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Annie! Annie! Are You Okay?

By Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

Long ago, when I was in high school, with a very big classic 1980s hairstyle and a neon pink purse, one of the objectives in my driver's education class was to master CPR techniques. At the time, CPR was a different ballpark. There was no CPR mouth barrier to protect you from the other person's germs. The coach who taught the course may or may not have instructed us to wipe the mouth of the mannequin upon which we practiced CPR. The mannequin was named Annie. For whatever reason, naming a mannequin made us giggle and crack jokes, but in hindsight, it did help us see that this would be something that we might one day perform on a real person. The script I had to follow each time as I practiced CPR began with: "Annie! Annie! Are you okay?" Decades later, unfortunately, I remember

nothing else except for tilting the person's head and pinching their nose before I give rescue breaths. I completely forgot about the chest compressions! Yes. I reviewed the CPR steps as I wrote this, thankfully!

All of this led me to ponder how God resuscitates us. You or I can follow steps to revive a person that may or may not work. God, however, always brings to life whomever He determines and whatever He has planned. He is sovereign. Our Creator has total control over all of life and death. Rather than bend to the temptation to sin and say: "Well then, what's the point, if nothing I do matters?" ***Bend to the truth that God created you in His image, as one of His treasured possessions in all this world, to do His work in His power. What a glorious purpose in life!!!*** The



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Lord of life and death, the One who has the only authority in this world to raise up and bring down, has raised you up to live out His loving plan for you in His arms. Of course, we know that there are countless struggles in this life. Jesus talks about it and shares His encouragement with us. He says: "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) What does it mean that Jesus has overcome this world that we see each day in such a flux? God the Father gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, that whoever believes in Him should not die but have eternal life, face-to-face in His glory in Heaven. Whatever struggle we have in this world, the Lord Jesus knows, and He is your Strength from one situation to the next. What is more, the Lord Jesus is awaiting you in Heaven!

The Lord Jesus wants you

to be more than okay and has the power to "resuscitate you" so that you are living in peace and not "hanging by a bare thread." HOW?

1. Jesus "resuscitates" you with His words of life and peace and healing from the Holy Bible. ***You need the words in the Bible. They are alive and food for the soul.***

2. Jesus "resuscitates" you with friends and family who love Him and carry you through with their faithful prayers. ***You need to be plugged into a church. Forget about the "hypocrites" rant. Church is a group of real people who know they need God and each other to make it through victoriously in this life.***

3. Jesus "resuscitates" you most of all with His literal Presence. ***You need to talk to God every day. The truth is that we make time for things that we want to do. The more you reach out to Him, the better you get at being able to***

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recognize and hear His voice.

Romans 4 tells of Abraham's "hope against hope." God promised Abraham that He would make him the "father of many nations," with descendants as numerous as the stars, and yet he found himself at 99 years of age with his wife Sarah who was way past child-bearing age, and **THEY DID NOT GIVE UP HOPE IN THE LORD. Abraham and Sarah may have appeared to the onlooker as hanging by a bare thread, but they did not see it that way.**

The Apostle Paul's Letter to the Romans, chapter 4, verses 17-25, in the Holy Bible:

"As it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'—**in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, Abraham believed** that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So

numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. **No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.** Therefore his faith 'was credited to him as righteousness' Now the words, 'it was credited to him, were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be credited to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our sins and was raised for our justification."

"Annie! Annie! Are you okay?"

That CPR script from the driver's education class still rings in my mind.



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The Lord Jesus wants you to be more than okay and has the power to “resuscitate you” so that you are living in peace and not “hanging by a bare thread.”

Take Him up on His offer.

You are in the Presence of God whether you believe it or not.

Perhaps you have just forgotten because your struggles are past the full line on your jar.

God is the One who gives life to the dead.

God is the One who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hope against hope.

Hope with a capital “H” is Hope in the One who never disappoints- the Lord Jesus

Christ, the One who gave His life for you that you and I may have eternity face-to-face with Him in Heaven in His perfect peace and JOY!!!

Today, do not allow distrust; talk with God.

Today, do not waver; ask a friend to pray for you to stand strong.

Today, cling tight to a promise from God in the Bible.

Today, be fully convinced that the Lord Jesus Christ IS FULLY ABLE TO CARRY YOU THROUGH YOUR STRUGGLE!

