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– The Need –

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– 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

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– Rev. Mark Sebek

Buckholts – Worship at 9 AM every
Sunday except the 5th Sunday.
Holy Communion on 1st Sunday.
Guest speaker on 4th Sunday.
– Rev. John Kueker

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Mission Project since 10/22/11 – Sunday
School at 11 AM; Fellowship Lunch at
Noon; Worship at 1 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
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– Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

Crosby – 9 AM: Worship
10 AM: Faith Adventure
– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

Dime Box – worship at 9 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
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 AM every Sunday
with Sunday School for all ages
following.
– Rev. Joe Emerson

Nelsonville – Sunday School at 9 AM
Worship at 10:15 AM
– Rev. Michael Groseclose

New Tabor – Sunday School at 9 AM &
Worship at 10 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 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

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Rosenberg –
Sunday: Adult Bible Study and Sunday
School for children at 9 AM; worship at
10:30 AM.
Wednesday: 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.
Sunday School 9 AM every Sunday with
free breakfast every 5th Sunday at 8:30
AM.; Friends Fellowship (seniors) 4th
Tuesday (except Nov. & Dec.) at 2 PM.
– 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 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 AM every Sunday.
Sunday School follows.
– Rev. Michael Groseclose

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

Westheimer Community – worship at
10:30 AM every Sunday.
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DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for May 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. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2
2. May Your unfailing love be my comfort, according to Your promise to Your servant. Psalm 119:76 (NIV)
3. Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands. Psalm 138:8
4. He who planted the ear, does He not hear? He who formed the eye, does He not see? Psalm 94:9
5. **Do not let the sun go down on your anger. Ephesians 4:26**
6. You should take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the officials and subverts the cause of those who are in the right. Exodus 23:8
7. Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord Lord,' will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father in Heaven. Matthew 7:21
8. Do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians 5:17
9. I gave them my statutes and showed them my ordinances, by whose observance everyone shall live. Ezekiel 20:11
10. The Lord made the Earth by His power, and by His understanding stretched out the heavens. Jeremiah 10:12
11. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Colossians 3:16
12. **God is faithful, and He will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing He will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. I Corinthians 10:13b**
13. If we confess our sins, He Who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9
14. What shall I return to the Lord for all His bounty to me? Psalm 116:12
15. "In this place I will give peace," says the Lord of hosts. Haggai 2:9 (NKJV)
16. The Lord is near to the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18
17. All things have been created through Him and for Him. Colossians 1:16
18. Peter said, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:38
19. **Jesus said to Peter, "I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail." Luke 22:32**
20. The Lord has sent me to comfort all who mourn. Isaiah 61:2
21. Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. John 6:68
22. Christ says, "Heaven and Earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away." Luke 21:33
23. Jesus said, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be Your name." Luke 11: 2
24. From His fullness we have all received grace upon grace. John 1:16
25. It is God Who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Philippians 2:13
26. **Listen to Me, My people, and give heed to Me, My nation; teaching will go out from Me, and My justice as a light to the peoples. Isaiah 51:4**
27. When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to His mercy. Titus 3:4-5
28. Now, our God, we give thanks to You and praise Your glorious name. I Chronicles 29:13
29. Christ says, "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to Myself." John 12:32
30. As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in Him. Colossians 2:6
31. Now, our God, we give thanks to You and praise Your glorious name. I Chronicles 29:13

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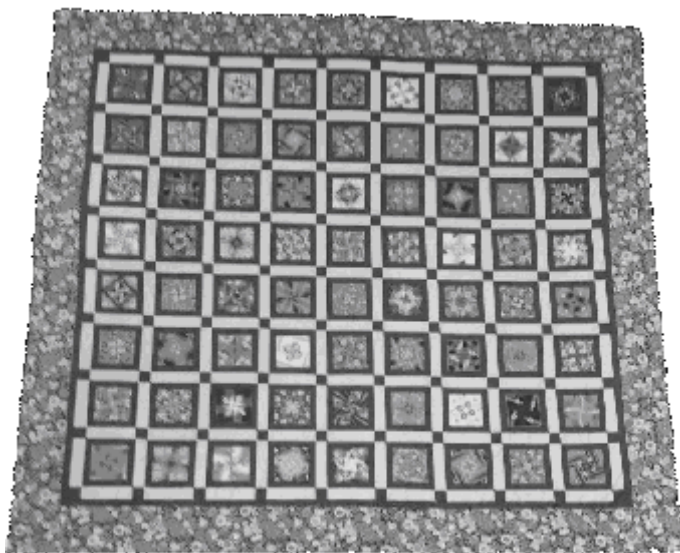
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SRNENSKY, JOE B., was called to his eternal home on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at the age of 92 years. He was born in Beyersville, Texas, on May 1, 1926, the 6th of 10 children born to Joe F. and Rosie Simcik Srensky. Joe was raised on the family farm and went to Beyersville school located on Brushy Creek. He served during World War II aboard the U.S.S. Sheliak as a fireman first class and was involved in both the Atlantic and Pacific theatres. Upon returning home, Joe opened a service station with his brother-in-law in Taylor. He married Mildred Senkel January 16, 1949, at St. John Lutheran Church in Bartlett, Texas. After working 6 years at ALCOA he joined the USPS in 1959 and carried mail in the City of Taylor. Joe was a member of the Taylor Brethren Church serving as Sunday School teacher and in several other roles. Joe is survived by Sidney Srensky, Sharon & husband Doug Wilkerson, Stephen & wife Jackie Srensky, Rhonda & husband Alan Carnley, Shelia & husband Warren Devore; 11 grandchildren; 12 greatgrandchildren; and 4 sisters: Albina Kerlin, Martha Minzenmayer, Agnes Eschberger, Jean & husband William Griffin. Funeral Services were held at the Taylor Brethren Church on Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

SUSAN, JIMMY DEAN, age 57, passed away on Sunday February 24, 2019, at his residence in Taylor. He was born on February 15, 1962, to Juanette (Raley) and JT Susan. Jimmy graduated in 1980 from McCallum High School in Austin, Texas, and then worked to acquire an HVAC license and worked in that field for years to come. He enjoyed fishing, playing pool, working out, and spending time with family. He also loved cars, ice cream, and wood working. He was preceded in death by father JT Susan, step-father Erwin Meiske, and grandparents H.A. and Ruth Susan and Elma McCawley. Jimmy is survived by his mother Juanette, daughter Brandi Barnwell, and husband Lee; and son Geoffrey of his first marriage to Gail Simonson; second wife Sheila Evenson and step children Brandon, Ryan, and Alyssa; brothers John and wife Julie, Joey and wife Kristi, Jerry, and Jason and wife Mendi; 10 nieces and nephews; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. The funeral was held at Taylor Brethren Church with burial at the Taylor City Cemetery.

