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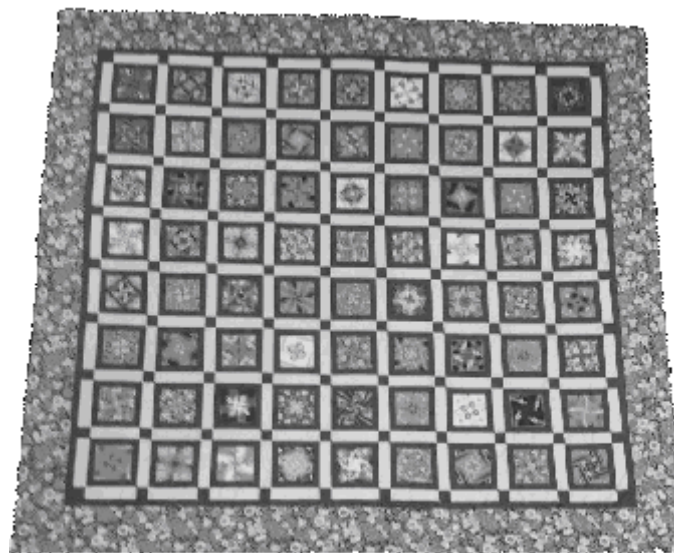
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## Hus Encampment Quilt Fundraiser

The Hus Encampment Building fundraiser quilt is finished and ready for the drawing at the Unity of the Brethren Church Convention in Wall, Texas, July 12, 2019. 100% of the proceeds will go towards the renovations of the Hus Encampment benefiting your children and grandchildren for years to come.

It's not too late to purchase your raffle tickets at **\$1 each** to win this beautiful king-size quilt donated by Ruth Dusek and hand quilted by the ladies of the Wall Brethren Church and friends of the community. Those who came out to help quilt are as follows: Ruth Dusek, Leona Dusek, Nancy Weise, Kay Krupala, Linda Miller, Charlene Dusek, Brenda Holik,

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### TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

Let's come together as a Unity and make this a successful fundraiser for the Hus Encampment. If your congregation would be willing to sell raffle tickets or purchase them, please contact David Dusek at 325-656-7456 or davidpdusek@yahoo.com. Please mail money and sold ticket stubs to David Dusek at 650 Blackwood Road, San Angelo, TX 76905.

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(281) 620-0480

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*Secretary*  
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Bellaire, TX 77402  
(832) 930-8061





## 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

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Austin – Bible Study at 10 AM  
Worship at 11 AM.  
– Rev. Linda Chandler

Bryan-College Station – worship at 9 AM  
every Sunday.  
– 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

Cade Lake Community Chapel (PO Box  
163, Caldwell, TX 77836) – A Home  
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](http://lifeatcbc.org)  
for spiritual resources, events, videos, &  
more! Friend us on Facebook!  
– 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

Community Christian Church of 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 – Cross Church on Birdcreek –  
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.  
– Pastor Lisa Johnson

# DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

## Daily Morsels for June 2019

By Mari-Anne Kocian Gordon and Dorothy E. Kocian

All Scripture from the *New International Version* unless otherwise indicated.  
**Sundays in bold.**

1. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13
2. **Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds. James 1:2**
3. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23a (ESV)
4. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." Luke 2:10
5. I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. John 15:11
6. Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2
7. Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy. 1 Peter 1:8
8. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12
9. **Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Philipians 4:4**
10. Until now you have not asked for anything in My Name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. John 16:24
11. A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. Proverbs 17:22
12. For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning. Psalms 30:5 (NKJV)
13. For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Romans 14:17
14. You make known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand. Psalm 16:11
15. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Isaiah 55:12
16. **The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him. Proverbs 23:24**
17. This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24 (NKJV)
18. Indeed, You are our glory and joy. 1 Thessalonians 2:20
19. Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Psalm 126:5
20. Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Psalm 66:1
21. Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength. Nehemiah 8:10b
22. Sing for joy to God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob! Psalm 81:1
23. **Bring joy to your servant, Lord, for I put my trust in You. Psalm 86:4**
24. The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Psalm 126:3
25. Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and joy are in His dwelling place. 1 Chronicles 16:27
26. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Psalm 51:12 (NKJV)
27. He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy. Job 8:21
28. You turned my wailing into dancing; You removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy. Psalm 30:11
29. Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. Psalm 33:3
30. **Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a voice of triumph. Psalm 47:1 (NKJV)**

## 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.

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## How Can I Help?

