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Ten Years and Counting

By Jim Pokorny

This offering is incredibly special to me as it marks my ten-year anniversary as a contributor to *The Brethren Journal*. Many of you have reached out to me either via email or in person on Sunday mornings regarding these offerings. The series I just completed on Jan Hus seemed to strike a chord and I am extremely grateful that it did.

Although it is true that we continue to celebrate the life of Hus each first Sunday in July, the constraints of time limit what can be said about this man of God. The principles and the teachings of Hus inspired those who would later establish the ancient Unity of the Brethren in 1457, 42 years after his martyrdom. This young church would completely break from the established church by electing its own priesthood ten years later. This move was not taken lightly. Before placing the matter in God's hands through the casting of lots, they first entered a period of prayer and fasting. As importantly, they also insured that they permitted

God the opportunity to deny their request.

As for Hus, I decided that my best approach would be to write a series of articles on his journey through a complicated and often hostile world. Rather than plan the series out in advance, I decided that the soundest approach would be to metaphorically accompany Hus on that journey and not limit the number of articles and I hope that I have succeeded.

In November 2015, a history symposium on Hus was held on the campus of Blinn College in Brenham, Texas. Dr. Thomas Fudge, an expert on Hus, and the Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood of Moravian Theological Seminary were guest speakers. A question arose as to what Hus might have to say to us today. In the opinion of Dr. Fudge, Hus would no doubt be surprised by the ever-growing number of denominations that exist in the world today, each of whom claim to follow Christ. Understanding that Hus felt he had been loyal to the

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Catholic faith to the end, I will not dispute that. Hus took exception to the errors that had been introduced and spoke out on desperately needed reforms, but, speaking personally, I think Hus would also have something else to tell us today.

Along with his love for Christ and the original church, Hus also loved and defended truth. This was evident during his ordeal of humiliation when he stated, "But I commit it to my most gracious Lord Jesus Christ! For my sake he bore, though innocent, a much harder and heavier crown of thorns; why should I, a poor sinner, not wear this lighter though blasphemous one for His name's and truth's sake?" It is also evident in his teaching: "Therefore faithful Christian, seek the truth, listen to the truth, learn the truth, love the truth, speak the truth, adhere to truth, and defend truth to the death. For truth will set you free from sin, the Devil and the destruction of the soul, and ultimately from eternal death which is eternal separation from God's grace and the joy of salvation."

In our modern world, truth is no longer absolute. It has become a

relative concept. People often state that what is true for one individual may not be true for another. Hus relied on scripture as his yardstick for measuring truth and I think he would advise us to do the same in the present.

As for my own journey, the obvious question to ask is: "What is next?" The simple answer is that I still plan to contribute. We have been blessed with a rich history and a remarkable heritage, so there is absolutely no shortage of material to explore. And the more I learn about our collective past, the more I appreciate being a member of the Unity of the Brethren. I also thank you for accompanying me on the journey thus far.

I leave you with the words Martin Luther had for officials of the ancient Unity of the Brethren – "Tell your Brethren to hold fast what God has given them, and never give up their constitution and discipline. Let them take no heed of revilements. The world will behave foolishly. If you in Bohemia were to live as we do, what is said of us would be said of you, and if we were to live as you do, what is said of you would be said of us."

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The Trouble With Doubt

By Rev. Vanessa Mitchell



All I ever wanted as a girl growing up was for those around me—friends and family—to believe in me, to believe that I was who I said I was, to not doubt what I could do, and to not doubt my good intentions.

I believed that I was the kind of person who loved getting to know people from all walks

of life and becoming a faithful friend to them.

I believed that I could do just about anything I put my mind to academically and with extra-curricular activities—except math; I had a rough go of it in Algebra that soured me on math.

I believed that I was sincere

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and always seeking to work well with others and “keep the peace.”

Regardless of what you or I believe about ourselves, others will form their own opinions based on their own rubrics that we might never see. It is human nature to want proof before we “buy into” an ideology, a relationship, even a religion. We want to “see” to avoid acquiring a proverbial “lemon.” The question that arises here is an age old one and an essential one for ages to come: *where is faith in this equation?* Remember that 1987 hit song, “Have a Little Faith in Me?” It’s beautiful. It’s the question that Jesus asked of His first group of closest friends here on earth, the disciples. One of the disciples just couldn’t “have a lit-

tle faith” in Him. He was stuck in doubt. Doubt is code for: “I don’t believe you” or “I don’t believe in you.” Doubt can be a form of pride, where you determine that your judgment is elevated above the other individual’s.

