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Ocker Brethren Church Annual Father's Day Barbecue Fundraiser Invitation

Ocker Brethren Church is pleased
to announce the return of our annual
Father's Day barbecue fundraiser on
June 20th at Star Hall. We will begin
taking dine-in, take-out, and drive-
through orders beginning at 11 AM.

Our barbecue plates will come with
two ribs, two pieces of sausage,
Westphalia noodles, beans, coleslaw,
dessert, and a drink for \$10!

In addition, we will be holding a
silent auction and plan to raffle some
"big ticket" items including a hand-
made quilt, Blackstone griddle, gift
cards, trips, and guns!

2020 witnessed so many churches
forced to cancel most, if not all, of
their many regular events and activi-
ties as a result of the COVID pan-
demic. Ocker was not immune to the
myriad of cancellations and pauses in
activity. Among the many events that
we had to cancel was our annual
Father's Day Fellowship and
Fundraiser, the funds from which help
sustain us through the year.

However, our profound joy at the
return of our Father's Day Fundraiser
is not because we get to hold a
fundraiser... instead, we are joyful
because we get to fellowship once
again with our community.

We hope to see you there! I think
it is going to be a great day... I will
save some ribs for you!

Blessings,
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The Impossible Made Possible

- by Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

What if you believed with every breath you take that God *truly* can do anything?

"Walking by faith and not by sight" is the sort of faith that focuses on "God can" rather than on "God might." When your mind and your heart are true believers in the omnipotence, goodness, lovingkindness, and continuous Presence of God within your heart and over this world, you unclench your fists that you shake at God in prayer when you ask Him: "Why?" or "What now?" or "What if I or they...?" The only "**impossible made possible**" that you and I will ever need was completed on the Cross of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ, with His Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven.

Ponder these words of truth from the Holy Bible:

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through Him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God (The Apostle Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthian Christians, chapter 1, verse 20).

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life (The Book of the Gospel of the Apostle John, chapter 3, verse 16).

Say "**Yes!**" to Jesus Christ! His blood shed on the Cross once enables you to be born into the Family of God.

Say "**Yes!**" to Jesus Christ! His resurrection from the dead enables you to never truly die, but to live into eternity in Heaven.

Say "**Yes!**" to Jesus Christ! His Ascension into Heaven enables you to become indwelt by God the Holy Spirit, so that you may bring glory to God in how you live with others and that you may delight in personal communion with God that goes beyond words.

In Jesus Christ, the impossible is made possible!

What seems impossible in your life right now?

Ponder these words of truth from the Holy Bible, the account of a family



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in crisis, from the Book of the Gospel of John, chapter 11:

17 When Jesus arrived, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." 28 When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is

calling for you." 29 And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" 38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he

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has been dead four days.” 40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” 43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

In Jesus Christ, the impossible is made possible!

What seems impossible in your life right now?

Jesus is calling you to fix your eyes on Him in the middle of the crisis. Jesus is calling you to be filled with the hope of eternity in Heaven,

face-to-face forever with Him! Jesus weeps with you as you endure struggles on earth. He wants to work the greatest miracle anyone could ever ask for, that each one of us would have faith in Him as Savior and as our Master and Teacher. You know that you can trust Jesus with your life, with your struggles. He is God the Son, the Almighty Healer and Merciful God whose Goodness is guaranteed to be displayed in us and in our lives, but His Goodness is for His own glory, that we may become more and more like Him. **The Impossible has already been Made Possible, in Jesus Christ.** Just live holding onto Him. He’s got the rest covered. Trust Him, the God of Love, who has known you since before you were in your mother’s womb. Amen.

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BRETHREN JOURNAL

May 2021/31

November 27, 2020, in a Cameron nursing rehab facility. She was born March 5, 1927, to Frank and Mary (Ruzicka) Shenkir at New Colony near Rogers. She was a homemaker and enjoyed sewing, quilting, baking, and gardening. A graveside service was held December 4, 2020, at the Corinth Cemetery near Buckholts. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Willie E. Kohutek; 1 brother, 2 grandsons, and a great-grandson. Survivors include 3 sons, Kenneth Kohutek (Trish), Gordon Kohutek (Lili), and Ralph Kohutek; 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

MABRY, JANET JEAN, age 78, of Temple and a member of Cross Church on Birdcreek, died January 24, 2021. She was born October 10, 1942, in Seaton to Joe W. and Betty (Kotrla) Pechal. She was a 1961 graduate of Rogers High School and worked at Scott and White Memorial Hospital for 43 years, retiring in 2006. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin Mabry, in 1989. She is survived by her son, Brian Mabry, and his wife, Cathy, of Jeffersonville, Indiana, and her granddaughters, Natalie and Nancy. Other survivors include her sister, Betty Jo Ketterman of Temple; brothers, J. W. Pechal of Seaton and Larry Pechal of Academy. Funeral services were held on January 30th at Harper-Talasek Funeral Home in Temple. Burial was at Bellwood Memorial Park and Cemetery in Temple. Minister: Rev. Larry Zabcik.

