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Closer

By Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

When was the last time you felt truly close to God? Several years ago, I found myself on the floor of the Grand Canyon on a hot summer night on what was a “bucket list” trip. Most of the journey involved a lot of hiking which my husband loves, and I agreed to because of the promise of some awesome whitewater rafting- which turned out to be exhilarating! We pressed on carefully navigating switchbacks and slathering on quite a bit of sunscreen and enjoying deep conversation with good friends. My fondest memory, however, was lying down on the canyon floor in the dark of the night with an ocean of stars overhead flowing as if a blanket over me. It was warm enough that I slept in shorts and a tank top on top of my sleeping bag, with no sheet, paying careful attention

to countless scorpions that were iridescent in the moonlight and seemed to be everywhere except on me. Despite the seemingly imminent danger, my mind and my heart felt “lifted up” into the starry blanket above. I felt as if nothing at all could hinder that peace, and nothing did. In my thoughts and swimming through my emotions was a reality of spiritual ecstasy, of definitive connection with the Lord my God, of a holy communion with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Through nature, He spoke to my soul and drew me closer to Himself under that night sky, and whispered to me:*

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sake you.” (Hebrews 13:5)

God has promised that NOTHING can separate you or me from His love.

“For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
(Romans 8:38-39)

So in the middle of the struggles of life, when it seems as if God is far off, how do you enter His peaceful loving Presence again?

How do you regain that ocean of stars Grand Canyon moment surrounded by scorpions and yet untouched and unafraid of whatever lies before you?

You regain your peace and fearlessness by drawing closer to God in prayer.

You just stop and pray know-

ing that you have no clue what the outcome will be and yet you feel free to leave the outcome in the only safe place for it to be...in God's hands.

There was a man named David who was as flawed as you or me, who found himself for a season of his life on the run from an unlikely enemy, his own son. David was a king running from a broken relationship. His son Absalom had led a rebellion against him and his soldiers, so David fled into the wilderness for a time, no doubt filled with fear, a sense of rejection and failure and certainly heartache. The only direction for David to look in the wasteland of the northeastern wilderness of Judah was up, towards the God who he knew well: the God who helped him slay Goliath, to the God who made him a king. Surely, in the wilderness, God would meet David with an answer where

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there seemed to be no real solution. So what does David do? He prays. He gets closer to God by praying. Listen to his prayer:

“...O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory. Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips. When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches. Because You have been my help, Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice. My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me. But those who seek my life, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

They shall fall by the sword; They shall be a portion for jackals. But the king shall rejoice in God; Everyone who swears by Him shall glory; But the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.” (Psalm 63:1-11)

David responds to his fears by praising God for who He is and for the relationship that God has given David with Him:

God is...his God, powerful, glorious, loving, kind, worthy of praise and worship, the One who Satisfies, the One who is with him through the Night, his Help, the One who Gives him Wings, the One who Upholds him, the One who Brings Rejoicing, the One he can Follow, the One who Silences Liars!

When David prayed, he regained his ocean of stars Grand Canyon moment surrounded by scorpions and yet untouched and unafraid of whatever lay before him! Like the rest of us, he would have to pray a lot more

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throughout his life to get closer to God and stay in God's peace. The struggles of life will always abound. Our comfort comes in the Lord Jesus Christ's promise:

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

Your mission, should you choose to accept it:

Stop what you're doing.

Pray 2 things:

1. Thank God for who He is and what GOOD He has brought in your life. You WILL see that the scorpions do not

seem to matter that much anymore - even when you get an occasional sting.

2. Ask God to drive your mind and your heart under the holy, abundant and awesome power of the Holy Spirit.

Regardless of what distracting thought might come to mind right now, pray this prayer anyway and see what unimaginable things God can do- the One who Created you and has Loved you since before you were even in your mother's womb!

*Underneath an Ocean of Stars
with Jesus and You,
Sister Vanessa Mitchell*

Seaton BC Christian Sisters Bake Sale

The Seaton Brethren Church Christian Sisters will host their annual bake sale/quilt show fundraiser on Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the church, 12561 State Highway 53, Temple (Seaton).

Kolaches, cakes, pies, cookies, jellies, pecans, home-made canned goods & chicken dressing will be available for sale.

