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John Hus Sunday

By Jim Pokorny

On every first Sunday in July, members of the Unity of the Brethren observe John Hus Sunday.

It was on July 6, 1415, that John Hus, a priest and scholar in what is now the Czech Republic, was burned at the stake because of his outspoken opposition to abuses carried out by the church.

Guided by the Word of God and his conscience, Hus leaves us with a powerful example of faith and commitment to the Kingdom of God. We remember that example on the anniversary of his death.

Hus was not Brethren, but his life inspired the those who established the Unity in 1457.

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Discipline within the Church continued to degrade while Hus lived in exile. The schism remained unresolved, corruption within the clergy spread, and wickedness among the laity was on the rise. Some called for the convening of a Council as a remedy. King Sigismund supported this idea due to his official position and personal beliefs. Pope John XXIII initially opposed the idea but was eventually swayed. A call was issued October 30, 1413, to convene the Council in the city of Constance on November 1, 1414. Sigismund invited Hus to plead his case before the Council and promised Hus safe passage, a fair hearing, and a safe return home should Hus not agree with the Council's decision. Despite warnings from friends, Hus accepted the invitation, desiring

an opportunity to officially explain his views.

In Krakowec, Hus composed a letter refuting the accusations of his critics. He also wrote a letter to his pupil Martin that was to be opened only in the event of his death. He then penned a letter to the people of Bohemia. It contained a request for their prayers and a plea to God to strengthen him to glorify the Gospel even if this should cost him his life. His friends covered the expense of his journey to Constance. At the same time, members of the clergy who opposed Hus generously contributed to the cost of his prosecution.

His escort to Constance consisted of Barons John von Chlum, Wenzel von Duba, and Henry von Chlum. The escort



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also included Peter of Mladenowic, and Kardinalis of Reinstein, a priest and friend of Hus. Several others also took part. On October 11, the group departed Prague with thirty horsemen and three wagons. As the caravan entered German towns, the receptions Hus received were surprisingly friendly. Hus even met with clergy and persuaded them to post invitations on church doors for any who had charges against him to present them in Constance.

Hus arrived in Constance with his party on November 3. A large crowd was on hand to meet him. Hus found lodgings on St. Paul Street. The inhabitants of Constance also beheld the pageantry that descended upon them because of the Council. As a matter of course, they witnessed the arrival of both King Sigismund and the Pope. These were also accompanied by a vast number of Cardinals,

Patriarchs, Archbishops, Bishops, and Doctors of Theology. They also witnessed the arrival of nobility that included various Princes, Dukes, Counts, and Barons. Numerous merchants, artisans and visitors also descended upon the city. Available rooms were quickly occupied, so booths were erected outside the city walls to accommodate the growing numbers.

Pope John XXIII was notified of the arrival of Hus by Barons Chlum and Lazembock. Duba reached Constance the following day and brought with him the document guaranteeing the safe passage of Hus. In response, the Pope gave his assurance that no hand would be laid upon Hus. As for the documentation, there are differing views as to whether the papers guaranteed personal safety beyond the arrival of Hus. Regardless of the legal scope of the docu-

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mentation or its interpretation, Hus did have the verbal promised of King Sigismund.

Although free to move about the city, Hus preferred to remain in his lodgings where he continued to prepare his defense. Enemies of Hus, including Michael de Causis and Wenzel Tiem, went into action. Stephen Palec, John the Iron, and others arrived shortly afterward carrying with them writings of Hus from Bohemia. Signs were posted throughout Constance declaring that Hus was not simply a heretic but an extremely dangerous one. False reports were circulated stating that Hus intended to preach against the clergy and that he had already

attempted to escape Constance by wagon. The enemies of Hus also paid calls on members of the clergy clamoring for his immediate arrest.

On November 28, 1414, Hus received a citation to appear before the Cardinals. Baron Chlum was with Hus when the messenger arrived. Chlum strongly protested his departure, but Hus refused to disobey the summons. Upon exiting his lodgings, Hus found the street filled with soldiers who wasted no time. They immediately surrounded Hus and conveyed both he and Chlum to the episcopal palace where the Cardinals lay waiting. After a brief exchange of words. Hus and Chlum were left to wait in the presence of a guard. In the evening, a papal officer dismissed Chlum, Hus was ordered to remain, and the King's promises began to unravel.