MARTINETS, BILLY LOGAN, age 91, of Austin and a former member of the Holland Brethren Church, died February 18, 2021, in Austin. He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Barbara Martinets; children, Billy Martinets, Jr., Sherry Martinets, and Todd Martinets, all of Austin, and Dale Martinets of Rockport. He is also survived by his brother, Douglas Martinets, and his sister, Doris Ledbetter, both of Temple. Billy was also a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Graveside services were held on February 26th at Cook-Walden Capital Parks Funeral Home and Cemetery in Pflugerville. Minister: Rev. Larry Zabcik.

ZRUBEK, DARWIN DERRICK, age 50, of Granger died on March 10, 2021, at home. He and his surviving wife, Kelly Ann (Rubes) Zrubek, were very special friends of the Granger Brethren Church. Kelly will continue that relationship with the congregation. Darwin was born on April 29, 1970, in Taylor, to Darwin Rudolph and Katherine Ann (Vogel) Zrubek. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1988 where he served for four years. On October 7, 2000, he married Kelly Ann Rubes in Austin. He is survived by his wife, his parents, and numerous other family members and friends. Funeral services were held on March 23rd at the Granger Brethren Church with burial in the Granger Brethren Cemetery. Providence Funeral Home in Taylor was in charge of arrangements. Minister: Rev. Larry Zabcik.

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Outsized

- by Jim Pokorny

St. Paul's Cathedral in London was founded in the year 604 AD. The present cathedral dating from the 17th century was part of a major rebuilding program that followed the Great Fire of London in 1666 that destroyed the former structure. With its height of 365 feet, it once dominated the London skyline as the tallest building in the city from 1710 into the 1960s. Such heights were deemed necessary to symbolize both church authority and majesty.

By 1960, the city of London's communications needs had grown exponentially with long-distance telephone calls, television programs, and computer data. The conventional means of accomplishing this was to lay underground cables, but to lay enough cable in the heart of London to accommodate such needs would be both costly and difficult.

At the time, the Post Office had a monopoly over Britain's telecommunications and began looking for alternatives. Microwave radio channels offered a solution, but they relied on fixed lines of sight between transmit-

ters and receivers. London lies in a hollow, so a tower would have to be constructed to overcome this natural barrier. It would also have to be taller than any of the city's buildings at the time. Unlike other tall structures which are meant to sway in the wind, this tower would have to be rigid in its construction to guarantee uninterrupted communications.

Designed by the Ministry of Public Building and Works, principal contractors Peter Lind & Co., began construction in June 1961. The base of the GPO Tower rested on a concrete raft sunk 24 feet below ground. 13,000 tons of concrete and steel cabling made up the central shaft of cantilevered floors. Some 25,000 miles of cabling permeated the tower which connected a variety of electronics that could handle 100,000 telephone calls and 40 television stations simultaneously. Also included were elevators lifting passengers at a rate of 1,000 feet per minute to any of three public viewing galleries and their observation platforms. Above these galleries was a restaurant that re-

Association of Bioanalysts and a member of the International Society for Clinical Laboratory Technology. A graveside service was held October 25, 2020, at New Tabor Brethren Church Cemetery. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Wilfred; 2 sisters, Gladys Zavodny and Frances Urbanovsky. Survivors include her son, David Hildebrand (Deborah); daughter, Sheila Orsak (Bill); 5 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; brother, Glenn Faust; sister, Ethel Zavodny; her aunt, Marie Trcalek; and many other cousins, nieces, and nephews. Minister: Rev. David Johnson.

FLETCHER, SHARON ANN, age 73 and member of Seaton Brethren Church, died Saturday, October 24, 2020, in a local hospital. She was born August 9, 1947, in Temple to Edwin C. and Annie (Schneider) Mikeska. A graveside memorial was held at Bellwood Memorial Park. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Richard; and brother, Leroy C. Mikeska. Survivors include her brother, Don Mikeska (Monica); 1 nephew and 2 nieces.