Pre-orders for chicken dressing only are being taken up to October 15. Call (254) 718-5356 or (254) 913-6054 to pre-order. Dressing is to be picked up at the church the day of the fundraiser.

Sandwiches and home-made soup will be available for sale.

A Re-Sale shop of gently used items will be open.

A handmade quilt and gift cards from businesses will be given away for a love donation of \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00.

Proceeds from the fundraiser benefit the many projects the Christian Sisters support.

The fundraiser is free and open to the public.

Hus in Exile

By Jim Pokorny

Based on the teachings of Hus, three men protested the sales of indulgences. Immediately following their expedited executions, Hus declared that the three were martyrs. Several Doctors within the University tried reigning in Hus, but they were no match for him. The clergy within Prague threw their weight into the effort. Michael of Deutschbrod, who sided with John XXIII, appealed to the Pope calling Hus “a son of iniquity.”

John XXIII excommunicated Hus yet again. This excommunication was the most severe to date. Its terms were quite specific. No one was to associate with Hus; no one was to provide him with food or drink; no one was to provide him with lodging; religious services would be suspended wherever he stayed; and should he die, Hus would be denied a Christian burial. The Interdiction at Prague was also

renewed.

Additional decrees demanded that Hus be seized. Other decrees called for Bethlehem Chapel to be destroyed. On October 2, 1412, a large contingency of armed men, mostly German, attempted this while Hus was preaching. The congregation stood firm and defended both Hus and Bethlehem Chapel. In response, Hus prepared an appeal directly to Christ and delivered it from the pulpit. This appeal was also publicly posted.

The Interdiction at Prague held. Not wanting the people to suffer on his behalf, Hus departed the city in December. The king consulted the College of the Twelve Elders. They suggested a Provincial Synod which met in February 1413. It failed to restore peace. The king also appointed a commission which was equally unsuccessful.



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Hus spent nineteen months in voluntary exile. He first took up residence at Kozi Hradek, the castle of a friend, before moving on to Krakowec. Hus was not idle during this period and often preached outdoors to the peasantry that flocked to hear him. Hus also wrote. He produced a great body of work in both Bohemian and Latin. Of these written works, his *Postil* and his *Treatise on Simony* are considered the most important. His value as a writer cannot be overstated. What Hus did for the Czech language is comparable to what Luther did for the German language and what Calvin did for the French. Hus purified the Czech language, refined its rules, and invented a new system of spelling. (It is important to note that this system was adopted by the Ancient Unity of the Brethren who continued its use well into the sixteenth century.) This system remains the standard. Hus also revised the Bohemian Bible and composed many hymns which made their

way into the Brethren Hymnal.

Hus regard for Scripture is evident in his writings during this period. Hus believed that the Bible is infallible and must be the guide in answering questions concerning faith and life. Hus believed the Bible to be the source of truth and it was the standard by which he reviewed the Church doctrines of his time.

Hus wrote on the state of man. "Man, on account of sin, is blind, impotent, full of error and exceedingly poor. He is blind because he does not properly recognize God; impotent, because he is unable to accomplish anything in the way of his own salvation; full of error, because he does not walk in the holy laws of God, which are the way of God; and poor, because he has lost everything which he possessed."

Hus believed in predestination, but compared to his contemporaries, his view was more scriptural. Hus taught that God's grace was universal and that it was His will that all should be

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saved. As for the lost, it was their unwillingness to believe and accept salvation that condemned them. Hus tied predestination to the foreknowledge of God.

Furthermore, Hus believed that faith works by love and endures. It is also a state of mind in which eternal life commences within us and helps us see irrefutable truths revealed by Scripture in a divine way. This faith is the foundation the Church shares in fellowship. Hus wrote: "Through the law no one is justified, but through faith in Christ, because He removes from us the way of iniquity through the law of grace."

And, according to Hus: "Jesus Christ is the mediator of our salvation," "the ground of all merit in the members of His Church." "Nothing constitutes a more essential part of religion than the

obedience which men owe God."

Although excommunicated and living in exile, Hus remained both productive and resolutely committed to defending the truth.

