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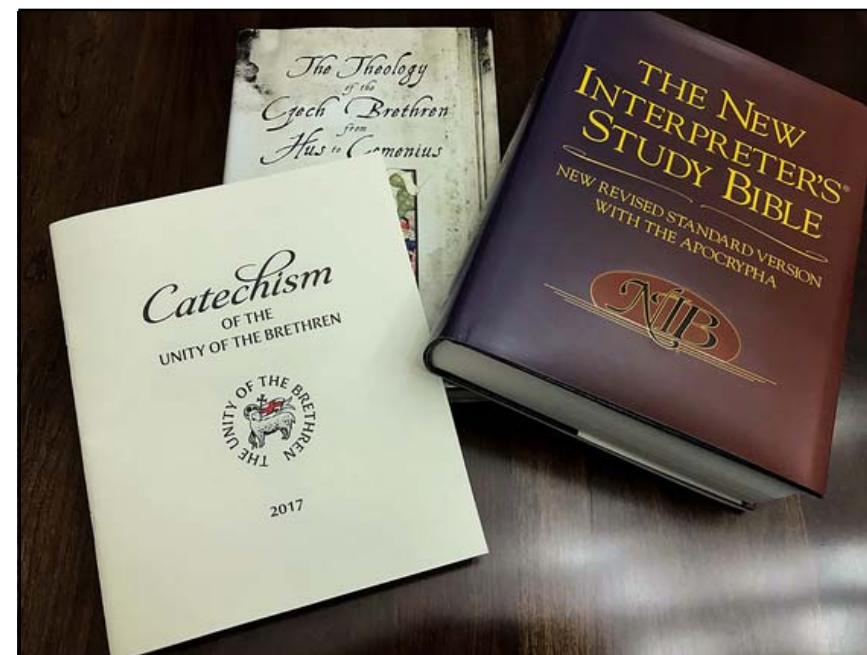
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Cade Lake

Replacing the facility at Cade Lake that burned December 2017 has taken more time than anyone anticipated, calling for trust in the Lord and His timing and patience with the process. At the writing of this article, a pad has been laid and a modular building moved on the property.

Over the last several months, many options were studied and considered. Building on site was thoroughly investigated with several types of construction considered, receiving input from architects, engineers, and contractors. Eventually it was discerned that onsite construction was cost prohibited and a modular building would be best, all things considered. The challenge then became finding a suitable building.

At the present time, approximately \$32,000 has been spent on the pad, the building and its relocation. Remaining phases of the project include electric lines and hookup, HVAC, plumbing, along with the additions of a kitchen and restrooms, decking, ramps, and skirting.

It is projected that by the end of March, the congregation will, at the very least, be able to worship in the half of the building that is designated as the great room, primarily to be used as worship space.

Thanks goes to: Lamar Urbanovsky and Rev. Mark Sebek for researching possibilities for a building, coordinating the site preparation and the moving of the building. Rev. Kay and Ben Polasek and Rev. Jim and Diane Heckman for faithfulness to the ministry of Cade Lake and the challenges that come without a facility. Home Mission Board Chairperson, Martha Dove, along with the Home Mission Board for their interest and support of this special mission project.

Hus Encampment Building Program

Part A of Phase 1 has been completed as last reported and was well received and used by campers and staff over the summer as well as other events – a wedding, youth retreats, a confirmation retreat, and a woman's retreat, to name a few.

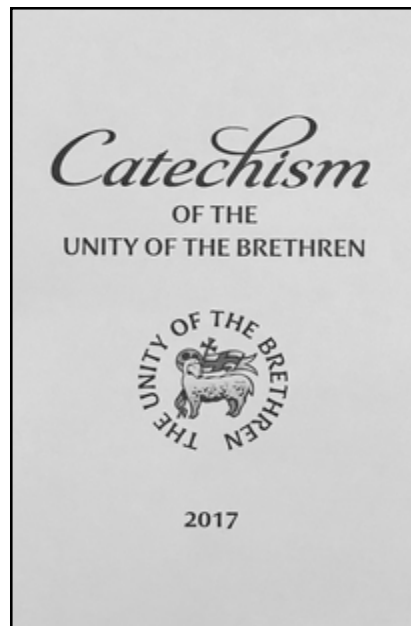


Part B of Phase 1 is on hold until sufficient funds are collected. At this point, approximately \$100,000 has been donated with some money received from oil production proceeds. Another \$200,000 is needed to add restrooms, relocate entry ways, finish the interior, and make changes to the exterior.

