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The Blind General

By Jim Pokorny

Wenzel was dead. Sophia had been appointed regent. But the defenestration at Prague was the point of no return. Sigismund was determined to crush all resistance in Bohemia by brute force. Calling on papal assistance, a crusade would now be waged against the Hussites. This was easier said than done. Even with the powers of virtually all Europe united, the Hussite movement in Bohemia withstood all who opposed it through almost sixteen years of bloody conflict which began in 1419, just four years after the martyrdom of Jan Hus.

The study of history reveals that when a movement finds itself in crisis, one individual arises that creates an impact on the balance of power. The Hussite wars were no exception, and the individual was a general by the name of Jan Zizka von Troconow. He was born around 1354 at Troconow about ten miles southeast of Budweis and amassed several estates.

His rank was of lower nobility and, according to some sources, he served under the King of Poland. He eventually found favor with the court of Wenzel. In time, he departed the court and adopted the Hussite cause.

As a general, he quickly established a reputation as both a leader and a tactician. Zizka was a man who could create armies and empower them through tactics the military world had not seen before. While he lived, he never lost a battle. His energy inspired peasants, mechanics, and artisans to arm themselves and join the cause. Sufficiently motivated and armed with lances, clubs, and slings, they began dispatching the better trained and armor-clad knights of Europe who were called upon to oppose them.

The use of wagons became a hallmark tactic of Zizka. When not in motion, the general would utilize them as im-

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promptu fortifications. Then, when the moment called for it, they would be set quickly into motion, circling the battlefield, and perplexing the opposition.

By today's standards, Zizka would be considered both fanatical and intolerant. He often made use of religion to arouse his men's courage on the eve of battle. Every coin has two sides. Zizka also had two sides to his nature. He saw himself as a patriot who sought to live a godly life. But during battle, he perceived himself as the avenger of the divine.

In July 1420, in a place now known as Zizka Hill, he and his men faced none other than Sigismund himself and his imperial army. Zizka's army was vastly outnumbered, but despite the

odds, Zizka's forces carried the day. Sigismund fled Bohemia and the Archbishop of Prague came over to the Hussite cause. It was about this time that the Hussites established the Four Articles of Prague:

I. The Word of God is to be freely examined by Christian priests throughout the Kingdom of Bohemia and the Margravate of Moravia.

II. The venerable Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ is to be given in two kinds to adults as well as to children, as Jesus Christ has instituted.

III. The priests and monks, of whom many meddle with the affairs of the State, are to be deprived of the worldly goods which they possess in great quantities and which make them neglect their sacred office; and their goods shall be restored to us, in order that, in accordance with the doctrine of the Gospel, and the practice of the Apostles, the clergy shall be subject to us, and,

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living in poverty, serve as a pattern of humility to others.

IV. All the public sins which are called mortal, and all other trespasses contrary to the law of God, are to be punished according to the laws of the country, by those in charge of them, in order to wipe from the Kingdom of Bohemia and the Margravate of Moravia the bad reputation of tolerating disorders.

Zizka is said to have lost one eye in his youth and the other in battle. Even completely blind, he consistently proved himself to be a better general and tactician than any who opposed him. He remained undefeated until his death of the plague in 1424. According to legend, Zizka wanted his skin turned into a drumhead so he could continue leading men into battle. He is still considered one of the greatest heroes of the

Czech Republic. But, as a friend who helped spark my interest in church history once reminded me, there is nothing sadder than a war fought in the name of religion.

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Congratulations to those who will be serving on the leadership team. This group is responsible for helping to plan retreats and service projects for the BYF. The first meeting will be on Sunday, August 13 at Wall Brethren Church.

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T-shirts are available for an additional charge. Retreats are for any youth ages 12-21. Youth do need to be a member of a local BYF to attend.

September 16-17 (August 27)

January 6-7 (December 17)

November 4-5 (October 15)

March 1-3 (February 11)

The **State Children's Rally** for ages 3-11 will be **Saturday, March 2**, at the camp.

Visit www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.org for more information and to see photos of past activities or contact **Jennifer Chervenka**, state youth coordinator **254-913-1244**; jennchervenka@gmail.com.

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

From the Thiessen's

June 2023

Dear friends,

It seems that part of conducting ministry in Canada instead of Mexico means I write more sporadically. But I realize that I should probably write more frequently, since it's harder for you to understand what we're doing. I know it can be hard to think I'm "doing missions" when people see me most Sundays at church service, or whatever the equivalent is for those who aren't here in the Niagara Region.