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Youth Retreat Dates - registration deadline in ():

September 17-18, 2022 (Aug. 28)

November 5-6, 2022 (Oct. 16)

January 7-8, 2023 (Dec. 11)

March 25-26, 2023 (March 5)

Retreat Fee \$30 (Late fee \$10) • T-shirt \$15 (sizes: youth small-Adult 3X)

Late registrations are accepted with a late fee; however, t-shirts will not be able to be ordered.

Check in is from 8:30-9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Dismissal is at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Please note that staff is aware that these retreats sometimes conflict with school activities. Youth are welcome to arrive late on the first day if needed.

Registration forms, retreat information, and what to bring are posted on the youth website: www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.org. Bring a friend and come and join us for a weekend of fun!

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Saturday, March 4, 2023

Hus Encampment

Registration Deadline:

February 12

Bible lessons, games, music, crafts and more. Bring a friend!

Adult Volleyball Day

Saturday, April 1, 2023

Hus Encampment

This is a day of fellowship and volleyball for ANYONE over 21. More details soon!

Alpha Safari Adventure 2022

Alpha campers gathered in for a fun, hot week of camp. Our main focus for the week was who we are as God's child. We are fearfully and wonderfully made by God for his purpose, and we are responsible for ourselves and our faith. We have to make a choice on how we act, live, and who we follow. We cannot change other people, but we can change ourselves. It is our choice to love and serve God regardless of what others choose to do.

These lessons were covered in association with animals from our alpha safari. The elephant reminded us that wisdom comes from God's word. The cheetah taught us about our strengths and limitations. A zebra reminded us that although we are unique, our lives should show that we are all part of God's family. The giraffe reminded us that we have to stand tall and encourage and build one another up. We have to soar like an eagle, making the choice to rise up with God no matter what. The lion taught us that we have a king: king Jesus who is our all in all, our everything. And we must be like a hippo and find time to submerge ourselves in living water as we rest in God's presence.

May you too never forget that you are:

MADE BY GOD, for His purpose;

KNOWN BY GOD, fully and completely;

LOVED BY GOD, unconditionally.

CHOOSE JESUS, He's everything!



In Christ's Love...

from the Foreign Missions Fields

From the Jelski Family

SEPTEMBER, 2022
Katzir summer
youth camp

Dear Friends,

I want to share with you a personal account of what the Lord did during the camp both in the teens and my own life. My own experience at our recent summer camp for Israeli teens caught me by surprise. I didn't expect the youth to respond so tenderly, so deeply. I didn't expect to plunge into the turbulent waters of heavy moral issues. And I didn't expect the level of honesty, repentance, and healing that took place. It's hard to put into words all that happened during this summer camp. But I must try because you deserve to know what a difference your prayers and financial support are making.

All-Time High Attendance and Immediate Openness to God

To quickly recap, we held the Katzir/Harvest camp from August 14-18. A weekend of team preparation preceded the camp. Nearly 40 small group leaders and logistics personnel volunteered their entire week to serve 107 teens. This was by far the biggest event in our 22-year history. Many more registered than we had room for, so we are trusting the Lord to know how we can expand to meet this exciting hunger among young Israeli believers.

God showed up right away. It normally takes a day or two to reach a level of openness and vulnerability to see teens actively respond to the worship and teaching. But already during our first evening meeting, teens were responding earnestly: asking for prayer, crying, and repenting. It's no secret that today's teens are dealing with issues of sexuality, gender



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identity, and same-sex attraction. In prayer before the camp, we felt the need to address these sensitive areas in order to equip the young people to live for God in a media-saturated world.

Facing the Challenge of Social-Media Driven Sexual Confusion

A mature, experienced pastor on our senior staff spoke about the issues of same-sex attraction and the LGBTQ movement. He asked the young people many questions, appropriately drawing them into a biblical perspective. Following this session, when at times you could hear the proverbial pin drop, we broke into separate groups of men and women. (This way, there would be openness in a safe setting.) We encouraged them to ask questions about anything, including dating, sex, and overcoming pornography.