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### – 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](mailto:sdusek5@gmail.com)

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## SNOOK BRETHREN CHURCH

9882 FM 2155/P.O. Box 247, Snook, TX 77878  
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

## **- 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 Building Fund and mail to Todd Corporon, 5350 CR124, Georgetown, TX 78626

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## **- Volunteer to Serve -**

**Special Events/Fundraising   Social Media   Church Presentations   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

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## **- 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

**KUBENA Funeral Home**  
507 South Main St.  
Hallettsville, Texas 77946  
Pre-Arranged Funerals  
Phone 361-798-3271

**GRANGER NATIONAL BANK**  
Ryze Ceska Banka, Member F.D.I.C.  
Granger, Texas  
www.grangernationalbank.com

## **2019 SUMMER CAMP DATES:**

*(\*updated camper ages)*

### **ENCOUNTER**

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**

### **HUS SCHOOL**

In-depth Leadership Program

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.*

### **CROSS CHURCH ON BIRDCREEK**

(Formerly Temple Brethren Church)

2202 Birdcreek Drive

Temple, Texas 76502

(254) 778-8759

TempleBrethrenChurch.org

tbc@hot.rr.com

Rev. Tim Chaplin

(254) 718-6094

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:45 a.m.

tpch4359@gmail.com



## 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. Rooms have been blocked off at Springhill Suites Marriott, 2544 Southwest Blvd., San Angelo, TX, (325) 949-6900. Block is under Wall Brethren Church, room price \$89.00. See Invitation from Wall Brethren in this issue.

**REMINDER:** All of the convention information has been sent to ministers, synodical representatives, organizational members, committee chairpersons, and other Unity contacts. The deadline to send back delegate credential forms w/\$400 fee per delegate and for all reports is **May 31, 2019**. Please return the credential forms with fees and all reports to the Unity Secretary, Angie Hairrell. Forms invitation, and secretary's letter are on the Unity Webseit – see Convention 2019.

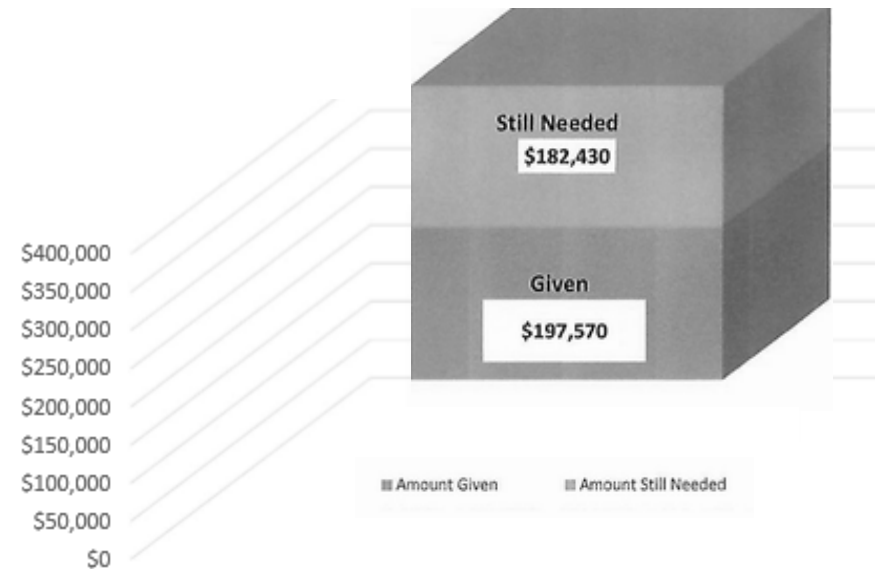
**July 12, 2019 – Hus Building Fund Quilt Raffle Drawing** at the Unity of the Brethren Church. Tickets available for purchase. See more information in this issue.