First, I want to write about the trip I took to Oaxaca in March. I visited the Sin Fronteras group and helped our proteges teach a week-long Acculturation and Disciple Making (Church Planting) seminar for five missionary candidates. I also got to see most of our closer friends and several sets of other missionaries we have mentored. And, of course, eat real Mexican food.

One time from that trip that most stood out to me was when Margaret, one of the students, took me

aside at the bonfire party on the last day of class. She's Mixtec, about fifty, an abandoned pastor's wife (he ran off with a younger lady after twenty years of leading the church), short and stout, and with some really hard stories to tell. With sobs and tears she shared her reaction to an essay that had been assigned reading the day before. It was an article that Anne wrote six years ago, first in English, at the request of the editor of EMQ (missions journal associated with the BG Foundation).

She wept as she compared how much hope she received, in her mind straight from God, as she read the ideas contained there. It had a lot to do with that she could understand what was written, since it was in normal Spanish. She compared that to reading her Bible, which, as most "good" evangelicals in Mexico insist on, is in an antiquated (pre-King James) European version of Spanish, and how

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little she gets out of it. The article is about God sending the Church to the Samaritans and how that relates to today's situation with the indigent in Mexico.

Anne closes the essay with this line: "It is a day of Pentecost, with people laying down their possessions and picking up the languages of strangers to share good news." That is particularly poignant as I think about this coming Sunday (Pentecost) and the struggle (or the lack of it) to deal with our abundance and relative reluctance to share the Gospel.

Margaret was deeply moved because of her own circumstances and story, and like so much that is written, it may not affect anyone else that way.

That trip was a blessing to me in many ways and my friends down there indicated their thankfulness that I could be with them too. The fact that I am supported both by you all, and that Multiply encourages it, to make this kind of trip

speaks volumes to the "last and the least" about their place in the global Church, about how they are no longer a despised outcast group like the Samaritans. You may not readily understand how powerful that can be, so please allow Margarita's tears to speak to your spirit.

That is part of my present role as a missionary. I will try to make two visits a year, and I am in contact with many of my friends down there through emails and phone calls. I will write soon with more details of some of the rest of what I do currently. That will motivate me to write in far less than two months.

*Many thanks for all you do,
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From the Kozak's



June 2023 MINISTERING IN A TURBULATION SEASON II

What's new...

In the beginning of our newsletter let us greet you all in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

It is just a good time to sit down and share with you all the updates of our ministry and our life. We are so sorry to say, but this year is somehow influenced by the health complications which happened in February and somehow remains till now.

Praise the Lord the ministry is continuing, and we go ahead as the father God is opening the ministry chances for us. We all can see that - as Bible predicts - the world become dangerous, and many things are just crazy... If we do compare how people thought about 20 years ago, and how people do think, act and speak TODAY, it is alarming ... We can see it globally; we can see it in the Europe, and we can see and hear it personally in the Czech Republic.

You know what I am talking about... For Stania and me and for each of us it means to read, know, and obey the Words of the Lord Jesus Christ, and walk faithfully in the Truth and trust

toward His coming. All things which He said and announced will be fulfilled as He declared. Knowing this we are humbly thankful and HAPPY that we are so privileged to be His servants and messengers of the Good News.

The BAD NEWS is everywhere around us today. Global news, local news, bad politicians, collapsing economy, inflation, shortage of many types of medicine, lack of money for retired people, etc...

Praise the Father God that we are called His Children in Christ Jesus! Children of the Most High Almighty God! Wow!!! Many, many often we say what our lives would be like if we didn't believe then many, many years ago!

This is always a KEY part of our personal Gospel presentation when we do minister to unsaved people. Mainly to the young ones! We know that the best impact to the man has the Word of God accompany with the personal testimony; what God did in our lives, what He is doing today and HOW He is changing a man, who is confessing sins and asking for forgiveness and Salvation in Christ Jesus.

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We are so HUMBLY THANKFUL that His Holy Blood and His Holy Sacrifice on the Cross is cleaning, forgiving, healing, saving, and making Alive in the Holy Spirit each repenting sinner! To Him be Glory forever and ever! Amen!



A WORD FROM STANIA...

An update about Mrs. Kveta

In our last newsletter we shared with you about Mrs. Kveta. She is the Grandma of Sarah and Ali, who attended our Christian kids club for many years. But last year, because of their mother, who did break the Czech law a lot and was chastened by Police, the three escaped to Italy. All this time Mrs. Kveta has been SO SAD, because she has ZERO communication with the kids. Because the mother fears the Police will find her.