A panel of adult men—Katzir leaders—shared our testimonies of temptation, struggle, and ultimately—wholeness. It's surprising and amazing really, to see that whenever we are vulnerable and real as leaders, the teens respond with a level of honesty and openness that is normally hard to achieve otherwise. Praise God: this is what happened. Many teens expressed their appreciation for this question-and-answer time, as awkward as they may have felt at moments. While the subject matter is extremely sensitive - these sessions helped them to face the very real issues teens are dealing with on a daily basis. You simply cannot

talk about equipping a generation to walk with God and be laborers for the harvest while ignoring these challenging topics.

Many of our teens are confused about these issues. They are indoctrinated by the educational system and by their friends to question what the Word of God says. As a result, many are not sure where they stand. We must bring truth and clarity but also relate with compassion, telling stories of victory to give them hope for the future. As the camp unfolded, we saw God working in their hearts. They gained clarity and fresh confidence in their faith through the messages and discussions.

God's Work in my own Heart

God's deep work was not only among the youth. Throughout the camp, I was deeply touched in ways I can't describe. I heard several stories of teens who had been sexually assaulted or harassed. They had been ignored by leaders, congregations, and even family members. My heart was especially broken by how poorly our young sisters in the faith have been treated.

This reality hit me directly when we had to expel a young man for entirely inappropriate remarks he made to a couple of girls. This grieved me. The boy missed the whole point of our equipping. But that unfortunate event brought clarity into my heart. It was the first time we had such a case happen at our camps. It made it clear to me that as we move forward, we cannot stand by doing nothing



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From the Jelski Family

when these things happen. We must call it out, speak the truth, repent, apologize, and take decisive action.

On the final night, I was scheduled to give the message. My heart was burdened. I didn't know how I could speak to the teens feeling this way. I prayed for hours. All I knew was that I needed to give them an invitation to know and experience the love of Yeshua for themselves directly. I desperately wanted them to know that He was knocking on the doors of their heart. I also knew that I could not speak until I openly repented as a man to the women in our camp. So, before speaking, I repented to the young women for how men in the body of Messiah have mistreated them, how we have taken lightly their pain, and how we have

ignored their pleas for help. Congregations, youth groups, and even bible camps have, at times, become places where women don't feel safe.

I wanted them to know that to God (and to us in Katzir), this is unacceptable. Katzir will not be a place where women feel unsafe. In our camps, women will be believed and supported, even if they have a complaint about a leader. I urged the young men who had taken this issue lightly or had made jokes about it to repent and understand how serious this issue is before the Lord. (I heard afterward from several guys that it was a wakeup call for them, and they had never seen this issue that way).

Young Hearts Opening to Yeshua

I then spoke about what the Lord put on my heart and invited them to make a decision—to receive Yeshua into their heart. More than 30 teens stood up and came forward to make that decision, either for the first time or as a rededication (if they'd not been truly walking with Him). It was an incredible response and something none of us could have caused by our own strength or ability. God was doing heart surgery, moving throughout the whole room.

On the last day of the camp, I



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

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spent much of the day in tears. Something was still happening to me, and during the worship, as I was about to close the worship, we were singing the word “Yeshua,” and suddenly, the Holy Spirit came down, and I began to weep on my knees. Teens were also aware of the Lord’s presence. Some were on their knees weeping. Others with their hands raised in the air.

Everyone in the room (remember, we’re talking about over 100 teenagers) continued singing His name for another 20 minutes or so. God was touching these young people in the depths of their hearts. And what was happening to me? I believe I was feeling the burden of the Lord for the pain many of these teens are carrying. I still don’t fully understand what the Lord was doing.

Over the next two hours, as we were trying to wrap up the camp, I came up to say something on the microphone many times. But each time, I began to cry and had to ask another

leader to step in for me. I have never experienced anything like that. I’m still praying and processing what it all means for me personally.

Please pray that the fruit from this camp will endure in these young lives. There were several teens we referred to professional counseling. Please pray for them to experience freedom and healing as a result of the things the Lord exposed and brought to the surface during the camp. One of the cases was a HUGE breakthrough. A young person who’d been reluctant to get help agreed. We are now praying for her heart to turn fully to Yeshua. Beloved, we want to do more than talk about the painful things. We want to invite God in to bring healing and full restoration of their hearts and souls.