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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.

Sunday School Treasurer for many years. He is survived by his daughter, Monee Reichenbach Michna and her husband Buddy, his grandchildren Brayden and Rylee Michna, his brother-in-law Herbert Riethmayer, Jr., and his wife Betty, sister-in-law Velma Reichenbach, extended family members Anna and Donald Kover, Gene and Patsy Zrubek, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Anita Riethmayer Reichenbach, two daughters, Regina and Renita Reichenbach, his mother and father, Adele Erdmann Reichenbach and Albert Reichenbach, his brother Wilbert Reichenbach, and his sister Clara Reichenbach Widmer. Memorial contributions may be made to the Regina Reichenbach Scholarship Fund, Taylor ISD Central Office, 3101 N. Main St, Taylor, Texas 76574, or to the Taylor Brethren Church, P.O. Box 351, Taylor, Texas 76574.

ROEPKE, MELBA GENE MACHU, age 84, of Taylor, passed away on Friday evening, March 15, 2019, surrounded by her beloved husband and loving family. Melba was born in Coupland, Texas, to Edward Rudolph and Winnie (Klima) Machu on September 25, 1934, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her, brother and wife Eugene and Effie Machu, sister Mildred "Millie" O'Brien, mother and father-in-law Leo William and Ida (Fuessel) Roepke, nephew Brian Roepke, along with numerous aunts, uncles, and relatives. Melba was a lifelong resident of Taylor and member of the Taylor Brethren Church, where she taught Sunday School and sang in the church choir. She also sang in the Taylor Czech Chorus. She was a 1953 graduate of Taylor High School, where she was a member of the "Green Jackets". She married Gene Leon Roepke on July 7, 1985. Melba is survived by her loving husband,

Gene Leon Roepke. Also surviving are brothers and wives, Johnnie and Aileen Machu and Howard and Bonnie Machu, sister Lorene Machu, brother-in-law Lloyd O'Brien, and Jimmy and Cindy Roepke. She is also survived by nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews and their families, whom she dearly loved, and a host of extended family and friends. Celebration of Melba's life was held on Friday, March 22, 2019, at the Taylor Brethren Church. She was laid to rest at the Taylor City Cemetery.

SHILLER, GILBERT WILLIAM, 93, of Taylor, Texas, went to heaven on Saturday, December 22, 2018, at Falcon Ridge Rehab, Hutto, Texas. He was born April 9, 1925, in Thrall, Texas, to Will and Annie Shiller. Gilbert lived his life in Thrall, Waterloo, and Taylor, Texas. He loved to fish, was an avid gardener and precise woodworker both when he worked and his home life. He loved to play dominos with his friends and family. He was a lifetime member of Taylor Brethren Church in Taylor, Texas. Gilbert was also a member of the Beyersville SPJST. He is preceded in death by his parents, sister and brother-in-law Sadie and Edwin Turek, brother and sister-in-law Leon and Lydie Shiller, brother-in-law Delmore Stasny, sister-in-law Bennie Stasny. Gilbert is survived by his wife of 69 years, Demetra Shiller; daughters Gloria Wuthrich (Mike), Karen Richter (Randall), sons Randy Shiller (Molly) and Larry Shiller (Beverly); Granddaughters Melissa Smith (Richard), Tamara Alcoser (David), Randa Shiller (Chris Brandt), and grandson Bryan Wuthrich (Sherry); great-grandchildren Allison Wuthrich, Jabin, Peyton, and Khloe Alcoser; Pepper and Amelia Brandt; great-great-grandson Jaxon Wuthrich; brother-in-law John Stasny and sister-in-law Janie Stasny. Nieces, nephews, great and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Empty, but Full

- by Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

An empty refrigerator
An empty checking account
An empty house
An empty water bottle

The concept of emptiness is dreary more often than not when we examine it under the lens of popular thought. We prefer to have a full refrigerator, a checking account with money for a rainy day and then some, a house filled with all that we cherish, a water bottle that is full to quench our thirst... In some religious traditions in eastern thought, emptying oneself of worries and the proverbial to-do list appears attractive at first glance. The caveat comes when you work through in your mind: "Okay, now what?" Christianity in its most sincere form, practices an **"emptying of oneself" that is instantaneously coupled with a "filling of one's being" that is completed by God Himself, by the Holy Spirit.** The goal when you meditate with Jesus is that He gives you His mind – an infinite supply of renewing power for each moment of each day. So we

come to Jesus asking to be emptied of all worry, the "to-do list," and even more so of deeper agents of distress such as fear, anger, hurt, and insecurity. Emptying oneself is then an actual surrender to Jesus and calling on Him to fill you with His mind, His peace, His holy passion for doing what is right, His calm, His resurrection power which yields an endurance of heavenly magnitude. Being "empty" is good. **Being "empty" is good if you conduct the exercise of emptying in concert with Jesus Christ.** "Holy Lord Jesus, I will be the instrument through which you play your melody!" It is distinctively in this synergy that one experiences an emptying of oneself that births a sense of heavenly fullness. Life becomes a beautiful road of your depending on the Holy Spirit to infuse you with Christ's Mind and Christ's Power, so that you may accomplish all that God has designed as the absolute best for you precisely where you are at any given moment.