Thomas, one of Jesus’ disciples, couldn’t get past his pride. He was not around when Jesus appeared to the disciples after the Resurrection. Jesus, it seems, almost makes a special appearance, just to dispel Thomas’ doubt that Jesus did rise from the dead after the Crucifixion, just as He had promised. The Book of the Apostle John, chapter 20, verses 24-29, in the Holy Bible, shares the exchange between Jesus and “Doubting Thomas”:

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his

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side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

If you study Jesus’ interactions with all the people He encountered in the Bible, you will note that He, God the Son, who humbled Himself in the form of a human being, and came into this world as an infant so that He could grow and one day be crucified for the sake of all of humanity, so that all who believe in Him will have eternal life, this Very Christ, Fully Divine, also human yet without sin, expressed emotions. He laughed. He cried.

He grieved. I imagine that He was hurt when Thomas doubted and refused to believe that He would raise from the dead and return. Notice though, that Jesus set aside the hurt over Thomas’ doubt because the **greater mission was for Thomas to set aside his doubt and believe in Jesus, and he did!**

Some people may have doubted me at times growing up, and it definitely hurt. Nonetheless, I knew that God had placed a core, an inner circle of loved ones in my life, who saw what I knew to be true about myself. More importantly, I knew that God knew who I was, who He had created me to be, who I was becoming in a wonderful way, because of my Lord Jesus Christ. Moving into my young adult years, I realized that **others’ doubt was unimportant relative to Christ’s love for me**, and so doubt stopped troubling me. It has been a whole new worldview. It has been Jesus and me, together, weathering all things, ever since. All I ever want

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now is for those around me to know Jesus' awesome and deep friendship. Together, the Lord Jesus and I set aside any hurt for the sake of loving others at all costs. **What a precious calling: DAILY PUT FAITH OVER DOUBT!**

As we move through this 40-day period of Lent, where many determine to give something up in honor of the Lord Jesus Christ, I propose that whatever you decide, to give something up or not, **definitely work in deep prayers and meditating on the words of the Bible, to GIVE UP ANY SHRED OF DOUBT THAT YOU MAY HAVE IN WHO JESUS CHRIST IS AND WHAT HE IS CALLING YOU TO DO.**

*GIVE UP DOUBTING JESUS.
CLING TO HIM WITH ALL*

YOUR MIGHT.

ASK HIM TO GROW YOUR FAITH, UNTIL YOU SAY TO HIM, IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, LIKE THOMAS DID AT THE END, "MY LORD AND MY GOD!" WHEN YOU CAN CRY OUT THOSE WORDS, THEN YOU ARE PUTTING FAITH OVER DOUBT AND WORRY IS NOWHERE ON THE MAP.

A worthwhile spiritual exercise with "Resurrection Day" in view. Amen.

*Choosing Faith in Jesus
Over Doubt,
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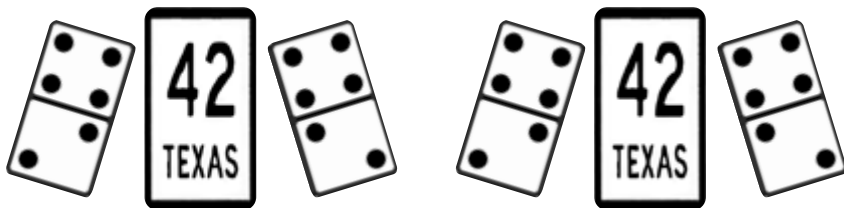
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Rev. Adolfo Ugarto Gonzalez was born on December 13, 1935, in Great River, Rio Grande Barr, Nicaragua. He was baptized on April 14, 1936, and was confirmed on March 21, 1948, at the Rio Grande Barr Moravian Church. Adolfo attended the Rio Grande Elementary School and the Moravian High School in Bluefields, Nicaragua. After high school, he went to Bilwaskarma to study for three years at the Moravian Biblical Seminary.

Rev. Gonzalez then went to Managua to study at the National University of Nicaragua for four years where he received a bachelor's degree majoring in education, mathematics, and English as a second language. After graduating, he went to Costa Rica to con-



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tinue studies at the Latin American Theological Seminary for three years. He returned to Nicaragua for two more years and earned a master's degree in education. Adolfo served six years as Principal of the Moravian High School in Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua until he migrated to the United States in 1979.

After arriving in Houston, he served the Almeda United Methodist Church as Music Director for eight years. Adolfo has served and developed the Port Arthur Moravian Fellowship (originally call the Miskito Moravian Fellowship) since the summer of 1988. Though some of the first participants were Nicaraguan refugees (Miskito Indians) who had come to Texas around 1980, a larger influx in 1988 and 1989 swelled the membership.