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Chasing Pop Tarts

By Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

As a child, almost nothing could stand between me and a tasty Pop Tart, or a delightful milk chocolate Hershey's bar, or even a tray of fresh peanut butter blossom cookies! I was pretty much like a Bloodhound, able to discover sweets in the most elusive of places that my mom would determine. Now I did not have, of course, the ability to follow a scent trail that was up to 300 hours old, but I studied my mom's habits and figured out where she might be hiding the treats. I never gave up! I was proud that I never gave up! "Giving up" has developed a new meaning as I move through "middle age," however. I am thankful to God that He helped me give up sweets because they were too big of a temptation for me. Consuming them was (and still is) a sin because they stirred

up in me a desire to overeat, and then became a stronghold that rendered me without self-control when around them.

I'll never forget the summer of 2003, when I was in a JC Penney fitting room, trying on jeans just days before I headed to Paris, France on a full scholarship for a summer study abroad Master's program. Tears streamed down my face. The jeans were too tight. It wasn't about being a certain size, it was the fact that I knew in my soul that I had been abusing the temple of the Holy Spirit by overeating sugary foods for way too long. At that moment, in the awful fluorescent lighting of the dressing room, after years of tears knowing that my ongoing search for Pop Tarts and more had to end, the Lord my God whispered something



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to me that is sweeter than any fancy pastry could ever be:

“...do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.”

(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

So I waived the “white flag of surrender,” finally.

I finally had had enough of ignoring the Holy Spirit’s call upon me to acknowledge that:

1) My body is the temple of God the Holy Spirit.

2) My body is not mine. It is God’s gift to me that I may live to serve Him.

3) I was bought with the price of the one-time sacrifice of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to save me from an eternity apart from my God and to give me an abundant life as I follow my Lord Jesus now.

And the lesson that I have practiced every day since that afternoon in JC Penney’s by the grace of God:

4) I am to follow this command: “Glorify God in your body.”

So I have been out of the Pop Tart chasing business for 18 years now, and **IT IS GLORIOUS! IT IS GLORIOUS TO UNDERSTAND THAT:**

1) Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit!

2) Your body is not your own. It is God’s gift to you that you may live to serve Him.

3) You were bought at the price of the one-time sacrifice of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to save you from an eternity apart from your God and to give you an abundant life as you follow Your Lord Jesus now.

And the lesson that God may be calling you to practice every day by the grace of God is this

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command:

4) “Glorify God in your body.”

There is no human being who has nothing to overcome.

Because the devil is real and prowling around this earth, each one of us is prey to some weakness, tempted to follow through on a desire that is unholy. These days the Holy Spirit is whispering to me about other temptations and sins that I need to bring to the altar of our Loving God, on my knees, from which I need to ask Him to free me. There will always be something. *Growing closer to God necessitates forgetting all rabbit trails that deceptively promise peace and comfort and embracing the Only One who literally is our Peace, the Lord Jesus Christ.*

What do you know that God is asking you to leave behind?

What fruitless chase are you on?

What temptation is dragging

you down?

What sin has you tangled in knots?

Come to the Lord Jesus now.

He is Almighty.

He is Compassionate.

He knows your heart better than anyone.

He alone has the power to save you from sins and to uphold you in your struggles.

“...do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.”

(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Glorify God with your mind—in your thoughts and in your emotions.

Bring all things to the altar of our Loving God who lives within you.

Get on your knees.



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Surrender the chase.

Fix your gaze on the One who has known you from way before the moment you were born.

God sees you.

God is asking you to glorify Him: to live in holiness, to abandon shortcuts, to experience lasting holy change.

Say “yes” to the Lord Jesus Christ. BE FREE AT LAST!

He is patiently waiting, and He knows all that He can do in you, for you and through you.

“I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. **Now to him who by the power at work**

within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:18-21)

No more desire for Pop Tarts here.

Friends and family like to joke that I have some super-power to walk past desserts without even batting an eye.

I know better and so do you.

Hallelujah to the Lord Jesus Christ, the One who frees us from anything that seeks to drive a wedge between us and our God!

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Sister Vanessa Mitchell



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A warm welcome is extended to visitors who would like to observe the proceedings. We also ask you to remember this gathering in your prayers.

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from the Foreign Missions Fields
From the Jelski Family



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It has been an amazing few months for our family, now a family of 4. Boaz will be finished with kindergarten in a few days, and Eyal has grown so much from the small baby he was at birth. Boaz has been so happy to have a little brother, it has been incredible to watch how much he loves him and wants to spend as much time as he can with him.