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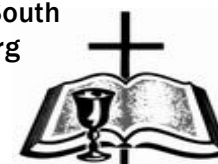
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A heart filled with peace and emptied of hurt and anger.
 A mind capable of great things according to the ways in which God has gifted you.
 A soul that is never empty because the Holy Spirit dwells within you forever.
 A thirst that is always quenched with God's goodness, finding satisfaction in doing what God has called holy.
 "Empty, but full"

From the Apostle Paul's Letter in the Holy Bible to the Philippian Church, we learn from Jesus' life how to engage in this synergistic life with God – "Empty, but full":

3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human

form, 8 He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for His good pleasure. (Philippians 2:3-13, NRSV)

Will you ask Jesus to empty you to the point where you have become a genuinely humble person?

Will you ask Jesus as often as is required for you, to give you His mind?

Will you ask Jesus to teach you the beautiful exercise of emptying yourself through obeying His Holy Word, His Holy Voice?

Will you bend the knee of your will to the influx of Jesus' holy passion for

VITAL STATISTICS

RECENT DEATHS

HICKMAN, CAROLYN MAE CUBA, age 76, of Thorndale, Texas, returned to her heavenly home on February 25, 2019. Carolyn was born on July 21, 1942, in Taylor, Texas, to the late Arnold Cuba, Sr., and Amelia Kincl Cuba. On July 27, 1975, she married William H. "Bill" Hickman in Taylor, Texas. She was an active member of Taylor Brethren Church and sang with the Taylor Czech Chorus. She enjoyed spending time with her family, and she loved to read and fish. She is survived by her loving husband of 44 years, Bill Hickman; sons Curtis and wife Nikki, Douglas and wife Lindsay; 8 grandchildren, Analissa, Francesca, Layla, Maia, Mark, Haleigh, Jordan, and Douglas Jr.; a sister Barbara Smith and husband Sammy; and a brother Arnold Cuba, Jr., and wife Rebecca. Funeral service was held on Friday, March 1, 2019, at Taylor Brethren Church followed by burial at Taylor City Cemetery.



HOLUBEC, GARDINA FRANCES, 95, passed peacefully into heaven on March 24, 2019. Gardina was born on April 8, 1923, to the late John and Fannie Holubec in Caldwell, Texas. Gardina graduated from Austin High School and Durhams College. Gardina received her religious training in the Austin Brethren Church. Gardina taught Sunday School and was a pianist for a number of years. Gardina is survived by nieces Judy Howze of Austin, Texas, Janette and her husband John Hall of Mountain City, Texas, Nephews Malcolm Holubec and his wife Jeniffer of Corpus Christi, Texas, Larry Marek and his wife Becky of San Antonio, Texas, Don LaFaitte and his wife Donnette of Austin, Texas, and Gary LaFaitte of Austin, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Ernest Holubec and his wife Pat, sisters Neldina Marek and her husband Ted, Milady Skrivanek and her husband Rev. Jesse, Dorothy Holubec, Ella Holubec, Vlasta LaFaitte and her husband Raymond, and nephew Curtis LaFaitte. Services were held on Saturday, March 30, 2019, at Cook-Walden Funeral Home in Austin, Texas, with interment at San Antonio Prairie SPJST Cemetery near Caldwell, Texas.

KOTRLA, DOROTHY ANN, age 88 of Georgetown, died March 28, 2019 in Taylor. She was a member of the Granger Brethren Church. Services were held on Sunday, March 31, at the Granger Brethren Church, with burial at the Granger Brethren Cemetery. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Albert W. Kotrla, her mother and father, Narcicus S. Bowles and David S. Bowles, and by two sisters, Jenive Stapp and Ruby Nordyke. She is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law: Barbara and Mickey McDaniel of Thorndale, Linda and Danny Vickers of Marlin, and Carolyn and Harry Taylor of Canyon. There are also seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, a sister, Estelle Larson of Elgin, and sister-in-law, Evelyn Bouska of San Angelo. Ministers: Rev. James D. Hejl and Rev. Larry Zabcik.

POKORNY, ANTON LUDWIG, was born in Taylor, Texas, August 25, 1920, and went home to be with the Lord February 1, 2019. He was married in 1941 to Fay Dutchover for 56 years. Anton was a WWII veteran and served as an Army Maintenance Motor Sergeant in the 77th Field Artillery. He was honored with a bronze star and six battle stars. In 1951 Anton and Fay moved to California with their sons Anton Joe and Oscar Carlos, where he worked for Lockheed Martin for 29-1/2 years, where he was a production assembler, a plane upholsterer, and a maintenance mechanic. After Fay passed, he moved to Sonora, California, then back to his beloved hometown Taylor, Texas, in 2005. There he was fortunate to find his second love, Lucille Trcka. A Celebration of Life Service was held February 23rd at Taylor Brethren Church. He was laid to rest in Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills, California.

REICHENBACH, LEROY ALBERT, was born in Hoxie, Texas, on November 23, 1936, to Albert Reichenbach and Adele Erdmann Reichenbach. He departed this earthly life on Friday, March 15, 2019. On February 2, 1964, he married Anita Riethmayer. After graduation from high school, Leroy worked at the Reichenbach Red and White Grocery Store, owned by his brother Wilbert. He was an active member of the Thunderbolts Hot Rod Club and opened his own business, R & T Automotive, in 1960. Leroy was a devoted member of the Taylor Brethren Church, where he served numerous terms as Chairman of the Board of Elders and as



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2019 SUMMER CAMP DATES:

(*updated camper ages)

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Ages 7-9 years old*

Camp Cost: \$250

Camp Date: June 30-July 2

ALPHA

Ages 10-11 years old*

Camp Cost: \$350

Camp Date: June 9-13

PIONEER

Ages 12-13 years old*

Camp Cost: \$350

Camp Date: June 16-21

DISCOVERY

Ages 14-15 years old

Camp Cost: \$350

Camp Date: June 23-28

CHALLENGER

Ages 16-19 years old

Camp Cost: \$350

Camp Date: July 21-26

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Ages 16-Adult*

Cost \$550**

Date: July 7-19

*Ages for these camps have changed by 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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serving others at all cost?