**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.

## Hus School Main Building Renovation Project as of May 3, 2019



### Membership Benefits

- Life Insurance
- Annuities
- Family Activities
- Community Involvement
- Youth Activities and Camp
- Scholarships
- Vestnik weekly newspaper

### Insuring & Enriching Lives

**A fraternal benefit society  
serving Texans  
and their families  
since 1897.**

*Call us if you have questions  
about naming your church  
or a Unity of the Brethren  
agency as a beneficiary  
in an existing or new  
SPJST insurance certificate.*

**SPJST**  
**520 NorthMain Street**  
**Temple, Texas 76501**  
**(800) 727-7578**  
**[www.spjst.org](http://www.spjst.org)**

## Three Ways to Give Online by credit card, Recurring Monthly Pledge, or One-Time Gift

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Recurring Monthly Pledge  
☐ One Time Gift

If recurring monthly pledge, please provide: Bank Routing #  
\_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution Name:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

In memory/honor (circle one) of:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide address for acknowledgment:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Please make checks payable  
to: "Hus Encampment Building Fund"

**Mail to:**  
**Todd Corporon, Hus Board Treasurer**  
**5350 CR 124**  
**Georgetown, TX 78626**

For credit card donations, go online to [huscamp.org](http://huscamp.org) and click Donate.

### Bursting With Joy

New Creations in Christ are filled with joy.

#### **Materials**

a Bible, a facial tissue for every four kids, a teaspoon, baking soda, vinegar, and one plastic 35mm film container for each child.

#### **Preparation**

Before kids arrive, tear each facial tissue into fourths, and pour two teaspoons of vinegar into each film canister.

#### **The Experiment**

*Read Psalm 98:4. On "go," I want each of you to act out Psalm 98:4. Ready, set, go! You can be really excited about God. Tell about a time when you were so excited about something that you felt like you were going to burst. Now let's try to make something else burst forth.*

Show kids how to measure one teaspoon of baking soda and place it in the center of the tissue square. Have kids wrap the tissue around the baking soda. Tell kids to remove the lids of their film canisters and wait.

*We need to be careful with the next step of our experiment. You're going to place the tissue inside your film canister and quickly put the lid on. Then we're going to stand back. A lot of pressure is going to build up inside – so much pressure, it just might burst!*

Allow two kids at a time to conduct the experiment. Tell kids to quickly step back after they secure the lids. The lids will pop into the air, creating a lot of foam and giggles.

*God wants us to be bursting with the good news of Jesus. When we have so much of God's joy built up inside, we just have to let it out! I hope that you're so excited about God that you'll be bursting all week!*



## New In Christ

*Bible Lesson: Zacchaeus Becomes a New Person, Luke 19:1-8*

### Materials

Paper Towels, Lemon Juice, Plastic Cup/Bowl, Dirty/Old Copper Coins

### Bible Lesson

Before sharing the story of Zacchaeus give each child or team a few dirty, old copper coins. Talk about how old the coins are and how they may have gotten so dirty. Then let them put the coins in the cups of lemon juice to soak as you tell the Bible story.

*There was a man in the Bible who reminds me of these dirty coins. His name was Zacchaeus, and he was a tax collector who took money from poor people. He gave some of the money to the government, but much of it he kept for himself. Zacchaeus' life became filled with the dirtiness of sin because he lied, cheated, stole, and was unkind. Then Jesus came to visit Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus realized that Jesus loved him and was willing to forgive him for the dirty things in his life. He accepted Jesus' love and forgiveness and was cleansed (forgiven) of selfishness and unkindness. He immediately offered to return the money he had taken wrongfully. The old, sinful Zacchaeus became a brand-new person who was kind and willing to share.*

Let the children remove their coins from the lemon juice and place on paper towels. What has happened to the coins? The lemon juice made the coins like brand new.