At this time, we find ourselves with some pressing needs. When we moved to our current home, we planned on it being a long-term rental. But back in January, we found out our landlord sold the house. We then found out the new owners wanted to move into the house in August of this year. We started looking for a new rental property a few weeks ago, and miraculously (prices have increased drastically), the Lord provided a perfect place for our budget

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but that will still give us the ability to host friends and family when they come visit (which really was important to me). Also, it will be walking distance from our discipleship center (more on that below) and Boaz's new school, which was amazing! But moving has added cost to our family we were not planning on, amid Teresa having not worked for 6 months now, and a new baby. We will be moving on July 10th next month.



BIG MINISTRY UPDATES

We bought a ministry home/discipleship center - after looking for land for a long time, we decided it was time to invest the ministry funds into something we could use right away. We were able to identify and purchase a house in the beginning of May. We will be receiving it officially in August or November. The house will serve the Discipleship program we are planning to launch this year and enable us to train and equip Jewish and Arab young adults.

We added an Arab staff member to our team - one of our main goals and prayers for the past year was to add an Arab staff member to our team. In March, a friend of mine who has been serving with the Katzir youth camps for a few years contacted me and asked if there was potential for him to join us (we didn't even have to recruit someone!). full story in this



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From the Jelski Family



link: <https://www.fieldsofwheat.org/meet-rubi-our-arab-christian-team-member/>

We bought a ministry van - A few years ago, I received a word from a pastor at Upper Room church about seeing me in a white van filled with young people. I have been praying and holding on to this word since then. Back in March, I feel this word finally came to pass as we purchased

a vehicle (a white van!) to serve our youth camps and future discipleship programs. Now we just pray that the Lord fills the car with young people!

Thank you for praying for us and our ministry and the next generation we are seeking to serve and equip.

With much love and appreciation,
Joel Jelski

From the Kozak's

Warm summer greetings from Moravia! As always Stania and I are very privileged to make this new Newsletter for you! Several times per a year we wish to inform you what we do and what is going on in the Czech Land. Stania and I do send you our LOVE and are so thankful that you will read this Newsletter. May our Lord Jesus Christ BLESS YOU ALL

Ministering in a Tribulation Season

When we can see back the all years of our ministry, we may say only one word - ADVENTURE!

In February it will be THREE years when Covid came for the first time to our country. Till that time all was so easy, quiet, smooth and everything went

pretty well. You all know what we are talking about - you had been in the same situation too in US.

We started to see big changes in the society. Many lockdowns, limitations, restrictions, and all this influenced almost every family. All Christians did PRAY for the END of the Covid depression, and each spring it really came.

But none of us could even imagine that we all will see something more terrible than Covid and it was the start of the war in Ukraine! Almost immediately thousands and thousands of Ukraine refugees started to come to Czech Republic. Also, we could see the huge wave of solidarity with Ukraine people. There was a huge money collections and huge finan-



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From the Kozak's

cial support for Ukraine people. Most of the Czech people were involved to give, to help.

Stania and I were involved to help to the Ukraine mothers and their kids in Olomouc. The city hall in Olomouc did open a huge refugee center for Ukraine people where they could get all care and help for staying legally in CR. We still do co-operate with one church in Olomouc to help the Ukraine mothers and kids.

There is a Christian community center where they can come and get some more information, where they as Ukraine people can have a cup of coffee with something to eat and where is a good time for some fellowship too.

Many Ukraine mothers are believers, so every time there were prayers for Ukraine, for their families, who still stay over there in the war, and for all the needs they do have. Stania and others are doing a good job when leading the kids at the workshop to make some nice things for somebody who they love.

A Word From Stania

Dear Sisters and Brothers, today I would like to share with you some words and stories about Peter and his wife Ilona. I remember the time about 20 years ago, when Peter before he opened his heart to Lord Jesus was the

boss of the mafia in North Bohemia. He was involved to abusing and selling drugs, money cheating, beating people, gambling, etc. He did the ugliest things a young man could do.

In those days, the bad lifestyle really did press and pushed him down. He did visit all psychiatric clinics in that region, but nobody could help him. His wife did suffer terribly under him, because of his bad life and violence. One day he decided to commit suicide he cut his veins in both hands and wanted to jump down from the 10th floor of his apartments building. Before that he set the apartment on fire!