Will you tremble if necessary to complete the exercise of allowing the Mind of Jesus Christ to fill you? Will you do this again and again until you are continuously cognizant that it is God who is at work in you for a holy good?

Set aside the refrigerator, the checking account, the house and the water bottle...

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In Jesus' Hands,
Right With You,

Sister Vanessa Mitchell

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His Mysterious Way

- by Jim Pokorny

My father was a television repairman by trade. My mother kept his books and answered the telephone. She also took care of customers whenever my father was out on a service call. As a very young boy I spent my days in the old TV shop finding various and sundry ways to amuse myself.

I still remember one time from those early days quite vividly. My grandfather on Dad's side was in the hospital. Adding to Dad's stress, he was having an especially difficult day at work. He had a huge backlog of work and customers doing without television were not sympathetic. By the end of the workday Dad was completely spent. The three of us climbed aboard the old Ford Econoline van and all my father wanted to do was go home.

As he started the van, my mother gently asked if we were going to stop by the hospital to visit his father. Although Dad loved his father, all he wanted was to go home. "No," he resigned. "I'll visit him tomorrow morning."

The conversation that ensued between my parents went back and forth like a ball between two evenly matched tennis players. Mom trying to convince him; Dad replying that he would go tomorrow. As Dad pulled the van onto Highway 79, I assumed we were heading home.

Just a few blocks into the journey, Mom reached out and touched Dad on the shoulder. "Honey," she pleaded, "I know you're tired, but I really think we should stop by and visit your father." My father met his match. He smiled at her and said, "If it will make you feel better, we'll go." Dad turned off the highway and pointed the van in the direction of the hospital.

There was still a good bit of daylight left when we arrived. The three of us walked toward my grandfather's room. It was likely against hospital policy for someone my age to be allowed to visit but Dad was not above bending the rules.

We entered the room and approached my grandfather's bedside. I vividly recall him looking alternately

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Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

June 9, 2019 – Summer Camping Season begins at Hus Encampment.

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 12, 2019 – Hus Building Fund Quilt Raffle Drawing at the Unity of the Brethren Church. Tickets available for purchase. See more information in this issue.

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

SAVE THE DATES...

September 28, 2019 – Fall Synodical Committee Meeting at the Hus Encampment. 8 a.m. Kolaches & Coffee; 9 a.m. Meeting begins. Referendum results and installation of officers for 2019-2021. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Dr. Larry Koslovsky, lwkoslo@aol.com.



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Tu-F: 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Powerful Fruit

Materials: lemons, knife, pennies, zinc-galvanized nails, alligator clips, LED light



1. Use a kitchen knife to cut a penny-sized slit in all four lemons.
2. Insert a penny halfway into each of the four slits you cut.
3. Push a zinc-galvanized nail into each of the lemons, opposite the penny. Don't let the nail and penny touch in or out of the lemon.
4. Use a set of alligator clips to connect a nail on one lemon to a penny on another lemon.
5. Connect all four lemons together with alligator clips. Each set of alligator clips should connect a nail to a penny.
6. Attach the two loose alligator clips to the LED. The chemical energy in the lemons has been used to power the LED with electrical energy.

Explanation: Batteries are comprised of two different metals suspended in an acidic solution. With the Fruit-Power Battery, the two metals are zinc and copper. The zinc is in the galvanization on the nails, and the pennies are actually copper-plated zinc. The acid comes from the citric acid inside each lemon. The two metal components are electrodes, the parts of a battery where electrical current enters and leaves the battery. With a zinc and copper setup, the electron flow is out of the penny (copper) and into the nail (zinc) through the acidic juice inside the lemon. In the exchange of electrons between the zinc and the copper over the acid bridge, copper accepts two electrons from zinc which accounts for the current. Once the Fruit-Power Battery is connected to the LED, you've completed a circuit. The LED is polar sensitive. If you hook up the LED and it doesn't glow, switch the alligator clips attached to its legs.



between Dad and myself as if picturing Dad at my age. I do not recall saying anything myself, but I do recall Mom and Dad saying he was looking better. My grandfather replied that it seemed to get dark early. The sun which had not set, filtered through the window. Dad offered that it was still light outside.

About that time a nurse walked in. Of course, her first question concerned my age and Dad exaggerated a bit. Whether she bought that or not remains a mystery to this day. She turned her attention to my grandfather and affirmed that he was looking better. She then told us to leave the room for a moment while she examined my grandfather. She added that we would be allowed to return as soon as she finished.

We stepped into the hallway to wait for the nurse to call us back. Suddenly, the door to his room flew open and we watched in disbelief as the nurse ran down the hallway urgently shouting, "Code Blue!" Within seconds, she and several others rushed into my grandfather's room with equipment. Shock combined with dread overtook the three of us. Time seemed to stand still. When the door finally opened, they exited the room with somber expressions. A doctor walked up to my father and asked if he were related to Mr. Pokorny. Dad struggled to say, "I'm his son." The doctor then took Dad aside and informed him that his father was dead.

It was a strange set of circumstances. Everyone was convinced my grandfather was improving. Suddenly, during a routine examination, his heart stopped. This was my very first experience with death, and at my age I

could not process the finality of my grandfather's earthly journey. I still recall that day quite vividly more than half a century later. Continued reflection on the events of that day has brought me to one undeniable realization.

God often shows His will for us through others rather than with us directly. He reached my father through my mother that day. In His mysterious way, He communicated to her the need for my father to be there just before my grandfather died. Mom responded to God's gentle touch that day, and together they managed to get my father exactly where he needed to be.

It is a lesson I have never forgotten.