The One who suffered on the Cross and died and rose, conquering the power of death over you, is calling you to live abundantly NOW, TODAY!

Pause long enough to pray:

“Jesus, breathe Your life into me, so that I can live for You.”

*Being Resuscitated by Jesus
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Hus: A Legacy Forged in Exile

By Jim Pokorny

The exile of Jan Hus continued. From his writings during this period of exile, we gain better insight into his convictions regarding predestination, faith, justification, and the sacraments. The view Hus held differed from that of later Reformers. Hus did not see justification as a deliberate act of God, but rather as an intuitive event in man brought about by his faith.

Whereas some considered Justification, sanctification, faith, and love as distinct and separate, Hus perceived these in combination. To put it simply, grace produces faith. This faith produces a new, religious, and moral life within man. With renewed strength, man loves both God and his fellow man. It then follows that man performs good works - "If there is no time to do good works, faith alone is sufficient, as is shown by the malefactor on the cross. But if there

is time, then not faith alone, and not works alone, but both together are necessary for salvation and justification."

For Hus, the Church consisted of both sheep and goats just as stated in Matthew 25. The true Church, by contrast, is composed of those so predestined by an omniscient God. No human entity or organization could make one a part of it. Christ was the head of the true Church. Christ was also its foundation, not Peter or the Popes. Hus held that Christ was the rock upon which the true Church was built and in which every Christian may engage in spiritual work. Peter is the Church that has received the keys to the kingdom of heaven. By this, the clergy was empowered to preach and administer the sacraments. Hus, in contrast to the papacy in Rome, did not believe that Christ made Peter



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pope. Moreover, Peter never claimed this. In the view of Hus, a single man could not be considered the head of the Church spread across the known world because he was, unlike Christ, both mortal and fallible.

Hus also believed that lay people, like the clergy and civil authorities, have rights and privileges within the Church. Hus believed that civil authorities should help the lay people secure those rights so that they too might be heard. Considering the age in which Hus lived, this viewpoint was quite remarkable. He also believed that humble ministers should be allowed to preach and that no man, not even the Pope, had a right to prevent

this. And, as he demonstrated consistently in his own case, Hus believed that an excommunicated minister should be allowed to preach until sufficient grounds for his excommunication were established. Hus, just one week prior to his martyrdom, wrote a letter to Hawlik who oversaw Bethlehem Chapel. Hus closed this letter with "Preach the Word of God."

As for the sacraments, Hus recognized seven. Among these was the Lord's Supper. It is not surprising that Hus believed in transubstantiation, the belief that the elements were transformed into the body and blood of Christ at consecration. Unlike some of

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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.

his contemporaries who claimed that transubstantiation resulted from their power, Hus believed that it was God who brought about this transformation. In addition, Hus believed that this sacrament was for the benefit of the one partaking and was thus united with Christ. As for penance, Hus believed that God alone had the power to forgive sin through the merit of Christ. He also held that both sincere confession and contrition of the heart were essential qualities in the one seeking forgiveness.

It would not be long before the journey of Hus would take him to Constance and the stake beyond it. But in examining his views and his doctrine, it should come as no surprise that Hus profoundly influenced the Ancient Unity of the Brethren. It therefore follows that the ancient Unity, be-

lieving themselves disciples of Hus, preserved that influence. This is especially true when their discipline and their belief that faith must be completed in love are considered. Compared with their contemporaries, the ancient Brethren placed greater emphasis on orthopraxy (right action) than on orthodoxy (right belief). They also believed that during the Lord's Supper they were all sharing in the community of the body and blood of Christ. They believed that they were united in Christ through faith just as was promised in John 6:56.

Thankfully, the doctrine, views, and the writings of Hus have withstood the test of time. And, like the ancient Unity that preceded us, we are also the beneficiaries of the legacy Hus imparted.



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Youth Retreats for 2022-2023

Youth retreats are for any youth ages 12-21. (11-year-olds in 6th grade may also attend.) These retreats are held at the Hus Encampment. Come hang out and reconnect with camp friends through Bible lessons, games, music, and special activities.

Youth Retreat Dates - registration deadline in ():

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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Ages 3-11

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!

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

From Robert and Anne Thiessen

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

New Jobs

Dear Friends,

Last Friday I and a few new friends went to a First Nations reserve, about an hour from here. Actually, whether it is the reserve or not depends on who you talk to. It was going to be a housing development project of million-dollar homes, on land the Canadian government called "crown land." However, some members of the local tribe claim it as their own unceded land and started occupying it two years ago. It's still a big legal case in the courts.