Rev. Gonzalez was approved by the Unity Synodical Committee in September 1989 as a "lay pastor for a special ministry in the Port Arthur Moravian Fellowship" and granted a Pastoral License in 1991. Later he was approved for ordination by the Synodical Committee meeting at its March 1991 meeting. He was ordained into the ministry of our Lord on May 19, 1991, in Port Arthur, Texas. Rev. Gonzalez was the pastor and served the Miskito Moravian fellowship for 35 years, now called the Good Shepherd Moravian Church.

A funeral service was held on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at Good Shepherd Moravian Church. Rev. Dr. Larry Koslovsky officiated.

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

From the Raiford's

March 2022

Hi, I hope you are all doing well.

This past year we have seen a lot of changes in our life and our ministry. Juquila has undergone a lot of changes as well and we have decided to move full time to Oaxaca city. Since June Juquila has restarted a land war with some of the surrounding villages, which has killed at least 12 people, two who were close friends. There are now people who go in groups in the land around the town to alert if people from the other village are coming. That means that no one can work their lands or even get firewood for their houses. My disciple Nahum and I lost all of our hard work over the last two years creating the cattle ranch. He has been unable to go visit

the land since July and had to sell all but one of his cows. The safety inside the town is ok, but you can't go outside of town at all. That is one of the issues. Another issue is that over 80 people have left for the US in the last year alone. Many of them were some of my closest friends. The village is now basically elderly people who receive money from their children in the US. Another issue we have battled with since the pandemic began is schooling. Eunice and I have been homeschooling for the last few years and it has worn us out. The village is still not having school full time and with Ian now in the 4th grade we felt he needed to be in a real school before he got too far behind. Eunice left the pharmacy with one of our friends who has a lit-

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the store in the village. We make sure the village has the medicine it needs, and she is giving consults over the phone. We plan to visit each month to meet with patients and visit our friends and their families. Eunice went two weeks ago for the weekend, and it was a fruitful visit. Also, the family that has been renting us our home in the village has been pressuring us about how long we intend to stay in the house. With all these factors coming together, Eunice and I felt it was time for a change and we decided to make a decision that was best for our family.

We have the kids enrolled in schools here in the city and they are thriving. Eunice is giving consults out of our house for now and gaining a lot of respect in our neighborhood. I have been working on a new ministry that I think allows our family to live in the city to meet our kids needs and will allow me to work with indigenous people all over the state. Our new ministry is building a new type of mission trip into the villages that helps the people in the village with practical knowledge and gets Christians from the city to go out and help people they otherwise wouldn't. I have been visiting with pastors and they agree that this idea would be

beneficial to the church and help get access to villages that need Jesus. The basic idea is getting Christians who are professionals such as lawyer, doctor, accountant, business owners, veterinarians etc. and set up workshops in villages on topics they need help in. We plan on doing the first workshop on first aid since we know a lot of doctors and it is a subject that we know everyone needs. Another one will be on small business budgeting and how to manage a small business with one of our friends who runs a small business here in the city. Those are just two examples, but it can reach into any area.



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These types of outreach programs will help the indigenous people get practical and honest information to help their lives, create a network of professionals in the city who can respond via email or phone directly to the people in the villages, get people who would not normally participate in a traditional outreach (hair cutting, puppet shows for kids, free handouts) to go and share their God given talents to the world, and open up a trust in the village that would allow the further evangelization of that town. The workshops would be small and only have the people want to be there. As the ministry and network grow, we can reach many villages, and people would only need to do a few workshops a year. My job in this ministry would be to find the teachers of these workshops and help them develop their workshop. I know how the people in the villages think and the information that they really need. I would work with the professional to develop a workshop that is understandable to "regular people" while maintaining the vital information. This will give the villagers hope and have someone from Oaxaca they can trust while they navigate their lives, and it will be an

opportunity for the work shopper to humble themselves and be confident serving God with their talents.

Many churches here view a job as something that gets in the way of ministry, not a tool to help the world. I have seen so many great people stop doing mission trips because they are serious people and don't want to put on a clown costume to reach small children. Here in the city my idea has been well received and seen as a way to get people back into missions. I know that there will be more questions about our plan, and I will be happy to explain anything.

We will be coming to Texas this summer in mid-July, I think. We finally have all of our documents up to date which took over a year to get because of covid protocols. It was a nightmare. Thank you all for being by our side for all of these years and we look forward to seeing you in person this summer. God has shown us a new way forward in our ministry and we are really excited to see the impact it has on villages and on churches all around Oaxaca. Thank you again and blessings to all of you!