Catechism

The 2015 Convention directed the Synodical Committee to review, revise and publish a new edition of the Unity's catechism. Research included reviewing previous catechisms (1966 & 1979) as well as the 1523 Catechism from the early Unity. Scripture that support the answers were reviewed and adjustments made that better support answers. The final revision was reviewed by pastors, corrections made, and final approval for printing given at last Fall's Synodical Committee meeting.

The last step prior to printing was permission to quote passages from the New Revised Standard Version. With permission secured, the catechism will now be printed in-house. Rev. James Hejl has set up the catechism, and Taylor Brethren has copy



capabilities on a larger scale to produce the catechism. Quantities for each congregation will be met now, and then printing will continue on an "as-need basis" so as to be good stewards of resources.

The Catechism will be initially distributed at the Synodical Committee Meeting to be held on March 30th at the camp. Pastors are asked to estimate the number of catechisms needed for their congregations.

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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
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

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and worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
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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

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– Dr. Mark Labaj
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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
10:30 AM every Sunday.
– Pastor Lisa Johnson

PAUL MILTON VOLEK was born on August 14, 1924, in Taylor, Texas. He was the youngest child of John and Frances (Simcik) Volek. He passed to his heavenly home on November 26, 2018, at the age of 94 at the SPJST Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility in Taylor.

Paul attended the Moravian School in Granger, Texas, and enlisted in the United States Navy on March 16, 1943. He proudly served his country in World War II in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations, Saipan, Paulus, Pearl Harbor, Fiji, Canton, Pogo, Guadalcanal, Manila and Tawi aboard the USS Pocampe. He received an honorable discharge as a Seaman 1st Class in December 1945.

In 1946, Paul married the love of his life, Elsie Ann Vitek, and they enjoyed 43 years of marriage until her death in April 1989. Following Elsie's death, Paul became reacquainted with a longtime friend, Delores Machu, and they were married in November 1991. She preceded him in death in 2009. He was a farmer for many years. He worked for the Taylor ISD for 40 years as a bus driver and custodian, retiring in 1989. He was also the custodian at the Taylor Brethren Church for 10 years.

Paul is survived by his two sons, Melvin (wife Stephanie) and Dannie (wife Anita), his grandchildren Christie Mouton (husband Alex), Travis Volek (wife Kim), Leighanne Volek, Tyler Volek (wife Lauren), Ashlynn Volek and Dayton Paul Volek. He also leaves behind great-grandchildren Sarah Meza, Jaden Paul Meza, Paul Volek and Kaylin Volek, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Preceding him in death were his parents, his wives, and his siblings, Joe, Louis, Henry, Mildred Supek, Annie Dana, Frank, Bertha Cadan, Rosie Seawright, Frances Srba and Johnny. Services were held on Friday, November 30th at 2 p.m. at the Taylor Brethren Church. Interment was at the Taylor City Cemetery.

CDR FRANCIS T. KOSTOHRYZ, M.D., of Memphis, Tennessee, passed away at his home on October 2, 2018. He was born December 13, 1929, in Waco, Texas, to Reverend Frank J. Kostohryz and Mrs. Hermine Hurta Kostohryz. He graduated from Temple High School in 1946, attended Schreiner University, then went on to study medicine at University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. He took time off from school to sign on as a Merchant Marine in order to earn his tuition money. He graduated from UTMB in 1956 and was in the Navy from 1956 until he retired in 1980. Frank served as a Submarine Medical Officer, general practitioner, radiologist & Chief of

Radiology. Dr. Kostohryz helped fund the CEFT Frank J. & Hermine Hurta Kostohryz Residency in Czech Music and Culture at the University of North Texas & the Francis T. Kostohryz, MD, Residency Fund in Radiology at UTMB, as well as supporting the Wounded Warriors Project, the Boy Scouts of America, the Salvation Army, and others. He is preceded in death by longtime friend and companion, Margaret Burrell. He is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth Kostohryz. Funeral services were held on October 24, 2018, at Seaton Brethren Church. Interment with Military Honors followed at Bellwood Memorial Park, Temple. Minister Rev. Denise Mikeska.