There were about a dozen small buildings, mostly shacks, spread out over thirty acres of chewed up land (the building project was well under way when the protest started, with sewers and other infrastructure already mostly in place). Graffiti and debris are the only decorations. Just a few locals were there to receive the meal that my friends brought up with them. We ate together in a plywood worksite kitchen, from disposable dinnerware, chatting about the weather, this particular situation, and some general history of First Nations subjugation.

Over three decades among indigenous groups in Mexico I learned that my first impressions aren't to be trusted. There is always a way bigger situation going on than meets the eye. So, here too, I need to wait, build relationships, ask questions, listen carefully, and be open to dig

deeper. I'll keep going once a month and am also looking for more local opportunities to understand the troubled history and present reality of Ontario's indigenous people.

Our own present reality has taken a couple turns. I continue with Multiply (the denominational mission agency of the Mennonite Brethren), though at 60%-time commitment. The need for training new missionaries is being met through other avenues, and so I will now concentrate on First Nations ministry. I am part of a team of Multiply missionaries, three families spread out over hundreds of miles. A lot of the next year for me will be learning and relating.

Anne started a new job (she is no longer "employed" by Multiply) as an Educational Assistant in a Chris-



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From Robert and Anne Thiessen

tian grade school. This is full-time, but like so many private religious schools, not well-paid. Regardless, she is glad to have the routine and to be back in the educational world. My 60% involvement arises out of two realities: 1. At this point I can't move up north or out onto a reserve (a lot of complexity around that) and need to build slowly into what this opportunity might entail, and 2. our support has decreased significantly (also complex). I will become bivocational, looking for work in the couple different trades that I have in my background. I finally get to do what I've been a part of helping Mexican missionaries do (and Hon-

durans before that) since 1988.

Thank you to all the faithful supporters who have partnered with us over these many years. If anyone else wants to join our (I still include Anne in "my" ministry) team of partners, the following link is to the website of Multiply: <https://multiply.net/global-worker/robert-anne-thiessen>

If you want to support another way, please write to me and we can set something up.

And as always, many thanks for your support through prayers and other ways.

Blessings, Robert

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From Pavel and Stania Kozak



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The Adventure Continues...

Warm Autumn Greetings from Moravia!

In our last newsletter we did inform you about the situation in the Czech Republic, mainly about the Ukraine refugees, especially about Ukraine mothers and their kids. The situation in Ukraine is still very dramatic and dangerous for many people. You surely can see the pictures and reports on your TV.

The truth is that the Government of Czech Republic is trying to do their best to help. They are financing many programs and activities for them.

We were very blessed when we could continuously minister to the Ukraine people during the summer too. We had a privilege to participate on various camps which were focused on the Ukraine kids.

For the kids it was great opportunity to know more Czech kids, our customs, land, language, songs, etc. And as usual Stania did GREAT job to minister to them! There is great



space to make new friendships in Christ Love and a good place for prayers and for encouragement via the Word of God.

When we see the situation today, most of the refugees did find a job and became active parts of our society. Their kids are attending our schools, learning the language and



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

From Pavel and Stania Kozak



new school knowledge. We can see that more and more of them decided to take the offered help and they do live on their own.

But we still pray for Ukraine, for the peace and mainly for the restoration of all destroyed cities and villages. The pictures we can see here are more than terrible! We know that the devil wants to destroy all things,

but all the PRAYERS are powerful enough to change the situation in Christ Jesus our Lord!

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.

A Word from Stania...

Children are the same everywhere

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I would like to send you warm greetings from Moravia. I love to minister to the kids and so let me say some words.

When I see the Ukraine kids and talk with them, I see how sensitive they are concerning homesick, separation, fear and pain. Thanks to the God's Grace I could participate on some various camps for a Ukraine kids. Every man needs love and ac-



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And so fulfill the Law of
Christ."* (Gal. 6:2)

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ceptionation and the kids many, many times more!

During one camp I took care for two Ukraine girls. They didn't talk Czech very well they had been afraid to Czech kids and did have a problem to be a part of the social group. They did cry pretty often. But they were longing for love, hugs, and acceptance. Normally Ukraine kids are very lively and super active. They usually like to be a part of many various activities.