*See you soon,
Phil*

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From the Kozak's

March 2023

Dear Missions Committee of the Unity of Brethren,

First, let us greet you all in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I the beginning of our letter let us say, how much we are thankful and grateful to Father God and to you that we have such the privilege to serve as the supported missionaries of the Unity. What a Grace of God!

You surely know about the war tragedy in the Ukraine. Last year was a challenge for the whole Czech Republic for all Czech people to help all refugees who came to our land. Mostly it was mothers with their kids.

Some of them did visit a church. So, we knew that Lord is calling us to help too. We did participate on the money collections, but mainly we were focused on the kids. Mainly Stania was involved to this ministry. Prayers, encouragement, sharing the Word of God... Mainly the kids were (are) very devastating because of the war. Also, we did participate on the Christian Children Summer Camp, where has been many Ukraine kids too. Praise God!

One of our important ministries is the care and ministry to the kids from unbelieving fami-

lies. It is so important for them. They can see that we are – as the Christians – quite different. No bad words, no slanders or other bad similar things. We are arranging many workshops, handworks, quizzes, games, etc. They can share with us the things, which they do not want to share with their parents. There is a time to share with them the Gospel and stories about Lord Jesus. I have a fun time when I can teach them a bit English language.

In the warmer time (spring, summer) we are mostly outside and are reaching other kids and youth. We do play outdoor games and try to invite other around us. It is a great time to contact the parents.

Next our important ministry is ministry to the teens and youth. Mainly in Olomouc there →

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are both small and big groups (gangs) of the young people, who are totally untouched by the Gospel. We met one of them last summer and it was really something. There were about 30+ young people. Of course, some did have alcohol, some were smoking marihuana, some were happy with us, and some were arrogant and upset to listen to the Word. Some were fans of the Satanism too.

Some of them became friendly and started to open their hearts, willing to share their problems with many questions. Of course, most of them were from incomplete families, or do have problematic parents. Great time to share with them Gods Plan of Salvation in Christ! Today's generation of young people is mostly having NO HOPE! There are a HUGE number of suicides of the young people in Czech Republic. There is a very small number of the believers here, who would be willing to go outside and share the testimony, what Lord Jesus did for us on the Cross!

We also continue in the ministry to the elderly people. We do have many contacts and regularly do visit with them, and we do share the Gospel with them too.

Now we do work and pray to have the doors open in a vari-

ous Seniors Homes in our region. There are many, many untouched people over there! We already found one. There was a group of ten people, and we did have a nice time together! Stania did sing some songs and I did share some Words of the Lord in the parables. Praise God for these meetings. Most of the elderly people are very lonely and when we come, they like to talk about their lives.

Another one of the most important ministries is sharing the Gospel in the parks, squares, streets and before the railway stations. Beginning in the spring there are many, many people outside who never hear the Message of the Cross, the Message of the Lord Jesus about God's Grace. And because there are a huge variety of the people, many times we do meet ones who do believe in the crazy things, including Satanists.

We also have many online calls when we can share and teach the Word.

We are also happy to have a small mission group in the house of Jacob. He is a Christian brother who is involved in the mission. But he has not had many experiences with this type of ministry. We are helping him with Ukraine kids, and with the

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

From the Kozak's

Bible study in his house.

We travel to the surrounding cities to share the Gospel with them. Like Zlin, Luhacovice, Trinec, Decin and Dresden / Germany.

In Dresden there is a small group of the Gypsy believers who are having problem with the messages in the German language. So at least twice a year we do travel over there for a short-term mission ministry.

We are praising our Father God that we can participate with Him in the Holy Spirit on His

Mission Field. Let us say once again our BIG THANK YOU for all you do for us.

BIG, BIG THANK YOU for your ministries and good jobs you also do for Lord's Glory and for the salvation of many!

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April 22, 2023 – Spring Synodical Committee meeting at the Hus Encampment, 8:00 a.m. kolaches and coffee, meeting begins at 9:00 a.m.

Save the Dates ...

July 20-22, 2023 (Thursday – Saturday) – 70th Biennial Unity of the Brethren Convention at Camp Allen, Navasota, TX. Arrival/check-in to the hotel is Thursday, July 20th at 3:00 pm. Dismissal after lunch on Saturday. More information will be announced soon.