RICHARD "DICK" HARLAN HIGHT, 77, passed away on Wednesday, December 5, 2018. He was born on September 6, 1941, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Charles Harlan and Irene Fischer Hight. He was a member of Seaton Brethren Church and the Seaton Men's Brotherhood. He was a member of the United States Airforce. Prior to his retirement, he worked 38 years for the Department of Veterans Affairs as a Computer Specialist. He had a very strong sense of duty to serve his church & his community. Dick spent much of his time volunteering at Feed My Sheep, Family Promise, and Churches Touching Lives for Christ, just to name a few. He was instrumental in the renovation of The Well, a women's shelter associated with Feed My Sheep. Dick was a big part of the Seaton School, by helping restore and maintain the building throughout the years. He sat on the board of the Seaton Community Improvement Association and the board of Feed My Sheep. Dick was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Louann Skrabanek Hight; brothers, Dennis Hight & wife Julie of Garretson, South Dakota; John Hight and wife Sandy of Brookfield, Wisconsin; sister Susan Kincaid and husband Ken of Yantis, Texas, as well as his nieces and nephews and other close relatives. Services for Richard were held on December 17, 2018, at Harper-Talasek Funeral Home, Temple. Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska.

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Renew

- by Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

The appeal of being new...

Perhaps shiny or brightly colored...

These attributes tend to draw us in to an item we might purchase.

What if we were to apply these qualities to an individual we are considering spending time with?

What if someone were to hold us up to such standards?

The truth is that we are not often "shiny" or "brightly colored" in our demeanor. Some days it is considerably easier to be so appealing to others. More often than not, in the quiet part of your day, it might seem insurmountable to view yourself in such a positive light. We struggle with viewing life through an optimistic lens. Pain and sorrow have shored up negative emotions within our minds that block us from living in consistent joy.

What would it take on a day-to-day basis for you to feel "renewed"?

What would it take for the best version of yourself to show up for life's moments in increasing frequency?

I consider the Apostle Paul to be a

close friend, a fellow traveler in the walk of faith, as I read the words of his letter to the church in Rome back in the early century following our Lord Jesus Christ's time on earth. In the Book of Romans, chapter 12, verses 1-2 (NRSV), Paul writes what only a best friend would tell you – tough words that are necessary:

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The path of transformation to becoming a person of consistent joy:

1. Your relationship with God comes first. In the first breath that you take each day, you speak to God. You offer yourself to be an agent of change and blessing within your home life and in every sphere in which you dwell.



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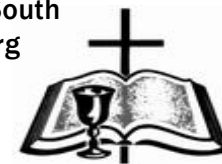
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2. You open yourself up to the teachings of the Holy Bible that always revolutionize an individual with a willing heart. Jesus says to help the oppressed and so you help them. Jesus says to have faith like a child and so you ask Him to help you be more childlike in your spirituality... trusting of Jesus... wanting to be in Jesus' presence way more.

3. Stand firm in your resolve to seek renewal of your mind through the life principles of the Holy Bible and especially through the example of the life that Jesus Christ lived on earth.

4. Insist on discerning what God wants – rather than what you want – as the most important goal of your life.

Peace will come.

Your mind will be renewed.

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VITAL STATISTICS

RECENT BAPTISMS

LIBHART, HADIN TUCKER, was baptized on September 16, 2018, at 3720 Bob White Lane, Temple. He is the son of Amy Libhart. Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska, Seaton Brethren Church.

YOUNG, KAYLA ARIA, was baptized on September 16, 2018, at 3720 Bob White Lane, Temple. She is the daughter of Justin & Sabrina Young. Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska, Seaton Brethren Church.

YOUNG, KELSEA ANNA, was baptized on September 16, 2018, at 3720 Bob White Lane, Temple. She is the daughter of Justin & Sabrina Young. Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska, Seaton Brethren Church.

YOUNG, ZAYDRIANA RENE, was baptized on September 16, 2018, at 3720 Bob White Lane, Temple. She is the daughter of Justin & Sabrina Young. Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska, Seaton Brethren Church.

YOUNG, SABRINA NICOLE, was baptized on September 16, 2018, at 3720 Bob White Lane, Temple. Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska, Seaton Brethren Church.

FRIEDRICH, JULIA, was baptized on September 16, 2018, at 3720 Bob White Lane, Temple. She is the daughter of John & Tina Friedrich. Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska, Seaton Brethren Church.