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And so fulfill the Law of
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Invitation from the Wall Brethren Church to the 68th Biennial Convention of the Unity of the Brethren, July 10-12, 2019

Ordination Service of Ryan Volkman, July 12, 2019
90th Anniversary of the Wall Brethren Church, July 13, 2019

To the Synodical Committee, Delegates, Pastors, Members and Friends of the Unity of the Brethren:

The Board of Elders, Pastor, and all of Wall Brethren Church invite you to join us for **the 68th Biennial Convention of the Unity of the Brethren on July 10-12, 2019, at the Wall Brethren Church.**

There will be a “**Meet and Greet**” for all convention members and friends on **July 10, 2019**. It will be held at the Springhill Suites Marriott from **5:30-6:30 p.m.** Finger foods and drinks are provided for this informal gathering.

The Convention will begin on Thursday, July 11, with a complimentary light breakfast of kolaches, coffee, etc., at 8:00 a.m. Convention activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. The Convention theme is “United in Love” with Scripture from Colossians 3:14:

“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

Housing Accommodations have been reserved at the following San Angelo hotels. **The deadline for reservations under this block is June 19, 2019.** Please reserve rooms by the deadline for Convention pricing under Wall Brethren Church. If you bring a Texas Hotel Occupancy Tax Exemption Certificate from your church, you can avoid the state tax.

Springhill Suites Marriott (Host Hotel)

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<h1>Fayetteville Brethren Church</h1>	
<p>Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am</p> <p>Pastor – Rev. Joe Emerson P.O. Box 1295 Belton, TX 76513 (254) 931-1653</p> <p>FayettevilleBrethrenChurch.org</p>	<p><i>“Site of the First Czech Protestant Preaching in Texas - 1855”</i></p>  <p>1022 Kramr Rd at Ross Prairie Church Road P.O. Box 11 • Fayetteville, TX 78940</p>

Story of Good and Bad Fruit

Scripture: Luke 6:43-45

Materials: seeds, cups, soil

READ: No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.” Luke 6:43-45

Draw a tree on a large piece of paper. Talk about what it takes for a tree to be big and strong (good soil, sunshine, rain). *In our Bible lesson today Jesus taught us that we are like trees. We need to plant ourselves in a good place so that we can be like this good tree and bear good fruit.*

Plant seeds in cups of soil. Remind children what a tree/plant needs to grow.

The Abundance of our Hearts

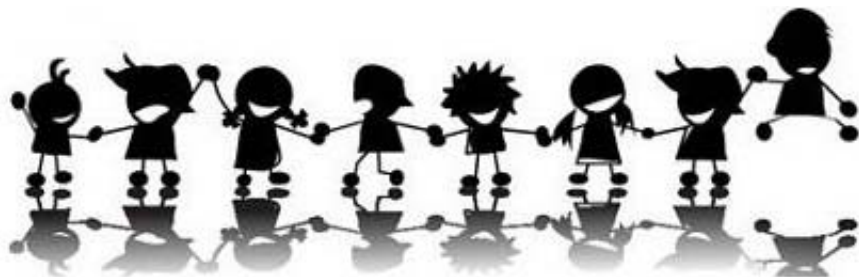
Scripture: Luke 6:43-45

Materials: white carnation and cup for each child, some flowers already done ahead of time, water, food coloring

Beautiful flowers are directly affected by the water in which they are placed. Jesus says that people are the same way. If we allow ourselves to be surrounded by sinful things and continue to take those things into our hearts, they will be reflected publicly as well. Or, as Jesus puts it, *“Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.”* (Luke 6:45)

Place white carnations in cups with water and food coloring. Add different food coloring to each jar.





Sunday School Helper

*Out of the abundance of the heart,
the mouth speaks.*

Luke 6:45

Our tendency is often to ignore our own inconsistencies, thinking that it is enough to give a good outward showing while letting our hearts go quite another direction. But Jesus makes clear that this is a game we simply cannot win. What is on the inside will not stay hidden, whether for good or for ill. The content of your heart is revealed by the condition of your fruit. The experiments this month all have to do with fruit and revealing what is on the inside.

The meals which will be provided at Wall Brethren Church are:

Complimentary light breakfast Thursday and Friday.

Thursday Noon meal and Evening meal (meal tickets are \$12).

Friday Noon meal and Evening meal (meal tickets are \$12).

King Size Quilt Raffle

A raffle of a King Size Quilt will be held during the Convention on July 12. All proceeds will benefit the Hus Encampment Building Fund. The quilt is donated by Ruth Dusek, a member of Wall Brethren, and quilted by members and friends of the congregation. Pictures of the quilt can be found on Wall Brethren Church Facebook page. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased at the Convention. Advance tickets are also available by contacting David Dusek (325-656-7456).

In addition to the convention, there are other events to which you are invited: **Tour of Emmanuel Episcopal Church and Historic Fort Concho National Historic Landmark.** Wall Brethren Church has organized a cultural excursion for those who are not members of the Convention. This guided tour will take place shortly after lunch on Thursday, July 11, and will give attendees an opportunity to experience two local historic sites: Fort Concho National Historic Landmark and Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Space is limited, so it is mandatory that you sign up by June 19 if you plan to attend. A fee of \$5 is charged, which will go to Fort Concho National Historic Landmark. To register, email your name and number in your party

to WallBrethren@gmail.com. Fee is payable at the time of the tour.

The Ordination of Ryan Volkman: Ryan Volkman will be ordained into the ministry of the Unity of the Brethren on Friday, July 12, at 7 p.m. Ryan presently serves as Director of Youth and Young Families at the Wall Brethren Church.

The 90th Anniversary Celebration of the Wall Brethren Church: You are cordially invited to the 90th Anniversary celebration of the Wall Brethren Church on Saturday, July 13, 2019. It will be held in the Fellowship Building. A steak dinner will be served. There will be a free-will offering with proceeds benefiting the Hus Encampment Building Fund.