We know how much she suffers because of it. When we come into her apartment, we can see many pictures on the walls of Sarah and Ali. All the time we try to make her happy and joyful. She is a very hospitable lady! Every time she offers all very nicely prepared drinks and foods.

You already know that she lived all her life as an atheist. She was very angry with God, and she made Him responsible for all bad things which she saw or heard. In the beginning Stania started to visit her alone, and later she also invited me too. The truth is that the first talk with Mrs. Kveta was very dif-



ficult and hard. Her heart was hardened very much.

So, we PRAYED and PRAYED and each next meeting with her was better and better. She obviously was touched by God's Grace, Love and by Ministry of Lord Jesus and His Words. Also, our life, marriage and personal example was something very new for her.

I remember when we offered to give her the Bible for the daily reading. She said strictly NO! We had been so sad! Next visit I said to her: "Mrs. Kveta, would you mind, if I install the Bible on your smart phone, please?" She looked at me and started to think... Then she slowly moved her cell phone toward me to do it! I was so happy. So, I did it and she started to read!

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Two days ago, we had another meeting with Mrs. Kveta. And immediately at the door she told me: "Today I did invite my best friend Jana (Jane) to meet with you! Maybe you will have another sheep!" It was SO NICE! And in a few minutes Jane came in! She is a very sweet lady about my age. She said that she is a Catholic, baptized, but she does not live as a believer at all. And Jane also has NO knowledge about what the Bible says.

We all had a super time together! We had a chance to share the Word of God very simply; also, we could talk and explain the hard things, which both ladies do hurt. Jane is a very quiet lady, and she does not talk much. But she is

obviously a good listener. We saw that she was very pleased to be with us and she promised to come again next time! Praise the Lord!

Also, what is really great is that Mrs. Kveta STOPPED accusing God, and as she said, she started to "talk" to God, as she said. Praise the Lord! She has changed! We really see that the Lord's Hand is upon her! THANK YOU so very much for your prayers for Mrs. Kveta. We believe that one day - very soon she will open her heart for Lord Jesus fully! Amen! We pray for her salvation!

MINISTRY OF SHARING THE GOSPEL: OUR MINISTRY TO THE KIDS

We are happy that our Lord is using us for the kid's ministry. We are like grandma and grandpa to them sometimes. But the kids are OK, happy, and always are looking forward to being



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with us. We do not know why, but we still have mostly girls. But for Stania it is OK. She loves them a lot. We try to prepare all things well, nice program, some fun, competitions, talks about life, hardships, about Lord Jesus, spiritual things, etc. Sometimes their parents do not have enough time for them, so they come with their sorrows and questions to us. In these warm months we will be outside with them. It is much better.

Also, during the school vacations Stania will participate and will minister with the Christian camp to the Ukraine kids too. She loves it! It all goes together with adventure and fun! There are still a BIG number of Ukraine refugees in Czech Republic. It means - many kids too. So Stania is looking forward to being there a lot!

OUR MINISTRY TO JACOB and WITH HIM TO KIDS

We are so blessed by Jacob. It is so nice that there are regular Bible study meetings (a man's group) in his home. It is also very refreshing, and everybody can hear the testimonies, can read and listen to the Word of God, can share what the needs are, and can pray. And because I am very much focused on the MISSION, they can think more seriously about this theme.

There is pretty often a small group of the kids, who play games, having fun, eat something good and also can hear about Lord Jesus. Mostly the kids are also from unbelieving families. Praise the Lord that we can minister to them like that!



GOSPEL SHARING MINISTRY OUTDOOR

You all already know that the outdoor Gospel sharing ministry is one of the KEY things we do with the ones who are not ashamed of the Gospel. Our ministry team - Stania, me and two more brothers are focused to share the Gospel with the youth and young people - students in Olomouc.

As Apostle Paul says: 1 Timothy 2:3-4 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who would have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth.

Recently I met a group of the High School students, who did kill their time smoking cigarettes and talking. I prayed and I came to them, introduced myself and started to talk about God, about the Lord Jesus.

In most cases people are surprised when hearing this theme and try to say to me - sorry, we are unbelievers! My answer is - I know, this is why God is sending me to you to tell you something very important! And I start to ask them what they know about Jesus and whether they know WHY He was on the CROSS? In 99% they DO NOT

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KNOW. Great TIME FOR SHARING...