NEW MEMBERS

CASEY, RICHARD, transferred to Seaton Brethren Church on September 9, 2018.

CASEY, SHARON, transferred to Seaton Brethren Church on September 9, 2018.

YOUNG, JUSTIN, transferred to Seaton Brethren Church on October 7, 2018.

YOUNG, SABARINA, transferred to Seaton Brethren Church on October 7, 2018, baptized September 16, 2018.

Minister: Rev. Denise Mikeska

RECENT DEATHS

CHARLIE LEE BETAK, Sr., born on November 28, 1928, passed away Wednesday, September 19, 2018. Charlie loved his Bar-B-Que, fishing, camping, dominos, polka music, gambling in Louisiana, and spending time with family and friends. He is preceded in death by parents Lee and Lucy Betak, brothers James and Roy Betak, and his wife of 33 years, Patsy. Charlie is survived by wife Margie, children Charlie Jr. (Linda), Carolyn, David, Linda Gootman (Wallace), Doug Johle (Maricela), Ronnie O'Brien (Stacey), Craig O'Brien (Sandy), and Angela Sweet (Paul), numerous loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren; Brother Edward (Sharon) and Ray (Gloria). Funeral service was Monday, September 24, 2018, at 10 a.m. at Condra Funeral Home in Taylor, Texas. Charlie was laid to rest at Taylor City Cemetery in Taylor, Texas.

MARY ANN KOTRLA, age 91, of Taylor and faithful member of the Taylor Brethren Church, passed away peacefully on September 14, 2018, at the SPJST Skilled Nursing Facility. Mary, born August 8, 1927, to Vince and Alice Shiller Faltesek near Thrall, Texas, where she also attended school. On May 7, 1960, Mary was united in marriage to Edwin Kotrla at the Taylor Brethren Church and blessed with 38 years of happiness. Prior to her marriage Mary was a cosmetologist, and afterwards devoted her time being a mother, homemaker, and farmer's wife. She belonged to the Christian Sisters of the church and also was a member of SPJST Lodge 29, Taylor. Mary was preceded in death by husband Edwin Kotrla, her parents, brothers Tom, Vince and Jerry Faltesek. Her survivors are sons Larry Kotrla and Edwin Kotrla Jr. Also surviving are brothers Ben Faltesek (Sue), Alvin Faltesek (Sandy), and sister Alice Bracewell, sisters-in-law Margie Faltesek, Kathy Faltesek, Dorothy Kotrla and Evelyn Bouska, and numerous nieces and nephews. The funeral service was at the Taylor Brethren Church, 710 Sloan St., Taylor, on Wednesday, September 19, at 11 a.m. Mary was laid to rest at the Taylor City Cemetery.



25. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. Psalm 16:6
26. Blessed be the name of God from age to age, for wisdom and power are His. Daniel 2:20
27. The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Psalm 50:1
28. I will bring near My deliverance swiftly, My salvation has gone out, and My arms will rule the people; the coastlands wait for Me, and for My arm they hope. Isaiah 51:5
29. So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!" John 19:5 (ESV)
30. Thus says the high and lofty One Who inhabits eternity, Whose Name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite. Isaiah 57:15
31. **Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Luke 24:5b**

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To the Moon and Back

- by Jim Pokorny

On Christmas Eve 1968. Astronauts aboard Apollo 8 were orbiting the moon paving the way for the first lunar landing which would take place later in July 1969. Aboard the command module were astronauts Jim Lovell, Frank Borman and William Anders. The three had been informed by NASA some six weeks earlier that they would be broadcasting live pictures back to earth from a quarter of a million miles away while orbiting the moon on Christmas Eve. According to Frank Borman, the only instructions NASA gave them was to do something appropriate.

When the time came, the largest television audience to date saw the surface of the moon rotating below the capsule. The astronauts then took turns reading aloud from Genesis 1 in which God spoke the heavens and the earth into existence. This event was later commemorated on a postage stamp depicting a small blue earth suspended in space with the caption "In the beginning..."

Not long ago, representatives of Gideons International paid us their

annual visit to discuss their ministry of supplying Bibles. Anyone who has ever stayed in a hotel room has likely come across a Bible supplied by Gideons International.