2023 Summer Camp Dates

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



Sunday School Helper

**The Lord is
my shepherd,
I lack
nothing.
Psalms 23:1**



The 23rd Psalm is one of the most well-known Psalms in the Bible. It provides comfort and reassurance at all times of life! This lesson will help kids see how the 23rd Psalm speaks directly to them and how God knows what they face in their lives, and that he's right there with them—whether they're tired, facing decisions, or even afraid. This lesson will spread over the next two months.

God's Plan for David

Say: David wrote the 23rd Psalm. David was an important person in the Bible. He was even a relative of Jesus—he lived many years before Jesus, of course. He started out as a simple shepherd boy, and he ended up being king! None of the good things in David's life would've happened without God's love and care. God loves and watches over us throughout our entire lives. Right now, you're still young. But God has big plans for your life. The Bible says so.

Read: Jeremiah 29:11. **Say:** Now think of a dream or hope you have for your life.

Drawing Our Hopes

Say: Use a light-colored crayon to write or joy a dream you have for your life.

When completed, have them use their dark-colored crayon to color over what they just wrote or drew. Reassure students that their drawings will not be lost, but they will reappear in a cool way.

Say: Sometimes we face worries and may think God isn't caring for us. David wrote some psalms that asked God to hurry up and protect him or that asked God not to forget him. But God never forgot David, and he never forgets us. God is always watching out for us. God loves and watches over us—all the time—even if we can't quite see it.

Show kids how to use the edge of a paper clip to scratch away the dark crayon coloring on their paper. What they wrote or drew with the light-colored crayon will reappear.

Say: Look! Your hope for something good is still there, even when you couldn't see it.

Personalize 23rd Psalm

Option 1: Provide students a copy of the 23rd Psalm with blanks where they can write their own name in. Read it with each child's name. Example: The Lord is Jacob's shepherd...



Option 2: Psalm 23 with motions

The Lord is my shepherd; (point to self)

I have all that I need. (stretch arms out wide)

He lets me rest in green meadows; (put palms together at one side of face)

He leads me beside peaceful streams. (make wavelike motions with hands)

He renews my strength. (make muscles)

He guides me along right paths, (walk in place)

Bringing honor to his name. (point up)

Even when I walk through the darkest valley, (cup hands over eyes)

I will not be afraid, (hug self)

For you are close beside me. (point left and right)

Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. (cross fists in front of you)

You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. (pretend to eat)

You honor me by anointing my head with oil. (touch hands to head)

My cup overflows with blessings. (cup hands in front of you)

Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, (turn in a circle)

And I will live in the house of the Lord forever. (stretch arms up high)

David the Shepherd

Read Psalm 23: 1-2. Give each child a couple of ping pong balls to be sheep. Have them “guide” their sheep with their hands to still waters (blue paper in another part of the room).



Daily Morsels for April 2023

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

From the Holy Bible New Revised Standard Version, slightly modified

1. O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever! Ps. 118:1

2. **The crowds... were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the One Who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” Mt. 21:9**

3. Here is My Servant, Whom I uphold, My Chosen, in Whom My soul delights; I have put My spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. Is. 42:1

4. For my enemies speak concerning me, and those who watch for my life consult together. Ps. 71:10

5. Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, “Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray Me.” Jn. 13:21

6. He took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” 1 Cor. 11:25

7. Jesus said, “It is finished.”

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Then He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. Jn. 19:30

8. Joseph of Arimathea then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mt. 27:60

9. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has been raised; He is not here. Mk. 16:6b

10. Go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you. Mk. 16:7

11. Jesus said to her, "Mary!" Jn. 20:16

12. Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord." Jn. 20:18

13. God raised Him on the third day and allowed Him to appear... to us who were chosen by God as witnesses. Acts 10:40, 41a

14. He commanded us to preach to the people and to

testify that He is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. Acts 10:42

15. All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name. Acts 10:43

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

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16. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Jn. 20:21

17. Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul. Acts 4:32a

18. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. Act 4:33

19. How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! Ps. 133:1

20. If we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 Jn. 1:7

21. If we confess our sins, He Who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 Jn. 1:9

22. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 Jn. 2:2

23. Jesus said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to

rise from the dead on the third day." Lk. 24:46

24. Repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. Lk. 24:47

25. In this way God fulfilled what He had foretold through all the prophets, that His Messiah would suffer. Acts 3:18

26. Repent therefore and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out. Acts 3:19

27. See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God. 1 Jn. 3:1

28. You {Lord} have put gladness in my heart. Ps. 4:7a

29. I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for You alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety. Ps. 4:8

30. There is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12b

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

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– Supply Pastors

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– Rev. Mike 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

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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.
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