Following dinner, there will be dancing and live music by The Johnny Dickinson Band, a local west Texas group who has been playing country and western music for over 20 years. Plan to bring your dancing shoes, as they are sure to please crowds of all ages! Dinner is from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., followed by the live music and dance at 7-11 p.m. Please plan to stay and join us while we celebrate the past and look forward to the future!

We look forward to seeing you at the Convention. Please pray for safe travels and that God will lead and bless the discussions, and that the Holy Spirit will be evident in the decisions made.

Rev. Tommy Tallas, Pastor
Josh Holik, President,
Board of Elders
All of the congregation of
Wall Brethren Church

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

Joel Jelski: Monthly Israel Update

April 9, 2019

Passover and the Golan Heights

Our next Katzir youth camp is coming up in a few days, and Passover, by far my favorite holiday, is just around the corner. I will be running this camp, and this will be the first time I'm directing the camp, so I would really appreciate your prayers over us. Our camp this year will be focused on the theme of Meditation (biblical meditation) taken from Joshua 1:8. Our camp will take place on the Golan Heights which, in quite an amazing turn of events, has been officially recognized by the U.S. government as part of Israel. I have to say, this move by the U.S. was really unpredictable, and actually unprecedented, since no other nation has

recognized Israel's historical ties to the Golan Heights and legitimate claim to the land.

Yesterday we had our last interview at the Ministry of Interior for Teresa's residency process, and we applied for her citizenship yesterday. It should take 6 months to receive an answer. Please pray with us for a quick answer, a positive answer, and no complications! We celebrated applying for her Israeli citizenship with the best Mexican food in Jerusalem (ironic ??).

Today is elections day in Israel. Please pray for the elections and Israel's leaders. The most important aspect for us as believers this election cycle is to oust the Orthodox from controlling the Ministry of Interior, which has made life difficult for believers in Israel in several different areas.



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Wednesday Family Night Gathering:
1st & 3rd Wednesdays each month

www.lifeatcbc.org

Sunday School
9:30 AM

Children's Choir
Practice, Sundays
10:15 a.m.

Sunday Worship
10:30 AM

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5. Acknowledgement letters
a. ~~To Donor~~
b. ~~To family of one honored~~

Gift Letter for Personal Property
The Synodical Committee of the
Unity of the Brethren

Representative:

Representative:

Amend Appendix A – By-Laws
of the Hus School
Encampment, Article IV,

- Finances, B & F.
B. The Operating Fund, and the Building Fund, *and the Food and Activities Account* shall be in the custody of the treasurer of the Board of Trustees, and the Board shall have final authority involving any disbursements from these funds.
F. Campers' fees and special donations are retained in the Food and Activities Account. ~~The treasurer of the account is the Facilities Manager.~~

Change Contents pages and page numbers as necessary.



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~~1. Donors will be encouraged to give toward establishment of funds for specific worthy causes.~~

€ D. Gifts, grants, and bequests may be made in the form of cash, securities, real estate, or other property, and may be for a specific amount, a percentage of an estate or the residue after other specified bequests are deducted.

1. Property other than cash will be leased, rented, or sold according to the wishes of donor if specified; and, if not specified, will be put to most feasible use. *The Executive Officers of the Synodical Committee shall have the prerogative to decline any gift that is beyond their capacity to manage.*

Ð.E. Unexpended funds, when feasible, ~~will~~ shall be deposited at highest insured interest rates.

E.F. Records ~~will~~ shall be kept of all donors and all amounts of gifts, grants and bequests; these ~~will~~ shall be made available to the public unless donor requests anonymity.

~~1. These records will be subject to audit by each Unity~~

~~of the Brethren Convention.~~

~~F.G. The Chairperson will report on activities to each Synodical Committee meeting and Unity of the Brethren Convention.~~ *The Synodical Committee Treasurer shall report activity regarding major gifts in the regular Synodical Committee Treasurer's report.*

~~G Meetings can be conducted with only three members present; however, no decision will be valid at any time with fewer than three affirmative votes.~~

H. Forms and letters to be used (illustrations examples of these forms below follow):

1. Gift-of-money letter;
2. Memorial-gift letter;
3. Gift letter for personal property;
4. Deed to real property.

Knesek Family Funeral Chapels



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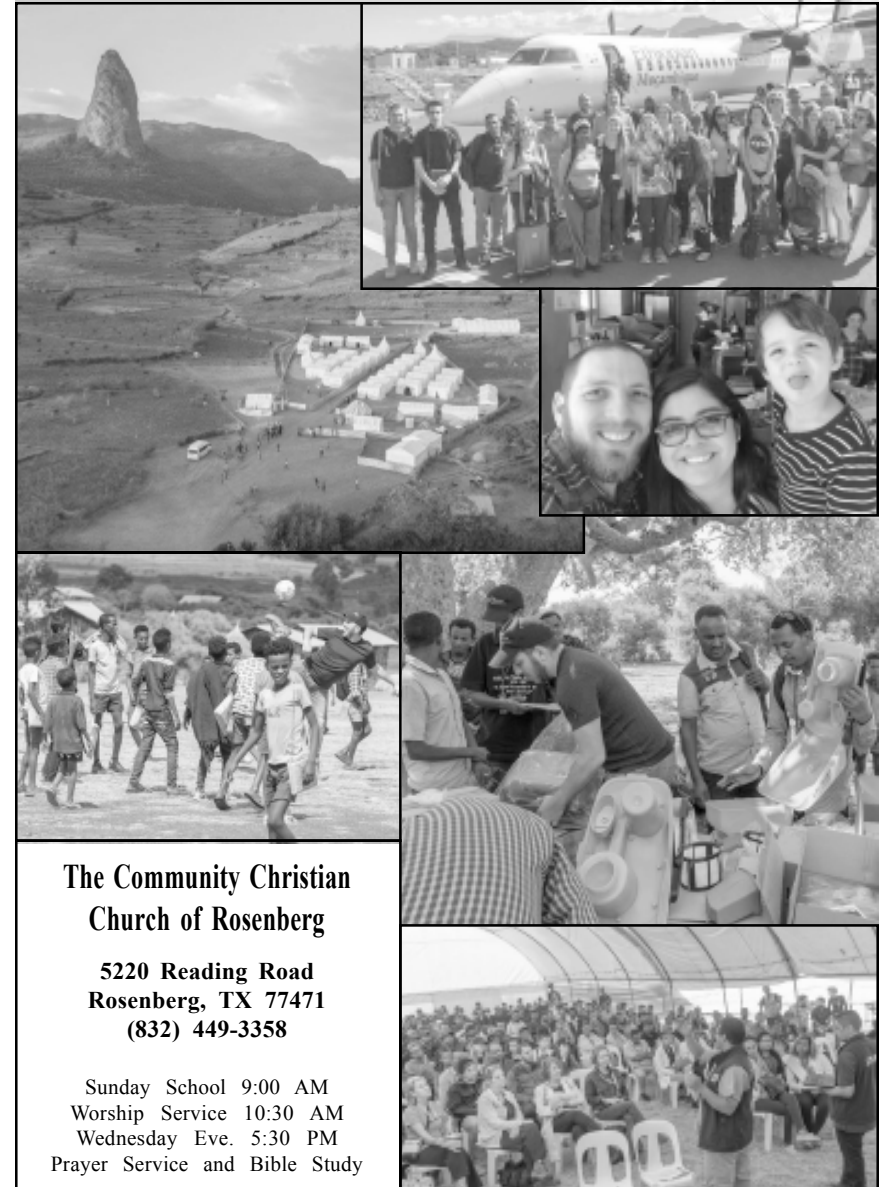
- Service all Pre-Arranged Funeral Plans
- Share Plan Concept with Pre-Arranged Funerals
- Sponsor Mission Pre-Arranged Funeral Plans