On their visit with us this year, they shared a followup story to that famous Christmas Eve broadcast in 1968. It seems that a member of the Japanese press was in Houston to cover the mission and was quite taken by "the speech" the astronauts gave. When he returned to his hotel room, he telephoned NASA's Public Affairs department and requested a copy of the transcript from which the astronauts read. The person who took the call asked if he was staying in a hotel. This information confirmed, the reporter was directed to open the nightstand in which he would find a book. The reporter was informed that what the astronauts read could be found at the very beginning of that book.

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Gideons International and found exactly what he was looking for. Upon returning to Japan, the reporter remarked about the efficiency of NASA's Public Affairs department as "they had a mission transcript waiting in my hotel room."

I grew up along with the space program and I smile every time I hear that story, and I am glad when our friends from Gideons International share it with us. But the reading of Genesis 1 by the crew of Apollo 8 is not the only time American astronauts performed an act of faith so far from home.

What is less well known is that the very first meal served on the surface of the moon was Holy Communion. Apollo 11 was the first mission to land men on the moon in July 1969. Astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong would be the first men in history to set foot on another world. Aldrin was not just an astronaut. He was also an Elder at Webster Presbyterian Church. Before heading into space, Aldrin received permission to take bread and wine along and give himself Holy Communion before setting foot on the lunar surface.

Aldrin would have preferred the sacrament broadcast to the world, but this was not to be. Atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair sued NASA

over the Christmas Eve 1968 reading of Genesis 1. Although the suit was dismissed by a judge, NASA was in no hurry to become entangled in another lawsuit.

When the time came, Aldrin communicated with NASA that he would appreciate a few moments of radio silence and for the peoples of the world to use this opportunity to contemplate the events of the previous hours and give thanks in their own way.

Aldrin reached for the bread and wine he brought with him on the 250,000-mile journey to the moon. As he poured the wine in the one-sixth gravity of the moon, "the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup." He then read some scripture and ate. Afterward, Buzz Aldrin became the second human being to set foot on the surface of the moon. All three Apollo 11 astronauts returned safely home.

I certainly wish that more people were aware of Aldrin's story. Jesus reminds us to take part in this sacrament in remembrance of Him. No matter where we are or how far we may travel we can always feel His loving presence. Aldrin did, and this certainly adds new meaning to the contemporary phrase, "I love you to the moon and back."

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DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for March 2019

By Mari-Anne Kocian Gordon and Dorothy E. Kocian

All Scripture from the *Holy Bible Revised Standard Version*, slightly modified, unless otherwise indicated.

Sundays in bold

1. The Lord bless you and keep you. Numbers 6:24
2. Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in You my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by. Psalm 57:1
3. **I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek Me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on My Name. Isaiah 65:1**
4. "...In fact, the kingdom of God is among you," Jesus answered. Luke 17:21b
5. God added to His testimony by signs and wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, distributed according to His will. Hebrews 2:4
6. Dear children, let us love not in word or speech, but with actions and in truth. I John 3:18 (NIV)
7. Fear God and give Him glory, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him Who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water. Revelation 14:7
8. In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From His temple, He heard my voice. Psalm 18:6a
9. The Lord is righteous; He loves righteous deeds. The upright shall behold His face. Psalm 11:7
10. **Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1**
11. Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2
12. In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:14
13. The righteous are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap. Psalm 92:13-14
14. Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in His commandments. Psalm 112:1
15. In Christ we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. Ephesians 1:7
16. He was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. Isaiah 53:8b
17. **I am the Lord Who heals you. Exodus 15:26b**
18. Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 3:20
19. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. I John 4:16a
20. Having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. Colossians 2:15 (NIV)
21. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. Luke 9:16-17a
22. And now, O Lord God, you are God, and Your words are true. II Samuel 7:28a
23. The Lord is my strength and my might, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him. Exodus 15:2
24. **I delight in the way of Your decrees as much as in all riches. Psalm 119:14**



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Fall 2018 Synodical Meeting Report

The Fall 2018 Synodical Committee Meeting was held Saturday, September 22nd at the Hus Encampment. There were 40 in attendance: 26 voting members (14 pastors, 12 lay representatives) and 14 others. The meeting began with a devotional by Rev. Dr. Larry Koslovsky with a reading from Habakkuk.

There has been considerable interest expressed that Unity members have printed copies of the Catechism made available. Motion approved to take \$2,000 out of Board of Christian Ed fund to print 500-750 copies of the Catechism. The catechism will not be sold.