I knew that my ministry to them must be a ministry of LOVE. We spent together so much time in talks, sharing and opening the hearts, having a prayer time and I saw that all of this meant for those teens a lot! They knew that they are very important for the Father God and that He LOVES them so much!

I met also one 11 years old boy. He was crying pretty often, and I asked him why he is crying so often. He started to share that a bomb did totally ruin their place and that they lost everything!

All this is still showing me how the LOVE is important in a kid life. Together with God's peace, protection, prayers, good godly family, education, etc. This is why we are so thankful to the Father God for this type of Ministry we can humbly do in His Name. Ministry to the kids and to the youth is so important everywhere, but mainly in our atheistic country!

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!

A BIG THANK YOU for your prayers for our health and protection! THANK YOU!



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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 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!!! BIG THANK YOU for your prayers for our health and protection! THANK YOU!

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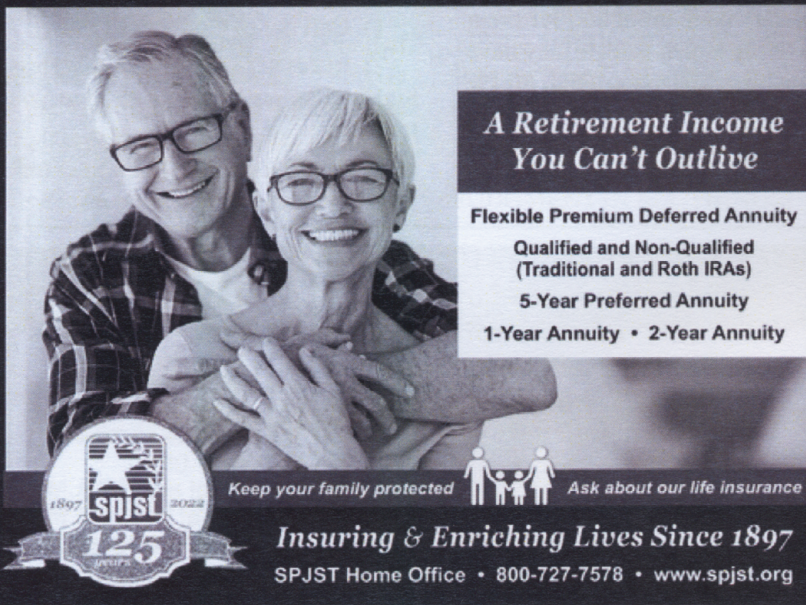
Please pray for adults who already did hear the Gospel to OPEN their hearts in repentance to the Lord Jesus.

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

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“The Lord is
with me; I will not
be afraid.” —
Psalm 118:6.

Fall brings all things harvest, pumpkins, falling leaves, and scarecrows. Some children may be fearful of scarecrows, but a scarecrow can be a great jumping off point for some fun Bible lessons. This month we will use scarecrows to talk about salvation, fear, and trust.

SCARECROWS

LESSON: Scarecrow Salvation

Scripture: various

Preparation: Make a large scarecrow cutout. Make “patches” to add to the scarecrow. Patches needed: cross, dove, tree, candle, heart

Show the large cutout of a scarecrow and introduce him to the children as Sal the Scarecrow. Show the patch with the cross. Tell children that all have sinned and the Jesus died on the cross to forgive you of your sin and give you new life. Add that patch to the scarecrow. Show the patch with the dove: He sent his Spirit like a dove to live inside you. Add the patch to the scarecrow. Show the patch of the tree: He gives you faith and helps it grow, strong as the strongest tree. Add the patch to the scarecrow. Show the candle patch: The light of Jesus shines in you. Tell everyone you know! Add the patch to the scarecrow. Show the heart patch: God’s given you eternal life because he loves you so much! Add the last patch to the scarecrow.

OBJECT LESSON: Scarecrow

Have you ever seen a scarecrow? Farmers use them in their fields. Do you know why? To scare away crows and other kinds of birds that eat their crops. Wouldn’t it be great if we could use scarecrows to scare away frightening things in our lives? What are some things that scare you? (Allow for discussion). We can’t use scarecrows to scare away frightening things, but we do have someone who has promised to be with us, to protect us and to never leave us. We have Jesus, our Savior and Forever Friend. This is what the Bible says he has promised his children: “The LORD is with me; I will not be



afraid." (Psalm 118:6) "You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble." (Psalm 32:7) and "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Joshua 1:5) Let's pray and ask Jesus to help us trust him to protect us (Pray specifically about the scary things mentioned during your discussion time. Thank God that he has promised to protect and never leave us.).