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I led our first discipleship outreach a few weeks ago, with the two guys on the left. We had a few opportunities to serve in some schools before joining the Jewish Voice medical outreach. Thank you for your prayers for

us. It was an amazing learning experience for me on how to lead a team on an outreach for the first time. Our next Discipleship track begins in October.

Joel, Teresa, and Boaz



The Community Christian Church of Rosenberg

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Rosenberg, TX 77471
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Wednesday Eve. 5:30 PM
Prayer Service and Bible Study

Constitution & By-Laws Committee Report

April 2019

Committee members: Rev Whitney Amos (Chairperson), Rev James Hejl, Gayle Farrow and Liz Ripple.

The Unity Constitution and By-Laws Committee has worked on its' review of the changes necessary to take out references to the "Board For Grants & Bequests" as directed by the 2017 Unity Convention and presented a report at the March 20, 2019 Synodical Committee Meeting. The reference to the "Skrivanek Fund" was also discussed at the meeting. Approval was given to have this reference removed from the By-Laws.

At the 9-22-2018 meeting, there was discussion for the bylaws to reflect the change of the Hus Encampment Board of Trustee Treasurer taking care of all the accounts of the camp. This change is included.

All convention and congregation members are encouraged to review the following changes prior to the convention. If there are other changes that you know of or if you have questions, please contact the committee Chairman,

Rev. Whitney Amos as soon as possible so the Committee can review them prior to the convention. Any changes to the constitution are to be published in the Brethren Journal at least 2 months before the convention.

These changes will be presented to the convention for approval. If they are approved (2/3 majority vote), the changes will be sent to the local congregations for referendum vote.

Constitution:

V, B, 2: Delete (7) Chairman of Board of Grants & Bequests; (9) a Board for Grants & Bequests

V, B, 2: Convert parenthetical numerals to lower-case letters and list.

2. To execute its decisions and for the purpose of administering current matters of the Unity of the Brethren between regular biennial Conventions, the Convention shall elect: (1) (a) the Executive Officers of the Synodical Committee (By-Laws Article VI, Section A); (2) (b) a

tributions for grants, memorials, or bequests.)

Change title of Appendix C to "Procedures for Major Gifts"
~~By-Laws of the Board For Grants and Bequests~~
change to "Procedures for Major Gifts"

Delete Articles I & II A, replace B with new A, italics is used to show insertion of text:

~~ARTICLE I—NAME~~ The Unity of the Brethren Board for Grants and Bequests:

~~ARTICLE II—PURPOSE~~

~~A. As an agency of the Unity of the Brethren, the Board will encourage Christian Stewardship through appropriate publicity by seeking to point out special needs and benevolent opportunities existing in the Unity of the Brethren, and also point out tax breaks allowed for giving to worthy causes.~~

~~B. A. The Board~~ The Executive Committee of the Synodical Committee shall will receive and manage special gifts, grants and bequests for the

benefit of agencies and undertakings of the Unity of the Brethren in coordination with the Synodical Committee and responsible to Unity of the Brethren Conventions.

Delete Article III – Administration
Delete Article III, A, 1; italics is used to show insertion of text:

~~ARTICLE III Administration~~
~~A. The purpose of the Board will be carried out through appropriate publicity in The Brethren Journal and through mailings of special letters, forms, brochures, etc. to organizations and individuals of the Unity of the Brethren.~~

1. Appeals to be made showing desirability of specifying certain amounts for Unity of the Brethren causes through:

B. The Executive Committee shall make appeals for such gifts taking into account certain amounts for Unity of the Brethren causes through:

- a. 1. Making of wills;
- b. 2. Provision in insurance policies;
- e. 3. Other means

~~B C.~~ Gifts, grants, and bequests may be designated for a particular cause or may be undesignated.



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B. 3.

Chairs of the convention approved standing committees/boards including, but not limited to: Pastoral Relations Committee, Board of Christian Education, Hus School Encampment Board of Trustees, Foreign Mission Board, *and* Home Mission Board; ~~and Board for Grants and Bequests.~~

Amend Article V. Officers, B. to remove reference to Board for Grants & Bequests.