The recommended salary & vacation guidelines for 2019 from the Pastoral Relations Committee was approved. The committee recommends that all pastors receive at least a 2% salary increase each year. Vacation was also addressed: Pastors with 0-5 years of service – 2 weeks paid vacation every year; 6-10 years – 3 weeks; 11 years and above – 4 weeks. It was clarified that service is years in the Unity, not at a congregation. For pulpit supply – \$250-\$300 is recom-

mended for ordained pastors and \$200-\$250 for lay ministers and ministerial students. Travel expenses, including hotel expense, are to be added to these payments according to IRS mileage rates. A letter will be sent to all congregations.

Rev. James Hejl, Chair of the Ministers Benefits Committee presented a proposal from the committee: "That those congregations currently contributing \$2400 will now send in \$3000, and congregations currently contributing \$840.00 now pay \$1,000.00 along with an administration fee of \$40 a year (\$10 a quarter). The Committee will recommend to the convention next year to discontinue the existing income protection program." There was lots of discussion, but a motion to pass this proposal was defeated. At the end of the meeting, there was more discussion on this topic. This being a denominational program, every congregation needs to be in it. Since there was no decision about increasing the amount churches pay into the retirement program, the amount will stay the same. The Benefits Com-



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mittee will meet again to come up with a new plan to propose for 2019 to the members at the Spring meeting.

Kent Laza, Chair of the Hus Encampment, gave an update on the renovation project. They have remodeled the kitchen, put in new appliances, worked on the sewer system, air conditioning in the main hall and new sidewalks. The work was completed in May 2018. They have spent \$500,164.82. The balance on 9-21 was \$29,583.15. They need about \$300-\$350K before they can start to finish the remodeling of the main building. They are having fundraising efforts. The Board will keep the Facility Manager position in place and have changed the role of the treasurer position slightly from what the by-laws reflect. The imminent needs are to construct a new pump shed and relocate the pressure tank. Motion approved to put the oil revenue income in the Hus Camp Building Fund.

Rev. Mark Sebek presented the Foreign Mission Board report due to the absence of David Miller, Chair. Plans are being made to complete the water well project in Honduras sometimes in February. The \$25K for special projects approved for the 2018 budget will be disbursed as follows: \$5000 – short-term missions travel to Ahaus, Honduras; \$3,000 – increase 2017 salary for Phil & Eunice Raiford; \$5,000 – one-time gift to IMT Clinic – Dr. Eunice Raiford; \$8,000 – one-time gift to Joel & Teresa Jelski (Israel); and \$4,000 – one-time gift to Prosthetic Promises (John Brinkley – Ocker). A motion was approved to accept the Foreign Missions Budget of \$73K for 2019 as follows:

Robert & Annie Thiessen (South-

ern Mexico) – \$20,000; Phil & Eunice Raiford (Southern Mexico) – \$15,000; Pavel & Stania Kozak (Czech Republic) – \$15,000; Joel & Teresa Jelski (Israel) – \$8,000; Prosthetic Promises (Zambia, Africa) – \$4,000; Special Projects (would include sending some people for short term missions, missions awareness and education) – \$10,000; Moravian Board of World Missions – \$1,000. Sebek stressed that there are some criteria to be met by all missionaries and to hold them accountable to be able to receive this money.

Martha Dove, Chair of the Home Mission Board, presented a report. Rev. Larry Zabcik was appointed to fill the vacancy on the committee left by Alton Urbanovsky. There is still one other vacant seat left by Beverly Mikeska. Ben Polasek is serving as the Treasurer at Cade Lake. Rev. Kay Polasek reported on the activities at the Cade Lake Community Chapel since the fire in December 2017. A 2019 Home Mission budget of \$63K

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Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

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.

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

SAVE THE DATES...

July 11, 12, & 13, 2019 (Thursday, Friday & Saturday) - 68th Biennial Convention of the Unity of the Brethren at Wall Brethren Church. Begins July 11 at 9 a.m. and goes through Friday evening. If there is any unfinished business, we will resume Saturday morning to conclude before lunch. More information will be available soon.

July 20-21, 2019 – Youth Convention and Volleyball Tournament at the Hus Encampment.

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was approved. Rev. Sebek reported on the progress of the new building they are trying to put out there.