CHLAPEK, ACE L., age 78 and member of Seaton Brethren Church, died Saturday, October 31, 2020. He was born November 27, 1941, to Jerry D. and Anna Belle (Bartek) Chlappek in Seaton/Ratibor Community. He had a career with USDA, presiding over several counties including Dallas, Bell, and Falls as an Executive Director, and finally as an Administrative and Contracting Officer at Texas State ASCS office in College Station. Ace was a Founding member of the Evangelical Brethren Church in Temple in which he served as President of the Board of Elders, a Sunday School teacher, and a member of choir. He transferred to Seaton Brethren Church where he continued his

Godly duties as Vice President of the Board of Elders, leading choir member, and of the Men's Brotherhood. Ace's leadership continued through his presidency for Seaton Cemetery Association, Secretary and Treasurer of Seaton RVOS #5, Vice President of the Temple Lodge Woodmen of the World and as a Lifetime Member of the NRA, where he served as Treasurer of County Friends. He was also a member of Texas Czech Genealogical Society. A funeral service was held on November 4, 2020, at Seaton Brethren Church with burial at Seaton Cemetery. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother J. D. Chlappek, Jr., and niece Sandy Chlappek. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Nancy J. (Sefcik) Chlappek; 2 sons, Timothy Chlappek and Paul Chlappek (Jennifer); 3 grandsons; 1 brother, Dwaine Chlappek (Brenda); and 6 nieces and nephews. Ministers: Rev. Denise Mikeska and Rev. Tom Popelka.

MATCEK, CAROLINE FRANCES, age 91 of Caldwell, died Wednesday, November 25, 2020, in Bryan, Texas. She was born July 30, 1929, in Caldwell to Charles and Frances (Novak) Matcek. She enjoyed bingo, raising Hereford cattle, chickens and turkeys, and gardening. Funeral services were held December 3, 2020, at Strickland Funeral Home in Caldwell with burial at New Tabor Cemetery. She was preceded in death by her parents; 1 brother and his wife, Joe and Lillian Matcek. Survivors include her sister, Elsie Matcek, and numerous cousins and friends. Minister: Rev. Joseph Polasek.

KOHUTEK, ADELIN ESTHER SHENKIR, age 93 and member of Buckholts Brethren Church and SPJST Lodge #47, died Friday,



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VITAL STATISTICS

RECENT DEATHS

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KAMAS, LEROY MARTIN, age 86 and lifelong member of Wesley Brethren Church, died Tuesday, October 6, 2020, in Brenham. He was born June 4, 1934, at Wesley, Texas, to Steve and Milady (Pomykal) Kamas. He was baptized in 1934 by Rev. Anton Matycka and confirmed December 5, 1948, by Rev. Henry E. Beseda, Sr., at Wesley Brethren. He taught Sunday School and confirmation, held various positions on the board of elders and served many years as secretary-treasurer of the Wesley Cemetery Fund. He served 7-1/2 years in the Army Reserves. A graveside service was held Friday, October 9, at Wesley Brethren Church Cemetery. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ladislav Kamas; sister and brother-in-law, Vlasta and Roland Baldwin; and nephew Gene Baldwin. Survivors include his brother, Eugene Kamas and wife Mary Lou; sister-in-law, Evelyn Kamas; 3 nieces, 2 nephews, 10 grandnieces and grandnephews. Minister: Rev. Michael Groseclose.

MENDOZA, NOAH "ADAM" REYNA, age 53, of Rogers, Texas, died Monday, October 12, 2020, at his home. He was born July 20, 1967, in Cameron, Texas, to Martin and Rosa (Reyna) Mendoza. He grew up in the Buckholts area and was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, and playing softball and football. A funeral service was held at Ocker Brethren Church on October 18, 2020, with burial at the Rogers Cemetery. He

was preceded in death by his parents and his grandmother, Inez Reyna. Survivors include his wife, Diane; 3 daughters; 3 grandchildren; 3 brothers and 6 sisters. Minister: Rev. Dr. Brad Herridge.

JANKOWIAK, JUANITA, age 83, of Bryan, Texas, died Monday, October 19, 2020, in College Station, Texas. She was born May 13, 1937, in Bryan to John H. and Matilda (Vajdak) Rubach. She was a child of nature. Her love in life other than her family was spending time outside and caring for her flower beds. A funeral service was held October 24, 2020, at Strickland Funeral Home in Caldwell with burial at Snook Cemetery. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Joe Jankowiak; daughter, Melissa Slenk Trevino; and 1 grandchild. Survivors include her son, John Slenk; daughter, Silvia Jones; 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Minister: Rev. Joseph Polasek.