Jesus can do the same for you. Maybe your life is filled with unkindness, selfishness, and other sinful things. Jesus says that if we will admit these things, he will forgive us and cleanse us. Then He makes us brand new on the inside just as He did Zacchaeus.

## Hope Overflows

- by Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

### A prayer:

*My God of hope, fill me with all joy and peace as I trust in You, so that I may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13, personalized).*

Striving to get the Romans to pay attention to Jesus as the One True God and Savior of all the world, as opposed to the Roman pantheon of gods, must have certainly discouraged the Apostle Paul many times over. The trouble with discouragement is that it takes your eye off the “prize” – that is Jesus Himself. *Discouragement leaves you in self-pity and derails your efforts to be an overcomer.* Paul expresses his frustrations with the challenges of being not just a Christian, but a Christian leader distinctly throughout the New Testament. Nonetheless, Paul always pressed on, understanding that if he placed all of his trust in God, that God would fill him with joy and peace for every single day, for every challenge that towered over him. Paul always pressed on, understanding that as

God filled him with joy and peace, his hope for the mission at hand would overflow by the power of the Holy Spirit. *There is no room for discouragement while you are asking God to fill you with joy and peace as you trust in Him.* You will overflow with HOPE! The beauty of this hope is that it is not of human origin. It does not depend on a flawed human effort. THIS HOPE comes by the power of God the Holy Spirit, and it will consequently overflow beyond measure!

What situation is discouraging you at present?

*Succumbing to discouragement is lack of trust in God.*

Rather than wrestling with what to do about the situation you are facing, wrestle with Jesus in prayer until you are only listening to His voice of truth, love, and encouragement. This is how we trust in God. Listen. Surrender. Then, receive God's joy and peace. Hope will overflow!

### Pray:

My God of hope, fill me with all joy



## TAYLOR BROTHERS CHURCH

Seventh Street at Sloan in Taylor, Texas  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 351, Taylor, TX 76754  
512-352-6423

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Worship: 10:15 a.m.

*Pastor*  
*James D. Hejl*  
512-365-6890

*Board President*  
*Bryan Holubec*  
512-922-5470

*Secretary*  
*Mary Kokes*  
M-Th 8 a.m.-noon



and peace as I trust in You, so that I may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### Make the Choice:

I will not fixate on decisions and challenges; this is how I will demonstrate my trust in You, Jesus. I will only focus my mind on asking You over and over again, to fill me with Yourself, Jesus, with Your mind, the mind of the Holy Spirit, directed by Your joy and peace.

#### Pray again:

My God of hope, fill me with all joy and peace as I trust in You, so that I may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### Make the Choice again:

I will not fixate on decisions and challenges; this is how I will demonstrate my trust in You, Jesus. I will only focus my mind on asking You over and over again, to fill me with Yourself, Jesus, with Your mind, the mind of the Holy Spirit, directed by Your joy and peace.

*In Jesus' Hands,  
Right With You,*

*Sister Vanessa Mitchell*

### The Community Christian Church of Rosenberg

5220 Reading Road  
Rosenberg, TX 77471  
(832) 449-3358

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

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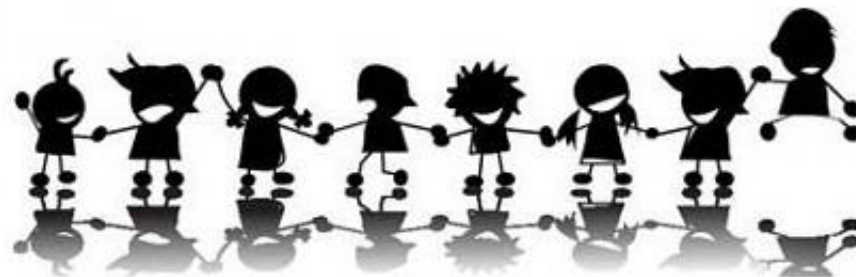
Rev. Lawrence & Barbara Juneke (Unity at large)

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(Pastor to the Pastors)  
Rev. Mark Sebek  
Rev. Whitney Amos  
Rev. Joe Emerson

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Sandra Merz – (2016) Nelsonville  
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# Sunday School Helper

*2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"*

This month has us bursting forth with the good news that in Christ, we are a new creation! Enjoy these experiments that use common materials you have in your kitchen cabinet!