After the lunch break, the second session began with 26 in attendance. A motion was approved to renew the 1-year license of Pastor Lisa Johnson to Westheimer. This license was first approved in April 2017. A motion was approved to renew the 1-year license of Pastor Ben Kruse to Community Christian Church of Rosenberg. This license was first approved in October 2015.

The 68th Biennial Unity of the Brethren Convention will be held at Wall Brethren Church on July 11-13. We plan to start at 9 a.m. on July 11th, Thursday, end on Friday evening, and drive back on Saturday. If we do not finish on Friday evening, we will finish on Saturday morning. There will be a reception at one of the hotels on Wednesday evening, July 10th. The default rate for mileage will be \$0.25 a mile. Motion was approved to

have the executive committee serve as the nominating committee.

Final approval was given on the Technology Grant application for Unity churches. The addition of "particularly in the form of outreach ministries" was added to the application.

Officer reports were presented by Financial Secretary, Rev. Joe Emerson; Treasurer, Lynette Urbanovsky; 3rd VP, Rev. Whitney Amos; 2nd VP, Kayla Marek; 1st VP, Rev. Mark Sebek; and President, Rev. Larry Koslovsky. Rev. Koslovsky attended the Northern Province Synod held in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, on June 21-15, 2018. They attend ours and we attend theirs. Bro. Larry was put on the Mission Committee. The Moravian's approved a relationship of full communion with the United Methodist Church (UMC). The full communion agreement, which was initially approved by the UMC at their General Conference in Portland, Oregon, in May 2016, recognizes each





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other's ministries, and encourages witness and mission work together. Pastors can also serve each other's congregations. Rev. Jimmy Hejl attended the 2018 Southern Province Synod in Black Mountain, North Carolina, held on April 19-22. The theme was "Living the Essentials with Courage for the Future." The South also approved full communion with the United Methodist church. They also elected 2 bishops. Bro. Larry reported on the Christian Sisters Union problem they had with some of their accounts. The situation has been resolved.

There was more discussion on the Ministers retirement program and what to contribute to pastors that were previously not eligible for the retirement program, but due to a change in the rules, are now eligible. Money will be transferred to their accounts set up at Austin Capital, which is a qualified retirement plan. The committee is still in the process of determining what each pastor will receive for their past service to churches. We do not have the funds to give pastors \$2400 a year for their service (motion passed from 10-22-16). The program was never designed for part-time/bi-vocational pastors. In 1978 when the program started, all the pastors were full time. A motion was approved to pay by the end of 2018 what each pastor who has not been paid retirement the amount that the congregation where they served put into the program.

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The Spring Synodical Committee meeting was set for March 30, 2019. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. The closing prayer was given by Rev. Larry Koslovsky.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Ripple,
 Administrative Assistant.

Due to the absence of Unity Secretary, Angie Hairrell, 2015-2019.

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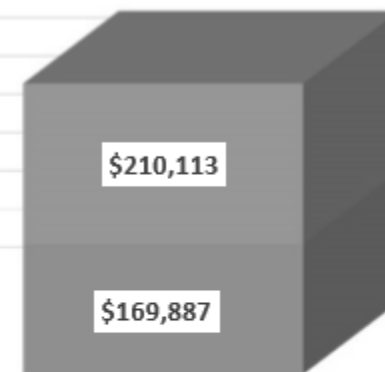
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– Make A Monthly/Yearly Donation –

Hus Camp Building Fund

Make your tax deductible donation any way you like . . .

On Line - huscamp.org (click on the donate label for credit card info)

Bank Draft - for a recurring monthly bank draft, email James Marek, james@cnbt.com, or call 512-352-6165.

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.

James Marek: james@cnbt.com (or) 512-352-6165

Rick Weise: weise.rick@aol.com (or) 325-656-2620

– Join the Hus Camp Prayer Team –

Become a Hus Camp prayer warrior by signing up to be on our
prayer team. Whenever prayers are needed at the camp, you will
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:
husprayer@gmail.com

Glenda Laza Moreland & Kathy Simcik Harris

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Caldwell Brethren Church Members Spread God's Valentine Love

Thank You, Jesus, for the JOY of reaching out at the local cancer center! What an honor to deliver Valentine appreciation gifts to those who give so much. Amen





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



SNOOK BRETHREN CHURCH

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Church Phone – (979) 272-3303