HILDEBRAND, HELEN RUTH (FAUST), age 80, of Caldwell and lifetime member of New Tabor Brethren Church and New Tabor Christian Sisters, died Thursday, October 22, 2020. She was born May 20, 1940, in Caldwell to Emil C. and Milady (Trcalek) Faust. She was baptized and confirmed at the New Tabor Brethren Church by Rev. F. J. Kostohryz. She worked as a Laboratory Technician at Burleson County Hospital and at CPL Laboratory of Austin where she retired in 1997. She was a member of the New Tabor Brethren Cemetery Association, New Tabor Mutual Aid and New Tabor SPJST Lodge #17. She was a charter member of American

involved once every 22 minutes, offering diners an ever-changing panoramic view of historic London.

Prime Minister Harold Wilson, accompanied by Postmaster General Tony Benn, officially opened the tower on October 8, 1965. Rising to its completed height of 620 feet (including its 40-foot mast), the tower was the tallest man-made structure in the city, over 250 feet taller than the renowned St. Paul's Cathedral. Dominating the London skyline, pilots flying into the city utilized it as an instantly recognizable landmark. Officially opened to the public on May 19, 1966. It quickly became a popular tourist attraction, drawing an average 4,500 visitors per day peaking on holidays. Officials quickly discovered they could recoup some of the costs by charging admission. A Tower Shop quickly followed, selling a variety of tower souvenirs.

The 1960s saw enthusiasm for science and technology rise unlike ever before and the General Post Office Tower symbolized this for Londoners. Prime Minister Wilson once spoke about 'the Britain that is going to be forged in the white heat of this revolution' and the need 'to think and speak in the language of our scientific age'. Although man had not yet set foot upon the moon, Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin had already become the first man to venture into space in 1961. In addition, the first two Telstar communications satellites had launched in 1962 and 1963. The Space Age had arrived.

Change, however, is inevitable. On October 31, 1971, a bomb exploded inside the tower which caused extensive damage but caused no injuries.

The restaurant closed in 1980 and public access to the tower was halted in 1981. GPO telecommunications were split off and the structure was rechristened the British Telecom Tower. As a result of corporate rebranding, it then became known as the BT Tower.

In 2008, former Postmaster General Benn and a small camera crew were allowed access to the tower and its restaurant, which still rotates. They were also permitted access to its roof, which still offers a great view of London. While taking in the rooftop view Benn offered the following: "You see the whole city and all the various monuments. There's St. Paul's Cathedral where they worship God, and next to it is the Bank of England where they worship money. And of course, all buildings symbolize for people what it is they really worship, and I suppose today society worships communication – television, radio, mobile phones, Internet. It is communication that symbolizes this period of civilization, combined with the money men."

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*"Bear ye one another's burdens
 And so fulfill the Law of
 Christ."* (Gal. 6:2)

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Hus Encampment Main Building Renovation Update

April 11, 2021

We are getting close to the finish line on the renovation of the Main Building. There is some painting to finish outside and a little touch up inside. Once that is done the new flooring will be installed. That will pretty much finish work on the building. We will be putting in new sidewalks and new gravel in the parking area over the next couple of weeks, but the end is in sight.



18. [Jesus prayed,] "I have made Your name known to those whom you gave Me from the world. They were Yours, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word." Jn. 17:6
19. "...And now I am no longer in the world, but they [i.e., believers] are in the world, and I am coming to You." Jn. 17:11a
20. "...Holy Father, protect them [i.e., believers] in Your name that You have given Me, so that they may be one, as We are one." Jn. 17:11b
21. "...They [i.e., believers] do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world." Jn. 17:16
22. "...Sanctify them [i.e., believers] in the truth; Your word is truth." Jn. 17:17
23. **"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8**
24. When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. Acts 2:1
25. Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house. Acts 2:2
26. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. Acts 2:3
27. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4
28. At this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Acts 2:6
29. "In the last days it will be," God declares, "that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." Acts 2:17
30. **"Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:21**
31. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life." Jn. 3:16

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DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for May 2021

By Mari-Anne Kocian Gordon and Dorothy E. Kocian

From the *Holy Bible Revised Standard Revision*.

Sundays in bold.

1. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him. 1 Jn. 4:9
- 2. In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 Jn. 4:10**
3. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 1 Jn. 4:11
4. If we love one another, God lives in us, and His love is perfected in us. 1 Jn. 4:12b
5. By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. 1 Jn. 4:13
6. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent His Son as the Savior of the world. 1 Jn. 4:14
7. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 1 Jn. 4:15
8. Perfect love casts out fear. 1 Jn. 4:18b
- 9. We love because He first loved us. 1 Jn. 4:19**
10. Abide in Me as I abide in you. John 15:4a
11. I am the vine, you are the branches. John 15:5a
12. Those who abide in Me and I in them bear much fruit... apart from Me you can do nothing. John 15:5b
13. As the Father has loved Me, so I have loved you; abide in My love. Jn. 15:9
14. I have said these things to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. Jn. 15:11
15. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Jn. 15:12
- 16. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know Him. Eph. 1:17**
17. God put this power to work in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places. Eph. 1:20

HUS CAMP

Main Building Renovation


The Impact of Camp Is Eternal... You Can Help Make It Possible!

Due to your generous support of the Hus Camp and its Facility Improvement Capital Campaign, we have completed Phase A (Renovation of the Kitchen) and are now well on our way to starting **Phase B, Renovation of the Main Building!** This phase will not only renovate the interior and exterior of the building, but will also stabilize the structure, add restrooms and insulation, complete air conditioning, and make the building more accessible for a variety of people, functions, programs, and activities. While we hope to begin renovations soon, we can't do it without your help!

Please prayerfully consider your support of the Hus Camp and its growing ministry by making a donation to the Building Fund.

THREE SIMPLE WAYS TO GIVE...

- 1) Make an **online donation** via credit card at: huscamp.org
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Sunday Worship
10:30 AM

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Ages 7-9 years old

Camp Cost: \$250

+++Camp Date: **July 6-8**

PIONEER

Ages 12-13 years old

Camp Cost: \$350

Camp Date: **July 18-23**

CHALLENGER

Ages 16-19 years old

Camp Cost: \$350

Camp Date: **Not Held in 2021**

ALPHA

Ages 10-11 years old

Camp Cost: \$350

Camp Date: **July 25-29**

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Ages 14-15 years old

Camp Cost: \$350

Camp Date: **July 11-16**

HUS SCHOOL

In-depth Leadership Program

Ages 16-Adult

Cost \$550

Date: **June 20-July 2**

+++Date Correction

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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.

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.*

Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

May 13 & 14, Noon to 7 PM and May 15, 8 AM to Noon – Huge Garage Sale Fundraiser at Cross Church on Birdcreek in Temple.

The whole facility is stuffed full of great treasures collected over two years from friends and Estate Sale Remnants. Much furniture, appliances, antiques, holiday, art, toys, china sets, crystal, household, nice collectibles, arts & crafts, lamps, plants, etc., etc. Mask required, CASH only, bring your truck! For more information, contact Gayle Farrow at (254) 718-2683 or the church at (254) 778-8759.

May 15, 2021 – The deadline to return the 2020 Unity Questionnaire. Please send back your completed form to Liz Ripple, Administrative Assistant.

June 20, 2021 – Ocker Brethren Church Annual Father's Day Barbecue Fundraiser at Star Hall. We will begin taking dine-in, take-out, and drive-through orders beginning at 11 AM. Barbeque plates will come with two ribs, two pieces of sausage, Westphalia noodles, beans, coleslaw, dessert, and a drink for \$10. A silent auction and raffle will be held with some "big ticket" items including a handmade quilt, Blackstone griddle, gift cards, trips, and guns. For more information, contact Pastor Brad Herridge at (254) 716-2578.

Save the Dates . . .

July 3-4, 2021 – State BYF Summer Retreat & Volleyball Tournament at the Hus Encampment.

****IMPORTANT**DATE & LOCATION CHANGED****

July 9, 2021 – One-Day Unity Convention at The Hus Encampment, 3635 County Road 225, Caldwell, Texas. More information to come soon. Check the Unity Website "News" for up-to-date information.

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

From The Raiford's . . . Missionaries in Mexico

April 1, 2021

Raiford Family Update

Greetings everyone this holiest of weeks. The Lord Has Risen!

This week of all weeks we celebrate the life of Jesus Christ. The true Son of God who walked among us on this earth. I have been reflecting on that statement specifically over the past few days (and years) and I can't get out of my head that old phrase WWJD. For those of you not familiar, that is an acronym for What Would Jesus Do? I grew up in the 90's, and that was very popular in Christian circles and had a profound impact on my young Christian walk. For me it was so practical, so engaging, and so thought provoking it showed me my first glimpse into discipleship. Some of you who read this may remember thinking it was so corny and a bit corporate at the time. So did I, but the words always come back to me.