I close with this request: Please pray for our team. Our leadership team came away from the camp exhausted emotionally yet enormously grateful and encouraged by the fruit they witnessed. I can’t say enough



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

From the Jelski Family

about how gifted and amazing the team is that the Lord put together for Katzir. Our camps would not be the same without them. Please pray, as they continue in their places of daily work, study, and ministry, that the Lord would renew them body, soul, and spirit.

Thank you for taking the time to read these extensive personal reflections.

We love you and count it a privilege to serve Israel's youth side by side!

Family update

Thank you for everyone who prayed and helped us during this season. We finished our move in late

July to our new apartment, and the Lord provided through your generosity all we needed. It was an exhausting few weeks with the move and preparations for our annual Katzir summer camp. I'm glad we are finally settled in (more or less). Another big steppingstone for our family - Boaz started 1st grade last week.

Thank you for being with our family both in prayer and financially. We would not be able to do what we do without you.

*With much love and appreciation,
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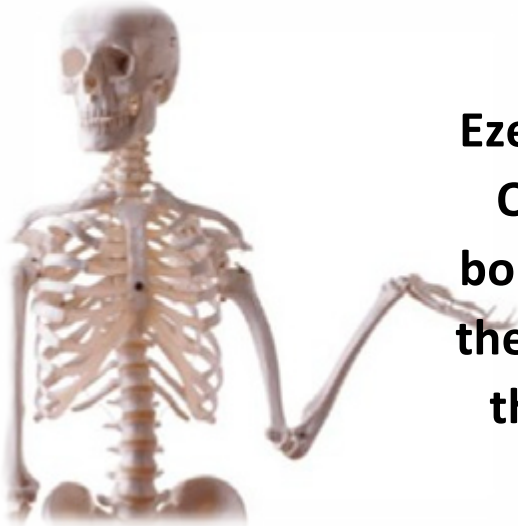
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Sunday School Helper



Ezekiel 37:4

**O ye dry
bones, hear
the Word of
the Lord.**

Capitalize on the “bony” Halloween decorations to share the story of Ezekiel!

Ezekiel had a scary vision---a valley of dry bones! But the story of Ezekiel is not a scary story, but a story of hope and what God can do for His people. After Jerusalem was destroyed, Ezekiel began prophesying about the hope that God would restore the Jews to their land someday. God showed Ezekiel how he could bring a bunch of old dry bones to life. In the same way God could bring his people back to life if they would turn to him.

Dem' Dry Bones

LESSON: The Valley of Bones

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Read Ezekiel 37:1 and ask if anyone has had a scary dream? Ezekiel had a dream or vision of a valley filled with bones. Show a skeleton and ask how Ezekiel might have felt about his dream.

God asked Ezekiel if he thought the bones were alive.

Ezekiel said, You know.

Read Ezekiel 37: 4-14 and discuss with the following questions:

What was Ezekiel to prophesy over the bones? *Hear the word of the Lord. The Lord will cause breath to enter them, and they will live.*

What were the bones to know? That He is the Lord.

What happened after Ezekiel spoke to the bones? *The bones rattled and started fitting together. Then the muscles were added and skin. But they did not have any breath.*

What happened next? *Ezekiel told the bones to breathe, and the four winds came and the bones became a great army.*

What do the bones represent? *Judah and Israel*

Why did the people of Israel have not hope? *Because they had been exiled and were away from their land and people.*

Take away points: 1) We can be sure that if God says He will do something, He will. He is incapable of lying. 2) God loves His people and wants what is best for them. 3) Without God, we are dry bones--1 John 5:12, "He that hath the Son, hath life; and he that hath NOT the Son of God hath not life."

OBJECT LESSON: Macaroni

ITEMS NEEDED: Bag of Macaroni, cooked mac-n-cheese
Show the bag of macaroni. Ask if anyone wants some?



Give each child a few dry macaroni. Ask what is missing (They are uncooked.)

Say: The dry macaroni reminds me of the prophet Ezekiel. God showed him a valley filled with dry bones. God asked Ezekiel if the bones could be revived then told him to speak to the bones. When Ezekiel spoke exactly what God instructed him to say, the bones came back to life!

Say: Look at the macaroni again. They don't look very good. But if we boil them, add some milk and cheese, we get something really good. Life is like that too. Sometimes it is hard to think anything good is going to happen, we are in a valley of dry bones. But God can change that!