COME WORSHIP WITH US

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

Pastor	Board of Elders President	Youth Directors
Rev. Joseph Polasek	Yvonne Kovar	Randall & Jonna See
P.O. Box 54	P.O. Box 66	P.O. Box 345
Snook, TX 77878	Snook, TX 77878	Snook, TX 77878
(979) 272-1624	(979) 219-0375	(979) 272-8179



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

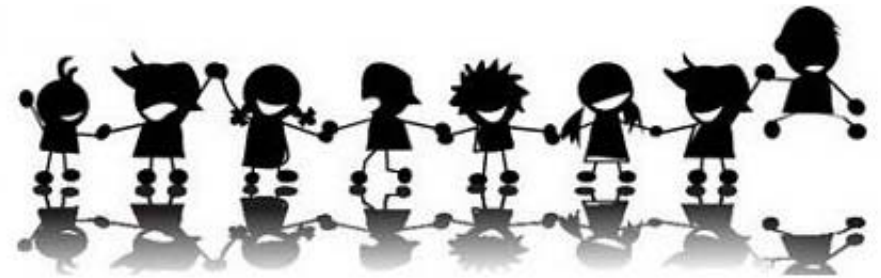
These projects were funded and completed in June 2018

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



Sunday School Helper

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Romans 1:20 (NIV)

This month our science experiment helps us to think about the amazing power of God. Nature is full of examples where we can see God's power – wind, thunderstorm, waves in the ocean. The same God that creates the storm also calms the waves. He is also there for each of us every day. He is our strong fortress and makes our paths perfect.
(2 Samuel 22:33)

Explosive Power

The Bible:

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. Romans 1:20 (NIV)

Supplies per child or group:

Red modeling clay, one 15×15-inch piece of cardboard, aluminum foil, one 20-ounce plastic bottle, baking soda, dishwashing liquid, water, red food coloring, bowls, a funnel, and white vinegar.

The Experiment:

Say: Let's find out what kind of power is possible with this experiment! Cover one side of the cardboard with aluminum foil. Place the plastic bottle in the center of the cardboard, then form a volcano with clay around the bottle.

In a bowl, combine 2 tablespoons of baking soda, 1 cup of water, 5 drops of dishwashing liquid, and 3 drops of red food coloring. Use a funnel to pour the mixture into the bottle. Have kids develop a hypothesis about what will happen in this experiment. Then pour 1 cup of white vinegar into the bottle, and stand back!

Scientific Facts:

The red "lava" that spews from your volcano is the chemical reaction between the baking soda and vinegar. Mixing the two ingredients produces carbon dioxide, the same gas that bubbles in a real volcano.

Talk:

Have children describe what they know about volcanoes. Read the Scripture, then ask: How are those powerful forces like or unlike God? How do you think nature's power compares with God's power? In what ways do you experience God's power in your life? What surprised you about this experiment? When has God's power surprised you?

Our Strength v. God's Strength

The Bible:

No one is like you, O Lord: You are great, and Your name is mighty in power. Jeremiah 10:6 (NIV)

Supplies per child:

None.

The Experiment:

Ask: How powerful is God? How powerful are you? What is the most powerful thing they each can do? Who is the strongest or most powerful here? Determine this by performing the activities below.

- Thumb wrestling or Arm wrestling
- The pushover – Form pairs. Partners stand, face each other, and place the palms of their hands together. Children must try to push the other person off balance without moving their feet. Whoever moves a foot is out and must sit out. Repeat this process by having the winning children find partners and play again until the most powerful is determined.

Talk:

The Bible tells us a lot about who God is. From the Bible we know that God is All-Powerful, All-Knowing, Ever-Present, Unchanging, and Faithful. God is Omnipotent, which means He is All-Powerful. 2. Read Psalm 147:5, 2 Chronicles 20:6, Jeremiah 10:6, Psalm 77:14, Jeremiah 51:15-16 and I Corinthians 6:14. Discuss what we learn about God's power from each verse. Follow up with some of the following questions (*depending on the age of the children*): How does your strength and power compare to God's strength and power? Does our powerful God push us around? How does God use His power? What can God do that you can't? Is there anyone more powerful than God? How would you like to have the strongest, most powerful person in the world for your friend? Would you be afraid of anything if they were with you? What are some powerful things you can think of in the world? (A waterfall, an engine on a spacecraft, lightning, etc.) Is God more powerful than all these things? If God has power to perform miracles, create everything, and raise Jesus from the dead, can He take care of you in every situation?