CRAFT: Paper tube Scarecrow

Materials: toilet paper tube or paper towel tube, popsicle stick, cupcake liner, raffia

Directions: Draw a face on the tube, You can also decorate the tube with patches. Add raffia to the top for hair. Add the cupcake liner as a hat. Glue on the popsicle stick for arms.



CRAFT: Scarecrow Lollipop

Materials: Tootsie pop or round lollipop, thin burlap fabric or cloth (4"-5" square) enough to fit around the lollipop; rubber band; 2"-3" round piece of green felt or fabric; orange and black yarn; strip of paper with Psalm 118:6, hole punch; permanent black marker; glue

Directions: Place fabric over lollipop. Wrap a rubber band around the "neck" of the scarecrow to hold in place. Draw the eyes, nose and mouth using the black marker. Tie orange and black yarn around the neck of the scarecrow. Glue the round piece of green felt to the top of the lollipop to form the hat* (you can dip the top of the lollipop into the glue or hot glue a ring of glue around the lollipop to cover the sides, back and brow of the face).

Punch a hole in the strip of paper. Tie the Bible verse to the neck of the scarecrow using another piece of yarn



Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

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.

Save the Dates ...

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.

VITAL STATISTICS

RECENT DEATHS

CHERVENKA, CAROL BERNICE (SEBEK), 72, a life-long member of the Ocker Brethren Church died September 22, 2022 at home. She was born May 1, 1950 in Temple to Joe and Bernice Marek Sebek. She graduated from Rogers High School in 1968 and married Johnny L. Chervenka, Jr. on February 14, 1970. Carol was preceded in death by her parents, a sister DeAnn Lois Sebek, and her husband. She is survived by son John Paul Chervenka and wife, Jennifer; daughter, Tracey Chervenka and Jerome Stowers; brothers, David Sebek and wife, Lisa; Rev. Mark Sebek and wife,

Valerie; and Ryan Sebek and wife, Stacie. She is also survived by eight grandchildren. Carol was an outstanding athlete in her day and time at Rogers High School, she was an accomplished seamstress and a retired banker. She dearly loved her family and most importantly, she loved her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 1 at the Ocker Brethren Church with burial in the Ocker Cemetery. Scanio-Harper Funeral Home of Temple was in charge of arrangements. Ministers: Rev. Brad Herridge and Rev. Larry Zabcik

Daily Morsels for November 2022

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

From the Holy Bible New Revised Standard Version

1. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—yes, forever and ever.” Dan. 7:18

2. I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. Eph. 1:16

3. 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

4. With the eyes of your heart enlightened, {may} you know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of

His glorious inheritance among the saints. Eph. 1:18

5. What is the immeasurable



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greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. Eph. 1:19

6. 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

7. {He is} far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. Eph. 1:21

8. He has put all things under His feet and has made Him the head over all things for the church, His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. Eph. 1:22-23

9. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, Who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. 2 Thess. 2:16-17

10. For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last He will

stand upon the earth. Job 19:25

11. For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. Isa. 65:17

12. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating. Isa. 65:18a

13. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; He has become my salvation. Isa. 12:2

14. O sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Ps. 98:1a

15. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Ps. 98:3b



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16. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Ps. 98:4

17. Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre; ...with trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD. Ps. 98:5a, 6

18. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity. Ps. 98:9b

19. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. 2 Thess. 3:13

20. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

21. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power. Col. 1:11a

22. May you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father. Col. 1:11b-12a

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



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24. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. Ps. 100:4

25. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Phil. 4:6

26. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:7

27. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Mt. 24:42

28. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,

whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Phil. 4:8

29. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. Jn. 6:27

30. Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty." Jn. 6:35

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Worship at 11 AM.
– Rev. Joe Emerson
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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

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– 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

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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

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– 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

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– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

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– Pastor Ben Kruse

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– Rev. Denise Mikeska

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– Rev. Joseph Polasek

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– Rev. James Hejl

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– Rev. Tim Chaplin

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– Dr. Mark Labaj
5th Sunday – Visiting Ministers

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– Rev. Thomas Tallas

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Sunday School follows.
– Rev. Michael Groseclose

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