## 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. The 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)**

2544 Southwest Blvd.  
San Angelo, TX 76901  
325-949-6900  
\$89.99 until June 19

### **Courtyard Marriott**

2572 Southwest Bld.  
San Angelo, TX 76901  
325-703-6400  
\$99.00 until June 19

## 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 \$1000. 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 Decem-

ber 31, 2020. The application can be found on the Unity website at [UnityoftheBrethren.org](http://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.

## Surprise Us Again

- by Jim Pokorny

My class is currently studying the book *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church* by N. T. Wright. It is without a doubt the most challenging class I have led despite Wright's eloquence and my Czech persistence.

What is not surprising is the fact that, broadly speaking, we have lost touch with the concept of our own resurrection. The worlds of art and literature have muddled the waters so much that many people currently think of salvation in terms of the soul only. Even a few hymns we hold dear tend to muddle our thinking, as well.

We speak of “the resurrection of the body” when we recite the Apostle's Creed. We even take comfort in the words spoken at funeral services when we are assured of the hope of the resurrection. But when it comes down to it, do we really believe the words we recite and hear? But more on that later.

Wright makes a point very early on that the mission of the church should be to show others what the world

would be like if God were actually “running the show.” He states that we live in an age where politicians want to live like rock stars while rock stars pretend to be politicians. Wright adds: “Sorting out this mess – which the Christian hope, despite current opinion, is well suited to do – should mean, among many other things, a renewal of genuine political discourse, which God knows we badly need.”

Wright also stresses that we do not build the Kingdom; rather, we build “for” the Kingdom. In the companion video he talks about a once-abandoned building in London that has been repurposed. People with severe handicaps (both mental and physical) have been taught how to mend broken furniture. Those whom society considered badly broken now serve a purpose. They take the damaged chairs and tables brought to them and make them both beautiful and useful once more. Even the once-abandoned building now serves a purpose. Wright uses this as a metaphor for the mission of the church today.



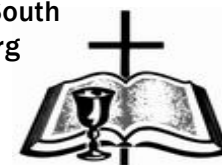
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Wright also makes us rethink what salvation really means. According to Wright: "The work of salvation, in its full sense, is (1) about whole human beings, not merely souls; (2) about the present, not simply the future; and (3) about what God does through us, not merely what God does in and for us."

Looking at each point in turn, we see that the resurrection of the body is as vital a part of salvation as that of the spirit. Salvation is not just a hope for some distant future, but an important part of the here and now. Salvation is not limited to what God does for us, but what He does through us, as well, and therein lies the mission of the church.

Throughout his book, Wright restates that God created the world with a spoken word. God then looked upon His work and considered it good. God does not merely intend to gather faithful "souls" into heaven and then discard the rest of His good creation. God will put everything right. In fact, God began putting things right through Jesus. It is now up to us to be agents of change in a fallen world, of continuing to put things right. In Wright's words, to show others what the world

would be like if God were really "running the show." When will the world be put completely right? The moment when Jesus returns.

But what of the work we do in the present?

"Every act of love, gratitude, and kindness; every work of art or music inspired by the love of God and delight in the beauty of his creation; every minute spent teaching a severely handicapped child to read or to walk; every act of care and nurture, of comfort and support, for one's fellow human beings, and for that matter one's fellow nonhuman creatures; and of course every prayer, all Spirit-led teaching, every deed that spreads the gospel, builds up the church, embraces and embodies holiness rather than corruption, and makes the name of Jesus honored in the world – all of this will find its way, through the resurrecting power of God, into the new creation that God will one day make. That is the logic of the mission of God."