The Bible says that the time is short. Each time we are outside we are meeting people who know almost nothing concerning the Biblical teaching about God's Plan of Salvation for the people. Praise God that He is giving to us His

Power in the Holy Spirit to GO and to PROCLAIM His Gospel in Christ Jesus! What a grace we all are privileged as Christians to GO and SPEAK UP the TRUTH, the Christ!

May our Father God RICHLY BLESS YOU ALL!!!

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**How sweet
are your
words to
my taste,
sweeter
than honey
to my mouth!
Psalm 119: 103**

Candy is sweet.
But the love of our Savior is even sweeter!
The activities this month all revolve around
candy and learning about the sweetness of
God's Word, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus!
Enjoy the sweetness of God's love this
month and share it with those around you.

God's Word is Sweeter Than Honey

Scripture: Psalm 119: 97-104

Materials: candy, Bible

Greet children with a mouthful of candy. Say: I just love candy, don't you? What's your favorite kind? Sometimes, if I eat too much, I get a tummy ache. What else can happen if you eat too much candy? (cavities). Do you want to know something that is really sweet but won't give you cavities?

Bring out the Bible. Say: Now you can't eat a Bible! But you can read it. And as we read God's Word, The Bible, we can digest Scripture. There is a verse in Psalms that describe how the Bible is sweet. It says it is sweeter than honey. The Bible is God's Word. That means God has given it to know how much he loves us and to help us do the right things. It is a love letter from God! When we read the Bible, we can think about what the words mean, and that is truly as sweet as honey! That is better than candy and it lasts forever. Give everyone a piece of candy to remember how sweet the Word of God really is.

Jesus Gives Us Longlasting Joy

Scripture: Psalm 119: 103

Materials: Gum

Give everyone a piece of gum. How long can you chew piece of gum? What happens after a while? (it loses its flavor) Sooner or later, no matter how good it started out, gum is going to lose its flavor. And all you are left with is a wad of flavorless gum and a sore jaw! Gum is a good reminder that nothing in this world will satisfy you for very long. We want something new! Think about when you get a new toy. What happens? How does that gum taste now? Is it starting to lose its flavor? There is one person who can give us joy forever—Jesus. He can satisfy the emptiness we all have inside. He can give us contentment, peace and real joy. Joy that never goes away.



I'm a Dud!

Scripture: Psalm 139: 1-18

Materials: Milk Duds

Who had ever had Milk Duds? What do you think when you hear the word dud? Milk Buds were named because they were a disappointment. The man you invented the milk chocolate covered candy wanted them to come out round, but they kept coming out with odd shapes, so he named them duds.

Sometimes we might feel like duds. We are not perfect. We mess up. We do things we aren't supposed to. But God loves us just as we are. Even when we mess up, He is still crazy about us! Psalm 119 was written by David. David loved God, but he was not perfect. He made some BIG mistakes. But in this Psalm, David says that God knows his heart. He loves us and there is no place we can go that he's not look out for us. He made us. And he doesn't make DUDS! We aren't perfect, but God loves and there is nothing we can do or say that will change that!

Candy Scavenger Hunt

Materials: Candy, Card with Bible Verses

Directions: Have children match the candy to the verses.

Lifesavers	Luke 9:24	Almond Joy	Nehemiah 8:10
Milky Way	Peter 2:2	Skittles	Genesis 9:13
Swedish Fish	Mark 1:17	Hershey's Kiss	Proverbs 24:26
Snickers	Psalm 126:2	PopRocks	Psalm 18:2
Payday	Matthew 20:8	Starburst	Psalm 148:1
Laffy Taffy	Psalm 126:2	Smarties	Proverbs 19:8



Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

July 4 – Independence Day- don't forget to put your flag out!

July 9 – 12 – Encounter Camp at the Hus Encampment

July 16 – 20 – Alpha Camp at the Hus Encampment

July 20-22, 2023 (Thursday-Saturday) – 70th Biennial Convention of the Unity of the Brethren - at Camp Allen, 18800 FM 362, Navasota, TX. Arrival/check-in to the hotel is Thursday, July 20th at 3:00 p.m. followed by worship and Holy Communion. You must be registered through your congregation prior to the Convention in order to attend.

Save the Dates ...