Because the main doors of his apartment were NOT fully locked, somebody came in and hold him not to jump down. The ambulance took him and put him to the psychiatric clinic. To make the LONG STORY short, he came one day to our church, a totally broken man. We all knew that he IS VERY DANGEROUS PERSON; the Police department did watch him carefully.

BUT – a MIRACLE happened, and Peter did open his heart to Lord Jesus in trust! His apartment was burned out, his family - wife and kids were in the shelter and he was not allowed to meet them. He lost everything! But Peter was faithfully attending the Church meetings which we did have on the daily basis! Prayers, teaching, reading, encouraging,



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fellowshipping, trusting the Lord Jesus!

After several years Peter was the most faithful, very strong disciple of the Lord! All his former co-fellows from the mafia were in the shock! The same Police officers! None of them could understand HOW a man like him could do such a change! Some people said that he got crazy! But the others said: "No he is OK, he speaks nice, he loves his wife, he goes to the church, and is helping other people like he was".

After a time, Peter and his family moved to the Dresden to find a good job and have a better life. When Peter sees us, he always says this: "Every evening I am sitting down on my chair in the kitchen, and I cry. I still remember the ministry of LOVE you Stania and Pavel gave me in Christ Jesus! The LOVE of God did save me; the LOVE of you both did change my heart. Without your LOVE and ministry to me and to my kids and wife, we are NOT what we are today!"

All the time when we come to their home the entire family are so HAPPY that they can meet us again. Always they buy some nice thank you presents and cook something good for us too. It was so nice to celebrate my birthday with them last Saturday! We do PRAISE our Father God for Peter's family, for the Salvation for them and for ministry they have in Christ!

THANK YOU, dear Sisters and Brothers, for your MINISTRY, for all you do for the Lord Jesus too! He is coming and we all will be with Him forever!

Our Prayer Requests

Please pray with us for the healing from Covid. We BOTH did catch it somewhere in the train.

Please pray with us we could reach more people and lead them to the Lord.

Please pray for adults who already did hear the Gospel to OPEN their hearts in repentance to the Lord Jesus.

Please pray for Stania and me, for our health, safety, wisdom, and guidance of the Holy Spirit in those hard times.

THANK YOU and THANK YOU so very much for your PRAYERS, for your LOVE and for your OPEN HEART for us to give and support! BIG, BIG HUMBLE THANK YOU!!!

May our Lord Jesus Christ REPAY you back abundantly! We love you all very much, we miss you and we are looking forward for the time, when we will be able to be together with you again! May our Lord Jesus Christ BLESS YOU ALL abundantly in His Holy Name!!!

Yours,

Pavel and Stania Kozak.

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Joshua 1:9

“Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Back to school with Jesus! There is a lot of excitement for each first day of school—new supplies, new clothes, new teachers... Every new school year is not only exciting, but it can also be scary. However, for some children (and adults), starting a new school year is also filled with some apprehension. Here are some activities to prepare the kids in your life for an awesome year! Each year is an opportunity to grow academically, emotionally, and spiritually. Also, let's all remember to pray diligently for our schools, teachers, administrators, staff, and children this school year!

Back to School with Jesus!

Game: Reaching Out To Others

Scripture: Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20

Directions: Make two Xs (home base) on the floor, 20 feet apart. Form 2 teams. Each team forms a line 20 feet from their home base (X). Choose a disciple maker from each team to stand on home base, facing their team. Read the scripture. Say: Disciple makers, on go, run to your team and make disciples. Tell them about Jesus! On go, the disciple makers run to their team, grab the and of the first person and say: Jesus loves you. Be Jesus' disciple! They both run back to home base. This continues until all the team is at home base.

Discuss: School is a place we can tell others about Jesus. How did it feel to be a disciple maker? How can we tell others about Jesus at school this year?

Object Lesson: Containers

Scripture: But the Lord said to Samuel, Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7

Lesson: Show a plain opaque container (filled with candy) and a beautifully decorated opaque container (filled with rice or rocks). Ask the children which one they want. Discuss their choice and why they made that choice. Ask: Why do we often judge people by the way they look on the outside? When you only look at someone's outward appearance, what do you really know about the person? What does God look at?

What's important to God-the way we look on the outside or the way we are in our hearts? Explain. Ask again which container they prefer. Look inside each container. Con-



tainers are important, but they're not as important as what they hold inside. Ask: How is that like or unlike us? Have you ever judged a person by how he or she looked on the outside? Explain. How can we learn to see a person's heart and not just the outside?