Give everyone a small serving of mac-n-cheese.

FUN BONE FACTS

- Adults usually have 206 bones, but babies are born with 300!
- Half of your bones are found in your hands and feet.
- There is only one bone that is not connected to another bone in your body. The hyoid is a bone that is surrounded by muscles just under the base of your tongue.
- The femur is the largest bone.
- The stapes, in the middle ear, is the smallest and lightest bone of the human skeleton.
- Most people have 12 ribs, but some have 13.
- Teeth are stronger than bones.



SKELETON CRAFT

Materials: paper, Q tips, glue
Use Q tips to make a skeleton.



Daily Morsels for October 2022

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

From the Holy Bible New Revised Standard Version

1. Those who love Me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know My name. Ps. 91:14
2. **This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end. Lam. 3:21-22**
3. His mercies are new every morning. Great is Your faithfulness. Lam. 3:23
4. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in Him.” Lam. 3:24
5. The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul that seeks Him. Lam. 3:25
6. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. Lam. 3:26
7. Take delight in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Ps. 37:4
8. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act. Ps. 37:5
9. **Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently**



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for Him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way. Ps. 37:7a

10. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret-- it leads only to evil. Ps. 37:8

11. God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. 2 Tim. 1:7

12. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord..., but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God. 2 Tim. 1:8

13. I know the One in Whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that He is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to Him. 2 Tim. 1:12b

14. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15

15. The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy, established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. Ps. 111:7-8

16. He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant for-



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ever. Holy and awesome is His name. Ps. 111:9

17. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever. Ps. 111:10

18. I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come? Ps. 121:1

19. My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. Ps. 121:2

20. He Who keeps you will not slumber. Ps. 121:3b

21. The LORD is your keeper. Ps. 121:5a

22. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before My eyes; cease to do evil. Isa. 1:16

23. Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Isa. 1:17

24. Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it. 2. Tim. 3:14

25. From childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct



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you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. 3:15

26. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. 2 Tim. 3:16

27. I solemnly urge you to proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable. 2 Tim. 4:1b-2a

28. Convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. 2 Tim. 4:2b

29. The time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires. 2 Tim. 4:3

30. People will turn away from listening to the

truth and wander away to myths. 2 Tim. 4:4

31. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. 2 Tim. 4:5

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October 29, 2022 – Fall Synodical Committee Meeting at the Hus Encampment. Meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Save the Dates ...

November 5, 2022 - The Seaton Brethren Church Christian Sisters Annual Bake Sale & Quilt Show at the church, 12561 State Highway 53, Temple (Seaton) from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For additional information, see the article in this issue or contact (254) 913-6054.

November 5-6, 2022 – Youth Retreat at the Hus Encampment. Deadline to register is October 16. Registration forms, retreat information, and what to bring are posted on the youth website: www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.org.

November 8, 2022 - Minister's Gathering at the Hus Encampment. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

January 7-8, 2023 – Youth Retreat at the Hus Encampment. Deadline to register is December 11.

March 25-26, 2023 – Youth Retreat at the Hus Encampment. Deadline to register is March 5.

March 4, 2023 – State Children's Rally at the Hus Encampment. Registration Deadline is February 12.

April 1, 2023 – Adult Volleyball Day at the Hus Encampment. A day of fellowship and volleyball for ANYONE over 21. More details soon!

**For more information ...
about the Hus School Encampment go to
www.huscamp.org**

Does your church/organization have an activity that you would like to include in this listing? Please send activity information including a contact name, phone number and/or email address to the Brethren Journal Editor at: editor.brethrenjournal@gmail.com. Information must be received by the first day of the month immediately preceding the month of publication.

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Austin – Bible Study at 10 AM
Worship at 11 AM.
– Rev. Joe Emerson
“the last service was held on Sunday, July 3, 2022”

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 on 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;
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– Rev. Dr. Jerry Terrill

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

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– 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.
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Worship – 10:15 AM.
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Taylor – Worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
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Temple – Cross Church on Birdcreek – Sunday School at 9:30 AM.; Worship at 10:45 AM.
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– Dr. Mark Labaj
5th Sunday – Visiting Ministers

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

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