Remember, God brought the entire universe into being with a spoken word. The resurrection of the body presents no challenge at all.

Bryan-College Station, Seaton/Buckholts, Ocker, and then First United Church of Christ in West and St. Paul's UCC in Elm Mott. He served on several Unity committees, including Board of Christian Ed, Church Planting, BYF Advisor, Hus Camp Pioneer Director, Synodical Second Vice-President (91-95), *Brethren Journal* President, and Unity Mission Board Chair, making mission trips to Honduras and Mexico.

The Fall Synodical Committee meeting will be held on September 28, 2019. The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m. The closing prayer was given by Rev. Tim Chaplin.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Ripple, Administrative Assistant, due to the absence of Unity Secretary, Angie Hairrell, 2015-2019.

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were presented in printed form. Rev. Amos questioned the Skrivanek Fund, which is specifically mentioned in the by-laws. There was discussion on this. Originally it was for new church planting. there was about \$30,000-40,000 in the account. No accounting of this fund can be located. Rev. Koslovsky will do some more research on this fund. It was approved to remove the reference of the Skrivanek Fund from the by-laws and present that to the Convention for approval. The recommended changes to the by-laws was approved for presentation at the Convention. They will be submitted to *The Brethren Journal* for publication. Pastor Whitney asked that if anyone has any recommended changes to the by-laws, to get them to the committee before the Convention so they have time to research the changes.

It was reported that Pastor Ben Kruse has completed his educational requirements with the HUS Interna-

tional School of Ministry. The committee approved that he be removed from the ministerial student standing. Pastor Kruse serves as a licensed pastor at Rosenberg Brethren dba Community Christian Church of Rosenberg.

A motion was approved to defer the interest of the Port Arthur roof loan until it is paid in full. The balance is \$3,874.32.

Officer reports were presented by Angie Hairrell, Secretary; Rev. Joe Emerson, Financial Secretary; Lynette Urbanovsky, Treasurer; Rev. Whitney Amos, Third VP; Kayla Marek, Second VP; Rev. Mark Sebek, First VP.

It was announced that the Jan Hus Documentary that we contributed \$5,000 to is still in process. hopefully will be complete by the Convention.

Rev. Koslovsky announced that Rev. Eugene Kotrla passed away on March 26, 2019, at the age of 79. The funeral was held at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Elm Mott with Rev. Koslovsky officiating. Rev Kotrla was ordained into the service of our Lord on June 17, 1966, at Seaton Brethren. He served as pastor in the Brethren parishes of Temple/Granger, Houston/Alief, Crosby/Pasadena,

## Spring 2019 Synodical Committee Meeting Summary

The Spring 2019 Synodical Committee meeting was held Saturday, March 30th, at the Hus Encampment. There were 53 in attendance: 33 voting members (19 pastors and 14 lay representatives) and 20 others. Rev. Larry Koslovsky welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a devotion with the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Synodical Committee Representative changes were approved for: Caldwell, Martha Huffman; Snook, Yvonne Kovar; Temple, Deborah Schiller; and Wall, Paul Beatty.

An examination of ministerial student Ryan Volkman was held by the examining board, which consists of the Synodical Committee members present at the meeting and directed by three ordained pastors appointed by the President. Appointed were Rev. Jimmy Hejl, who asked questions regarding Ryan's background, sense of call, and work that he currently does; Dr. Jerry Terrill, Theology; and Rev Mike Groseclose, Practice of ministry. Ryan has been taking online classes through Fuller Theological Seminary, an approved seminary. Ryan grew up in Ohio in the Lutheran Church (LCMS), is married to Stanislava, and they have 2 boys. He is currently serving at the Wall Brethren Church as Director of Youth and Young Families. It was approved

unanimously to ordain Ryan. The ordination will be held at Wall Brethren at the Unity Convention in July.

Temple Brethren Church requested and was given approval to change its name. Rev. Tim Chaplin gave information about this, and several items were discussed. The new name will be "Cross Church on Birdcreek."