Over the last year the world had to endure incredible hardship and loss. Eunice and I have been serving our village during quarantine and using the time to really dive into peoples' lives. With everything shut down for months, we just had our friends in the village to comfort and serve and, as always, be comforted and served.

Eunice and I have always focused on the "doing" part of our ministry, trying to imitate Christ in all of our

actions. When resources were limited this past year and communication to the outside world was almost non-existent, we truly found who we are as missionaries. We are the workers. Jesus did heal people and he did perform miracles for strangers, but He also worked alongside his closest friends teaching, encouraging, preparing, and giving purpose to those lost in the world. I have not performed a miracle for a stranger, but I can work. Our work over the last year has been giving purpose to our many friends who have lost their way financially (setting up small businesses). Purpose to those who have lost relationships by giving pride back to their life through love of life. During this time in the pandemic our more animistic friends felt the true fear of not being in control like they normally do, but now saw the entire world fall into hopelessness and despair that they are all too familiar with.

So many of you may be thinking, what does that actually look like? I will show you:



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Wednesday Eve. 5:30 PM
Prayer Service and Bible Study

We started three small businesses for three young ladies named Clio, Paty, and Nayeli. They each learned to bake various items and sell them throughout the village.

We mentored another young girl, Soreli, with her new business for months until it became the number one place to hang out in all Juquila.

We gave purpose back to our friend Eric, who has struggled since the death of his wife two years ago. He now has a steady job and a solid relationship with a woman who cares for him and his family.

We have mentored marriages for our friends Nacho and Godoberto.

Eunice has shown the village patience and calm while wild rumors about the virus scared everyone. As the respected doctor, she helped maintain order during the most strenuous times during the pandemic.

We started an exercise program for those worried about their future and their health.

We even began to sell food ourselves once a week to show others how to operate a business and to be able to empathize with the difficulties.

Jesus spent a lot of time with his disciples. Much of those conversa-

tions we don't know what was said, but we can see the results. They were brave men and women with purpose, love for others, and a work ethic that glorified God and impressed man. Jesus prepared His disciples for this world and the next. A complete discipleship. There are many times where Eunice and I did not know what to say, but how to work.

Finally, I leave you with the final story of a guy named Nahum. He is now my dear friend, and we are working a ranch together as I mentor him on organization and basic business skills and he teaches me to mend fence and be a real man, haha. He came to me a few months ago and told me he wanted a mentor. That is quite unusual to be so direct in indigenous culture. He wanted someone to teach him about honesty, true friendship, motivation, and ultimately about God. He has been an amazing gift from God as we both sharpen each other with wisdom.

Thank you for all your prayers, and we have been praying for you as well.

We are saved by the Grace of God and His Blood shed for us this day covers all our sin.

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PaperPlate Craft: Rainbow and the Ark
Materials: 2 paper plates per child, animal crackers or animal stickers

1. Cut the bottom half of the plate to look like the ark. (See the picture.)
2. Color the bottom half brown. Color the top arc like a rainbow.
3. Staple the edges of the two plates.
4. Fill with animal crackers or use animal stickers to represent the animals.



GAME: Noah Says

Divide the children into three teams: dogs, cats, and ducks. Dogs bark and beg (arms raised and hands pointing down as if begging for food). Cats meow and pretend to lick their paws (hands), and ducks quack and waddle (bending down with hands touching shoulders like wings). Any child who does not follow the command correctly has to sit out.

When you give the commands preceded with "Noah says":

Noah says "bark"	all creatures bark
Noah says "meow"	all creatures meow
Noah says "quack"	all creatures quack
Noah says "beg"	all creatures beg
Noah says "lick"	all creatures lick
Noah says "waddle"	all creatures waddle
Noah says "be still"	all creatures stop

When you give the commands without saying Noah says first:

"Bark"	only dogs bark
"Meow"	only cats meow
"Quack"	only ducks quack
"Beg"	only dogs beg
"Lick"	only cats lick
"Waddle"	only ducks waddle
"Be still"	animals keep doing what they are doing



NOAH

BIBLE LESSON

Scripture: Genesis 6:5-22

Noah & the flood

READ the scripture or use a storybook version. Here is also a fun retelling of this popular Bible story. <https://www.kidssundayschool.com/preschool/stories/noah-and-all-the-animals>

Use the following questions to discuss the story.