September 16-17 – Youth Retreat at Hus Encampment. For more information, see the retreat article in this issue. You can also visit www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.org to find additional information and see photos of past activities or contact Jennifer Chervenka, state youth coordinator 254-913-1244; jennchervenka@gmail.com.

2023 Summer Camp Dates

ENCOUNTER

ages 7-9 years old

Camp cost: \$250

Camp Date: **July 9 - 12**

PIONEER

ages 12-13 years old

Camp cost: \$350

Camp Date: **June 25 - 30**

****CHALLENGER**

ages 16-19 years old.

Camp cost: \$350

Date: **June 11-16**

ALPHA

ages 10-11 years old

Camp cost: \$350

Camp Date: **July 16 – 20**

DISCOVERY

ages 14-15 years old

Camp cost: \$350

Camp Date: **June 18 - 23**

****HUS SCHOOL**

In depth Leadership

Program ages 16-Adult

Cost: \$550

Date: **Not Offered**

**** DATES HAVE CHANGED (Hus School will not be offered in 2023, and in it's place, Challenger Camp is being offered.)**

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

From the Holy Bible New Revised Standard Version, slightly modified

1. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. Rom. 6:22

2. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. 6:23

3. I will sing of Your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your faithfulness to all generations. Ps. 89:1

4. Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance. Ps. 89:15

5. For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel. Ps. 89:18

6. I trusted in Your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. Ps. 13:5

7. I will sing to the LORD, because He has dealt bountifully with me. Ps. 13:6

8. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Ps. 145:13 a

9. The LORD is faithful in all His words and gracious in all His deeds. Ps. 145:13b

10. At that time Jesus said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants. Mt. 11:25

11. All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. Mt. 11:27

12. Come to Me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Mt. 11:28

13. Take My yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Mt. 11:29

14. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light. Mt. 11:30

15. Return to your stronghold, O



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prisoners of hope. Zech. 9:12a

16. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at His birth. Lk. 1:19

17. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Ps. 119:105

18. Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. Ps.119:111

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

20. My word ... shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I

sent it. Isa. 55:11

21. For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace. Isa. 55:12a

22. The mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Isa. 55:12b

23. Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and His Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides Me there is no god. Isa. 44:6

24. O LORD, you have searched me and known me. Ps. 139:1

25. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Ps. 139:5

26. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Ps. 139:6

27. Where can I go from Your spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? Ps. 139:7

28. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me fast. Ps. 139:9-10

29. Even the darkness is not dark to You; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to You. Ps. 139:12

30. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. Ps. 139:23

31. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Ps. 139:24

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2. God, Who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. Rom. 8:27

3. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose. Rom. 8:28

4. If God is for us, who is against us? Rom. 8:31b

5. He Who did not withhold His own Son, but gave Him up for all of us, will He not with Him also give us everything else? Rom. 8:32

6. Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God Who justifies. Rom. 8:33

7. In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him

Who loved us. Rom. 8:37

8. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. 8:38-39

9. I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God; incline Your ear to me, hear my words. Ps. 17:6

10. Wondrously show Your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at Your right hand. Ps. 17:7



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11. The LORD is just in all His ways, and kind in all His doings. Ps. 145:17

12. The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. Ps. 145:18

13. If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Rom. 10:9

14. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. Rom. 10:10

15. The scripture says, “No one who believes in Him will be put to shame.” Rom. 10:11

16. The same Lord is Lord of all

and is generous to all who call on Him. Rom. 10:12b

17. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Rom. 10:13

18. But how are they to call on One in Whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in One of Whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim Him? Rom. 10:14

19. And how are they to proclaim Him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” Rom. 10:15

20. Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon My salvation will come, and My deliverance be revealed. Isa. 56:1

21. Then Jesus called the crowd to →

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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Him and said to them, "Listen and understand..." Mt. 15:10

22. It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles. Mt. 15:11

23. God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that He may be merciful to all. Rom. 11:32

24. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, You forgive our transgressions. Ps. 65:3