Lesson: Slumber Party With Lions

Say: Daniel had a slumber party with lions! Let's see what happens. (Read the story of Daniel in the lion's den.) That was a pretty scary slumber party! But Daniel prayed and God helped him through the scary time. God wants us to pray when we get scared, like the first day of school. And He will help us get through! Here's a song you can sing to help you remember to pray when you get scared.

If you're scared and you know it, pray for help, If you're scared and you know it, pray for help, If you're scared and you know it, pray for God to help you through it, If you're scared and you know it, pray for help! (Tune: If you are happy and you know it)

Object Lesson: M&M Prayer

As you eat your M&Ms, pray for the school year!

Blue: Pray for your local school—for the safety and health of all students.

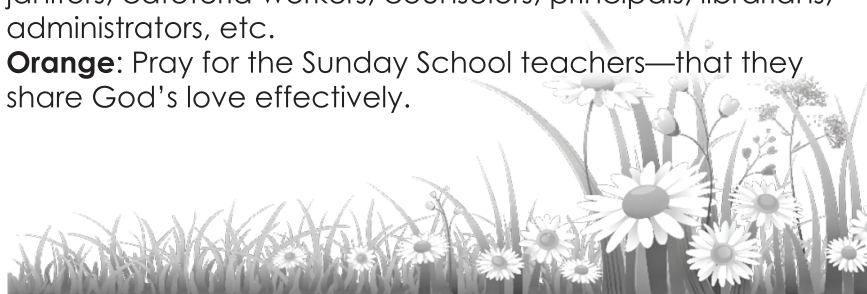
Brown: Pray for the teachers—for few disruptions, patience, and the ability to share the love of Jesus with their students and colleagues.

Green: Pray for the parents—to make time each day to ask their child about their day and for patience with homework.

Yellow: Pray for safe travels—for the bus drivers, coaches, parents as they drive to and from the many school activities.

Red: Pray for the school staff and volunteers—coaches, janitors, cafeteria workers, counselors, principals, librarians, administrators, etc.

Orange: Pray for the Sunday School teachers—that they share God's love effectively.



Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

2022 Summer Camp Dates

ENCOUNTER

ages 7-9 yrs old
Camp cost: \$250
Camp Date: June 21 - 23

PIONEER

ages 12-13 yrs old
Camp cost: \$350
Camp Date: July 17 - 22

CHALLENGER

ages 16-19 years old.
Camp cost: \$350
Camp Date: July 10 - 15

ALPHA

ages 10-11 yrs old
Camp cost: \$350
Camp Date: June 26 - 30

DISCOVERY

ages 14-15 years old
Camp cost: \$350
Camp Date: June 12 - 17

HUS SCHOOL

In depth Leadership Program
ages 16-Adult
Cost: \$550
Date: **Not Held in 2022**

**For more information about the Hus School
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Daily Morsels for July 2022

by Mari-Anne K. Gordon and Dorothy E. Kocian

From the Holy Bible New Revised Standard Version

1. Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth. Ps. 66:1
2. Sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise. Ps. 66:2
3. **Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds among mortals. Ps. 66:5**
4. Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of His praise be heard. Ps. 66:8
5. Sing praises to the LORD, O you His faithful ones, and give thanks to His holy name. Ps. 30:4
6. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Ps. 30:5b
7. My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Gal. 6:1a
8. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Gal. 6:1b
9. Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel." Am. 7:8b
10. **The word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe. Deut. 30:14**
11. To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. Ps. 25:1
12. O my God, in You I trust. Ps. 25:2a
13. Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. Ps. 25:4
14. Lead me in Your truth, and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation. Ps. 25:5
15. Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Ps. 82:3
16. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from His glorious power. Col. 1:11a
17. **May you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father. Col. 1:11b-12a**
18. O LORD, who may dwell on Your holy hill? Those who walk blamelessly, do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart. Ps. 15:1b-2

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19. He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Mic. 6:8

20. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Col. 1:13-14

21. In Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers. Col. 1:16a

22. All things have been created through Him and for Him. Col. 1:16b

23. He Himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. Col. 1:17

24. Restore us again, O God of our salvation. Ps. 85:4

25. Let me hear what God the LORD

will speak. Ps. 85:8a

26. He will speak peace to His people, to His faithful, to those who turn to Him in their hearts. Ps. 85:8b

27. Surely His salvation is at hand for those who fear Him, that His glory may dwell in our land. Ps. 85:9

28. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit. Col. 2:8

29. "I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." Lk.11:9

30. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Lk. 11:10

31. Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the LORD. Ps. 107:43

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Daily Morsels for August 2022