Amend as follows: The officers shall be elected for a term of two years (exceptions: the officers of the Pastoral Relations Committee ~~and the Board for Grants and Bequests~~ are elected to terms defined in By-Laws Article XII ~~and Article XXI, respectively~~) and shall perform the duties of that office during the confirmed period. They shall be responsible to the next Convention for their official acts.

Incorporate acknowledgement of contributions from Article XXI, J to duties of Synodical Committee Secretary, Article IX. Secretary, add a

new Section K:

K. All special gifts, grants, and bequests received by the Unity of the Brethren shall be acknowledged by a letter of acceptance and appreciation to the donor(s) and if a memorial, a letter also to the family of one(s) being honored, on behalf of the Unity of the Brethren and signed by the Secretary of the Synodical Committee.

Incorporate items from Art. XXI into Article XI.

Treasurer; Replace F with:

F. The treasurer shall keep records of gifts received by the Unity, whether in the form of grant, memorial, or bequest. Such funds shall be under the management of the Executive Committee of the Synodical Committee. Any disbursement of \$xxx or above must receive prior approval of a majority of voting members at a Synodical Committee meeting. (Possibly set a minimum amount above which major disbursements must be approved by full Synodical Committee. Possibly also add a responsibility to Executive Officers to encourage con-

Chairperson of the Board of Christian Education; ~~(3)~~ **(c)** a Chairperson of the Board of Home Missions; ~~(4)~~ **(d)** a Chairperson of the Board of Foreign Missions; ~~(5)~~ **(e)** a Chairperson of the Pastoral Relations Committee; ~~(6)~~ **(f)** a Chairperson of the Hus School Encampment Board of Trustees; ~~(7)~~ a Chairperson of the Board of Grants and Bequests; ~~(8)~~ **(g)** an Editor and a Business Manager of *The Brethren Journal*; ~~(9)~~ a Board for Grants and Bequests as outlined in the By-Laws; ~~(10)~~ **(h)** a Pastoral Relations Committee as outlined in the By-Laws; and ~~(11)~~ **(i)** Lay and Ministerial Alternates. The officers of the Synodical Committee and other personnel may be elected from the membership of the Conven-

tion or from the membership of the denomination at large. (By-Laws Article VI, Section B.) (Effective 1995 Convention)

BY-LAWS:

Delete Art. XXI - Board For Grants & Bequests

ARTICLE XXI. BOARD FOR GRANTS AND BEQUESTS

A. ~~A Board for Grants and Bequests is established by the Unity of the Brethren.~~

B. ~~The purpose of the Board is to encourage, receive, and manage special gifts and bequests for the benefit of specified agencies or undertakings of the Unity of the Brethren.~~

C. ~~The Board shall formulate rules and regulations under which it will function. (Appendix C.)~~

D. ~~The Board will be responsible to the Church Convention and under general super-~~



To communicate with the Hus Encampment . . .

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

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**This must be done well in advance.*

vision of the Synodical Committee. The Unity treasurer shall be the liaison to this board and shall receive all investment reports from the respective investment firms entrusted with funds administered by this board. (By-Laws Article XI, Section F) The liaison shall maintain contact by communication between the board and the Synodical Committee in order to ensure concerted action, cooperation, and to relay information at the executive level. The liaison position is a non-voting position for boards on which the liaison serves.

- E. The Board may be incorporated under the State of Texas as an organized service of the Unity of the Brethren.
- F. The Board will be composed of a Chairperson and four (4) members elected by the Convention from the membership of the Unity of the Brethren who are qualified and interested in handling financial matters. (The members should have broad experiences in fields such as banking, finance, or real estate as well as being dedicated Christians.)
 - 1. A nominating committee appointed by the Synodi-

cal Committee shall present nominees to each Convention.

- 2. The term of office shall be four (4) years subject to re-election for one additional consecutive term.
- 3. A chairperson shall be elected by the Convention from among the five committee members. This chairperson may be a member of the Synodical Committee.
- 4. A secretary, treasurer, and other needed officers of the Board, will be elected by its members after election by the Church Convention.
 - a. The treasurer will be obligated to furnish a bond, the amount determined by the Synodical Committee and paid for by the Unity of the Brethren.
- 5. If a vacancy occurs on the Board, the Synodical Committee will fill the unexpired term. (This appointment will not be for a specific position on the Board.)
- G. The Board will encourage Christian Stewardship through appropriate publicity by seek-

ing to introduce itself to those with the desire and means to contribute to the long-range benefit of the Unity of the Brethren. Its program will not be intended to replace or reduce giving to Hus School; Missions, or to the local congregations, but rather will seek long-range contributions to permanent-type funds, through grants and bequests made in wills and/or memorial gifts set up as a revolving fund for the benefit of Unity of the Brethren causes. The Board will encourage Christian Stewardship by pointing out special needs and benevolent opportunities existing in the Unity of the Brethren.

- H. In addition to managing its own funds, the Board for Grants and Bequests shall also administer the (Frank) Skrivanek Memorial Fund. This fund shall remain a rotating loan fund for facilities for new church plants.
- I. Operating expenses of the Board will be paid from the Unity of the Brethren Administrative Fund according to usual practice, unless other funds are received for this specific purpose.
- J. All special gifts, grants and

bequests received by the Board for Grants and Bequests of the Unity of the Brethren for the benefit of specified agencies or undertakings of the Unity of the Brethren shall be acknowledged by a letter of acceptance and appreciation to the donor(s) and if a memorial, a letter also to the family of one(s) being honored, in behalf of the Unity of the Brethren and signed by the Chairperson of this Board with a copy to the President of the Unity of the Brethren.

- Renumber Article XXII. Membership in the Congregation to Article XXI.
- Renumber Article XXIII. Youth Coordinator to Article XXII.
- Renumber Article XXIV. Method of Amendment to Article XXIII.

Initially, Unity Treasurer's Report & Financial Secretary's Report needs to include a line item denoting "Money Transferred from Board for Grants and Bequests"

ADDITIONAL:
Amend Article IV. Conventions,