25. Happy are those whom You choose and bring near to live in Your courts. Ps. 65:4

26. By awesome deeds You answer us with deliverance, O God

of our salvation. Ps. 65:5a

27. You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. Ps. 65:5b

28. May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us, Selah. Ps. 67:1

29. That Your way may be known upon earth, Your saving power among all nations. Ps. 67:2

30. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah Ps. 67:4

31. Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. Ps. 67:5

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VITAL STATISTICS

RECENT DEATHS



POLASEK, ANNIE TRACY LEE (FAUST), 94, of Caldwell and a member of the Caldwell Brethren Church died on April 15, 2023. She was born to Joe and Annie (Haisler) Faust on November 14, 1928, in Burleson County. She married Bennie Lee Polasek, Sr. on December 31, 1946, at the Czech-Moravian Brethren Church, Caldwell, Texas. Annie and Bennie owned and operated Polasek's Sheet Metal/Air Conditioning Company on the square. Annie was a member of Caldwell Brethren Church and served in various positions locally and statewide. Her accomplishments and memberships included: raising seven children, member of the Caldwell SPJST Lodge #186, the American Legion Auxiliary, Kolache Festival Steering Committee, Caldwell Recreational Association, 1997 "Kolache Festival Queen", 2002 Outstanding Senior Citizen. She is a charter member of the Burleson County Czech Heritage Museum. She and her husband and family donated the Museum House and lot in 1996. She was also an enthusiastic domino player and had many hobbies.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Annie Faust, grandson, Michael E. Huffman, her husband, Bennie Lee Polasek, Sr., twin great-granddaughters Sophia and Daphne Matcek, Guy Huffman, son-in-law, Shirley Faust, sister-in-law, Brittany Polasek, granddaughter-in-law and Robert Faust, nephew.

Survivors include five sons & spouses: Bennie & Rev. Kay Polasek, College Station; Rev. Joseph & Mary Polasek, Caldwell; James & Geraldine Polasek, Bryan; Samuel & Frieda Polasek, Caldwell; David & Nancy Polasek, Humble, two daughters Annie & Roger Runnels, Houston; Martha Huffman, College Station. Two brothers Henry J. Faust, Houston; Joe Robert Faust & Marionette, El Dorado, Arkansas; sixteen grandchildren and thirty great grandchildren, numerous nephews, and nieces.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at the Caldwell Brethren Church. Interment followed at the New Tabor cemetery.

Pallbearers: Seth Mike, Douglas Polasek, Steven Polasek, Joshua Runnels, Matthew Huffman, Robert Polasek, and David Polasek II

Honorary Pallbearers: Caldwell Brethren Christian Sisters, Grandsons: Bert Polasek, Charles Polasek, Justin Polasek, Jeremy Vanderburg.

Memorials may be made to the "Caldwell Brethren Church" or the "Burleson County Czech Heritage Museum" (BCCHM).

The family is grateful for the loving care provided by Lynn and Danny with Amedysis Hospice.

Service officiated by: Reverends: Joseph Polasek, Kay Polasek and Vanessa Mitchell.

Organist: James Polasek

Soloist: Shana Polasek

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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.

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

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

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

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

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

New Tabor – Sunday School at 9 AM &
Worship at 10 AM every Sunday, “Tune
Up” on Wednesdays, 7:30 PM.
– Rev. David Johnson

Ocker – Worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
Sunday School at 9 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Dr. Brad Herridge

Pasadena – Sunday School at 9:30 AM
and worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

Community Christian Church of Rosenberg –
Sunday: Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
for children at 9 AM; worship at 10:30 AM.
Wednesday: 5:30 PM Dinner; 6:30 PM Bible
Study.
– Pastor Ben Kruse

Seaton – Sunday, 9:15 AM –Prayer Gathering;
9:30 AM – Sunday School, All Ages;
10:30 AM – Worship Celebration Service.
Wednesday, 6:30 PM – Kids' and Adult
Bible Study.
– Rev. Denise Mikeska

Snook – Sunday School – 9:00 AM;
Worship – 10:15 AM.
– Rev. Joseph Polasek

Taylor – Worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
Sunday School 9 AM every Sunday with
free breakfast every 5th Sunday at 8:30
AM.; Friends Fellowship (seniors) 4th
Tuesday (except Nov. & Dec.) at 2 PM.
– Rev. James Hejl

Temple – Cross Church on Birdcreek –
Sunday School at 9:30 AM.; Worship at
10:45 AM.
– Rev. Tim Chaplin

Vsetin – A non-official member congregation
of the Unity of the Brethren – Worship at
10 AM every Sunday.
– Dr. Mark Labaj
5th Sunday – Visiting Ministers

Wall – Sunday School (all ages) at 9:30 AM;
worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
Wednesday – Children's Awanas, 5:30 PM.
– Rev. Thomas Tallas

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

West – Sunday School at 9 AM and
worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Gerald Davis

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10:30 AM every Sunday.
– Supply Pastors

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