- Who was following God? (Noah.)
- What did God tell Noah to build? (An Ark.)
- What is an Ark? (A boat.)
- Why did God tell Noah to build the Ark? (God was going to cause a flood of water to cover the earth.)
- Did Noah do what God asked? (Yes.)
- Why do you think it is important to obey God? (Allow for discussion.)

GAME: Balloon Animal Round Up

- Split the children into 2 teams; Each child gets a balloon – this is their animal.
- Have the teams line up at one end; the finish line is the ark.
- Give the first person in each team a stick.
- When you say, "Go", the first child in each line must put their balloon on the ground, hit their balloon with the stick and get it to the ark. They hand off the stick to the next player.
- The winning team gets all of the animals onto the ark.



What would Jesus Do? He would work. Jesus Works.

Now, let's get to Work!

Blessings and Happy Easter,
Phil, Eunice, Ian and Hannah

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From Robert & Anne Thiessen... Missionaries in Mexico

April 1, 2021

A Mexican Maundy Thursday

Dear friends,

We are at the end of a three-day conference for church leaders here in the high mountains of Oaxaca. This is the first get together in more than a year for some of them. Over 150 have

gathered. Most are from indigenous villages around here, but about a quarter come from further away.

And all the missionaries with Sin Fronteras were able to come. So tomorrow we're having reunion activities all day with them. We, too, haven't been together in quite a while.

So many participants are talking about how good it is to gather again. The content, brought from the USA, is probably far less impacting than the fellowship we are enjoying.

The session right now is about empowering local leadership. Alejandro (the director of SF) started by remembering when he got here 25 years ago how few churches had their own pastors. Today that situation has significantly improved, yet this remains one of the more debilitating issues facing the small groups of believers in far too many places.

One of the reasons we have appreciated working alongside SF is how much they all, from Alejandro to their newest missionary, Salma, work hard at helping their humble co-laborers really experience empowerment.

To finish this event, in two hours we will celebrate Maundy Thursday



by taking the Lord's Supper. Most of them have no idea that this (or Good Friday) is normally celebrated by most evangelical churches in the West.

One of the weird things about many churches in southern Mexico, even though they can trace their roots to North American missionaries, is they think celebrating Easter and Christmas is pagan. Another weakness, also passed on by the missionaries, is the sense that only proper clergy should baptize and serve Communion.

That means that in this group, with over 100 indigenous from over 30 churches, half of them have never felt they could simply obey the words of Jesus when he said on this night "take, eat, drink, do this in remembrance of me."

There are a handful of Mixtecs from Guerrero, representing five churches, where we used to live. I've been trying for years to help them include these sacraments in their ministry, without success. Tonight, they will be part of this ceremony. I'm praying that the practical and empowering example that Alejandro brings will help convince them.

We are blessed to serve alongside the missionaries of SF and the indig-



enous leaders. We continue to learn from them, and to help them keep learning too.

May all the truth of Easter fill your weekend, and beyond.

April 3, 2021

A SF Good Friday

Dear friends,

Yesterday was a really Good Friday together with our Sin Fronteras friends, family, and team (all words used throughout the day to describe ourselves).

As I wrote on Thursday, we haven't been able to get together for over a year – I think that it's been over two that we've all been together like yesterday.

And now we are eight more! Two couples, one wife, and three singles



Sunday School Helper



Bible Story

Noah's Ark

Bible Reference

Genesis 6:5-22

The story of how God rescued Noah is an example of how Christ saves His followers from God's final judgement. What a great reminder of God's great salvation promised to all those who believe!



Thoughts about giving...

Remembering the Unity of the Brethren or any of its ministries is a fitting testimony of your belief. Your gift in a will can be a legacy that continues to affect the Christian values, mission, and ministry that is important to you.

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You can require that we hold the principle as an endowment and use only the earnings each year.

You can give in memory or in the honor of someone.

Your gift can be contingent. The funds go to someone if they survive you and if not, then to the Unity.

You can tell us now that you have named the Unity in your will and allow us to express our gratitude...or you can let it be known later.

There are many other ways to give. Contact any Board of Grants and Bequests member about what you can give and how you can give.

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were added to our group. Richard and Margaret are going to work among tribal people of Nepal; Tito and Abigail are Chinantec indigenous pastors working among new villages of their own group (in the north of Oaxaca state); Lulu took the training course last year and then married Luis, working among the Tepehuan of Durango state; Elien and Paloma (two of the singles), from the Huichol indigenous of Nayarit state, were in the course last year as well, and now are working towards outreach in new areas of their people; and Salma, from the border area with the U.S., is going to accompany Patty, the widow (her husband was killed in January of 2019) to the Mixtec village in Guerrero state that she has been in since 2016.