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From the Holy Bible New Revised Standard Version

1. So if you have been raised with Christ, then seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Col. 3:1
2. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. Col. 3:2
3. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). Col. 3:5
4. Get rid of all such things--anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Col. 3:8
5. Jesus said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Lk. 12:15
6. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Lk. 12:34
7. **Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love. Ps. 33:18**
8. Our soul waits for the LORD. Ps. 33:20a
9. He is our help and shield. Ps. 33:20b
10. Our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name. Ps. 33:21
11. Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You. Ps. 33:22
12. Abram believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Gen. 15:6
13. Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Heb. 11:1
14. **Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Heb. 12:1**
15. Look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, Who, for the sake of the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb. 12:2
16. "Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!" Lk. 12:51
17. Is not My word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? Jer. 23:29
18. Restore us, O LORD God of hosts. Ps. 80:19a
19. Let Your face shine, that we may be saved. Ps. 80:19b
20. Rescue the weak and the needy. Ps. 82:4a
21. **Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to You! Ps. 82:8**
22. Offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe. Heb. 12:28b
23. For indeed our God is a consuming fire. Heb. 12:29
24. You are my rock and my fortress. Ps. 71:3b
25. Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked. Ps. 71:4a
26. For You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust. Ps. 71:5a
27. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Heb. 13:4
28. **Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have. Heb. 13:5**
29. Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Heb. 13:7
30. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Heb. 13:8
31. Let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God: the fruit of lips that confess His name. Heb. 13:15



Westheimer Community Church Confirms New Members

A pizza party was held on Sunday, February 20, 2022, sponsored by the Westheimer Community Christian Sisters Society honoring new members of the Westheimer Community Church. Confirmation congratulatory cards and gifts of key-chains with religious motif were presented to each Confirmand during the party.

Pictured on the cover of the April 2022 issue are L to R: Carolyn Beseda, President of the Westheimer Community Church Christian Sisters; Buddy and Neidin Allen, Confirmand parents; Jake Allen, Confirmand; Sophia Allen, Confirmand; LeRoy Parthum, President of the Westheimer Community Church Board of Elders; Adrienne Ross, Confirmand; Reynauldo Ross, Confirmand; Ray Ross and Christine Ramos, Confirmand parents. Not Pictured: Rev. Lisa Johnson.

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Austin – Bible Study at 10 AM
Worship at 11 AM.
– Rev. Joe Emerson

Bryan-College Station – Sunday School at 9:15 AM and Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Mark Sebek

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

Caldwell – Come as you are! **Sundays** – explore the Bible @ 9:30 AM (all ages); KIDS CHOIR practices @ 10:15 AM; & worship @ 10:30 AM! **Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday**, join the fun @ Family Game Night, 6-7:30 PM! Check out lifeatcbc.org for spiritual resources, events, videos, & more! Friend us on Facebook!
– Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

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

Dime Box – Worship at 9 AM every Sunday.
– Supply Pastors

Fayetteville – Worship at 10:00 AM. on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays.
– Rev. Mike Groseclose

Good Shepherd Moravian – Worship at 11:30 AM and 6:30 PM every Sunday.
– Rev. Adolfo Gonzalez

Granger – Worship service Sundays, 10 AM.
Bible Study Wednesdays, 5:30 PM.
– Judy Gotcher - Pulpit Supply

Houston – Sunday School at 9:15 AM;
Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Dr. Jerry Terrill

Industry – Worship at 5:00 PM on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays.
– Rev. Mike Groseclose

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

New Beginnings (1103 Harrisonburg Ln., College Station, TX 77845) – A Home Mission Project since 10/22/11 – Sunday School at 10:30 AM; Worship at 11:45 AM; Lunch after the service.
– Rev. Kay Polasek

New Tabor – Sunday School at 9 AM & Worship at 10 AM every Sunday, “Tune Up” on Wednesdays, 7:30 PM.
– Rev. David 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 – Kids’ 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 (all ages) at 9:30 AM; worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
Wednesday – Children’s Awanas, 5:30 PM.
– Rev. Thomas Tallas

Wesley – Worship at 9 AM every Sunday.
Sunday School follows.
– Rev. Michael Groseclose

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– Rev. Gerald Davis

Westheimer Community – Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
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