Rev. James Hejl, Chair of the Ministers Benefits Committee, presented a report. The committee is asking the congregations to give a minimum of \$3000 a year (no maximum) to the retirement program that would be for their own pastors' retirement account. This is based on the definition of a pastor who qualifies for the program – "licensed or ordained who are under call to a congregation or parish, and who fill the pulpit of that congregation or parish at least 30 Sundays a year." If congregations can't contribute \$3K or if the pastor is considered part-time, a written, signed agreement will need to be submitted to the Ministers Benefits Committee. The proposal was approved, and will begin as of January 2019.

Kent Laza, Chair of the Hus Board gave an update on the Hus Encampment renovation project. Currently there are no construction projects underway. The next phase of fundraising is \$350,000; they have \$172,000. They are



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receiving money from the oil well, and that goes into the building fund. The camp dates are in *The Brethren Journal* and on the website. This year they have an online process for registration. They need to be able to fund a Facilities Manager. In the past, a stipend of \$2-3K was paid, but no one has stepped forward to do this for free. It could be around \$20K a year for part-time work to keep the camp in order. A proposal will be presented at the convention on how to fund this position. A king-size quilt has been donated by Ruth Dusek from Wall to help raise funds for the camp. The quilt will be raffled off at the convention. A mailer will be sent to the members of the Unity asking for donations to the camp building fund.

Rev. Mark Sebek presented the Foreign Mission report and reported on the Hurricane Relief Effort. They have a balance in the account, and he stressed that the money will not sit, it will be used. It was announced that

the Israel missionaries, Joel and Teresa Jelski, will be at the convention, as well as others, and everyone will have an opportunity to meet with them. The amount contributed to Foreign Missions for 2018 was \$80,334.13; the budget was exceeded by \$7,334.13. They hope to finish the water well project in Honduras this fall. David Miller went to North Carolina for a World Missions meeting with the Moravians.

Martha Dove gave an update on the Cade Lake Community Chapel Building program. They were able to purchase a 24 x 64 foot building. It was moved by Shulz Moving Company. The Building Committee members are: Rev. Heckman, Rev. Kay Polasek, Ben Polasek, Martha & Jerry Dove, and Bro. Mark. Rodney Brosette is the acting contractor to oversee all the work, and he is doing it without compensation. They will have an audit of the books this year. Ben Polasek is the treasurer. They know exactly

how much money is going in and out. The Synodical Committee needs a copy of this report. A drawing of the building was presented. The amount contributed to Home Missions for 2018 was \$64,100.39; the 2018 \$58,000 budget was exceeded by \$6,100.39.

Bro. Mark said that Lamar Urbanovsky has been a blessing in getting this all done with the remodeling, and hope to have it complete with a deck built by Easter Sunday. They will be spending about \$85,000. The balance in the building fund as of March 29, 2019, is \$52,223.47. Pastor Kay gave a brief report. Getting out into the community is one of the most important things they can do. Bro. Jim & Diane Heckman do a great job with the ministry and the people. They have plans to have a re-dedication service soon.

The delegate fee for the 2019 Unity Convention was set at \$400 for each delegate. These fees cover administration costs, meals, and mileage of all convention members (Synodical Com-

mittee members – pastors & lay – and the delegates); meals for guests; room accommodations for the Executive Committee members, and for foreign missionaries' travel expenses. There was discussion on why the Foreign Mission Board is asking the missionaries to attend the convention and did not set in their budget for their travel accommodations. It was agreed that money can be taken from their Special Projects budget (\$10K) to help pay these expenses. Rev. Tommy Tallas reported that invitation letters will be sent out with hotel information. A meet & greet will be held on Wednesday evening at the hotel. A special program will be presented on Thursday night with Billy Riggs, a pastor/motivational speaker.

Rev. Whitney Amos, Third Vice-President and Chair of Constitution & By-Laws Committee, reported on the proposed changes regarding the Board of Grants and Bequests that were ratified from the last convention. They





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