We started the day at 10 a.m. and went through till 10 last night. Dozens of kids of all ages running around everywhere, with a fish fry for lunch, strong coffee all day, and crumbly concha bread for supper. Table games and deep conversations all evening. Getting to know the nine students just arrived for the next training course (finishes in July, followed by five months of living in a reached indigenous village).

As I also wrote Thursday, we are privileged to live and work with this group. These are some of our closest friends in Mexico, sharing struggles and joys. We are small enough, and informal enough, and share enough, for us to truly use the term family. We work towards a common goal with similar methodology in such a united fashion that we can call ourselves team.

When Paul unpacks the mystery of the Gospel, the reason Jesus came to live among us, was killed and rose again, he boils it down to God doing all this to remove the barriers between people groups. He made a way for our Good Friday, where people from over eight distinct people groups of Mexico, plus the two national cultures represented, could come together the way this Sin Fronteras family is doing. Inherent to our being the way we are, the reason we can do this, is because we are all focused on the Great Commission, on the Genesis 12 idea of “blessing because we’ve been blessed.”

I’ve attached three photos. One of the eight new members of the family, the others of the whole team (inside



and outside of the base building they were able to finish last year, that I helped design).

May our risen Saviour keep giving us new life.

Robert and Anne

From Pastor Pavel and Stanya Kozak... Missionaries in the Czech Republic

April 4, 2021

A BIG THANK YOU

Dear Unity of the Brethren,

First of all, Stania and I would like to wish you all a very joyful and HAPPY Resurrection Day of our dear Lord Jesus Christ! What a great and super divine event and Holy Act of the Father God! We are so HAPPY and are humbly THANKFUL that we can be, thanks to God's Grace, those who can worship Lord Jesus for the Cross for His Salvation.

What a privilege for us that we are called as His ministers and are honored to share His Gospel and His Words for the Salvation of many.

Let us say our BIG THANK YOU our dear Sisters and Brothers for your PRAYERS for us, all missionaries, THANK YOU for your kindness and all your BLESSINGS for us!

What GOOD NEWS to hear about your kindness to cover the mission

funds and our support for this year! We are very HUMBLY THANKFUL!

Give please our LOVE and warm greetings to all beloved Sisters and Brothers in the Unity. We LOVE YOU and we wish you all very BLESSED Lord's Day in His Joy and Peace! Thank you, thank you, and thank you!

With much LOVE and PRAYERS,
Yours in Him,

Pavel and Stania Kozak

...from the Local Mission Field

From Rev. Kay Polasek ... Pastor of New Beginnings in Caldwell

April 12, 2021

Hello everyone,

I thought that I would report some wonderful yet challenging news. We have steadily had 5-6 kids consistently; on occasion we have had 8. On Palm Sunday we broke that trend and we were blessed with 12 which broke the record. Resurrection Sunday we had 16. ALL of the children live in Cade Lake except 1-2, but when they are visiting at Cade Lake every other week, they come. Some have to visit other parents, but it seems that is not consistent for some.

This past Sunday we had about 6 because 6 of them were at a child's birthday party and it started before noon, but they will be back as they are regulars.

Since we are a two-room church, we had to get creative. So, we made a place at the back of the church with a 6-foot table and a small round table.

I bought 10 black metal folding chairs at \$9.83 each and brought them on Easter Sunday.

On Wednesday nights we divide into two groups, men and women, as what we discuss is sensitive and we have nowhere for the kids to go.

I just want you all to know, God is moving, and we see a new person almost every Sunday. The movement of God is wonderful but with it comes challenges from the devil who seeks to kill and destroy because he is terrified of God's movement.

As you probably know, I faced death at the end of last year, 2020, and I remind you that in 12/19 I fell and severely broke my ankle. It took many months to be able to walk without assistance, and even though I thought that I was not going to be able to go on, God showed up and I am still here because He wasn't finished with me.

Tomorrow I will be having surgery on my ankle to remove the metal from both sides of my ankle. I humbly ask you to pray for the doctor and those attending to me to do their very best, and that the doctor be able to remove ALL metal as he is not certain about how much scar tissue is present which would prevent him from removing it all. I will also ask him/them to pray with me and we will give it to God.

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve God in this way – to be able to witness to people who cared for me in the hospital and outpatient surgeries and ER visits. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

We have so many stories to tell but I think I should go for now, and please don't forget to financially support your Home mission at New Beginnings.

Blessings, Pastor Kay



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