recently released from the Army. He is dedicating his first year to discipleship and growth. "B" is 19, and after walking as a

prodigal for a few years, just recently made a decision to come back to the Lord and was looking for an environment that would help him grow as a believer.

We have an Arab young man, also 19, and also similar story of coming back to the Lord, who is considering joining, but because he was wounded by a recent program he went to that ended badly, has been hesitant and is praying about it. Please pray for guidance for him. Another young man was with us for a week, but even though he really wanted to do discipleship, decided to leave. We are still praying for him and hoping he chooses to rejoin us, as both his pastors and we believe it's what he needs at this point.

So, although who is going to be with us in the program hasn't been completely settled, we are really excited about this season of investing into other young people and beginning to walk out what the Lord spoke to us almost 2 years ago concerning discipleship. My hope is also at the end of this program to take these guys on an outreach trip to either a Middle East country or Ethiopia.

Please pray for David and I as we grow as a small team working together for the first time on the discipleship. Also pray for these young men and their walk with the Lord to grow and deepen, for God to continue touching them and molding their life and speak to them on a personal and daily basis. Also, pray for us as we seek direction from the Lord concerning the right destination.

Next week on Thursday we begin our annual Hanukah Katzir (Harvest) Camp. We will have around 85 youth for 3 days. Please cover us in prayer. A few months ago, in our annual summer camp, we had some unusual disciplinary issues and had to ask some youth to leave. Even with that, we experienced some amazing moments with God's presence and several lives being deeply touched. We are praying for this camp to go smoothly and, at the same time, for God to show up again in a way that touches and transforms young people's lives.

Thank you for all your prayers,
Joel, Teresa, and Boaz

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